

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive's Report	Date: 2 December 2021		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month		Approval		
		Assurance		X
		Update		
		Consider		
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X	X	X	X	X
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
			X	
Risks/Issues				
Financial				
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact				
Services				
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/a				
Executive Summary				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chief Executive's perspective.				

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Our winter plan as we tackle Covid-19 *and* waiting lists

During October we shared our winter plan, outlining how we expect life to be at #TeamSFH over the coming months.

It is one of the most complex and comprehensive plans we have ever developed. On top of increased seasonal demand, cases of Covid-19 in the community remain high and, inevitably, will lead to hospital admissions for the most seriously ill.

Meanwhile, we are busier than ever as we try to reduce the backlog following the pause in many planned operations and treatments during earlier waves of the pandemic.

We are also working more closely than ever with other parts of the NHS and social care teams to provide better joined up care. This will allow us to get patients safely back to their homes and loved ones as quickly as possible.

Our three priorities, agreed with our senior clinical leadership, are to:

1. Safely reduce demand in critical care and support the wellbeing of our colleagues who work there
2. Minimise crowding in the Emergency Department, supporting timely ambulance turnarounds, while continuing to treat our most seriously ill, including those with cancer
3. Continue to treat all other patients in as timely way as possible.

Creating extra capacity will depend on staffing and I can reassure our patients, staff, the public and the Board that we will only open areas where we have the right number of people with the right types and levels of skills.

Chief midwife's high praise for #TeamSFH

It was great to have the opportunity to meet Chief Midwifery Officer for England, Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent, and I was extremely proud when she singled out #TeamSFH's Maternity Service for praise.

She thanked the team for their commitment to safety and care during her visit – part of the national relaunch of the updated NHS Maternity Safety Assessment Tool, which supports maternity services and hospital leaders to develop and maintain best-practice standards.

As well as a tour of our Women and Children's department to speak to staff, the visitors were also given an outline of #TeamSFH's seven features of safety, which builds on strong governance structures and our Maternity and Neonatal Safety Champions.

Professor Dunkley-Bent revealed that care provided at Sherwood Forest Hospitals is seen as an exemplar across the country and work being done here is being talked about across the country.

Well-deserved praise, indeed, so thank-you to the whole team and everyone who supports them to provide such great care.

I was also delighted for Ruth Nanthambwe, Ward Sister on the Sherwood Birthing Unit, who was presented with the Chief Midwifery Officer's Silver Award by Professor Dunkley-Bent for her commitment to improving safety and experience for mums and babies being cared for by #TeamSFH.

Professor Dunkley-Bent praised the way she had demonstrated enormous compassion and authenticity with her team during a time of rapid change and uncertainty, providing visible clinical leadership in challenging times.

She was nominated for the award for consistently demonstrating #TeamSFH's values and behaviours, holding others to account with diplomacy and kindness.

Well done Ruth, we are all very proud of you.

Thank you to everyone at #TeamSFH for your staff survey responses

It is important to publicly put on record my thanks to every member of #TeamSFH who took time out of their busy schedules to complete the National NHS Staff Survey.

Feedback – both positive and negative – is vital if we are to find out how our people feel about working for Sherwood Forest and how we can better support them to provide the best care possible for our patients, their families and their loved ones.

Once again, the response rate from #TeamSFH has been fantastic with more than 62% of the workforce responding. The final total was still being counted at the time of writing but I am confident, once again, we will have achieved one of the best response rates in the country.

As well as feeding into the national response, we will gain real insight into what we are doing well locally and what we need to do to make further improvements for staff and our patients.

Covid-19 and flu vaccinations at SFH

Next week marks a significant milestone in our work to protect us all from the Covid-19 virus. Wednesday, December 8, is the first anniversary of the day we began offering the vaccine.

Since then, when 81-year-old Ann Allen, a former physiotherapy assistant at King's Mill Hospital, became the first person in our area to receive the vaccine, more than 141,500 doses have been delivered in one of the biggest and most complex vaccination programmes in history. During November our teams have been consistently delivering up to 1,200 doses a day.

Nationally, many thousands have been protected against contracting the virus or becoming seriously ill and needing hospital care.

Thank you, once again, to everyone involved for your dedication and hard work over the past 12 months but please remember Covid-19 is still with us and will remain with us for some time yet.

This means it is still important that as many eligible people as possible take up the offer of both the Covid-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine.

Another vital measure we can all take to protect patients and each other is to have the flu vaccine. Both vaccines will play an important role in keeping our patients and our colleagues safe this winter and I am glad to see we are leading by example with more than 96% of all #TeamSFH staff already having taken up the offer of the Covid-19 vaccination and 70% having the flu jab.