

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	7 April 2022		
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<b>Presented By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair			
<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>		
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/a				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.				

## **Voting for new Trust governors**

Voting is under way to elect members of the Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust governing body.

Email and postal ballot packs have been issued to all Trust members (public membership is currently at 14,391, staff membership stands at 5,706) and they have until 5pm on Monday (April 11, 2022) to vote.

This round of elections will determine who represents the views of the public within the Trust and will elect four public governors for Mansfield, and two for Ashfield.

We have six candidates in the running for the two Ashfield seats, and five candidates competing for the four seats available in our Mansfield constituency.

We also have elections for our staff governors to represent #TeamSFH colleagues from each of our sites on the Council of Governors.

Governors are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the Trust, but they work with the Board of Directors and represent the interests of our members in the planning of services. The Council of Governors is elected by our public and staff members or appointed to represent community partners, such as the local councils and commissioners.

#TeamSFH is a great place to both work and receive care and our governors play a key role in further developing relationships with our community as well as ensuring we continue to provide a positive experience for patients, visitors and staff.

Everyone who votes will be helping us choose representatives who are most suitable to help ensure the public's voice is heard across the Trust.

I'm looking forward to announcing the results, which will be revealed on Tuesday.

## **Changes to our Board**

This will be the last Board meeting for Neal Gossage who has served as NED for 6 years and been Chair of the Finance Committee. We are very grateful for the contribution that Neal and has made and he will be very much missed by us all. We wish him well for the future and thank him for the support he has given to SFHT.

The Governors have approved the appointment of a new Non Executive Director, Andrew Rose Britton who joins us to take up the role as Chair of the Finance Committee. Andrew is a qualified accountant with previous experience as a NED. Welcome to Andrew and I look forward to working with you.

Over the next few months, we will be recruiting new executives and I very much looking forward to our new team tackling the challenges facing the Trust and building on the good work to date.

## **Better engagement with the communities we serve**

The new landscape for the NHS continues to take shape with the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership and Mid-Notts Place-based Partnership due to be fully operational from July 1.

In readiness for this we continue to reach out to key partners to find out how we can all play a part in creating healthier communities and delivering outstanding care.

During March Paul Robinson and I met with district council leaders including David Lloyd from Newark and Sherwood Council and Andy Abrahams from Mansfield to learn more about how we might work together, particularly to establish how we deliver services closer to people's homes and how we could engage with groups within our communities that we are not managing to reach as well as we should.

We know that many of these groups are among the least likely to access health and care services, so we must ensure that we do everything we can, working more closely with our partners to deliver services in the heart of our communities.

### **Meeting our staff**

In March, the Board were the first group to take part in the cultural humility training and it encouraged me to learn more about our equality networks and the work we are doing to make our Trust more inclusive. I was delighted to talk with Ali Pearson, our EDI lead to understand the various networks and their focus. I will continue to meet with our networks to offer my support and to learn more about the challenges being faced by some of our staff.

I was also pleased to meet the brilliant team working in the Medical Equipment Management Department (MEMD). They were recognised in our Staff awards last year for their contribution to keeping our equipment operational and the huge support they give to the rest of the Trust, so I was delighted to see their work in person and meet the team.

I attended the Medical Managers meeting to discuss the changes taking place at Executive and Non Executive level and to listen to their contributions and experience of working at SFH. I have regular walk arounds with Divisional Managers and Staff Side Representative, Roz Norman. If you would like to talk to me or for me to visit your area, please let me know.

### **Well done to our climate team**

It is two years since the creation of the Climate Action Team. During that time, the team of more than 20 colleagues, led by Dr Helena Clements, has put climate action well and truly on the map at Sherwood Forest Hospitals and in our wider communities.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the team continued to deliver its sustainability agenda, including the creation of its [Green Plan](#) which sets out the Trust's ambitions to reduce its carbon footprint and the environmental impact of its services, while supporting the NHS's net-zero target by 2040.

The team's achievements, so far, include:

- Reaching the finals of the annual HSJ Awards for their work at #TeamSFH and in the local community, and for promoting a greener future for colleagues and patients
- Supporting the Trust as we became one of the first NHS organisations to officially declare a climate emergency, underpinning our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint
- Prioritising and gaining commitment for their Green Plan

- Launching sustainable waste solutions
- Installing more electric vehicle chargers
- Educating the local community, trainee GPs and students on climate action
- Launching two phases of our Hope Orchard in the Trust and in the community.

Well done to the whole team on achieving so much in such a short time.

### **Charitable trust and volunteer activity**

Well done to 23 #TeamSFH volunteers who were presented with their Long Service Awards this month – ranging from five to 20 years of service they have collectively notched up 240 years.

Thanks to our long-serving volunteers and thanks to the 54 new volunteers who were recruited in 2021/22. I am grateful to them all for offering their time, energy and commitment to our hospitals.

We are also grateful for the many donations of Easter eggs we have had received for our children's services, notably Forest Glade Primary School pupils, who, as part of their siblings project, bought eggs with their pocket money to be donated to the brothers and sisters of babies born on the maternity unit over the Easter period.

### **New consultant**

Since my update last month, I am pleased to confirm that locum Trauma and Orthopaedics Consultant, Damian Bragg, has joined the team as a substantive member of staff.