

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive's Report		Date: 9 th June 2022	
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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.				

Responding to the Covid-19 pandemic

The Level 4 National Incident declared as part of our response to Covid-19 was stepped down to Level 3 in May and that is extremely good news for us all.

While it reflects the falling number of recorded cases of Covid-19 both in our hospitals and in the wider community we remain vigilant.

We will ease restrictions and the need to take precautions cautiously – the coronavirus remains with us and we need to continue to do everything we can to protect vulnerable people in our hospitals.

I would urge everyone visiting our sites: Please continue to wash your hands, wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Our Executive Team Meeting and Quality Committee has reviewed all current guidance to ensure we remain compliant, and it is being applied consistently. We will keep the board updated.

We will continue to keep patients and visitors up –to date as things change. For the latest information, please visit our website's For Patients and Visitors page.

Leading the way on research to cut surgery recovery times

It was great to be able to celebrate all the fantastic work of our Research and Innovation Team as they celebrated with a week of events leading up to International Clinical Trials Day on May 20.

The celebrations culminated with the announcement we are launching the first multi-site randomised clinical trial to be led and sponsored by #TeamSFH.

Led by Dr Rebecca Barker, and following a successful evaluation, the research trial provides a digital clinic with one-to-one personal support to help patients make healthier lifestyle choices before and after operations.

This should help cut post-operative recovery times and support people to make longer lasting positive lifestyle choices, such as increasing exercise, reducing smoking and alcohol consumption and improving their diets.

This is a real credit to all involved and something that we should take pride in as we strive for healthier communities and outstanding care.

Another step along the road to fully digital care at #TeamSFH

It has been great to see the roll-out of our EPMA (Electronic Prescribing and Medicine Administration) system in May. Well done to all who have worked so hard to embrace new ways of working and thanks to the project team for their excellent work.

Once fully embedded, this will be a significant step in working differently and more safely for the benefit of our patients and as part of a more integrated health and care system.

#TeamSFH “an exemplar for acute medicine”

I was pleased to hear that #TeamSFH has been acknowledged as an exemplar for acute medicine by NHSEI's Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) team.

GIRFT, the national, clinically-led programme designed to improve patient care within the NHS shares best practice and identifies changes that will improve patient outcomes, so it is no mean feat to be singled out in this way.

In fact, the GIRFT team has asked us to share our experiences at the launch of their National Report into Acute Medicine later this month. This reflects the excellent work across the Trust but particularly our Acute and Specialty teams in EAU (Emergency Assessment Unit), SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) and SSU (Short Stay Unit).

We should all be proud that they will get the chance to showcase #TeamSFH on a national stage. Well done to all concerned.

Thank you for colleagues' response to TB3 incident

It was good to see such teamwork and co-operation between teams across the Trust following the incident when a car crashed into our TB3 building. The driver and a colleague in an office were treated in our Emergency Department and thanks go to all involved in the medical response.

But with initial fears that the building may have suffered structural damage and the crash might spark a fire, thanks should also go to our security team for working so swiftly to clear the building and make sure all colleagues in TB3 at the time were evacuated safely.

It was then good to see colleagues and partners, particularly our Estates Team, Skanska and Medirest, pulling together to ensure the building was safe and then get it back up and running so quickly.

Thank you for demonstrating how well we can react as a team in challenging circumstances.

Risk ratings reviewed

There have been no changes to the Risk Committee's ratings for Principal Risk 6 (Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits), Principal Risk 7 (A major disruptive incident). and Principal Risk 8 (Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change).