

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 1 st September 2022	
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Approved By:	Claire Ward, Chair			
Presented By:	Claire Ward, Chair			
Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month.			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	X
			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
Identify which principal risk this report relates to:				
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care			
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity			
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability			
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy			
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation			
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits			
PR7	Major disruptive incident			
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Not applicable				
Executive Summary				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.				

Engaging with the patients and public we serve

Now that the prevalence of COVID in our hospitals and local community has plateaued again, we have been delighted to resume our 'Meet your Governor' events at our King's Mill and Newark Hospitals during August.

These events are an important part of our work to engage with the patients and public we represent to learn more about their experiences – and explore how we can further improve services across our hospitals. We will work through the feedback received at those sessions to consider how best to act upon the feedback they have generously shared.

Our running of those sessions complement a number of other planned appearances from our governors at public events during the summer holidays where, as well as enabling us to engage with existing members of the Trust, the sessions are a great opportunity to sign-up new members to keep them engaged in our work in future.

Our public membership total currently stands at 14,127.

Annual General Meeting preparations

Another key part of our work to engage members of the Trust comes in the hosting of our Annual General Meeting of the Trust and our Annual Members Meeting, which is due to be held on Thursday 29 September 2022.

The meeting is open to all members of the public and is an opportunity for the Trust to reflect upon its activities, challenges and achievements over the past financial year – another year in which we have so much to be proud of.

The meeting will also give members of the Trust and members of the wider public an opportunity to pose their questions to our Board of Directors about any aspects of our work.

I look forward to being able to share more information about that meeting – along with details on how to get involved – in September.

Successful recruitment of new doctors in training

Last month, I was honoured to have helped to welcome our latest intake of doctors in training into the Trust – including at a specially-arranged welcome event to welcome our latest additions to #TeamSFH.

From the nationally allocated intake of new doctors, we are pleased to welcome each year, Sherwood Forest Hospitals has been able to fill an amazing 94.3% (216) of the Trust's 230 available posts for doctors in training, which is a fantastic achievement.

I know the amount of hard work it takes from colleagues across the Trust to onboard, welcome, induct and arrange payment for this group of doctors each year, so I'd also like to place on record my thanks to everyone from across the Trust who has helped to make this year's changeover happen. I hope our new colleagues find their time with us a rewarding one.

Andrew Rose-Britton completing 750km walk for Trust charity

In noting our apologies from one of our Non-Executive Directors, Andrew Rose-Britton, for this month's Board meeting, I would like to thank Andrew for the reason behind his absence – as he is walking the Camino Via Podiensis in France to help raise money for staff and patients on Ward 14 at King's Mill Hospital.

Andrew's fundraising effort will see him walk 750km from Le Puy to Saint Jean Pied de Port, starting on 26 August and finishing on 1 October 2022. The money will be donated to the Trust's charity, which he has asked to be donated to Ward 14 which supports women both physically and mentally in the early stages of pregnancy.

Andrew has setup a 'Just Giving' page to help his fundraising efforts, which he is welcoming donations to online here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-rose-britton>

Celebrating the achievements of #TeamSFH at our annual *Excellence Awards*

Nominations for this year's Trust *Excellence Awards* have now closed.

This year's awards have seen hundreds of nominations flood in from our colleagues, partners, patients and members of the wider public who have come forward in numbers to nominate members of #TeamSFH for special recognition where they feel they have gone above-and-beyond the call of duty over the past year.

A total of 19 awards will be handed-out at this year's annual celebration, which is due to be held virtually on Friday 7 October. I look forward to being able to join those celebrations and share those outstanding achievements from across the Trust.

Cost of Living impact on our staff and community

In August, I supported an open letter by the NHS Confederation on behalf of all Trusts raising concern about the impact of the rise in energy prices and the cost of living upon public health and urging the government to take urgent action to address these issues.

We remain concerned that the cost of energy will lead some people to be unable to heat their homes or eat well and that this in turn will lead to ill health, significant poverty and increased deaths. We are concerned that a deterioration in health will also severely impact upon our Emergency Departments and ambulance services.

We know that many of our staff are also facing challenges due to the rise in costs.

We continue to review what we can do to help and Board members continue to look at additional ways to offer support to our staff.