

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

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| Subject: | Chair's report | Date: 6 th October 2022 | | |
| Prepared By: | Rich Brown, Head of Communications | | | |
| Approved By: | Claire Ward, Chair | | | |
| Presented By: | Claire Ward, Chair | | | |
| Purpose | | | | |
| An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective. | | | Approval | |
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| 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 | | | | |
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Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022

I was saddened to learn of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen and we are sure we speak for the whole of Sherwood Forest Hospitals and our local communities in sending our greatest sympathies to the Royal Family for their loss.

Her Majesty was the epitome of duty and public service and her passing will be greatly felt by so many across our country and the world. She will be sorely missed by many of our staff and patients, who remain grateful for her commitment and dedication to the NHS staff she personally awarded the George Cross to earlier this year.

I am grateful to all colleagues from across the Trust for the work they did to minimise the impact that the additional bank holiday had on services, which helped to ensure we could continue to prioritise urgent and emergency care and ensure our highest priority patients could access the care they needed.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Members Meeting of Sherwood Forest Hospitals

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Members Meeting of Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was held virtually on Thursday 29th September, giving our members, the public we serve and the partners we work with the opportunity to learn more about how the organisation performed over the 2021/22 financial year.

Despite demand for services remaining exceptionally high over the past few years, there remains so much for us to be proud of as a Trust and those meetings are a real opportunity for the Trust to reflect upon its activities, challenges and achievements over the past financial year.

Items discussed at this year's meeting included the presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts and the External Auditor's Annual Report. As a result of the discussion on proposed revisions to the Trust constitution that were put forward at last month's public board meeting, considerations are also now being made about arrangements for the next members election.

Celebrating the best of Sherwood Forest Hospitals at our annual *Excellence Awards*

On Friday 7th October, our annual Trust *Excellence Awards* will be held to celebrate our Trust colleagues and partners who have gone above-and-beyond the call of duty for patients and the communities we serve over the past year.

This year's awards have seen over 250 nominations made from colleagues, partners, patients and members of the wider public who have come forward in droves to nominate members of #TeamSFH for special recognition. We are grateful, once again, for the level of support they have shown for our hardworking colleagues.

I look forward to being able to celebrate with colleagues at this year's event, which will again be held virtually this year due to the continued presence of COVID in our local communities and within our hospitals.

System working across the ICB

We are continuing to develop Sherwood Forest Hospital's voice within the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS), including through participation in various system-wide discussions that have taken place over the past month.

I have taken part in meetings with the Chair of NUH, NHC and the ICS. I value their contribution and it helps for us to build a better understanding of how our organisations can work together for the benefit of patients.

Engagements and visits over the past month

We know it takes a whole Trust to run our hospitals and, over the past month, I have had the privilege of visiting members of our extended #TeamSFH family from Medirest to learn more about how they support our NHS colleagues.

That visit – which included visiting staff on the switchboard and HR colleagues within Medirest – was incredibly useful in being able to understand how we work with our partners and how we can get them more involved in helping us to deliver the best possible care to our patients.

Elsewhere in the Trust during September, a number of our governors have taken part in *Meet your Governor* events at our King's Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community Hospitals, where they spoke to patients and members of the public about their experiences of receiving care and visiting our hospitals.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to facilitate those sessions, as well as to all those who have offered feedback or have registered to become members of the Trust at those sessions.