

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's update		Date: 29 June 2023		
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Purpose					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.		Approval			
		Assurance	X		
		Update	X		
		Consider			
Strategic Objectives					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
X	X	X	X	X	X
Principal Risk					
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					
Acronyms					
ICS = Integrated Care System MBE = Member of the Order of the British Empire NHS = National Health Service NUH = Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust OBE = Officer of the Order of the British Empire PET = Positron Emission Tomography SFHT = Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Math #TeamSFH = Team 'Sherwood Forest Hospitals'					
Executive Summary					
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Putting on-record my intentions to run for the office of the first East Midlands Mayor

I will start this month's report by placing on-record my intention to campaign to be selected as the Labour candidate to stand for election to become the first Mayor of the East Midlands in the 2024 election for this position.

Throughout my campaign for selection, I am confident I will successfully balance this personal ambition with my continued commitment to support our Executive Team and other Trust colleagues to continue to make the very best patient care happen across our hospitals.

I will keep members of the Trust Board updated with developments about this as my campaign progresses.

NHS75: Celebrating 75 years of our NHS

On Wednesday 5 July, the National Health Service will celebrate 75 years since its inception as the world's first universal health system to be available to all, free at the point of delivery. Treating over a million people a day in England, the NHS touches all our lives.

Many of us will have stories from parents or grandparents about how life was before the NHS arrived. We will also have personal stories about the care we have received as patients or relatives. I am truly grateful to all our staff for the care I and my family have received.

The 75th anniversary of our NHS is a perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on what has been achieved across our NHS, as well as to look forward and build on this work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible NHS colleagues for their skill, hard work and commitment who have all played their part to make our NHS what it is today.

NHS75: Celebrating our #TeamSFH Excellence Awards

The focus of our Trust's own 'NHS75' celebrations will be the hosting of our Trust *Excellence Awards* on Wednesday 5 July – the day of the NHS's 75th birthday itself.

Our *Excellence Awards* are #TeamSFH's single greatest opportunity to say 'thank you' to all our colleagues and to recognise the contributions they make to delivering great patient care here at Sherwood.

I would like to thank and congratulate all those who were nominated, shortlisted and named winners in this year's *Excellence Awards*.

By the time I present this report, we will know the winners of those awards – and I very much look forward to sharing the stories of our winners with you over the coming weeks.

MBE for #TeamSFH's former Executive Medical Director and Special Advisor to the Board

I am delighted to congratulate Dr Andy Haynes on the news that he is to receive an MBE in the first King's Birthday Honours to be awarded following the Coronation of King Charles III.

Dr Andy Haynes worked across the county's NHS for over 35 years, including for 25 years at Nottingham University Hospitals before he became Executive Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive at Sherwood Forest Hospitals between 2014 and 2019.

A Haematologist by background, he went on to become Cancer Lead in Nottingham to shape how cancer services are provided in the county.

As part of this work, he helped to bring a Maggie's Centre to support patients in the county, as well as furthering the county's use of pioneering Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging to aid diagnosis and treatment.

He also helped to establish the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS), initially as Clinical Lead then later as Executive Lead until his retirement in 2021.

Following his retirement, Dr Haynes has continued to serve patients as a Specialist Non-Executive Advisor to the Board here at Sherwood Forest Hospitals. He also continues to serve as a Non-Executive Director at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.

This award recognises Dr Haynes' outstanding achievement and services to patients and their families across Nottinghamshire.

Through his skill and dedication, he has helped to genuinely transform the way that people living with cancer are cared for and how their families are supported at what we know can be one of the most challenging times in their lives.

Furthermore, I would also like to congratulate the Chief Executive of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH), Anthony May, who was awarded an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours list. Anthony May DL, who was Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council before taking up his post at NUH in September 2022, has been recognised for his services to local government.

Both Anthony and Dr Haynes are due to officially receive their awards at a special ceremony at a later date.

This is fantastic and well-deserved recognition for both individuals' outstanding careers, personal achievements and dedication to public service. I congratulate them both once again for this thoroughly-deserved recognition.

Community Involvement: Celebrating the contributions our communities make to supporting our hospitals

June was another month when our communities have continued to support our service, both through financial donations made via our Trust Charity and through the hundreds/thousands of hours that our volunteers give across our hospitals.

In June alone, over 370 Trust volunteers generously gave 3,627 hours of their time over 31 services to help support great patient care to happen across our hospitals.

In addition to their regular roles, volunteers have attended training events for a new mealtime assistant role which will be piloted on two wards in July 2023, supported by staff from the speech and language team.

A new cohort of End of Life 'Butterfly' volunteers have also attended training supported by the specialist nursing team. Volunteers have also assisted with inpatient meal audits and at the recent King's Mill careers event.

In addition, a stunning £12,354 has been donated to our Trust Charity during June – donations that continue to help support our Trust colleagues to make improvements to patient experience across our Trust.

Significant donations over the past month have included the introduction of new ‘Arctic Sun’ devices that will improve patient care for critically unwell patients. The equipment works by monitoring a patient’s temperature and uses gel pads filled with water to provide rapid cooling and rewarming. It is designed to precisely control temperature and prevent hyperthermia (high body temperature) in adults who are in a coma after sudden cardiac arrest, with the aim of reducing brain injury and improving neurological outcomes.

Another significant improvement made possible by our Trust Charity has been the provision of 17 Avento Treatment Chairs at a cost of £61,500. These were funded from donations made to the Oncology Fund, along with a specific legacy for oncology services.

We are grateful to everyone who has given their time, money or other support to the Trust over the past month.

Launch of a new maternity triage system here at Sherwood

As our Trust’s Maternity Champion, I am delighted to share that we have recently launched a new maternity triage system for anyone who has pregnancy-related concerns.

Anyone with any concerns during their pregnancy or after baby arrives can now contact our midwives on 01623 676 170 – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our triage midwives now aim to review and assess people within 15 minutes of arrival at a new waiting area at the Sherwood Birthing Unit at King’s Mill Hospital. Care will be prioritised based on the urgency of your symptoms and you will be told if you will be seen immediately, within 15 minutes, within one hour or within four hours. A midwife will also then inform you if any tests need to be done and when and if you need to see a doctor.

This new system has been developed in response to national guidance and recommendations, as well as directly addressing recommendations made by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in its most recent review of our maternity services which rated our services as ‘good’.

Governors update

Throughout June, we have been encouraging members of our Trust to vote in this summer’s governor elections to appoint new governors to our staff governor vacancies, as well as to public governor vacancies in our ‘Newark and Sherwood’ and ‘Rest of East Midlands’ constituencies.

We have already received almost 1,000 votes across our ‘Rest of East Midlands’ and staff constituencies by the time of writing, with members still able to cast their votes in this summer’s elections before polls close at 5pm on Thursday 6 July.

For our ‘Newark and Sherwood’ public constituency, we received three nominations from prospective governors for three vacancies in this constituency, meaning that we can make three uncontested appointments to these vacancies.

As well as in our public constituencies, we also have a number appointments to make to our ‘appointed’ governor constituencies from our valued local partner organisations.

The outcome of our governor elections will be announced on Friday 7 July. I look forward to updating the Board about all of these appointments to our Board of Governors at our next Public Board meeting in August.

Other engagements from over the past month:

- Took part in the afternoon tea held at Caunton Manor on Friday 26 June in support of the Sherwood Observatory project. As a Trust, we have supported the project when it successfully applied for funding to develop the Observatory in Ashfield.

This will bring exciting opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) jobs and learning across our local colleges which can only be of benefit to SFHT and our local community.

- Took part in a '15 Steps' engagement in our pathology department which helped me and colleagues to understand the fantastic work that takes place to support patient care and outcomes. These services are sometimes not as visible to patients but I was glad to see for myself how vital these services are to all our care.