

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 31 st July 2023		
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Purpose					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past quarter from the Chair's perspective.		Approval			
		Assurance	Y		
		Update	Y		
		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
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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					
None					
Acronyms					
<p>ATTFE = Academy Transformation Trust Further Education 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 SFH = Sherwood Forest Hospitals SFHT = Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Math #TeamSFH = Team 'Sherwood Forest Hospitals'</p>					
Executive Summary					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past quarter from the Chair's perspective.					

Putting on-record my intentions to run for the office of the first East Midlands Mayor

I will start this quarter'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.

The selection ballot has now opened among Labour Party members, with the outcome of that ballot due to be announced in August. I will keep members of the Trust Board and Council of Governors updated with developments about this as my campaign progresses.

Updates following our governor elections

Nine new governors appointed

In July, we were delighted to welcome a new group of governors to our Council of Governors, following this year's governor elections.

The election took place between Tuesday 13th June to Thursday 5th July, as thousands of the Trust's public and staff members were invited to cast their votes to appoint new governors in a total of nine advertised vacancies.

As a result of the elections, nine new governors were elected: five new governors were elected to the Trust's Rest of East Midlands public constituency, which covers Mansfield, Ashfield and the rest of the East Midlands.

They will join the Trust's current governors in ensuring that the Trust continues to be one of the best places to work and receive care in the Midlands, according to the most recent National NHS Staff Survey.

More than 1,360 votes were cast by Trust members across the constituencies, with the following governors being appointed to the Trust's 'Rest of East Midlands' public constituency following the election:

- John Dove
- Pam Kirby
- Tracy Burton
- Steven Hunkin

A fifth public governor, Dean Wilson, was appointed as a 'governor designate' in the same constituency, to prepare for the ending of the term of office of Sue Holmes in November.

The following candidates were appointed unopposed after the trio applied to become governors for three vacancies in the Trust's Newark and Sherwood public constituency:

- Peter Gregory
- Karen Nadin
- Shane O'Neill

Samantha Musson, the Trust's Head of Therapy Services, was also elected as staff governor for the Trust after receiving 241 votes from her colleagues.

I would like to place on record my thanks to all the candidates who put their names forward in this election; it was great to see such great engagement from our local community.

I congratulate each one of our new governors and I look forward to working with them all in their new roles over the coming months and years ahead.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to vote. I hope that your new governors will serve members well in the coming years.

Update regarding our appointed governors

Following the recent local government elections, we have been delighted to welcome a new appointed governor from Mansfield District Council to our Council of Governors.

Cllr Angie Jackson – the Council's joint-portfolio holder for wellbeing, health and safer communities – has now joined our Trust's Council of Governors, as she takes over from Cllr Craig Whitby. We are grateful to Cllr Whitby for his hard work and dedication during his time as a governor.

Elsewhere, I am delighted to welcome back Cllr Linda Dales (Newark and Sherwood District Council) and Cllr David Walters (Ashfield District Council) as appointed governors to Sherwood for another term.

Our appointed governors from our local district councils will continue to work alongside our other appointed governors, who are Nikki Slack (West Nottinghamshire College), Kevin Stewart (Volunteers) and Cllr John Doddy (Nottinghamshire County Council).

I thank them for their continued service and I look forward to continuing to work with them all over the months and years ahead.

Celebrating the contributions of our colleagues

NHS75: Celebrating 75 years of our NHS

On Wednesday 5 July, the National Health Service celebrated 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.



Caption: #TeamSFH colleagues come together to celebrate 'NHS75'

NHS75: Celebrating our #TeamSFH Excellence Awards



The focus of Sherwood's own 'NHS75' celebrations was 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.

The ceremony saw 19 honours being awarded at the event, which was the first we have been able to hold in-person since the start of the pandemic. The winners of each of those awards are proudly listed below:

- Multidisciplinary Team of the Year Award: Maternity and the Badgernet Project Implementation Team
- Most Improved Team Award: Emergency Assessment Unit (EAU)
- Chris McFarlane Award: Samantha Dales
- Rising Star Award: Rachel Grzelak
- Non-Clinical Team of the Year Award: Sterile Services Team
- Non-Clinical Individual of the Year: Paul Holt
- Nursing, Midwifery & AHP Team: The Early Pregnancy Unit (Rainbow Clinic)
- Nursing, Midwifery & AHP Individual: Emma Gregory
- Doctor and Consultant Team: Acute Medicine
- Doctor and Consultant Individual: Amit Jaiswal
- Specialist Healthcare Team: Medical Equipment Management Department
- Specialist Healthcare Individual: Jodie Prest
- Volunteer of the Year: Pam Weir
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Gerrie Edwards (pictured below)
- Community Hero Award: Nikki Slack, West Nottinghamshire College
- Community Partner of the Year: Matthew Lamb Director of Newark and Sherwood District Council
- CARE Award: Emma Strawther

- The Chair Award: Emily Harris Foundation
- The People's Award sponsored by The Chad: Margaret King

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



Caption: Gerrie Edwards receives her Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's #TeamSFH Excellence Awards

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

In June, we were 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 MBE 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.

A special mention for the Trust's Community Involvement efforts

Celebrating the contributions of our amazing #TeamSFH volunteers during National Volunteers' Week

In June, we celebrated National Volunteers' Week – an annual celebration of the contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK by giving their time in their local communities.

Here at Sherwood, we are grateful for the amazing support of our 389 volunteers who generously give their time to support our clinical and non-clinical roles. Every moment they give really does make a difference to help great patient care happen across our hospitals.

Our volunteers play an essential role in supporting our colleagues across #TeamSFH, bringing with them a wealth of professional and life experience that enhances the care we provide as a Trust.

In an average week across our hospitals, our volunteers give an amazing 967 hours of their time across 30 volunteer roles within the Trust. That equates to an incredible 50,284 hours over the course of a year – and for their commitment, we are so incredibly grateful.

Bidding a fond farewell to Tracey Brassington, #TeamSFH's Community Involvement Manager

In June, we also said a fond farewell to Tracey Brassington, our brilliant Community Involvement Manager, who has played an instrumental role in helping to drive-forward the work of our brilliant Community Involvement team.

For those of you who are not familiar with our Community Involvement team, they are the team who lead so much of our work around how we engage with our local communities, how we encourage financial support from our communities through donations to our Trust Charity, and how we welcome volunteers to give their time to support the Trust's work.

I have been proud to work alongside Tracey throughout my time here at Sherwood and I am so grateful for her skill, compassion and dedication. Tracey leaves an incredible legacy that has transformed the way we work with the communities we serve here at Sherwood.

Our Community Involvement function has come such a long way under Tracey's stewardship. She leaves with our best wishes and we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Tracey has now passed the baton over to Jo Thornley, who I know will continue Tracey's work in continuing to take our brilliant Community Involvement team in an exciting direction.

Notable engagements from the past quarter

Sherwood Forest Coronation Event

In May, I was delighted to join one of our Trust's public governors, Liz Barrett OBE – the Principal at Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE) – for their Sherwood Forest Coronation Picnic.

The day was an opportunity for the College to welcome their local partners – like the Trust – and to share with them the host of exciting inclusive learning opportunities that are provided by the College to local learners.

It was my pleasure to attend and see the connections between local students at ATTFE and primary schools. You can [watch a video from the event that has been produced by ATTFE on YouTube here](#).



Claire Ward, Chair of Sherwood Forest Hospitals, alongside Liz Barrett OBE and Paula Hancock from Sherwood Forest Education Partnership at the Coronation event

Other notable engagements from the past month:

- Visiting our partners Skanska with Ros Norman, our staff-side representative for Unison
- Representing the Trust at a special Coronation celebration ceremony at Southwell Minister
- Meeting with Chairs and Chief Executives to discuss progress with the ICS and Provider Collaborative.
- 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.
- Took part in another '15 Steps' engagement where I was proud to see the work of our hardworking mattress decontamination team first-hand.