

Public Board - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 3 rd August 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					
Cllr = Councillor					
Executive Summary					
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Governor updates: 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 and 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 – which runs King's Mill, Mansfield Community and Newark Hospitals – 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.

The following governors were 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 Sherwood Forest Hospitals 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 you well in the coming years.

Membership and governor updates: 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 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.

Reaffirming our commitment under the 'Dying to Work' pledge



Reaffirming our 'Dying to Work' pledge alongside Roz Norman, staff-side lead, and Rob Simcox, Director of People

In July, I was delighted to join Roz Norman, #TeamSFH’s staff-side lead, and Rob Simcox, the Trust’s Director of People, in reaffirming our commitment to support, protect and guide Trust colleagues who have received a terminal diagnosis.

There are many colleagues that will get some sort of serious illness at some point during their lives and their career. This will often take a toll on their professional lives, as well as the obvious impact it will have on them personally.

Juggling their personal circumstances also presents its own challenges, with people managing terminal diagnoses and long-term conditions often needing to take time off if they are unwell or need to attend medical appointments.

We also know people who suffer with terminal illness will become scared and be faced with emotional stress and challenges. This is why – as a Trust – we are committing to do all we can to support colleagues who have received a terminal diagnosis.

We will provide colleagues with job security, peace of mind and the right to choose the best course of action for themselves and their families to help support them through the unprecedented times with dignity and respect without excessive financial loss.

As a Trust, this is something that we feel strongly about and want our colleagues to know we are here for them – no matter the situation.

Notable engagements:

- Supporting the Trust's PRIDE celebrations at King's Mill Hospital on Wednesday 26th July
- Continuing to represent Sherwood Forest Hospitals at the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS's Provider Collaborative group meetings.