

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 7 th September 2023		
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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			
		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					
Not applicable					
Acronyms					
BBC = British Broadcasting Corporation NHS = National Health Service					
Executive Summary					
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Placing on-record confirmation of my selection as the Labour candidate to become the first East Midlands Mayor

I will start this month's report by updating the Board about my intention to run for election to become the first East Midlands Mayor at the elections that are due to take place in May 2024.

Further to my update at the July Board of Directors Meeting in Public, it was confirmed on Thursday 3rd August 2023 that I have been selected as the Labour Party candidate to stand at the forthcoming election.

Throughout my election campaign, I remain confident that I will successfully balance this role with my responsibilities as Chair and my continued commitment to support our Executive Team and other Trust colleagues to make the very best patient care happen across our hospitals.

I will continue to keep members of the Trust Board updated with relevant developments on this as my campaign progresses. I have updated my register of interests to reflect this new role.

Recognising the difference made by our amazing Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

August saw another flurry of activity across our Community Involvement teams, both in how they encourage financial donations to be made via our Trust Charity and through the thousands of hours that our volunteers give across our hospitals.

In August alone, 350 Trust volunteers generously gave 4,056 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 32 services they have supported during the month.

This month, a new mealtime volunteer role has been piloted on Wards 12 and 51. Volunteers have been trained by the Speech, Language and Nutritional team to make mealtimes a positive experience for our patients. The role involves supporting patients' nutritional needs, encouraging them to eat and stay hydrated, and helping with hand hygiene.

Local food banks collected food, household and toiletry items which were donated throughout July. Food banks across the region advise that demand is higher than ever and passed on their sincere thanks for the continued support provided by the Trust.

Donations and charitable funds activity throughout August includes:

- 12 dolls for dementia services funded by Harron Homes. King's Mill Hospital was chosen in recognition of excellent care recently received by one of their team.
- West Burton Power Station (EDF Energy) recently ceased operations. A member of their staff nominated the diabetes team at Newark Hospital to receive £2,000 from remaining Sports & Social Club funds.

- Rainbow lanyards have been funded by the KMH volunteer fundraisers for the maternity bereavement service. This idea came from a family who suggested these lanyards be given to families who have suffered a loss and could be worn at subsequent appointments, helping to discreetly indicate the loss to maternity colleagues.
- The King's Mill volunteers have also funded acorn badges to recognise and celebrate preceptorship nurses.

We remain so grateful to everyone who has given their time, money and support in other ways to support the Trust and our hard-working colleagues over the past month. Thank you for your support.

Trust colleagues appear in national BBC documentary to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our NHS



Image credit: BBC / Chatterbox

In August, we were delighted to see a Mansfield-based family of NHS heroes who have dedicated their lives to our NHS featuring in a national BBC documentary.

Marking the 75th anniversary of our NHS, the new series of *Extraordinary Portraits* saw comedian, musician, and art lover Bill Bailey pair a selection of extraordinary NHS workers with some of the UK's most celebrated portrait artists.

The Edwards family featured in episode five of the series, which aired on Monday 14th August and starred the Trust's very own Corporate Matron Gerrie Edwards, who works at King's Mill Hospital.

Gerrie, 55, started her career at King's Mill as a Staff Nurse in 1989 and has worked as a matron for the past 36 years. She was recently honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Trust's annual *#TeamSFH Excellence Awards*, recognising her involvement in several important Trust projects.

The episode also featured the rest of Gerrie's family, including Rhishana and Samara Edwards – two of her three daughters, who both work for Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Rhishana, 28, works in the Trust's People Team as a Deputy Divisional People Lead and Samara, 20, works as a Bank Healthcare Assistant while in her second year of studying to be a student nurse at the University of Nottingham.

The episode also featured Brianna Edwards, 25, who works as a Paediatric Intensive Care Nurse at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham and Gerrie's husband Calvin Edwards, 62, who is a Registered Mental Health Nurse at Millbrook Mental Health Unit.

If you missed it first time around, you can catch-up with the Edwards family's appearance on *Extraordinary Portraits* on the BBC iPlayer.