

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date:	2 nd May 2024	
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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	Y
Strategic Objectives					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	Improve health and wellbeing within our communities	Continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estates	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					
AGM = Annual General Meeting NICU = Neonatal Intensive Care Unit #TeamSFH = Team 'Sherwood Forest Hospitals'					
Executive Summary					
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Update on the regional Mayoral election for the East Midlands

Over the last few months, I have kept the Trust Board updated about my intention to stand as a candidate in this year's election to elect the first regional Mayor for the East Midlands who will represent the people of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham.

That process is now well underway, with people across the East Midlands due to go to the polls on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

It is anticipated that the results of the election will be declared on Friday 3rd May 2024. I will update the Board of the result.

Hosting the Trust's first Governors' Conference

On Tuesday 16th April 2024, I was proud to join the Trust's Lead Governor, Liz Barrett, at King's Mill Hospital to host the Trust's first-ever *Governors' Conference*.

As a Foundation Trust, we are proud to have over 14,000 public members and 5,000+ staff members. This event was a fantastic opportunity to discuss how we can better engage and involve the Trust's governors and members in the Trust's work to Improve Lives in the communities we serve.

The event was also a great opportunity to understand how well we are engaging with our members already – and where we can go further to improve that engagement and ensure we are representing the views of all of the communities we serve.

Colleagues from the Trust's operational and nursing teams also joined the event to share detailed information on the Trust's Discharge and Patient Experience processes – two topics that are often raised with governors through their conversations with the members they represent.

An action plan will now be drawn-up to take that work forward. I look forward to updating the Trust's Board about this important work as it develops over the coming months.

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

April was another busy month for our Trust's Community Involvement team.

We continue to see fantastic support for the Trust – both in how we encourage financial donations to be made via our Trust Charity and through the thousands of hours that continue to be committed to support the Trust by our volunteers across our hospitals.

In April 2024, 380 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,600 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 36 services they have supported during the month.



Caption: Four recliners chairs are presented to Newark Hospital's Minster Ward

Other notable developments from our brilliant Community Involvement team and our team of volunteers during the month include:

- The Friends of Newark Hospital have kindly purchased four recliner chairs for Minor Ops on Minster Ward using funds raised in coffee shops and fundraising stalls. Pictured above.
- The team co-ordinated the numerous donations of Easter eggs and gifts which were distributed to Childrens' Services and Health Care of the Elderly wards.
- We welcomed our regular fundraisers, the Mansfield Roadrunners Scooter Club, who arrived at King's Mill in a huge scooter convoy to deliver Easter eggs and a £500 donation to our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
- We offered a warm welcome to 10 new #TeamSFH volunteers who joined the Trust during the month and were officially inducted into the organisation.

- As well as welcoming new volunteers into the organisation, we have also presented a number of our volunteers with long service awards over the past month.

One such presentation was made to Daffodil Cafe volunteer Kath, who received an award for her 15 years' service from the Trust's Deputy Divisional Manager from our Clinical Support, Therapies and Outpatient Division, Mandy Toplis. Pictured opposite.



- The mealtime assist volunteer role was launched on Sconce and Castle Wards at Newark Hospital, following bespoke training sessions from the Speech and Language Team.
- Volunteers continue to support training sessions for medical students using their acting skills to become the patient in a number of role-play scenarios. Pictured opposite.

I would like to reiterate my personal thanks 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.



Other notable engagements:

- During the month, I joined Trust governors and colleagues in undertaking our latest '15 Steps' visit to Trust services. This month's event took place in the Trust's Colposcopy areas, which provided an essential opportunity for colleagues to showcase their achievements and highlight areas where we can further improve.

I want to give a special mention to Sally in the department as it was clear from our visit how much she is valued by the team for her dedication to the patients and the services provided.

- I was delighted to be invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League of Hospital Friends (Mansfield and Sutton).

Over the last year, they have raised funds for the Trust which has helped to make great patient care happen here at Sherwood. Their contributions have helped to pay for presents for all inpatients who spent Christmas in hospital and a tabletop activity unit that will be used by all three wards at Mansfield Community Hospital.

It was an enjoyable afternoon event and an opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their fundraising to support our patients.