

# Public Board Meeting

# Report

**Subject:** Chair's Report  
**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016  
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<b>Executive Summary</b>	
This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments.	
The Board are asked to note the content of this paper.	
<b>Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)</b>	
<b>Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, individuals, teams and departments</b>	<b>Ensure that patients experience the very best care, building on good practice and listening and learning from both negative and positive feedback and events</b>
<b>Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital</b>	<b>Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition</b>
<b>Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by reducing costs, improving utilisation of resources and productivity, and achieving best value for money</b>	<b>Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital</b>
<b>Develop and implement a programme of work in conjunction with Nottingham University Hospital NHST to create a new combined organisation</b>	

<b>How has organisational learning been disseminated</b>	N/A
<b>Links to the BAF</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Partnership working &amp; Public Engagement Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>	N/A

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **Acting Chair**

Thank you to the Board for welcoming me as Acting Chair following Louise Scull's decision to step down as Chair at SFH to focus full-time on NUH matters.

I will be working with the governors to develop a timeline for the recruitment of a substantive Chair.

Whilst acting as Chair I will review membership of board committees and the pairing of NEDs with governors.

#### **Staff Excellence Awards**

I am looking forward to this year's Staff Excellence Awards which takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the day after this month's Board meeting. Over 300 entries were received this year and the quality of entries was very high, making it a very challenging task for all judges involved on the various panels. The event will give us chance to recognise and celebrate the work of all individuals and teams nominated, which includes volunteers, as well as all staff across the Trust for the tremendous hard work that has gone into turning around performance at Sherwood Forest Hospitals over the past year.

I will be attending the King's Mill Hospital Volunteer long service awards on 15<sup>th</sup> November to present 29 awards to our loyal volunteers with one award for 40 years of service.

#### **Endoscopy Department achieves JAG accreditation**

I wanted to put on record my personal commendation to the Endoscopy Department for achieving accreditation from the Joint Advisory Group (JAG) on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. The JAG has representation from across the medical profession, including the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Radiologists and the Royal College of Nursing. It is a re-accreditation for King's Mill Hospital but it is the first time services at Newark have been included and reflects the commitment we have to developing high quality gastroenterology services there. About 14,000 procedures are carried out each year across the Trust with about 3,400 taking place at Newark.

#### **Smoking on Trust grounds**

The issue of people smoking whilst on our hospital estate was raised at our AGM in September. I am personally involved in the group which looks at this difficult issue, and would like to assure members of the Board that we have regenerated discussions around how we tackle it.

In conjunction with the local authority, we are currently exploring how we take a harder line on addressing the problem, including new signage and clear enforcement arrangements, with the possible use of fines.

**Peter Marks**  
**Chair**