

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Vice Chair's Report	Vice Chair's Report		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		Approval		
		Assurance		
		Update		
		Consider		
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care to our patients	To support each other to do a great job	To inspire excellence	To get the most from our resources	To play a leading role in transforming health and care services
X	X	X	X	X
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
			X	
Risks/Issues				
Financial				
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact				
Services				
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/a				
Executive Summary				
<p>An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update • Mansfield MP Ben Bradley visits Emergency Department • AGM Reminder • New equipment could save the lives of Trust's littlest patients • New website to help patients and visitors at Sherwood Forest Hospitals • Membership summary 				

Vice-Chair Report – August 2018

General update

In the last month the key issues I have been focusing on are:

- The increase in people attending our emergency department in July and August and how hard staff have worked to ensure they receive care in as timely a manner as possible.

Mansfield MP Ben Bradley visits Emergency Department

We welcomed Mansfield's MP Ben Bradley to a visit to King's Mill Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) this month where he spent four hours shadowing staff.

During his shift, Ben met a range of hospital staff including Matrons, Nurses, Emergency Care Practitioners and Managers, as well as being given first-hand experience of the Emergency Department, Bed Meetings, the Paediatric area, streaming, the triage process and the co-ordinator process.

We hoped he enjoyed his shift and we gave him an understanding of how it feels to work in a busy ED.

AGM reminder

Our Annual General Meeting 2018 will take place on Monday 24 September from 4.30-6.30pm.

This year's event will feature a personal wellbeing 'healthcheck' for Trust members, public and staff from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, as well as our official AGM meeting including the presentation of the Trust's Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018, and the opportunity to ask questions.

New equipment could save the lives of Trust's littlest patients

Midwives will now be able to spot heart defects in babies earlier thanks to national charity, Tiny Tickers, donating two state-of-the-art heart monitors to Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Tiny Tickers works to improve heart defect detection rates during pregnancy and in newborns to help save lives, improve post-surgery survival rates and lead to a better long-term quality of life. The charity offered Trusts in the region the chance to win the new monitoring systems.

Midwife, Paula Shore explains: “Tiny Tots wrote to Trusts across the region asking them to write to them saying how and why the machines would help their areas. So we contacted them explaining how they would improve services on our birthing unit and how we would use them and they have kindly funded two machines for us.

“This will really make a difference to babies who are born with heart defects, as we will be able to detect any concerns quicker.”

The machines allow doctors and midwives to have the information they need to detect respiratory complications earlier and intervene sooner.

New website to help patients and visitors at Sherwood Forest Hospitals

The website, which was developed in house, has been produced having listened to feedback from both staff and patient representatives to try and make information simpler to understand, easier to find and more accessible.

We wanted a website that reflected that we are a modern, friendly and innovative organisation which I believe the new site does. We also know that for patients and their carers in particular visiting hospital can be a daunting experience and the website is often the first place that people will look for information – it’s absolutely vital that information is accessible and in a format that is easy to understand.

It’s also often the first place that people who may be considering working for the Trust will look to find out more about us, so it is equally important that our site gives them a great first impression of Sherwood.

I would like to thank the staff and members of the public who contributed to the look and feel of the website and our skilled IT colleagues who helped build it.

The website replaces the previous Trust site, and can be found at www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk.

Membership Summary

In July our governors held several ‘Meet Your Governor’ sessions across all three sites, once again proving very positive with our service users. Feedback whilst mainly positive, consisted of concerns about both lifts not working in the King’s Treatment Centre, long waiting times in Clinic 8, better exit signs and more car parking spaces needed at Newark Hospital.

The Forum for Public Involvement group met on Monday 2 July. The group covered items including a presentation on the Freedom to Speak Up Guardians, Bedside Folders, National Adult Inpatient Survey Results, Smoking Campaign, and Potential membership of Patient Safety Quality Group.