

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	25 October 2018		
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<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>		
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care to our patients</b>	<b>To support each other to do a great job</b>	<b>To inspire excellence</b>	<b>To get the most from our resources</b>	<b>To play a leading role in transforming health and care services</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/a				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
<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"> <li>• General update</li> <li>• Visit to Trust Teams and External Meetings</li> <li>• Barbara Brady appointed as new Non- Executive Director</li> <li>• King's Mill Hospital marks Baby Loss Awareness Week</li> <li>• Membership summary</li> <li>• Forward look</li> </ul>				

## **Chair Report – October 2018**

### **General update**

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

- How the work on the Trust strategy will align with our system working across Nottinghamshire.
- Ensure we get the balance between quality, performance and finance.
- Filling our final Non-Executive Director vacancy.

### **Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings**

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- Meeting with the newly formed Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to discuss our performance and how we can continue to work together going forward.
- Chairing the The Mid-Nottinghamshire Better Together Board.
- Attended the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System Chairs' and Elected Members.
- Met with Wendy Saviour, ICS lead and Amanda Sullivan, Accountable Officer for Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark and Sherwood CCGs.
- Attending NHS England's Long Term Plan engagement event.
- An introductory meeting with Alison Wynne, new Director and Strategy and Transformation at NUH.
- NHSI Chairs networking meeting.

Within the Trust I have been out and about to the following departments and meetings:

- Volunteer Long Service Award ceremonies at Newark Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital and King's Mill Hospital. This is one of the favourite parts of my job. It was an honour to recognise our long service volunteers and celebrate their contribution to the patient services. At Newark I was joined by the Town Mayor of Newark, Cllr Tony Roberts, at Mansfield I was joined by Barbara Joule, Chairman of the League of Hospital Friends (Mansfield and Sutton) and at King's Mill I was joined by Jill Smallwood, Chair of the King's Mill Hospital volunteers. It was heart-warming to see so many people dedicated to our patients and I am sure our hospitals would be a poorer place with the hard work and passion of our volunteers.

- Milestones in Service award where myself and Richard Mitchell thanked SFH staff with five, 10, 15, 20 and over 25 years of services at SFH for their dedication to us.
- Appointed Barbara Brady as our new Clinical Non-Executive post (see below for more details) and chaired the interview for our last Non-Executive post. I am confident that vacancy will be closed and will update on this post next month.
- Visited the National AHP Stand at King's Mill Hospital where I found out, and helped celebrate, the vital role Associated Health Professionals provide.
- Met with Ernst Young who are supporting us to deliver our financial objectives this year and also attended the Finance Committee.
- Took part in the Well Led review of the Board which we must do every few years to make sure we are operating as we should.
- Held an introductory meeting with Rebecca Stone, Head of Governance at SFH.
- Attended the tea party to celebrate nurses who have reached their one year anniversary of qualifying as a newly registered nurse at SFH.

### **Barbara Brady appointed as new Non- Executive Director**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Barbara Brady as our new clinical Non-Executive Director.

Barbara is a registered general nurse and a specialist in Public Health, who was Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire until March 2018.

We are very pleased to welcome Barbara whose specialist knowledge, experience and passion will support us on our journey towards becoming outstanding. She has a wealth of knowledge in preventative health and she clearly demonstrates the values we hold dear at Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Barbara lives in Newark and is thrilled to be joining the Trust. She said: "I am delighted and honored to have been appointed to the Board. I am committed to patients and the delivery of outstanding care."

Barbara, who starts immediately, will combine her Non-Executive position on the Board with occasional consultancy work for the Local Government Association, which supports the Care and Health Improvement programme with local authorities and partners across England.

### **King's Mill Hospital marks Baby Loss Awareness Week**

From 9 October - 15 October, Sherwood Forest Hospitals marked Baby Loss Awareness Week with a variety of events available to bereaved parents, family and friends of those who have suffered the loss of a baby.

To start the week long initiative, two of the towers at King's Mill Hospital lit up pink and blue to raise awareness of baby loss and also in memory of families that have suffered the loss of a baby. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the loss of babies and also

provide bereaved parents, families and friends a place to unite and remember their babies' lives.

On October 14 a "Lanterns of Love" walk took place around King's Mill Reservoir. This was organised by Sherwood Forest Hospital's Baby Bereavement Team alongside bereaved parents and with the support of Nottinghamshire SANDS, the recognised stillbirth and neonatal death charity. Following the walk, there was a short service and refreshments in the Faith Centre at King's Mill Hospital.

The bereavement support group "Snowdrops and Butterflies" had made lanterns for those that wish to attend the walk. During the week staff, parents and family members gave tea lights to visitors at a stand in King's Mill Hospital, to encourage them to take part in the International Wave of Light on the 15 October, recognised as International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day by lighting their own candles and posting images on social media.

## **Membership Summary**

Our Governors regularly hold Meet Your Governor sessions across all our three sites, feedback from these sessions is incredibly important to the Trust and helps inform strategic and operational plans. In September the governors, as well as understanding concerns from patients, staff and the public the governors also asked specific questions on the following topics:

### Strategic

Reducing demand – why do patients access UCC/ED

Research – participation in clinical trials

### Operational

Reduce offer of two hot meals a day for inpatients to one (cost saving)

Disability Access

Signage – Dementia patients, visually impaired

From the 53 separate comments received by governors in September early indications are most people are supportive of reducing to one hot meal per day, with the focus being on nutrition and quality of the food provided. There were a number of positive comments with regard to signage and access, although signage at Newark Hospital was commented on as requiring improvement in some areas. Some patients were interested in Research and participation in trials but would require more detailed information and the general feedback regarding accessing ED and UCC was patients would do so in an emergency but some also commented it was easier than trying to access a GP appointment. The more general comments included lots of praise for the hospitals and staff, with some concerns with regard to waiting times and staff communication.

Elsewhere in September a digital event was sent out to our members giving an insight into the One Stop Haematuria clinic we have at Newark Hospital.

The Forum for Public Involvement group met and covered items including SFH's CQC Report and PLACE scores.

## **Forward look**

On 18th June the Prime Minister set out a funding settlement for the NHS in England for the next five years. In return, the NHS was asked to set out a long term plan for the future of the NHS by autumn, setting out its ambitions for improvement over the next decade, and the plans to meet them over the five years of the funding settlement. The Long Term Plan is expected to be published in November.

We will follow the publication of the Long Term Plan, and the Chancellor's Autumn budget statement on 29 October with interest.