

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	31 January 2019		
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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>• Mother praises neonatal unit</li> <li>• SFH Radiographer gets recognition for dedication and hard work</li> <li>• General update</li> <li>• Visit to Trust Teams and External Meetings</li> <li>• Membership summary</li> </ul>				

## Chair Report – January 2019

### **Mother praises neonatal unit**

Christmas is a special time for any new parent, but for those that find themselves spending their baby's first Christmas in intensive care it can be a completely different experience. This is the situation new mum Chloe Parkes found herself in in 2017 with baby Lucas.

Born 12 weeks early and weighing little more than a bag of sugar, baby Lucas spent this Christmas at home, after leaving King's Mill Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) on Christmas Eve in 2017, leaving mum Chloe with little time to prepare for the festive season.

Lucas, now 14 months old, was born by emergency caesarean section on 27 October 2017 when Chloe, 20, from Alferton, was just 28 weeks pregnant. She said: "I noticed that the baby wasn't moving around as much as he had been and after spending all night awake worrying, I plucked up the courage to call my midwife, who advised that I should go into hospital to get checked out. My mum took me in and we found out that the baby had something called Amniotic Band Syndrome. I was taken straight to theatre and Lucas was delivered weighing a tiny 2lb 4oz."

Amniotic Band Syndrome is a rare condition where strands of the amniotic sac separate and entangle digits, limbs or other parts of the foetus. When Lucas was born he had bands around some of his fingers, his toes and round his leg. Surgeons were able to save his toes and leg by removing the bands and leaving behind just scarring, but two of his fingers couldn't be saved. He was also born with chronic lung disease, an eye disorder known as Retinopathy of Prematurity (RoP) and Hypospadias, which affects the development of the genitals.

Lucas was born at City Hospital in Nottingham before being transferred to King's Mill Hospital's Neonatal Unit so that Chloe was close to home and her family and friends could visit Lucas easily.

"He was really tiny when he was born and it was a scary time with him having such a rare condition. I had never even heard of it," said Chloe. "He spent the first two months of his life on a ventilator on the neonatal unit, had to be operated on to remove the bands from his limbs and he also had laser eye surgery to correct his vision at just a few months old. It's such a lot for a tiny baby, but he really has been a little miracle."

After two months on the unit, against all odds Lucas was able to go home on Christmas Eve. "It was hit and miss whether Lucas would be home for Christmas," said Chloe. "Some days he was doing well but then other days he would take a few steps backwards. I really

wanted him home for Christmas and the nurses did say he might be ready to go home in time, but I really didn't want to get my hopes up and I just wanted the best for him.

"In the end we did manage to get home for Christmas, but it was quite late on Christmas Eve so I hadn't done any planning. My mum got him a couple of teddy bears as a present, but I spent the day just in the house in a daze trying to get used to having him at home."

This Christmas was very different as Chloe and Lucas spent it surrounded by family.

Chloe said: "The nurses and doctors on the unit at King's Mill Hospital were amazing last year and made our time there special, but there's nothing like being at home at Christmas. I'm grateful for everything they did for us. The unit became our little NICU family for a while and being with other parents going through the same thing was helpful as you always felt like you had someone to talk to."

Matron for neonates, children and young people at King's Mill Hospital, Rachel Barker, added: "So many babies on the Neonatal unit do spend their very first Christmas with us and we try to make it special for the babies and their families.

"There are new parents on the unit at the moment whose babies will be spending their first Christmas with us, but I hope Lucas' story reassures them and gives them hope for the future. Being on the unit at any time of year can be difficult for new parents, but we know Christmas is especially difficult for them. We'll do what we can to make all the babies' first Christmas extra special."

### **SFH Radiographer gets recognition for dedication and hard work**

Proving that hard work, support and dedication really does pay off our own Reporting Radiographer, Heather Hewitt has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement and Academic Excellence for getting the highest marks (98%) in her year group.

For the past 18 months Heather, 34, from Belper, has been studying for her Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Reporting (Appendicular and Axial Skeleton) at Canterbury Christ Church University, where she achieved a distinction.

Heather was presented with the certificate of achievement by co-sponsor of the award, InHealth Reporting, Fodi Kyriakos.

Heather said: "I have wanted to do this qualification for years, so I'm really pleased that I was given the chance to do it. It's been a lot of hard work and lots of hours of study, but it has all been worth it and I am looking forward to putting my new skills into practice in my new role. I am delighted to have also been presented with this award and I would like to thank my mentor and my colleagues for all their support during my studies."

The qualification has allowed Heather to progress in to a Reporting Radiographer role at SFH, having previously been a Senior Radiographer. She added: “I am so glad that I have been given this opportunity, I’m looking forward to the step up and the challenge.”

Fodi Kyrikos, representing InHealth Reporting said: “This is an amazing recognition for Heather’s work and the dedication that she has put into the course. The award is not only recognition of her hard work, but it also recognises the support that has been given by her mentors and the team around her who have supported her to progress into this key role.”

### **General update**

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

- Reading the newly published NHS 10 year Long Term plan and understanding how the Trust strategy and the work with the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System will come together to reflect this.

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

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- The Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System Board.

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

- Continuing to visit the winners of the Staff Excellence Awards. This month I met up with those winners at Newark Hospital along with Diane Barsby in the postroom, Ward 51, consultant Steve Jones, the Breast Team and the Pharmacy dedicated ward project team.
- Taking part in a 15 Steps visit to Ward 34.
- Taking part in a Council of Governors forum.

### **Membership summary**

The Forum for Public Involvement group covered items including National Cancer Patient Experience Survey results 2017 and a presentation about the Trust’s SmokeFree Group.

In December our Governors held several ‘Meet Your Governor’ sessions across all three sites. Feedback whilst mainly positive consisted of some concerns including about some patients’ concerns not being listened to and charges for car parking (including disabled car parking).



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December's digital event was about our Medical Education department. This was sent out to our Foundation Trust members via Trust Matters, our monthly e-newsletter, and gave members an insight into the training provided to our future doctors.