

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	28 March 2019		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		Approval		
		Assurance	X	
		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"> • SFH Governor elections • SFH celebrates national apprenticeship week • Newark Hospital breast services appeal reaches half way point • Sherwood Forest Hospitals hero wins national award • Sherwood Forest Hospitals in the running for national awards • General update • Visit to Trust Teams and External Meetings • Membership summary 				

Chair Report – March 2019

SFH Governor Elections

The ballot to vote for our next set of Governors is now open, and members should have received their packs.

As a reminder the elections are to decide 13 public Governors for Ashfield, Derbyshire, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood and the Rest of East Midlands. In addition to this, volunteers at all three sites will elect two representatives whilst staff working at King's Mill, Mansfield Community and Newark Hospitals will select four representatives.

Voting will take place to decide four public Governors for Mansfield, four public Governors for Newark and Sherwood and two staff Governors for King's Mill Hospital and Mansfield Community Hospital. Uncontested constituencies are: two public Governors for Ashfield, two staff Governors for Newark Hospital, two public Governors for Derbyshire and one public Governor for the rest of the East Midlands. We did not have any nominations for volunteer Governors for either King's Mill and Mansfield Community Hospitals or Newark Hospital.

The voting closes on April 17 with the results of the election will be announced on Thursday 18 April.

Good luck to all those standing.

SFH celebrates National Apprenticeship Week

We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week this month by officially welcoming the first cohort of Health Care Support Workers who are studying for their Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship.

The group began their journey on the course in February, with the course being run in partnership with West Nottinghamshire College. The students are the first cohort of staff from Sherwood Forest Hospitals to undertake their Level 3 Apprenticeship.

The course has been designed to be a collaborative co-delivery method between SFH and West Nottingham College to develop close working relationships between the two organisations.

The college will be attending the hospital monthly to deliver the underpinning knowledge required for the course and assessors working at the hospital Trust will be providing expert witness testimonies to the college following observation of the learners' practice.

Learning and Development Team Leader, Debbie Morris said: “This is a brilliant opportunity for our Health Care Support Workers to progress in their roles whilst they are still working.

“We have worked in partnership with the college to ensure that the course is delivered to the required standards whilst also ensuring that it can be realistically completed whilst the students are still working. I look forward to supporting the students and seeing them develop throughout the year.”

The college’s Knowledge Specialist for Health, Marie Pitchford, said: “I’m both proud and excited to be part of this new venture with the hospital. I have met several times with the education team and I know that through the collaborative working plan that we have put together, the project will be a success.

“This apprenticeship will be a great opportunity for the health care support workers to further their knowledge base and receive a national qualification.”

Newark Hospital breast services appeal reaches half way point

Newark Hospital’s Breast Services Fundraising Appeal has reached its halfway point thanks to a generous donation from the Newark Hospital Volunteers.

Newark Hospital Volunteers managed to raise £2,500 thanks to a fundraising gift stall, bringing the grand total so far to a brilliant £20,000.

Charity Trustee Paul Robinson, who accepted the cheque on behalf of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity, said: “It is brilliant that we have managed to raise so much for the appeal in such a short space of time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and the general public for their continued help, support and generosity. This unit will really make a difference to the people of Newark and the surrounding areas, so I’m so pleased that the fundraising is going so well.”

The appeal is for a one-stop symptomatic breast clinic, which will be run at the Women’s Centre at Newark Hospital and will mean that patients who are referred by their GP for specialist opinion and assessment will be able to be seen at Newark Hospital. Patients will receive a consultation with a breast specialist clinician, have a mammogram, ultrasound scans and even a biopsy all taken on the same day, with results then expected within a few days.

The clinic will be partly funded by the Trust’s Charitable Funds. To find out more about the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and how to donate please visit <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/get-involved/our-charity/>

Sherwood Forest Hospitals hero wins national award

A member of our Nottinghamshire Health Informatics Service (NHIS) IT team has won a national 'Unsung Hero' Award.

NHIS Second Line Engineer, Pete Fox, won the 'Every Day Hero' award, which celebrates the hard work of non-medical NHS staff within four different disciplines including: Admin and Clerical, Ancillary, Corporate Functions and IT.

The IT Everyday Hero Award particularly recognises people who work in IT positions who have truly gone above and beyond their daily duties.

Pete said: "I was so surprised to win and I feel honoured to have been recognised by this award. I wasn't expecting to be nominated for an award, let alone win it, as to me I just get on and do my job and help people when they need it, but obviously people feel that I go above and beyond, which is quite humbling.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my nominator for thinking of me and taking the time to nominate me, as well as my skilled and knowledgeable colleagues, including those who are sadly no longer with us, who have made it possible for me to get this award. There are so many unsung heroes in the NHS, who I think sometimes, go unrecognised, and I'd like to dedicate this award to them too.

"It was brilliant to attend the awards night and accept the award."

The Unsung Hero Awards were split across 18 different awards across the categories, with the winners being announced at an awards ceremony held at The Hilton, Manchester on 1 March 2019.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals in the running for national awards

Two teams at Sherwood Forest Hospitals are celebrating after being shortlisted in the prestigious Health Service Journal (HSJ) Value Awards announced this month.

The awards celebrate the best examples of outstanding efficiency and improvement in NHS organisations nationwide, and especially reward projects that demonstrate improved value for money and clear improvements for patients.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals' Radiology Department is shortlisted in the Improving the Value of Diagnostic Services for their work in training and developing their own sonographers in response to a national challenge in recruiting to these roles. This has been successful in reducing the amount the Trust spends on agency staff and has improved patient experience.

The Trust's pre-op team meanwhile is in the running in the Surgical Services Initiative of the Year category for its work on reducing on the day surgical cancellations, which is saving the Trust money and improving usage of operating theatres. (This is the second award this project has been shortlisted for also being up for a British Medical Journal award).

Both teams will find out if they have been successful at an award ceremony in Manchester in May.

We're very proud of both of these great teams for being shortlisted for such prestigious awards - to be recognised nationally for the work we are doing is a real credit to everyone involved.

We all know that resources are under pressure for NHS organisations, which means we need to do things differently to offer better value, whilst also improving patient care. That is not always easy to do, but it's something that both of these teams have been very successful in achieving. We wish them all the best for the award ceremony.

General update

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

- Ensuring that we meet our end of year targets and where this is not possible that we get the best outcome.
- How we embed our new strategy once it is launched.

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- ICS Board.
- Attended the NHS Providers Network Event

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

- Attended a clinical leadership training day.
- Had a site walkaround with Andy Haynes.
- Attended a performance management framework audit.
- Council of Governors workshop.

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group and covered items including a presentation from the Patient Experience Team, a review of its Terms of Reference and a presentation on the latest National Maternity Survey Results

In February our Governors held several 'Meet Your Governor' sessions across all three sites. Feedback was mainly positive. There were some concerns at Newark Hospital about car parking, poor communication between Urgent Care Centre and GP reported to PALS with no response. Concerns at King's Mill Hospital consisted of an ED patient who needed to be re-admitted.

February's digital event was about Medical Records and Case Notes. This was sent out to our members via Trust Matters, giving members an insight into how the team contributes to the outstanding care we give to our patients and how important non-clinical staff is in the running of our hospitals.