

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chief Executive's Report	<b>Date:</b> 7 May 2020		
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<b>Presented By:</b>	Richard Mitchell, Chief Executive			
<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</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</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 Deputy Chief Executive's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall update</li> </ul>				

## **Chief Executive Report – May 2020**

### **Covid-19**

Our response to the Covid-19 pandemic remains the key focus at Sherwood, and we have four papers updating on this at Board.

We continue to care for patients with Covid at Sherwood, although at the time of writing we have thankfully seen a reduction in the numbers of inpatients, both on the wards and on ICU. I believe we have prepared well for the Covid virus and have managed and communicated our plans effectively.

We have followed national guidance and paused elective care at Sherwood but we are protecting cancer, emergency and urgent care, and we have put out some messaging to ensure patients continue to use services that are still running.

Whilst numbers have reduced we need to be clear we will continue to see Covid patients for some time. We are making good progress in the conversations about how we as a Trust and as a system recover, reform and reset.

We have not any issues accessing sufficient personal protective equipment, and we have been implementing testing for symptomatic colleagues. We are now testing all non-elective admissions into our hospitals, in line with national guidance. I am incredibly grateful for the efficient and calm response from Sherwood colleagues, as well as the support we have had from partner organisations and from the wider community which has been humbling.

### **CQC**

We have responded to the Care Quality Commission on the draft report we received in April. At the time of writing we are awaiting the final version of the report. We expect to be able to communicate the results in May and within the current pressures and restrictions, we will find an appropriate way to mark it with colleagues. We have much to be proud of.

### **Reflections on 2019/20**

At the first Board meeting in the new financial year, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect briefly on the last year. Whilst our focus has been on Covid-19 for the last eight weeks, there is a great deal else we should feel positive about over the last 12 months.

As referenced above, we had a positive assessment visit from the CQC where we were able to evidence further progress. We are very proud of our culture at Sherwood, and our staff engagement scores based on the NHS Staff Survey improved once. Our 2019 overall rating for staff engagement is in the top ten Acute Trusts nationally and for the second year running best in the Midlands. This is a huge achievement.

We have experienced very high levels of patient activity throughout the year, which we have managed well, but this has placed pressure on delivery of the four hour standard. However we have remained consistently in the top 20 Trusts in the country for four hour performance. We have also improved in terms of patient experience, quality and safety, and have not had any 52 waiters as of the end of March 2020.

I believe we have further strengthened our leadership team in 2019/20, and we continue to play a leading role in the Mid Notts Integrated Care Partnership. A number of our senior colleagues have dual roles within our ICS and in other regional / national bodies.

Financially we have remained stable and met our annual control total for the fourth successive year.

One of the ways in which our overall progress was measured was in our shortlisting for the HSJ Trust of the Year Award in 2019 and us placing third.

We know we still have more to do, and certainly events of the last few weeks will materially change healthcare in the short and long term. I would like to officially record my thanks to all of our colleagues and system partners who have contributed to another successful year at Sherwood.