

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	2 July 2020		
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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 promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
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"> • Covid-19 • Sherwood Forest Hospitals' annual baby remembrance service • SFH Doctors Awards • Volunteers Week • Digital Strategy • Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM • Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings • Membership summary 				

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Covid-19

Covid-19 continues to take up much of the Board's time as well as the Trust as a whole, and it will be discussed in more detail elsewhere in the meeting. The Board in particular is actively thinking about the impact of the decisions the Trust has had to make on patients who may not have had their treatment in recent months as a result of changing activity, and how we continue to support them.

We are also conscious of the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME individuals and will continue to help lead the Trust in how we make sure BAME colleagues and patients are supported at this time.

I would like than again everyone involved in the response to Covid -19 both from within SFH and from our partners. We know that the number of patients we have at the moment has reduced, but ongoing work to restore and reform services continues to be very complicated, whilst continuing to manage the ongoing Covid situation.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals' annual baby remembrance service

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Sherwood Forest Hospitals' annual baby memorial service will be streamed online on Thursday 16 July.

The service will include a selection of poems, readings and prayers. Also, as done in previous memorial services, members of the Chaplaincy Team will release white doves as a mark of remembrance.

We hope that the service will be as meaningful and supportive to you and your families as possible, particularly during this challenging time. This year's virtual service will be a safe place for bereaved families to remember their babies together, and will be a comfort and virtual support network for families who would usually connect face-to-face during the service. We hope that we can hold our usual service in the Faith Centre and remember the babies together later in the year.

SFH Doctors Awards

For the first time this month SFH is holding an award ceremony recognising our Doctors. Our first ever Doctor's Awards have been launched to celebrate clinicians who go above and beyond the call of duty and who have made a positive impact on our services, patients, visitors and colleagues.

Nominations have been made in six categories

- The Excellence in Clinical Leadership Award
- The Excellence in Medical Education Award
- The Inspirational Senior Award
- The Commitment to Collaborative and Considerate Working Award

- The Extra Mile Award
- The QI/Research Award

As with other events we are having to hold the awards virtually rather than in person. By the time of Board the event will have taken place, and I would like to congratulate all of those nominated and who won an award.

Volunteers Week

Volunteers' Week took place in June, and whilst we couldn't celebrate it how we would normally, I would like to thank and recognise the contribution our 600+ volunteers make on life at Sherwood day in day out. This month it has been great to see that some of our volunteers have been able to return to work, and that the catering outlets have been re-opening.

Digital Strategy

I am very pleased to see that we have launched the Trust's new Digital Strategy; Informed decisions and digitally connected care following a prolonged period of development and engagement with clinical and non-clinical colleagues and key partners. Ways of working introduced as part of the response to Covid-19 have only strengthened the need to implement the priorities discussed in the strategy document. The objectives are to:

- Deliver EPR
- Connect digitally with patients and partners
- Support our colleagues
- Unleash information for insight
- Improve our digital infrastructure

You can read a summary of the strategy [here](#), and the full version on our website [here](#).

Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM

As an early date for your diary, the Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM will take place on Monday 26 September. We will be making the session available to join virtually, and will share more details in the coming months.

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I am continuing to meet internally and externally, wherever possible virtually and have attended a number of meetings including:

- NED 121s
- Consultant Interviews
- National ICS and STP Independent Chairs meetings
- NHSIE Covid-19 meeting for Chairs
- Board development session

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group meeting was held virtually on Monday 1 June, and we have plans for further virtual meetings in the future. We have also paused the Meet your Governor sessions at this time, and are working with our governors to help restore how we reconnect with our members and the wider public.

Membership numbers

Number of public members: 15,314

Number of staff members: 6,289

Total: 21,603