

Council of Governors Meeting - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive's Report	Date: 28 September 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	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				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items from the Chief Executive's perspective.				

Chief Executive Report – September 2020

Due to the rapidly changing situation, I will provide a detailed verbal update to COG on **Covid-19**. You will be aware the infection rate across the country is rising and we are planning for a second Covid-19 surge at Sherwood whilst also focussing on restoring services.

We understand this is a confusing and worrying time for patients and we have shared information about what it is like to visit our hospitals. The poster attached as Appendix A is part of this. On Wednesday 26 August, Julie Hogg (Chief Nurse), Dave Selwyn (Medical Director) and I took part in a live public broadcast and Q&A to explain how we are restoring services and what it is like to return to our hospitals. [You can watch a recording of the session here](#). We are holding a follow up to this as part of the Broadcast for the Trust's Annual General Meeting, and we will continue to regularly communicate with the public.

You will be aware we received a letter detailing the expectations on the third phase of the NHS response to Covid. The letter covers points about cancer services, elective and diagnostic access, emergency care, winter, capacity and emergency planning. Three key points within the letter are:

- Accelerating the return to near-normal levels of non-Covid health services, making full use of the capacity available in the 'window of opportunity' between now and winter
- Preparation for winter demand pressures, alongside continuing vigilance in the light of further probable Covid spikes locally and possibly nationally
- Doing the above in a way that takes account of lessons learned during the first Covid peak; locks in beneficial changes; and explicitly tackles fundamental challenges including: support for our colleagues, and action on inequalities and prevention.

There is clear national guidance on expectations for reintroducing services, and in general, at Sherwood, we are doing well. There are 23 acute providers in the Midlands and we are:

- 1/23 for the reintroduction of cancer services,
- 2/23 for restarting elective admissions,
- 6/23 for restarting outpatient news,
- 7/23 for restarting day-case care,
- 12/23 for restarting outpatient follow ups.

The timeliness of emergency care at Sherwood remains the best in the Midlands.

I would like to draw attention to the progress with cancer services and emergency care because these are likely to be some of the riskiest patients we care for and we have also made progress with the number of patients waiting over 52 weeks for elective care. The other service which is of particularly high importance to NHSI is the restarting of elective admissions.

Despite the positive progress, some patients are now waiting longer for their treatment than they would have eight months ago. I am sorry for this and we do have further plans to improve access to our services. I would like to thank all Sherwood colleagues and partner organisations for the progress we have made so

far though. I do recognise how tired colleagues are and the coming months and winter are going to be a challenge for all of us.

We have received the updated **NHS People Plan** which provides strong, clear messages from NHS leaders and colleagues on what matters most, underpinned by a new 'Our NHS People Promise'. We welcome the report and its contents, including the focus on colleague wellbeing and on tackling inequality. Emma Challans, Director of Culture and Improvement and Rob Simcox, Deputy Director of HR, wrote to colleagues explaining our approach to the plan, [which you can read here](#).

I am delighted to report that we have re-introduced **elective orthopaedic surgery** to Newark Hospital for the first time since 2013. Patients are now able to have a range of operations at Newark including; hip replacements, knee replacements, treatments for joints and other orthopaedic procedures. This is positive news for patients and I would like to thank the colleagues who have made this possible.

Finally, I am pleased we are able to hold our annual **Staff Excellence Awards** this year, although inevitably the event itself will be different to normal. Clearly this year has been an extraordinary year and it is important we celebrate and recognise the many colleagues and teams who have gone above and beyond in delivering outstanding patient care and services over the last year. We have had more than 500 nominations for this year's awards, which is fantastic. I am writing to every team and individual nominated to thank and congratulate them. I look forward to seeing the shortlist.



WELCOME BACK TO SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS

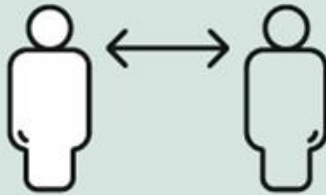
We have put a lot of measures in place to help keep you safe;



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or mask when you enter
our hospitals



Please use hand sanitiser
and wash your hands
throughout your visit



Please respect social distancing
and use your common sense



Please respect our teams
they are just following the
rules to keep us all safe



If you are here for an outpatients appointment
please attend on your own if possible



Be kind to each other
and together we will
make this work



Best NHS Acute Trust in the Midlands (2018 and 2019 NHS Staff Survey) ★ CQC Outstanding hospital (King's Mill)