

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chief Executive's Report	<b>Date:</b> 1 October 2020		
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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</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 Chief Executive's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19</li> <li>• Staff Excellence Awards</li> <li>• Newark elective surgery</li> <li>• AGM</li> <li>• Next month at Sherwood (annual staff survey)</li> </ul>				

## Chief Executive Report – September 2020

### Covid 19

I will provide a verbal update in Board to complement the Recovery Committee Update.

We are now in October and our Winter Plan is at Board today for approval. We know winter is a challenging time and this year we also have Covid-19 in our hospitals and communities. We have been reflecting on how we approach the next six months and we have developed three key principles we believe will support the delivery of the best possible winter at Sherwood and across Mid Notts:

1. Safe patient care
2. Look after each other and yourself
3. Be proud.

I am aware the growing Covid rates will be a concern for us, both in our personal and professional life. At Sherwood we will continue to do all we can to support our colleagues on their individual journeys over the next six months.

This week we have started to share some small tokens of thanks and recognition to all colleagues to reflect on their contributions in the last year.

We have recently rolled out our annual seasonal flu vaccination for staff, and it is remarkable that more than 1,000 colleagues have been vaccinated within the first three days. It is vital as many colleagues as possible choose to have the vaccination this year to help keep themselves, their family and patients healthy, and to help us maintain services through the winter months.

We were delighted to be asked by the University of Nottingham to support them develop their in house testing service specifically designed to tackle asymptomatic transmission amongst students and staff. We recognise how closely intertwined public services are across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and the safe return of students in Nottingham will be of benefit to us all.

### Staff Excellence Awards

A huge thanks to everyone who nominated a colleague or a team for this year's Staff Excellence Awards. We had well over 500 nominations which was fantastic and I have written a personal letter to each nominee congratulate them. 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. This year's event will be run online. The shortlist will be announced shortly – good luck to all those involved.

### Newark elective surgery

I referenced this verbally in September's Board, but I also wanted to officially include here that we are delighted to 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 very positive news for patients and I would like to thank the colleagues who have made this possible.

As part of this new provision, we have been able to report on the first patient to receive a total hip replacement at Newark Hospital and be discharged back to her home safely on the same day earlier in September.

The Total Hip Replacement at Newark Hospital took place on Monday 21 September and Orthopaedic Consultant Bala Srinivasan said: “It is brilliant we are able to provide this service for patients at Newark Hospital. It has taken a lot of planning, time and effort from the teams involved, but the fact we are now able to offer hip replacements via the day case unit (Minster Ward) at Newark Hospital is fantastic.

“Being able to deliver this enhanced recovery pathway for our patients is fantastic and is not possible without the entire team. It is of real benefit to our patients as it gets them mobile and back in their own environment as soon as possible, which studies have shown significantly helps improve recovery times for patients. I would like to thank all the teams involved at Newark for making this service possible for our patients.”

Suzanne Tazyman was the first patient to have a Total Hip replacement and be home the same day at Newark through this new service, she said: “It was brilliant that I could come in and be home on the same day, in fact, I was there for less than a 12 hours. I came into the hospital at 7am, was in theatre at 9am and I was up and having physiotherapy by 1pm and then even doing stairs by 4pm, then I went home around 5:45pm.

“To have such a quick turnaround was fantastic, as I know people recover better at home. Everyone was so nice and helpful and everything was explained to me fully, I’d like to thank everyone involved in my care for being so kind and encouraging. I’ve known since March that I needed the operation, but then it got delayed due to the pandemic, however, it has only taken two weeks since the hospital first called me to tell me that operations had started again to getting in and having the operation carried out, which is brilliant. I’m now recovering at home and doing my exercises when I can, so I’m also hoping for a quick recovery.”

## **AGM**

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday 28 September, and presented our annual report and accounts. My thanks to everyone involved, and who joined us or asked questions.

We also used the opportunity to hold a second public Covid question and answer session to listen to our community. We will be sharing a link to the recording of both through our communications channels, so please take the time to watch them back. We will continue to hold regular broadcasts directly with our community throughout the winter.

## **Next month at Sherwood**

We are launching the Annual Staff Survey on 5 October, and will be encouraging all colleagues to take the time to have their say. We will also be sharing what practical and positive changes we have made as an organisation as a result of last year’s survey. I understand that colleagues are extremely busy, but taking the opportunity to have your voice heard really does help us continue to improve as an organisation.

During October, we will start implementing elements of our winter plan.