

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	5 November 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				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.				

Chair's Report – November 2020

Chair's reflections

Everyone will be aware of the increasing pressure on NHS services since our last Board meeting. We are now in a second surge of Covid and our hospitals have been treating increasing numbers of patients. The local infection and hospitalisation rates have led to Tier 3 (very high) restrictions being put into place in all parts of Nottinghamshire from Friday 30 October.

We have confidence that the Trust and our community will respond to these measures appropriately, but we fully understand that this will be a real challenge for everyone in their personal and professional lives after a long and hard year. We will get through this period together, but we would ask everyone to keep looking after themselves and each other. The Board regularly focuses on what we are doing to look after the wellbeing of Sherwood colleagues and we will continue to provide that challenge.

We recognise how hard colleagues are continuing to work, and we thank them for everything they are doing. I wrote to all SFH colleagues and volunteers at the end of October on behalf of the Board expressing our gratitude for everything they are doing and to offer our support. [You can see a copy of that letter here.](#)

Colleagues may have seen national conversations about a possible Covid vaccination programme. There isn't anything that we can update on here, but we will continue to support any activity as appropriate.

As we enter into winter, I think we are well prepared, but appreciate it will not be easy. Myself and the other Board members have not been as visible as we would normally be this year for obvious reasons, but we are looking at how we can make our presence felt more in the organisation, and I am available for anyone who wants to contact me.

We want to keep recognising the fantastic care and the many successes in the organisation as well, and I'm really pleased that our Annual Staff Excellence Awards are taking place tomorrow (Friday 6 November). We are having to run them virtually this year, but I understand there are plans in place to make the event as interactive and rewarding as possible. My thanks to everyone involved in pulling this together.

I would also like to express thanks for all colleagues who have taken part in the flu vaccination programme, and who have taken the time to have their say in the annual staff survey. We have had a very good response to both, particularly bearing in mind everything else that is happening this afternoon.

I was also pleased to watch the Trust's Public Broadcast and Question and Answer session on the evening of Wednesday 28 October, and was pleased that we also had representation from the Integrated Care System and from Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on the evening.

Finally, thanks to all of our members who voted in the recent Governor elections for a number of our constituencies. At the time of writing the results have not been announced, but I look forward to working with our new Governors.

Thanks again to all of our colleagues and partners for everything that you are doing.

Black History Month

Throughout October, the Trust has been celebrating Black History Month, alongside a number of our local partner organisations. As with many other things this year the way we have marked this important event has changed, but my thanks to all colleagues who have taken part or told their stories. The month long celebrations culminated in a virtual event on Thursday 29 October with a virtual Black History Month conference held with our system partners.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals announces staff awards shortlist

The final shortlist for this year's Sherwood Forest Hospitals Staff Excellence Awards has been announced.

More than 500 nominations were received from staff, patients and visitors, for both teams and individuals, in a number of categories, including two special categories for patients to nominate in.

The People's Award and the COVID-19 People's Award was open to patients, visitors and the public to nominate a member of staff or a team that they feel has gone above and beyond during their care or the care of a loved one at King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital or Newark Hospital during the last year.

Winners will be announced at an online awards ceremony on the evening of Friday 6 November. This will be broadcast live on our website and YouTube channel.

The shortlist is as follows:

COVID-19 Nursing Award (Team)

ITU Team
Operating Department Practitioners
Swab Team

COVID-19 Doctor and Consultant Award (Team)

Anaesthetics Team
Critical Care

COVID-19 Specialist Healthcare Award (Team)

A&E Domestics
Microbiology
Occupational Health

COVID-19 Non-clinical Award (Team)

Critical Care Domestics
HR Team
Procurement

COVID-19 Non-clinical Award (Individual)

Bob Truswell (Strategic Head of Procurement)
Chris Williams (Therapy Operational Team Lead)
Tara Unwin-Gibson (Linen Room Coordinator)

COVID-19 Clinical Award (Individual)

Tom Bell (Senior Pharmacist for Surgery and Critical Care)
Dr Irena Guzik (Consultant Anaesthetist)
Paula Evans (Matron -Nosocomial Infection)

The People's COVID-19 Award

Deborah Knight (Team Leader - ITU)
Emergency Department
Rachel Parker (Trauma Co-ordinator)

The People's Award

June Morley (Macmillan Nurse)
NICU
Specialist Diabetes Antenatal Team

Volunteer of the Year Award

Nadia Whitworth (Vice Chair and Secretary - Friends of Newark Hospital)
Ward 25 Volunteers

Fundraiser of the Year Award

Julie Dennis (FM Performance and Quality Manager)
Justin Wyatt (Charge Nurse - Ward 43)
Ward 11

Chris McFarlane Award for Training

Dr Irena Guzik (Consultant Anaesthetist)
Sarah Limb (Ward Sister - Paediatrics)
Support Sonographers

Sean Lyons' Cup for Most Improved Team

Endoscopy
Rota Coordinators
Service Improvement Team

Clinical Rising Star

Chloe Orme (Deputy PACs Manager - Radiology)
Holly Beacroft (Intensive Care Nurse)
Jon Overton (Lead Nurse - IDAT)

Non-clinical Rising Star

Ashanti Shand (Administrative Apprentice - NHIS)
Joanne Davies (Associate Operations Manager)
Keir Scarlett (Leadership Trainer)

Clinical Star of the Year

Craig Gunton-Day (Specialist Nurse - IDAT)
Emma Fitzpatrick (FY3 Junior Doctor)
Kevin Hewes (HCA - Emergency Department)

Non-clinical Star of the Year

Sharon Green and Mandy Clay (House Keepers - EAU)
Tyler Leeds (Administrative Assistant - Resuscitation Services)

Healthier Communities Award

Rebecca Barker and Danielle Woods (Consultant and Theatre Recovery Team Leader)
Robin Bolt (Senior Solutions Developer - NHIS)
WHSmith and Costa at King's Mill Hospital

Community Partner Award

Morrisons
Stagecoach
St John's Ambulance

Non-clinical Services Team of the Year

Finance Team
Mattress Decontamination Team
Occupational Health

Clinical Services Team of the Year

Day Case
Operating Department Practitioners
Radiology

Latest Consultant Recruits

We are pleased that our recruitment continues to perform well in a very competitive market. In the last month we have been delighted to welcome the following Consultants who have been appointed to Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

- Anne Richardson, Consultant Paediatrician
- Jessica Slater, Consultant in Community Paediatrics

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:

- Council of Governors
- Recovery Committee
- Meeting with Chairs of partner organisations
- Chairs and CEOs networking
- NHS Providers, regional Chairs update on Covid-19
- Consultant interviews
- Board of Directors workshop

Governors

We held the latest Governor forum on Tuesday 20 October, and held the latest Governor Membership and Engagement Committee earlier in the month. My thanks to our Governors who continue to represent their constituencies in challenging circumstances.

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group meeting was held virtually on Monday 5 October 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