

**Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet**

<b>Subject:</b>	Acting Chair's report	<b>Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August 24		
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<b>Approved By:</b>	Graham Ward, Acting Chair				
<b>Presented By:</b>	Graham Ward, Acting Chair				
<b>Purpose</b>					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Acting Chair's perspective.				<b>Approval</b>	
				<b>Assurance</b>	
				<b>Update</b>	Y
				<b>Consider</b>	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	Improve health and wellbeing within our communities	Continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estates	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Principal Risk</b>					
<b>PR1</b>	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care				
<b>PR2</b>	Demand that overwhelms capacity				
<b>PR3</b>	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability				
<b>PR4</b>	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy				
<b>PR5</b>	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation				
<b>PR6</b>	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits				
<b>PR7</b>	Major disruptive incident				
<b>PR8</b>	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>					
None					
<b>Acronyms</b>					
ADHD = Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder CEO = Chief Executive Officer ICB = Integrated Care Board ICS = Integrated Care System					
<b>Executive Summary</b>					
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## Meetings with other Chairs across the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System

As part of my induction into my new role as the Trust's Acting Chair, I have been meeting with Chairs and other key stakeholders from across the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS).

Those meetings have been a vital part of strengthening the Trust's relationships across the local health and care system, as part of the commitment to work collaboratively with partners in the community that is woven into our five-year Trust Strategy.

During June and July, I have held meetings with:

- Nick Carver (Chair, Nottingham University Hospitals)
- Amanda Sullivan (CEO Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB)
- Dale Bywater (Regional Director)
- Kathy McLean (Chair Nottingham & Nottinghamshire/Derby ICB)
- Suzy Brain-England (Chair, Doncaster & Bassetlaw)
- Sabrina Taylor (CEO, Healthwatch)
- Mahmud Nawaz (Chair, Chesterfield Royal Hospitals)
- Paul Devlin (Chair, Nottinghamshire Healthcare)

We have also enjoyed our most recent catch-up with colleagues from Newark and Sherwood District Council, where it has been great to see their focus on improving the health of their local population continuing. I also attended the Midlands Chairs Monthly Update Call.

I look forward to continuing those meetings to further strengthen those relationships over the coming weeks and months.

## Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

July was another busy month for the Trust's Community Involvement team, both in how they encouraged financial donations to be made via our Trust Charity and through the thousands of hours that continue to be committed to support the Trust by our volunteers across our hospitals.

In July alone, 379 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,600 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 35 services they supported during the month.

Notable events from the Trust's Community Involvement team, our Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and our team of Trust volunteers over the past month have included:

- Our fundraising partners, the Friends of Newark Hospital, have provided funding to two schemes at Newark Hospital over the past month.

Their first donation contributed to improvements to our Teledermatology service, which aims to provide a much faster diagnosis for patients with suspected skin cancer. That



New recliner chairs are presented to the Medical Day Case Ward at Newark Hospital

funding has provided the service with patient seating and desks for the medical photographers who help run the service.

In addition, six recliner chairs have been provided to the Medical Day Case Unit at Newark Hospital to give patients extra comfort while receiving their treatment.

We are so grateful for their support in making improvements to our services.

- The Trust has welcomed eight new volunteers to the Trust during July, including Vaishali. Vaishali joined us as a volunteer at Newark Hospital to gain experience of hospital life to support her application to study medicine or biochemistry.

We wish Vaishali and all our new volunteers a very warm welcome to #TeamSFH.

- Colleagues on Ward 25, the children's ward at King's Mill Hospital, recently received a donation from a kind-hearted 11-year-old called Sam Jones.

Sam has made it his mission to donate to 11 worthy charities in 11 months in memory of his dad, Tom Jones, who passed away from cancer in 2021.

Naming his fundraising efforts Sam's 11:11, Sam has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and his mum, Nicola Jones, described this project a great way to focus his energy into something positive.

The project started with a sweet stall in his front garden, when he decided he wanted to donate money to cancer research. It has since grown to the 11:11 project, where he committed to donating money to a different charity of his choosing each month.

So far, he has raised over £9,000 in ten months, including a donation of £920 to the Children's Ward at King's Mill Hospital via the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity.

Those vital funds have been used to purchase a large amount of toys for the ward and craft materials for teenage mental health patients to be used as part of their therapy. Sam also gained a donation of books from *The Works*, which was gifted to the unit.

The generous 11-year-old specified that £100 of the donation went to staff on the unit and this has been used to buy lots of lovely things for the staff room, such as new Tupperware and coffee pods for the coffee machine.

Sam is such an inspirational young man and his donation will make such a big difference to young people staying on the ward and the staff who provide the vital care there.



**Vaishali has joined the Trust's team of dedicated at Newark Hospitals during July**



**Sam Jones receives a certificate recognising his donations to Ward 25**

- We have also shared our grateful thanks to Judith, Angela and other members of the Newark Sewing Group (pictured below) who have kindly donated a large number of mastectomy cushions to provide patient comfort following surgery.



- David, one of the Trust's volunteers, was very happy to receive his 15-year long service award from Karen Meikle during July, pictured right.

David is a constant support to our buggy and way-finder services, where he has proven himself to be totally committed to providing good care for our patients and visitors.

We thank him for his continued outstanding service.

- The Theatres department at King's Mill Hospital was delighted to receive a Sound Ear Pro device, which was funded by the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity during the month.

The equipment is used to detect noise levels in the area and help keep the recovery area a calm and peaceful environment for patients recovering from surgery.



This is just the latest example of the life-changing difference that the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity makes to improving patient and colleague experience here at Sherwood. We are grateful to them for their continued support.

### Other notable engagements:

- I have taken part in my latest walkaround of the Trust alongside Roz Norman, the Trust's Staff Side representative. During that engagement, we visited the mattress sterilising, catering and medical engineering teams. I am grateful to everyone who welcomed us during our visits.
- During July, I also visited our Research and Innovation team who showed-off their brilliant work which includes designing the layout for the forthcoming ward area with beds and seating areas to help them to conduct more research within ward environments.