

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's report		<b>Date:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023		
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<b>Approved By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair				
<b>Presented By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair				
<b>Purpose</b>					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.		<b>Approval</b>			
		<b>Assurance</b>	Y		
		<b>Update</b>	Y		
		<b>Consider</b>			
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Principal Risk</b>					
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care				
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity				
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability				
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy				
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation				
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits				
PR7	Major disruptive incident				
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>					
Not applicable					
<b>Acronyms</b>					
ATTFE = Academy Transformation Trust Further Education SFH = Sherwood Forest Hospitals					
<b>Executive Summary</b>					
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## Membership and governor updates

### Lead Governor Sue Holmes departs after serving her maximum tenure

As Sue Holmes's time as Lead Governor at Sherwood Forest Hospitals comes to an end, I wanted to share a message of thanks and appreciation for her brilliant service over nine years representing the views of our local communities.

Sue first joined the Trust's Council of Governors as Public Governor in 2014.

Since then, she has served the Trust's thousands of Trust members, patients and colleagues with pride and distinction, making an immeasurable difference in ensuring their voices are heard in the running of their local hospitals.

Her work and leadership has been essential to Sherwood Forest Hospitals navigating the huge difficulties it once faced to becoming the organisation we now know and are so proud of today.

We are grateful to Sue for the part she has played in making great patient care happen here at Sherwood, both during her time as a Public Governor and having also served for more than seven years as the Trust's Lead Governor.



Sue leaves her post with the very best wishes of our Board of Directors – and I am delighted to report she will be continuing to help with the running of her local hospitals, after agreeing to sign-up as one of the Trust's volunteers!

### Changes to the Trust's Council of Governors

As a result of Sue Holmes leaving the Trust, there are a number of changes to the Trust's Council of Governors to update the Board of Directors about.

Following approval by the Council of Governors, Liz Barrett – a serving public governor in our Rest of East Midlands constituency – has been appointed to succeed Sue Holmes as the Trust's Lead Governor. Liz will take-up this post on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Liz is a proud resident of Ashfield and is committed to raising aspirations within the local community, along with creating opportunities and improving quality of life. Liz is Principal of the local ATTFE College and has been a great supporter for getting more young people involved in our Trust and in feeding back on our services. We are very much looking forward to Liz picking-up Sue Holmes's great work.

Dean Wilson, who was appointed as a 'governor elect' following our most recent election in July, will now take his place on the Trust's Council of Governors. His appointment maintains our full complement of 10 governors in our Rest of East Midlands constituency.

Unfortunately, October did see one of our public governors in our Newark public constituency, Karen Nadin, resign her position. That post will remain vacant on our Council of Governors until our next election at a date to be confirmed.

You can find full details of all our Trust governors on the Sherwood Forest Hospitals website here: <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/our-council-of-governors/>

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

October was another busy month for our 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 October alone, 370 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,142 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 34 services they have supported during the month.

During the month, a new volunteer role has been piloted at Newark Hospital supporting staff and patients in the cardiac rehabilitation gym. Volunteers have also been deployed at King's Mill and Newark Hospitals to assist with PLACE and meal audits.

Other notable developments from our brilliant Community Involvement team and our volunteers during the month include:

- The SFH Charity has recently purchased two therapy chairs for patient use in Clinic 10, which will make a huge difference to our Therapy Services team.
- King's Mill Hospital volunteers have funded a new radio for the Endoscopy female waiting area
- Four 'baby bouncers' have been purchased for use on our Ward 25 Paediatric Ward, utilising generous donations to charitable funds

We remain so grateful to everyone who has given their time, money and support in other ways to support the Trust and our hard-working colleagues over the past month.

### Other notable engagements:

- Local partnership meetings have been ongoing with all of our local district councils, recognising the importance that Sherwood Forest Hospitals plays as a local anchor organisation in helping to work together with other organisations locally to improve health and wellbeing and attract national funding to support that important agenda.
- Meeting with other Chairs across Nottinghamshire's NHS
- Attending the Health and Care Awards in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS
- Visiting Barlborough Clinic to see how some of our patients receive treatment through our relationship with external partners.