

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Acting Chair's report	Date:	5 th Sept 2024		
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Approved By:	Graham Ward, Acting Chair				
Presented By:	Graham Ward, Acting Chair				
Purpose					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Acting Chair's perspective.				Approval	
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Strategic Objectives					
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
Principal Risk					
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				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before					
None					
Acronyms					
ICB = Integrated Care Board NHIS = Nottinghamshire Healthcare Informatics Service NUH = Nottingham University Hospitals					
Executive Summary					
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Sherwood Forest Hospitals prepares to celebrate Trust colleagues at annual *Excellence Awards*

Everyone at Sherwood Forest Hospitals is counting down to the Trust's staff *Excellence Awards* in September.

The awards are the Trust's single greatest opportunity to recognise colleagues who have gone over-and-above in their roles to make great patient care and 'improve lives' across our hospitals over the past year.

The Trust has received over 500 nominations for this year's awards, which just shows how appreciated our Trust colleagues' work is by their Trust colleagues, the organisations we work with, and the patients and communities we serve.

Crucially, the event is entirely funded by our sponsors who make generous donations to enable the Trust to make this celebration happen, while allowing the organisation to focus its resources on frontline patient care. This year's sponsors are Managed Healthcare Services, Kier and the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and we are so grateful to them all for making this celebration possible.

I look forward to joining those celebrations with Trust colleagues at the event, which is due to take place on Thursday 12th September 2024.

Recruitment of new Non-Executive Directors to the Trust Board

The Trust is currently looking to recruit two new Non-Executive Directors to the Trust Board of Directors, following approval to appoint to these two important posts at the Trust's August meeting of its Council of Governors.

The first vacancy has arisen following my appointment to the role of Acting Chair, with this vacancy to have a financial focus.

The second will be to recruit an Associate Non-Executive Director with a specific focus on research and innovation – another key area for the Trust over the coming months.

Recruitment for both these roles is due to begin in September 2024, with both roles to be advertised externally. The recruitment for both roles is a governor-led process.

Community Involvement updates

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

August 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 August alone, 382 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,650 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 33 services they have supported during the month.

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

- The Trust was grateful to receive a donation of £7,250 from the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity. Pictured right.

That donation has been used to purchase a bladder scanner at a cost to enable faster response times and improved patient experience on the unit.



- A generous donation of £1,505 was made to the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity during the month to the Trust's Gynaecology department at King's Mill Hospital from Shape Fitness. That money was raised by clients doing squats and a "plank" every day through March.
- We were delighted to wave-off fundraiser Jane and her family, who are embarking on a walk from King's Mill to Nottingham City Hospital via Hopewood House to raise funds for all three hospital charities. We are looking forward to hearing how much they have raised – and welcoming them back for an official presentation.
- The team were delighted to celebrate with our young volunteers who have secured great results in their GCSE's.

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.

Trust approves schemes to benefit from volunteers' funding in latest Dragons' Den panels

The Community Involvement Department received a record number of applications for service improvement projects under £5,000, which are raised by funds from the wonderful King's Mill Hospital Volunteers from profits raised in the Daffodil Café and other fundraising stalls.

The process helps to utilise funds raised from charity efforts to ensure that precious Trust resources can remain focused on frontline patient care.

The panel were delighted with the number of responses and the passion and enthusiasm shown by those who came to present. Of the 28 applications received, funding has been approved for 13 projects with a total value of around £50,000.



A further eight bids will be supported by the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity, with support given to all successful applicants to navigate the finance and procurement process.

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Other notable engagements:

A number of meetings have been undertaken in the month as part of my role as Acting Chair. Those meetings include:

- Joining the Trust's Acting Chief Executive to meet with Sabrina Taylor, the Chief Executive of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Healthwatch
- Meeting with Caroline Shaw as the Chief Executive of an organisation called Evergreen Life to explore how the Trust can make better use of the NHS app to further enhance the patient care it provides.
- Undertaking my latest '15 Steps' walkaround with the Trust's staff-side lead, Roz Norman, at the Trust's Nottinghamshire Healthcare Informatics Service (NHIS) and to visit the Corporate Planned Care Team.
- Conducting our latest 'Board to Board' meeting with members of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- A monthly update meeting with NHS England's regional director for the Midlands, Dale Bywater.
- Meeting with Mansfield District Council to further the Trust's place-based work with the Council.
- Quarterly meeting with other Trust Chairs from Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) and Nottinghamshire Healthcare, where we were delighted to host them at King's Mill Hospital for our latest meeting.