

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

<b>Subject:</b>	Acting Chair's report		<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Rich Brown, Head of Communication				
<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>	Y
<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>	Insufficient financial resources available to support the delivery of services				
<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>					
None					
<b>Executive Summary</b>					
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## Recruitment to the Trust's Board of Directors

### Non-Executive Directors recruitment update

Further to my update provided to the Trust's Board of Directors last month, our efforts are ongoing to recruit to a number of vacancies on the Trust's Board, as the Trust looks to appoint two Non-Executive Directors and one Associate Non-Executive Director.

As a reminder, the three roles we are looking to recruit to are:

- One financially qualified Non-Executive Director with Board-level strategic financial leadership experience, drawn from a track record working in complex highly regulated sector(s). The successful candidate will be able to join the Audit and Assurance Committee or Finance Committee and be a part of the committee chair succession planning.
- One clinically qualified Non-Executive Director with extensive experience in primary care, secondary care, public health or social care to join the Quality Committee.
- One Associate Non-Executive Director, with a focus on research and innovation, recognising the important role that these fields play in making great care happen here at Sherwood.

Recruitment is ongoing for each role, with the Trust having received considerable interest for all the roles.

Shortlist interviews for each role are due to take place in mid-December and I will, of course, keep the Trust's Board apprised of the latest developments concerning these important appointments.

## Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and volunteering update

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

November 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 November alone, 381 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,500 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:

- Congratulating our Community Involvement Co-ordinator, Joy Wilson, on celebrating 20 years of service. Joy is a cornerstone of our Community Involvement Team, where she continues to play a vital role in supporting our Trust volunteers and other colleagues. We are grateful to her for her continued service to the Trust and the communities we serve.



- The Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity has purchased outdoor play equipment costing £5,900 for the newly-refurbished outdoor play area at the Trust's Little Millers Day Nursery at King's Mill Hospital.

Funding has been provided from donations specifically supporting staff wellbeing.

- Members of St Giles Church, Balderton donated a number of beautifully knitted blankets that will be used by patients on our wards at Newark Hospital who need that extra little bit of comfort during their stay in our hospitals.
- We celebrated volunteer, Nora, reaching an important milestone, as she celebrated 15 years as a volunteer with the Trust.

Nora is pictured receiving her long service long service award from Joy Wilson from our Community Involvement Team.



**Volunteer Nora receives her 15 year's long service certificate**

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.

## Welcoming players and officials from Mansfield Town Football Club for Prematurity Day



During the month, we supported the Neonatal Unit by raising awareness around Prematurity Day, which took place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. As part of the team's celebrations, Mansfield Town Football Club visited the unit to help raise awareness of the day.

The Trust welcomed members of Mansfield Town Football Club, including Manager, Nigel Clough, and Captain, Aden Flint, who came to see our World Prematurity Day stand and donate gifts to our raffle.

During the day, they visited the Neonatal Unit at King's Mill Hospital and spoke with members of the team and to parents of children on the unit.

The Club also provided donations for the raffle, which raised over £2,000 for the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity. That vital funding will be ring-fenced for spending on future Neonatal services.

### Other notable engagements:

Other notable engagements from over the past month to update the Trust's Board of Directors about include:

- We held our quarterly catch-up meetings with Ashfield District Council and Mansfield District Council, where we shared general updates and continued our conversations to encourage closer working.
- I met with the Trust's former Chief Executive, Jeff Worrall, to welcome him into his new role as Chair of East Midlands Ambulance Service.

- I held my quarterly Chairs' meeting with Nick Carver from Nottingham University Hospitals and Paul Devlin from Nottinghamshire Healthcare, which we agreed to extend to include Jeff Worrall from East Midlands Ambulance Service in the future.
- I took part in the monthly Midlands-wide Chairs' update meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- We took part in one of our regular Chairs' and Chief Executives' catch-up meetings with Dr Kathy McLean and Amanda Sullivan from the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board.
- We held a full Board of Directors workshop during the month, focusing on the progress made and future direction of the Trust's five-year *Improving Lives* Strategy.