

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 7 th December 2023		
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Approved By:	Claire Ward, Chair				
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Purpose					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.		Approval			
		Assurance	Y		
		Update	Y		
		Consider			
Strategic Objectives					
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
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					
Not applicable					
Acronyms					
DVT = Deep Vein Thrombosis GP = General Practice KMH = King's Mill Hospital LED = Light Emitting Diode SDEC = Same Day Emergency Care TIF = Targeted Investment Fund					
Executive Summary					
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New multimillion pound operating theatre opens at Newark Hospital



I was delighted to join colleagues from our Theatres team recently at the opening of our new state-of-the-art operating theatre at Newark Hospital.

Following its opening, five patients who received total hip replacements on the theatre's first day of operations on Monday 6th November all went on to continue their recovery at home after being discharged the following afternoon.

By the time of writing, 38 patients have gone on to undergo operations in our new Theatres, with 26 more due to have their operations there by the time our Public Board meets on Thursday 7th December.

The addition of a third operating theatre at Newark is a demonstration of the Trust's commitment to Newark Hospital, as well as being an important part of the Trust's drive to increase elective activity there.

The addition of this new theatre means that patients across Newark and Sherwood, Mansfield, Ashfield and further afield – including parts of Lincolnshire – can benefit from shorter waiting times for a range of operations.

The project, known as the Newark Elective Hub, received £5.6million from NHS England's Targeted Investment Fund (TIF). It has created around 30 new medical, nursing and clinical support roles.

The multimillion-pound theatre will focus on delivering more orthopaedic activity, mainly hip, knee, hand and wrist procedures – including total hip and knee replacements. Additional

slots for general surgery, breast surgery, gynaecology and ophthalmology will also be available across the Newark theatre complex.

It will also bring much-needed additional theatre capacity, which means we can see more patients in a year, reducing waiting times for patients as well as improving overall patient experience and staff morale.

Our focus over the coming months will be to encourage more patients to 'Ask for Newark' when they visit their local GP or hospital team to see if they can have their operation or procedure at Newark Hospital.

We look forward to sharing more details of the difference this work is having on our patients in this month's *Outstanding Service* video.

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

November summary from across our brilliant Community Involvement team

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, 391 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,200 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 34 services they have supported during the month.

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



The celebratory cake and balloon that were quickly-sourced to help mark one patients' 91st birthday

- Our volunteer fundraisers support our wards with funding for patients spending their birthday or other special occasion in hospital – including sourcing a celebratory cake and balloon at short notice for a patient spending their 91st birthday on Ward 31.
- We have presented a number of long service awards to our dedicated volunteers who are celebrating milestones with the Trust.
- The Christmas raffle was launched at King's Mill Hospital, in aid of the Sherwood Forest Hospitals' Charity Dementia Care Fund.

- LED lighting with a view of the treetops & sky has been funded and installed, offering a welcome distraction for patients having eye injections in Clinic 8 at King's Mill Hospital. The improvements have been made possible thanks to the KMH volunteers who funded this Dragons' Den project from fundraising and cafe profits.

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.

King's Mill Hospital patients to benefit from new ultrasound machine, thanks to legacy donation to Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity



Some patients who receive care at King's Mill Hospital's Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) Unit are to receive quicker tests and diagnoses, thanks to a new ultrasound machine that has been purchased by our Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity.

Patients with suspected Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) will be among those who will benefit from the £41,500 machine that has been purchased, thanks to a legacy donation made to the Charity.

The Trust's purpose-built 'SDEC' unit reduces hospital admissions by providing high-quality diagnostic tests, treatment and care without the need for an overnight stay in a hospital bed.

Until now, patients in the unit who needed an ultrasound scan had to wait for availability in the x-ray department or while equipment was sourced from other areas of the hospital.

The machine will result in faster tests and diagnoses, increasing flow through the department and reducing the number of patients who receive unnecessary medication, for example to prevent blood clotting. It will also improve access to scans for inpatients because fewer SDEC patients will need to visit the x-ray department.

We are very grateful to Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity for providing this ultrasound machine, which will enable timely scans to be carried out by the medical team in SDEC, resulting in improved patient care and experience.

Other notable engagements:

- I was pleased to observe the first meeting of our new Board Committee covering Partnerships and Communities. This committee has been established so that we can give appropriate discussion and scrutiny to our partnerships across the community and within the NHS to ensure that collectively we are working in a way to deliver improvements and healthier lives.
- I have attended several meetings with colleagues across the NHS and the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire system to discuss the ongoing pressures upon services and finances.
- I have spent time in the last month with our Executive and Non-Executive Directors to review the progress of our strategy for 2024 to 2029, including the opportunity for an update on progress at our recent Council of Governors meeting.
- I am pleased to welcome our recently-appointed Non-Executive Director, Neil McDonald, to the Board meeting this month.