

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

<b>Subject:</b>	Acting Chair's report				<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024
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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>	Y
					<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>						
AHP = Allied Health Professionals ICS = Integrated Care System NHS = National Health Service NUH = Nottingham University Hospitals SFH = Sherwood Forest Hospitals						
<b>Executive Summary</b>						
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## Trust hosts annual *Excellence Awards* to say ‘thank you’ to staff

The hard work and dedication of colleagues at Sherwood Forest Hospitals was celebrated at the Trust’s 2024 *Excellence Awards* ceremony on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024, as the event shone a light on individuals, teams, and community partners who go above-and-beyond for the Trust.

Over 500 nominations were received this year for colleagues working in clinical and non-clinical roles across the Trust’s King’s Mill, Newark, and Mansfield Community Hospital sites.

The big award of the evening was the Lifetime Achievement Award, which is reserved for colleagues who have made significant career and lifetime contributions to the Trust.

Dr Elizabeth Carlin, Service Director for Sexual Health, was the winner of that prestigious award. A longstanding supporter of the Trust, Elizabeth was appointed Service Director for Sexual Health in 2012 and has since led a successful bid for SFH (alongside NUH) to provide high-quality sexual health services for the whole of Nottinghamshire.

She was commended for her passion for the Sexual Health services at SFH, in which she has invested so much of her working life – spending most of her career improving the quality of the Sexual Health services for our local population.



**Dr Elizabeth Carlin receives her Lifetime Achievement Award**

Elsewhere, the Midwifery Bereavement Team were the deserving winners of The People’s Award, which is the only award of the evening that attracts nominations from the public.

Louise Heath and Amy Dewar in the team were commended for the support groups that they run for bereaved families and for organising memorial services three times a year for families who have been under their care. The nomination highlighted the care and compassion they gave to a family who experienced the loss of a child.



**The Midwifery Bereavement team accept their People's Award**

Volunteers are an integral part of the day-to-day running of the Trust and the Volunteer of the Year Award honours this amazing team of selfless individuals.

The Mealtime Volunteers (pictured below) were the deserving winners of this category, having been nominated for dedicating their valuable time to supporting our patients with their nutritional and hydration needs and bringing a wide range of qualities, skills, and expertise to the role they do.



It was also my pleasure to join the Trust's former Chair and the Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward, in presenting the *Step into the NHS* team with the prestigious Chair's Award.

The award, which acknowledges a person or team who truly deserves to be honoured for all they do for the Trust, recognises the team's work in being instrumental in recruiting learners from the local community and building strong connections with local partners and education providers to drive forward the Trust's recruitment efforts.



Our Trust *Excellence Awards* are our single greatest way of saying 'thank you' to the many colleagues who work selflessly throughout the year to ensure that our patients are looked after with the utmost care and respect. The winners and those shortlisted truly demonstrate the passion that our colleagues put into their roles every day.

The full list of this year's Trust *Excellence Awards* winners are listed below:

- Multidisciplinary Team of the Year - Young Adult Diabetes Service
- Most Improved Team - Chatsworth Ward, Mansfield Community Hospital
- Chris McFarlane - Beth Isle, Radiology team
- Rising Star - Dr Laura Pugh, Geriatrics team
- Non-Clinical Team of the Year - Newark Hospital Security team
- Non-Clinical Individual of the Year - Maria Vernon, Chaplaincy team
- Nursing, Midwifery & AHP Team - Lotus Team
- Nursing, Midwifery & AHP Individual - Kimberley Whysall, Respiratory Medicine team
- Doctor and Consultant Team - Acute Paediatrics
- Doctor and Consultant Individual - Dr Kashif Hussain, Emergency Department team
- Specialist Healthcare Team Pharmacy Team
- Specialist Healthcare Individual Alison Barnett, Cardiovascular team
- Outstanding contributions to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Jacqueline Wix for her work with DFN Project Search
- Volunteer of the Year - Mealtime Volunteers
- Lifetime Achievement - Dr Elizabeth Carlin
- Community Hero - Angela McCreadie and Wendy Broughton, Breast and Balls
- Community Partner of the Year - Grant Roberts, Nottingham Road Clinic
- The Chief Executive's CARE Values Award - Paula Shore
- The Chair's Award - Step into the NHS team
- The People's Award - Midwifery Bereavement Team

The awards ceremony was funded entirely by charitable donations, funding and support from the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and corporate sponsors, Kier and Managed Healthcare Services.

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

September 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 September alone, 380 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,600 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 32 services they have supported during the month.

Long Service Awards were presented to four volunteers during the month, including Georgina (pictured right) who was proud to receive her 15-year award from the Trust's Director of People, Rob Simcox.



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

- The Community Involvement team's support for successful Dragons' Den applicants, including progressing the financial, procurement and publicity arrangements to support each successful scheme.
- The Tissue Viability Team (pictured right) are delighted to have received demonstration models to be used to training both staff and patients. The models showcase different types of pressure ulcers, wounds and skin conditions.
- The team have enjoyed a busy month of events including the Staff Excellence Awards where they held a raffle and raised a fantastic £780.
- Colleagues also attended a Governor Workshop to provide an update on charity development plans.
- The team also enjoyed meeting some prospective new volunteers at the Step into the NHS recruitment event and engaging with colleagues at the Reach Out event.



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:

- Midlands NHS Leadership meeting, which is a meeting of Trust Chief Executives and Chairs from across the region. Topics of discussion included updates on productivity, developing Local Improvement Networks and how organisations are working to meet future health needs and challenges.
- During the month, I also met with other Chairs in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS).