

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Acting Chair's report		Date:	4 th July 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	
				Assurance	X
				Update	
				Consider	
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
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					
AGM = Annual General Meeting ATTFE = Academy Transformation Trust Further Education NHS = National Health Service SFH = Sherwood Forest Hospitals					
Executive Summary					
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Celebrating the contributions of our brilliant volunteers during National Volunteers Week

Between Monday 3rd and Sunday 9th June 2024, Sherwood Forest Hospitals was delighted to join the 40th anniversary celebrations of National Volunteers Week - including to celebrate and say 'thank you' to the Trust's 380 volunteers.

The national awareness week helps to highlight the contribution volunteers make to local communities, including the part they play in making great patient care happen across our hospitals.

There are 35 different volunteer roles across a range of services at the Trust's King's Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community Hospitals, which include wayfinding, assisting in wards and clinics, providing support at mealtimes, and working in the busy volunteer refreshment areas.

Volunteers provide an invaluable service to the Trust and help to deliver outstanding care, including by contributing over 50,000 hours per year. In June alone, 375 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,550 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 35 services they have supported during the month.

The month was a fantastic opportunity to shine a light on some brilliant stories from across our hundreds of volunteers - including the story of sisters Lorraine Shereston, Christine Henderson, and Val Grove who all give their free time to volunteer at Newark Hospital.

After working in the NHS for 33 years and at Newark Hospital, Val decided she wanted to give back and fill her time so took up volunteering at the Trust. This encouraged her sisters to do the same after they both retired, as Christine retired from her role working with young people with disabilities and Lorraine from her role as a nurse working with patients who have learning disabilities.

To celebrate National Volunteers Week, volunteers at the Trust's three sites were given cakes kindly provided by the volunteers from Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE) College, and arranged by Principal Liz Barrett, who is also the Lead Governor of Sherwood Forest Hospitals. We are grateful to the Trust for their support for our brilliant volunteers.



Sisters Lorraine, Christine and Val were celebrated during National Volunteers Week

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

- Co-ordinating a training session for OPUS Healthcare Musicians. In addition to their weekly visits funded by the Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFH) SFH Charity, OPUS will be providing training to hospital staff, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to incorporate music into their daily routines. This training will enable staff to use music as a tool for improved health and wellbeing, relaxation, patient engagement, and emotional support.
- Attending the Friends of Newark Hospital Annual General Meeting (AGM) to thank them on behalf of the Trust for their fundraising efforts which includes providing funding in support of new services including Teledermatology, Medical Day Case and Minor Ops.

- Welcoming the latest cohort of volunteers who will be supporting a variety of areas including Mealtime Assist at three sites in the SFH Cancer Information Team, Breastfeeding Support and the Daffodil Café.
- Celebrating the long service of several volunteer colleagues, including Newark Hospital volunteer Elaine who was delighted to receive her award from the Trust's Director of Corporate Affairs, Sally Brook Shanahan.

We have also thanked donors to our charity with a number of official presentations, including:

- A £1,000 donation to the renal unit from Stephen, who has been a patient for nine years. Stephen wanted to show his appreciation to the team for their excellent care and making him feel part of the family.
- Pupils from The Suthers School in Newark who fundraised to provide gift bags for patients on the Children's Ward at King's Mill

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.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer at Sherwood Forest Hospitals can find out more on the Trust's website at www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering/

Other notable engagements during June

- On Thursday 6th June 2024, I was delighted to meet with a number of Trust colleagues to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. I was grateful to the time spent with Brent Gillicker, a former submariner who now works in the Trust's Theatres team, who shared his experiences of life in the Forces and adjusting to life here at Sherwood.

Brent's journey from the Forces to settling into life here at Sherwood is a journey shared by many Trust colleagues - and one that we are looking to actively encourage more reservists and Forces veterans to do, recognising the wealth of transferrable skills they can bring to our Trust.

I am delighted that the Trust is strengthening its commitment to supporting our serving and former Forces colleagues and their families, with further details provided in this month's Acting Chief Executive's report to Board.



Joining the Trust's Acting Medical Director, Simon Roe (left), and Brent Gillicker from the Trust's Theatres team to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day

- It was also my pleasure to present a number of Trust colleagues with Long Service awards during June, recognising their dedication and long service to working across our Trust sites. It was a pleasure to hear their stories and I thank them all for their contributions here at Sherwood.
- I also joined the Trust's Director of Nursing for its Surgery Division, Trevor Hammond, to complete a '15 Steps' tour of the Trust's 'Care of the Elderly' inpatient service on Ward 52 at King's Mill Hospital.

These visits are a vital part of our Trust Board gaining valuable insights by seeing Trust services closely for themselves. I am grateful to everyone in the team who accommodated the visit around their busy work.

- On 18th June 2024, I joined the Chief Executive and Leader at Ashfield District Council for our quarterly catch-up, where we discussed how the two organisations can strengthen our working relationship. together.