

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

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| Subject: | Chair's report | | Date: 4 th January 2024 | | |
| Prepared By: | Rich Brown, Head of Communications | | | | |
| Approved By: | Claire Ward, Chair | | | | |
| Presented By: | Claire Ward, Chair | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | |
| FC = Football Club | | | | | |
| Executive Summary | | | | | |
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A huge 'thank you' to our Trust colleagues and volunteers

As we head into 2024, I want to personally thank all of our colleagues and volunteers across the Trust for their dedication and support to patients and the community.

Providing healthcare during these times has become increasingly challenging with greater demand and pressure on resources. Our patients put their faith and trust in us to provide outstanding care and, at every level of the organisation, we do our best to do so.

I know that the coming months will present more challenges, with demand, industrial action and the pressures upon other parts of our health and social care system to support appropriate discharge of patients.

On behalf of the Trust Board, I want to reassure you that we will continue to do all we can to support patients, colleagues and volunteers to receive and deliver the best of care.

Thank you for everything that you do and may I take this opportunity to wish those of you who are celebrating, a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year to all.

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers



Staff and players from Mansfield Town Football Club on their visit to King's Mill Hospital

There has been a festive feel to the team's activities over the Christmas and New Year period, with December proving to be another busy month for our Trust's Community Involvement team.

During the month, the team continued to welcome 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.

During December, 386 Trust volunteers generously gave over 3,900 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 33 services they have supported during the month.

I am proud that a Christmas card has been sent to all our volunteers, recognising their outstanding contribution they have made across #TeamSFH over the year gone by.



Schoolchildren sing Carols at King's Mill Hospital

As part of their annual programme of Christmas activities, our brilliant Community Involvement team and our team of volunteers have:

- Welcomed players and staff from Mansfield Town Football Club as they visited our children's ward at King's Mill Hospital, as the team brought some much-needed festive cheer with them – along with some gifts for our younger patients. We are grateful to the team for putting the biggest smiles on some of our smallest patients' faces.
- Invited hundreds of schoolchildren to sing Christmas carols at our King's Mill Hospital, Newark Hospital and Mansfield Community Hospital sites.
- Gratefully met nine-year-old Jack Beard (pictured below), who delivered 230 selection boxes, five teddies, 12 colouring books and 14 tubes of sweets to the Children's Ward at King's Mill Hospital. Inspired by his generosity to buy selection boxes with his own money and collect further donations, he's received lots of support from local businesses and individuals.

Thank you to Jack, his family and many supporters, including Pathfinders Care and Ollerton Town FC for their generous donations.



Nine-year old Jack makes his delivery to King's Mill Hospital

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

- Welcoming members of staff from the Frasers Group, who have kindly donated £1,394 to the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity to be spent on toys for Ward 25 – the Children's Ward at King's Mill Hospital.

After deciding they wanted to raise money for charity, members of the Warehouse team at the Frasers Group held a virtual bike ride, where they rode – virtually – from their base in Shirebrook to Krakow (Poland), to Bucharest (Romania) and back to Shirebrook.

With 500 members of the team taking part from 6am until midnight over three days, the team managed to cycle a total of 2,884 miles with 1,000 of those over their target.

- Staff from Children's Services and Care of the Elderly wards at King's Mill Hospital were overwhelmed by the generous donation of advent calendars and selection boxes from White Meadow Furniture, Sutton in Ashfield.
- Welcomed a wealth of donations of food items for the Charity's annual food bank appeal.
- Supported the King's Mill Hospital Christmas raffle which has raised a fantastic £1,955 for the Trust Charity Dementia Fund.
- Welcomed the donation of a fantastic £3,046.50 from The Friends of Newark Hospital, which has been raised in their Christmas raffle, tombola and craft stall.
- Gratefully received donations from the League of Friends (Mansfield and Sutton) and the Friends of Newark Hospital, who funded a gift for every Trust inpatient to open on Christmas Day.

We remain 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.