

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 4 th April 2024		
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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	Y		
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
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					
None					
Acronyms					
LMNS = Local Maternity and Neonatal System					
Executive Summary					
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A vision for the future

At the conclusion of the Trust's Public Meeting of its Board of Directors last month, we launched the five-year strategy for our Trust – *Improving Lives*.

In the next five years, we want to be known as an outstanding local healthcare provider that *consistently* delivers quality services for our patients and improves lives. We will achieve this by delivering *consistently outstanding* care by compassionate people who feel enabled and supported to do their best by Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Our vision reflects this: **Outstanding care, compassionate people and healthier communities.** During the implementation of this strategy, we will improve the lives of our patients, our people and our local population.

Together with the Chief Executive and our Lead Governor, Liz Barrett, I was delighted to present the strategy to an invited audience of our partners across the community, board members, governors and staff.

Achieving these objectives will only be delivered through the partnerships that we have built over recent years, so I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their engagement with us during the development of this strategy.



Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

As always, our Trust has so much more added value from the hundreds of volunteers and the donations from patients and public across the community.

March 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 brilliant volunteers across our hospitals.

Celebrating the achievements of our Trust volunteers

In March 2024 alone, 390 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,700 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 36 services they have supported during the month.

We are extremely grateful to those volunteers who continue to work additional hours to help us to cover short-term response roles. These include covering pharmacy and pathology temporary receptions and ensuring that facemasks and sanitiser are available in the main foyer.

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

Celebrating the long service of a number of our volunteers

Three of our valued volunteers celebrated long service milestones during the month, as the Trust proudly presented them with long service awards.

Wendy, who has volunteered at Mansfield Community Hospital and currently supports the fundraising stall at King's Mill Hospital, received her 10-year long service award from Director of Corporate Affairs Sally Brook Shanahan. Wendy is pictured top left.

Jane, a Newark Hospital MRI volunteer, received her 10-year award from Radiology colleagues, pictured bottom right.

John also received his five-year award for volunteering in the coffee shop at Newark Hospital from Jo Thornley, the Trust's Community Involvement Manager. They are pictured bottom left at opposite.



We are grateful to Wendy, Jane, John and all our SFH volunteers for the difference they make across our hospitals to our patients, visitors and staff. I thank them all for their brilliant service.

Recognising donations and other contributions from local community partners

We are also grateful for the following donations that have been made to the Trust from the local community over recent weeks and every week I am able to write personally to those individuals and organisations who continue to support us through these donations.

The Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity provided funding to support partners to stay overnight in our Maternity department



People who give birth at our King's Mill Hospital now have the opportunity for a partner or supporter to stay overnight to provide extra support, thanks to the support of our local community partners.

The Trust has listened to and acted on feedback from new families about how their birthing experience could be improved.

As a result, 47 recliners – one for every room and bay on the post-natal ward – have been provided thanks to equal funding from both Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS).

Fathers and partners staying overnight can be coached to offer skin-to-skin contact with their babies and to build strong bonds from the earliest opportunity. I was pleased to be on one of my regular walk arounds of the maternity services on the first morning following the introduction of the service and it was clear that this had been a welcome introduction.

With the help of staff, supporters can also learn about and assist women/birthing people to get breast- and chest-feeding off to a good start.

We are excited to be sharing more about this fantastic initiative as part of this month's *Outstanding Service* video that will be presented to the Trust's Board of Directors later in this meeting.

£17,500 donated following 'Breast and Balls' fundraising events



We have said a huge thank you to Angela McCreadie and Wendy Broughton for donating £17,500 to the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity that they raised at their 2022 and 2023 'Breast and Balls' fundraising event.

Angela and Wendy have been hosting their annual ball for 15 years and have raised a total £119,500 to support breast and urology services at SFH.

Angela and Wendy presented their kind donation to Mohamed Jahan, Consultant Breast Surgeon and Rebecca Stuart, Urology Operations Manager alongside colleagues from their teams.

Other achievements from the Trust's fundraising partners:

A tabletop activity unit (right) was kindly donated by the League of Friends (Mansfield & Sutton).

The unit will be used by patients on all three wards at Mansfield Community Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our hospitals over the past month



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:

- I have attended meetings with our local councils as part of my regular engagement with partners.
- In my role as Board Maternity Safety Champion, I took part in the monthly walkaround of our maternity services and wards with the opportunity to engage with patients and staff and observe the care of our smallest and youngest patients.
- I have also held meetings with our governors and the Lead Governor.