

## Council of Governors

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	November 2021		
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<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last quarter.			<b>Approval</b>	
			<b>Assurance</b>	X
			<b>Update</b>	
			<b>Consider</b>	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care to our patients</b>	<b>To support each other to do a great job</b>	<b>To inspire excellence</b>	<b>To get the most from our resources</b>	<b>To play a leading role in transforming health and care services</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items since the last Chair of Governors meeting from the Chair's perspective.				

### Chair's reflections

Since our last meeting, we have welcomed Paul Robinson, previously former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Deputy CEO as Interim CEO. I have also been confirmed as substantive Chair for #TeamSFH, following a competitive recruitment process. It is an honour to continue to work as your Chair.

Richard Mills, our previous Deputy CFO has joined the executive team as our Interim CFO and I, along with the rest of the board, look forward to working closely with him.

We have also wished a fond farewell Tim Reddish, our Senior Independent Director, who has stepped down having been a member of the board since 2013. Tim has brought his wisdom and experience from his role in the Paralympics to Sherwood and many will recall the mantra he brought that we should focus on the 'brilliant basics'.

He has acted as a wise and informed counsel to successive Chairs and we have all appreciated his contribution to the board. Tim, and his guide dog Pip, will be much missed at Sherwood and I would like this opportunity to once again thank him for his contribution to Sherwood.

### **Covid-19 vaccination hub**

The Covid-19 vaccination hub at King's Mill continues to be busy and while it is now busy administering booster jabs to around 700 people a day, it is worth remembering that the offer of a vaccine is evergreen so anyone eligible who is yet to receive their first or second dose can still come forward.

Vaccination teams have been working incredibly hard setting up, launching and continuing with the vaccine deployment programme to help to protect our communities.

### **Volunteer and charity activity**

So much of what we do here at #TeamSFH relies on the support of our volunteers so it is really satisfying that a wellbeing survey revealed in October that 97.5% of those who responded would recommend us as a place to volunteer.

Our charities continue to receive significant donations, including £25,000 from two grieving parents, which will be used to improve our bereavement services. We also received a £250 donation from seven-year-old Scarlett Sarjant for the Street Health Project.

The Friends of Newark Hospital have recently bought a bariatric rotunda to support patients attending CT; we began training for a new ward volunteers role, which we will soon be rolling out Trust wide; and Paul Robinson met Lisa Thompson, a Lymphedema Nurse Specialist who has raised £1,820 to support head and neck oncology services.

Meanwhile, Julie Hogg, our Chief Nurse; Richard Clarkson, Head of Nursing in our Emergency Department, Carl Miller, Associate Chief Allied Health Professional and Trevor Hammond, Head of Nursing in Surgery, completed the Robin Hood Half Marathon, raising more than £1,500 for the Trust's dementia fund. Both the money raised and the miles run are an incredible achievement; thank you.

### **Sherwood recognised in the HSJ Patient Safety Award for its 'People First' initiative**

I am really proud that we were shortlisted this year's HSJ Patient Safety Awards, in partnership with Nottingham Trent University, We were shortlisted in the Mental Health Initiative category for our 'People First: supporting colleagues to support service users' project. The project is a comprehensive wellbeing support package for those working in health and care across Nottinghamshire, backed by academic research and support to ensure that the services offered really did meet people's needs as the demands of pandemic changed over time. I am delighted that we have been recognised but even more pleased that we have such a high quality support package available to our colleagues. I would urge anyone who might need support to access these services.

### **First public judge recruited for our annual awards**

For the first time, we have recruited a member of the public to join the judging panel for our Staff Excellence Awards, in conjunction with the Chad newspaper. These annual awards recognise and celebrate our colleagues, honouring those who have gone above and beyond in delivering outstanding patient care and services during the past 12 months; a period which includes the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and the roll-out of the COVID vaccination. Thank you to Beverley Cooper, who is our first citizen judge. We really appreciate the support – it is so important for us to hear the views of our community in as many ways as possible.

### **Diagnostic units will help us see 800 more patients a month, leading to faster diagnosis and treatment**

It is fantastic news that up to 800 of our patients will now benefit from earlier diagnosis of serious illnesses thanks to two new scanning units.

Our new endoscopy unit and a mobile CT scanning unit opened during October and will help give earlier diagnosis for conditions, such as cancer in the bowel, bladder, stomach, oesophagus, brain and bones.

The extra capacity created is part of a national plan for Community Diagnostic Centres and is an enormous boost as we work to bring down waiting times for diagnostic tests and ensure more people can start treatment or receive reassurance promptly.

By the end of March we plan to offer nearly 5,000 extra tests, which will make a huge difference to all those patients and their loved ones and I would like to thank everyone from the trust executive team, the estates team, and the wider Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Care System and CCG teams for helping to make this happen.

### **Radiology patients benefit from access to digital letters through NHS App**

Patients under the care of our radiology team are now able to access their appointment letters through the NHS App. Users of the app, who have also registered with the Patients Know Best functionality, can choose to receive appointment letters digitally, with notifications delivered directly to their smartphones.

Details of how to register for the NHS App and Patients Know Best can be found at [www.nhs.uk/nhs-app](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app) but if anyone needs more support they can email [sfh-tr.notts-nhsapp@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.notts-nhsapp@nhs.net)

### **Latest consultant recruits**

I would like to formally welcome the following consultants to #TeamSFH:

Dr Shareen Munatsi, appointed as a Consultant in Sexual Health; Dr Sapna Philip, appointed to a fixed-term Consultant post in Acute Medicine; Dr Kamal Nasar – currently a Locum Consultant in Acute Medicine, now appointed substantively; and Dr Khalil Ahmad – currently a Locum Consultant in Acute Medicine, now appointed substantively.

### **Membership summary**

We continue to work to improve membership from under-represented groups, particularly the under-50s, men and people from ethnic minorities. It is vitally important that we hear the voices from every part of our community and are doing some exciting work with local colleges to increase representation from younger people. Our public membership total currently stands at 14,663.