

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date: 4 August 2022	
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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	X
			Update	X
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X	X	X	X	X
Identify which principal risk this report relates to:				
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				
Executive Summary				
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Welcoming our new Chief Operating Officer

[We recently welcomed our new Chief Operating Officer, Rachel Eddie, to Sherwood Forest Hospitals at the end of July.](#)

Rachel brings a wealth of experience and I'm sure will hit the ground running and make a real impact alongside our Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Maggie McManus, who has been brilliant in stepping-up as our Interim Chief Operating Officer over the past two months.

Rachel's arrival brings [our Executive Team](#) up to full complement, following the arrivals of Phil Bolton and David Ainsworth, and the substantive appointments of Richard Mills and Robert Simcox over recent months.

I look forward to working with them all to help make Sherwood Forest Hospitals an even more special place to work and receive treatment.

In the coming months, with our new executive and non-executive team, the Board will be considering the next phase of our strategy and how we meet the challenges facing our organisation. We are keen to develop our role as part of the Provider Collaborative, the Integrated Care System and the Place Based Partnership. All of these entities are important but for many members of the public they may not register with them as key drivers in the way in which health and care services will be delivered in coming years.

It is important that at SFHT, we find ways of helping our patients, the public and the wider community understand how services can adapt to meet their needs and why working collaboratively with other parts of the health and social care system is the best way to deliver improved outcomes.

Sharing #TeamSFH's experience of the pandemic with local schoolchildren

[It was my pleasure to join colleagues from across Sherwood Forest Hospitals on a visit to The Joseph Whitaker School in Rainworth on Monday 11 July where we were invited to share our colleagues' experience of working for the NHS during the pandemic.](#)

Engagement events like these are an essential part of our outreach to the local communities we serve and we hope that the stories we shared might just help to inspire the next generation of #TeamSFH doctors, nurses and staff!

I would like to pass-on my personal thanks to the school for arranging the reflection event, and welcoming my hardworking #TeamSFH colleagues to share their experiences of the pandemic with pupils, staff and parents at the school.

Governors' engagement events postponed due to rising COVID cases

Last month I was pleased to report that I had been out-and-about across our hospitals and encouraging our newly elected governors to do so too as part of our 15 Steps programme and the 'Meet your Governor' events.

While further 'meet your governor' events had been planned to take place in late July, the decision was taken to postpone those due to rising COVID-19 cases nationally, within the local community and in our own hospitals.

Both myself and our governors are committed to engaging with the Trust's membership in the longer-term and we look forward to being able to resume those engagement sessions in future. In the meantime, our governors continue to remain active in their communities to listen to the public about the services we provide at Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Our annual Excellence Awards creates more opportunities to say 'thank you'

The Trust's annual *Excellence Awards* were officially launched recently to create an opportunity for our colleagues, patients, the public and our partners to say 'thank you' to our staff who they feel have gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in the past year.

A total of 18 awards will be handed-out at this year's annual celebration, which is due to be held on Friday 7 October.

[The awards will also welcome nominations from members of the public for the *People's Award*](#), with members of the public and Trust partners encouraged to make their nominations before midnight on Sunday 21 August.