

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	Date: 9 th August 2022								
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Purpose										
To update on key events and information since the previous Council of Governors meeting.		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Approval</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assurance</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Update</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consider</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Approval		Assurance	X	Update		Consider	
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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						
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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										
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items from the Chair's perspective.										

Executive team appointments

[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, after a raft of new arrivals to our Executive team in recent months:

- In May, [Phil Bolton returned to the Trust as our Chief Nurse](#)
- In June, [Richard Mills and Robert Simcox were appointed as our Chief Financial Officer and Director of People, respectively](#)
- In July, David Ainsworth joined #TeamSFH as its first-ever Director of Strategy and Partnerships

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.

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 schools and colleges to raise our profile and increase representation from younger people. Our public membership total currently stands at 14,152.

Governors' engagement events postponed due to rising COVID cases

I have been pleased to be 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.](#)

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.

Community donations

In recent months, I have been struck by the number of donations that continue to be made to the Trust in support of its work – a trend which is all the more heart-warming given that it has been sustained throughout the pandemic and during the tough financial times we are all living in.

In recent months, we have received a number of donations from generous members of the public that will help the Trust to fund a wide range of improvements for the benefit of patients, staff and visitors across our hospitals.

I have written personal ‘thank you’ letters to each and every person who has made a donation this month and I would like to place on-record my thanks for the continued generosity of all those who continue to make such generous donations to the Trust’s charity and its fundraising partners. Their generosity is very much appreciated.