

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive'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.		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				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items from the Chief Executive's perspective.				

Playing our part in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's new Integrated Care Board (ICB)

The new Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB came into effect on 1 July 2022, which will help to change the way that health and care services are provided and coordinated across the whole Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area.

The move towards ICBs will commit organisations like Sherwood Forest Hospitals to working more closely with local partners for the benefits of the wider community and we have been purposefully already working in that spirit with local partners for some time now to prepare the Trust for that change.

I am delighted to have been nominated and appointed to the ICB in the role of partner member to represent hospital acute and emergency services. I am excited about contributing and ensure that represent the views of our hospitals' staff, volunteers and service users when it comes to making decisions about how local services are shaped.

Managing ongoing pressures across the wider Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB area

While the Level 4 National Incident declared as part of the national response to Covid-19 was stepped down to Level 3 in May, recent months have seen the continuation of pressures across our services which have.

This year, those pressures have extended far beyond those traditionally experienced during the height of winter and have recently been compounded by:

- Rising COVID infections across the whole country, within our hospitals and among our #TeamSFH colleagues, which resulted in us having to reinstate the wearing of face masks in our hospitals to help keep transmission rates under control.
- The recent red weather warning for extreme heat that was issued by the Met Office in mid-July, resulting in a national incident being declared to help keep essential services running across the country.
- [A system-wide critical incident being declared across the whole Nottingham and Nottinghamshire health and care system in late July to help partners to manage ongoing pressures together.](#)

Managing those pressures has been sustained while keeping essential services running and working with ICB colleagues to cut NHS waiting lists across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, including [eliminating Sherwood Forest Hospitals' own two-year \(or '104-week'\) waiting lists for patients who have been waiting the longest to access the treatment they deserve.](#)

Those pressures – and our response to the significant developments outlined above – continue to be managed as truly Trust- and now system-wide responses and I am grateful to my colleagues for their ongoing efforts in managing those pressures.

Sherwood Forest now 'always open' to new recruits

[The Trust has recently launched a new recruitment website to act as our virtual 'shop window' to potential healthcare candidates who are considering a career with #TeamSFH](#) – particularly in nursing, midwifery and Allied Health Professional (AHP) roles which the site will initially focus on recruiting.

The launch of this new website is an important step in our ongoing recruitment efforts, particularly in ensuring that our services are appropriately resourced for the future.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making that work happen.

Little Millers Day Nursery Ofsted inspection report published

In June, Ofsted published [its report following its most recent inspection of the Trust's Little Millers Day Nursery in March 2022, which downgraded the facility's rating from 'outstanding' to 'inadequate'](#).

I personally visited the nursery's hardworking team following the report to show my support to the team. I was assured that the team had a plan in place to address the points raised in the report and I understand that colleagues at our Little Millers Day Nursery recently welcomed back inspectors for a reinspection.

While we are waiting to hear the outcome of its re-inspection, the initial feedback from inspectors recognises the progress made to address the points raised in its last inspection. We hope that the site's rating will be reinstated back to a level that our Little Millers families deserve.

I would like to thank the Nursery team for how they have risen to the challenge of continuing to provide the best possible care for our Little Millers family and we look forward to sharing the outcome of this latest inspection with you.

Pay award announcement

The Government recently announced that NHS workers will be receiving a pay rise. That will be effective from 1 April 2022 with progressive distribution, meaning that the lowest bands on NHS Terms and Conditions Service will receive the greatest proportional uplift.

The Trust is waiting for the finer details to be communicated following the initial government announcement, which we will share details of with the Trust Board and our employees as soon as they are available and we are in a position to share those.

Vaccinations update

Our vaccine services team have been continuing their operational planning following the recent government announcement confirming which cohorts should be offered both a COVID-19 Vaccine Autumn Booster and a free flu vaccine from this autumn.

Our operational planning has been well underway for a number of weeks to ensure that those most at-risk of COVID and flu can boost their protection this autumn and winter.

We will continue those preparations to ensure that the Trust's vaccine services team can continue to be at the forefront of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's vaccination programme this autumn and winter.