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Dear colleague,

As Chair of Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, I fully recognise the extreme and relentless operational pressures that our hospitals have been under over recent weeks. The Trust Board and I also recognise the impact that this has on the care that we are able to provide for our patients and the consequent impact that this has on you as members of #TeamSFH.

While it is unlikely that we will see any reduction in this demand and activity for several months, the Trust Board have heard stories from a variety of teams across SFH regarding the personal and professional impact felt by this activity.

We recognise we are asking exceptional actions from you, asking that you provide care for our patients in a way that may not be to a standard that you would wish and hope for, and expecting you to take risk-based decisions which are outwith your normal comfort zone.

We know that this has an impact on you. We know that many colleagues are concerned about their professional registrations and about who is actually holding this risk.

In conjunction with many NHS organisations, we are endeavouring to provide the best possible care that we can within the current situation. We have escalated these concerns to our regulators and all professional nursing, medical and allied organisations. To be categorically clear: it is the Trust Board that is holding this operational risk and covering you all for the care that you are providing.

The Trust Board also recognises the need to support each other during this time, as teams and as individuals. That might be as simple as a meaningful check-in with a colleague, a coffee or something more personalised.

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Finally, I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Board, for all the tireless efforts you have and continue to make both professionally and personally.

Thank you once again for all that you do,



Claire Ward,
Chair of Sherwood Forest Hospitals

Sent on behalf of the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Board:

Paul Robinson, Chief Executive

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Deputy Chief Executive**

Phil Bolton, Chief Nurse

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