

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's report	<b>Date:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023		
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<b>Approved By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair			
<b>Presented By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair			
<b>Purpose</b>				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>	X	
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Identify which principal risk this report relates to:</b>				
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			
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
Not applicable.				
<b>Acronyms</b>				
NHS = National Health Service				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
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## **Reminder: Online information events announced to step-up Trust efforts to elect new Trust governors**

Elections to find six new governors at Sherwood Forest Hospitals are due to take place this spring, with potential governors being invited to put their names forward before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to represent the Trust's King's Mill, Mansfield Community and Newark hospital sites.

Governors have a key role to play in helping the Trust achieve its ambitions of providing healthier communities and outstanding care to all. The role will involve listening to feedback from the Trust's 14,000 members and the wider public, in-turn relaying these views to the Board of Directors. The role is central to representing the interests of local communities in the planning of services.

Elected by members of the Trust, governors represent the interests of our members and the public and have a statutory duty to hold the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Trust Board. They bring valuable perspectives and ensure the Trust is publicly accountable for the services it provides.

Governors don't need to have a background in the NHS, but they must be able to ask the difficult questions and be passionate about improving our hospitals. The role of a governor is a voluntary position. Therefore, successful candidates will not be paid, but they will receive expenses for travelling to meetings.

Elections will commence with the opening of nominations in early May and those who wish to become a governor must first become a member of the Trust. They can do this by signing up online at [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/get-involved](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/get-involved) or emailing [sfh-tr.membership@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.membership@nhs.net)

In May, we are due to host two online events where prospective governors can learn more about the role and find out what they need to do to stand for election.

The first information event will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May between 4pm and 5pm, with the second due to take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May between 6pm and 7pm.

Anyone interested in joining the online information event to find out more about becoming a governor can [register online here](#).

## **Industrial action update**

I wanted to place on record my thanks to our colleagues who have been managing the impact of national industrial action over the past two months, as well as to recognise the impact that industrial action is having on our colleagues and our patients alike.

Recognising these strikes are a national issue, we have committed – as a Board of Directors – to ensure we are doing all that we can to support our colleagues locally and to represent their concerns through NHS channels at a local, regional and national level.

Nationally, we have been in conversations with NHS Providers who represent Trusts across the country to stress the impact that this industrial action is having at a local level on patients and staff – and to encourage both sides in these disputes to seek a resolution as soon as possible.

Within our Trust, we work hard to foster positive relationships with our staff-side representatives to ensure that we have strong local relationships with all staff – regardless of the negotiations that take place at national level. This month I visited the Day Case Unit with Roz Norman, our staff side lead, to talk to staff and listen to their views on our services.

## Celebrating our colleagues' dedication and outstanding achievements at our annual *Excellence Awards*



Throughout April, we have been welcoming nominations across 19 categories for this year's #TeamSFH *Excellence Awards*, as we prepare to host our Trust's single greatest opportunity to say 'thank you' to our hard-working staff for their outstanding efforts over the past year.

The *Excellence Awards* celebrate colleagues, teams and volunteers who go above and beyond and who have made a positive impact on our services, patients, visitors, and colleagues. We all know someone special that contributes so much and the teams that just really make coming to work a pleasure. This is our biggest chance to recognise them as a Trust.

For the first time since 2019, we are looking forward to being able to celebrate in style and in-person to properly recognise the amazing work our colleagues do.

The annual *Excellence Awards* ceremony, which is funded entirely thanks to contributions from generous sponsors and charitable donations, celebrates individual colleagues, teams and volunteers who work hard to make a positive impact across our services.

The event will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and will form part of the Trust's celebrations of the NHS's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Nominations for this year's *Excellence Awards* close at midnight on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, with the public able to make their nomination online at [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/excellence](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/excellence) until that time. We look forward to being able to share some of those examples of outstanding service from across our Trust over the months ahead.

### **Notable engagements: Visiting Little Millers Day Nursery**

During April, I was thrilled to visit Little Millers Day Nursery at King's Mill Hospital to see first-hand the latest developments there as part of our ongoing improvements that continue to be made at the site.

The latest developments there have seen the perimeter fencing improved to bolster security at the site, as part of our ongoing programme of improvements to maximise the quality of service provided there.

The nursery is a key part of how we are providing high quality childcare on-site and is just one element of our essential efforts to ensure we are appropriately supporting our hard-working colleagues.

### **Notable engagements: Supporting Trust partners with their recruitment efforts**

Over the past month, I have been delighted to support colleagues at Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) with their efforts to recruit new associate non-executive directors to their Board of Directors.

Recruiting Non-Executive Directors with a wealth of experience from different walks of life is an essential part of trusts' invaluable efforts to hold their executive team to account and ensure they are providing the best possible care to the communities we serve.

Those efforts also strengthen the vital relationships we are continuing to build with our system colleagues, as we continue our commitment to improving the quality of health and care services across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

### **Other notable engagements and visits from over the past month:**

- Meetings with governors
- Discussions with external partners in local authorities
- Meetings with colleagues and other chairs across the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire system
- Attending the *Step into the NHS* recruitment event