

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's update		Date: 1 st June 2023		
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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					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
X	X	X	X	X	X
Principal Risk					
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					
Acronyms					
ATTFE = Academy Transformation Trust Further Education NHS = National Health Service SFH = Sherwood Forest Hospitals					
Executive Summary					
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Celebrating our colleagues' dedication and outstanding achievements at our annual Excellence Awards



We are continuing our preparations for this summer's #TeamSFH *Excellence Awards*, which are our Trust's single greatest opportunity to say 'thank you' to our hard-working staff for their outstanding efforts over the past year.

This will be the first time that our Trust *Excellence Awards* have been held in-person since before the start of the pandemic. The event will be held on Wednesday 5th July – the same day that our NHS will celebrate its 75th anniversary nationally, which we are excited to be celebrating as a Trust.

This year we have received hundreds of nominations for this year's awards from our staff, patients, partners and members of the public, all of whom have made their nominations to our hard-working colleagues and teams for the care they have provided.

We look forward to sharing a wealth of those heart-warming nominations over the coming weeks.

Celebrating the contributions of our amazing #TeamSFH volunteers during National Volunteers' Week

June's meeting of our Trust's Board of Directors will take place on Thursday 1st June on the first day of this year's national Volunteers' Week – an annual celebration of the contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK by giving their time in their local communities.

Here at Sherwood, we are grateful for the amazing support of our 389 volunteers who generously give their time to support our clinical and non-clinical roles. Every moment they give really does make a difference to help great patient care happen across our hospitals.

Our volunteers play an essential role in supporting our colleagues across #TeamSFH, bringing with them a wealth of professional and life experience that enhances the care we provide as a Trust.

In an average week across our hospitals, our volunteers give an amazing 967 hours of their time across 30 volunteer roles within the Trust. That equates to an incredible 50,284 hours over the course of a year – and for their commitment, we are so incredibly grateful.

Bidding a fond farewell to Tracey Brassington, #TeamSFH's Community Involvement Manager

This month we will bid a fond farewell to Tracey Brassington, our brilliant Community Involvement Manager, who has played an instrumental role in helping to drive-forward the work of our brilliant Community Involvement team.

For those of you who are not familiar with our Community Involvement team, they are the team who lead so much of our work around how we engage with our local communities, how we encourage financial support from our communities through donations to our Trust Charity, and how we welcome volunteers to give their time to support the Trust's work.

I have been proud to work alongside Tracey throughout my time here at Sherwood and I am so grateful for her skill, compassion and dedication. Tracey leaves an incredible legacy that has transformed the way we work with the communities we serve here at Sherwood.

Our Community Involvement function has come such a long way under Tracey's stewardship. She leaves with our best wishes and we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement when that day comes later this month.

Tracey will pass the baton on to one of her very able deputies, Jo Thornley, who I know will continue Tracey's work in continuing to take our brilliant Community Involvement team in an exciting direction.

Update on this summer's governor elections

Our preparations for this summer's governor elections are now in full-swing and we have received really good interest in this exciting opportunity, with a good number of prospective governors making their nominations to stand for election in this summer's elections.

This summer's elections will look to fill seven vacancies for our public governors across our Rest of East Midlands (four vacancies) and Newark constituencies (three vacancies). We are also looking to fill one vacancy for a staff governor here at Sherwood.

A total of seven vacancies were originally advertised across all constituencies.

Since posting our notice of election, another of our public governors – Ann Mackie – decided to resign her position as a public governor in our Newark constituency which we will now look to fill in this summer's election. Ann's resignation follows the resignation of Maxine Huskinson, who has also resigned her position as a public governor over recent months. I thank them both for their excellent service during their time as governors here at Sherwood.

Our governors have a key role to play in helping the Trust to achieve its ambitions of providing healthier communities and outstanding care to all.

As part of our preparations for this summer's elections, we also held a number of online information events for aspirant governors to learn more about the roles before making their nomination to stand for election. Both virtual events were well-attended by a host of enthusiastic individuals who were keen to give something back to their local hospitals and our patients who receive care here. We are grateful for their interest.

Polls are due to open for this summer's governor elections on 13th June 2023, with votes being welcomed from the Trust's 14,000-plus members until Thursday 6th July. We plan to announce the results of those elections on Friday 7th July. I will aim to update on that at August's Board meeting.

Notable engagements from the past month: Sherwood Forest Coronation Event

I was delighted to join one of our Trust's public governors, Liz Barrett OBE – the Principal at Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE) – for their Sherwood Forest Coronation Picnic earlier this month.

The day was an opportunity for the College to welcome their local partners – like the Trust – and to share with them the host of exciting inclusive learning opportunities that are provided by the College to local learners.

It was my pleasure to attend and see the connections between local students at ATTFE and primary schools. You can [watch a video from the event that has been produced by ATTFE on YouTube here](#).



Claire Ward, Chair of Sherwood Forest Hospitals, alongside Liz Barrett OBE and Paula Hancock from Sherwood Forest Education Partnership at the Coronation event

Notable engagements from the past month:

- Visiting our partners Skanska with Roz Norman, our staff-side representative for Unison
- Representing the Trust at a special Coronation celebration ceremony at Southwell Minister
- Meeting with Chairs and Chief Executives to discuss progress with the ICS and Provider Collaborative.