

Board of Directors Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chairman Report		Date: 26 April 2018	
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month.			Decision	
			Approval	
			Assurance	X
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care to our patients	To support each other to do a great job	To inspire excellence	To get the most from our resources	To play a leading role in transforming health and care services
X	X	X	X	X
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
			X	
Risks/Issues				
Financial				
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact				
Services				
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/A				
Executive Summary				
<p>An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribute to Ray Dawson, Non-Executive Director • General update • Visits to Trust teams and external meetings • Two innovative projects shortlisted for national Patient Safety awards 				

Chairman Report – April 2018

Tribute to Ray Dawson, Non-Executive Director

I would like to start this month's report with a tribute to Ray Dawson, one of our non-executive directors who sadly died suddenly on Saturday 14 April aged 64.

I know I speak on behalf of the Board when I say we are all greatly saddened by the death of Ray. He was a highly respected and well liked member of our team and he will be greatly missed by us all.

We would once again offer our thoughts and condolences to Ray's family and friends. Today is particularly poignant for us here on the Board as we had fully expected Ray to be here. Sadly this is not the case.

Ray was a Sherwood Forest Hospitals Board Member for just under five years, was Chair of our Audit and Assurance Committee and made significant contributions and ideas to many developments during his time here. He will also be remembered for his keen interest in cricket, as he was also a committee member for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, and I know many Board members will miss his commentary and passion about the game.

Today I would formally like to note our appreciation for Ray's effort and dedication he gave us here at Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

A book of condolences has been opened in the Faith Centre at King's Mill Hospital for Ray and all staff, patients and visitors are welcome to sign this.

General update

In the last month the key issues I have been focusing on are:

- The CQC announced visit and drop ins. I know we are all keen to demonstrate to the CQC the progress we have made over the last few years and the ambition we have for the future and for our patients. Whilst it is early days, initial feedback from the CQC has been positive and they have seen a number of excellent examples of high quality care.
- The future of the Alliance across mid-Nottinghamshire and a presentation on this should be coming to Board in the next few months. This will allow us to see how this will align with the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System and the important role we will play in that.
- The results of our end of year performance for 2017/18. Although some of this data is still being validated, I believe it shows we have still performed well. However it also shows that we have challenges that we must focus on if we are to consistently provide timely care for our patients.

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

Since the last Board of Directors' meeting in March I have been out and about to the following departments and meetings:

- Mansfield Community Hospital with Clinical Chair for the Women and Children's division Helena Clements.
- The initial CQC presentation and welcome to the Trust.
- Emergency Department Consultant interview panels.
- Alliance Leadership Board Meeting.
- STP Elected Members, Chairs and Non-Executive Directors Advisory Group.
- The Staff Milestone Awards at King's Mill and Newark Hospitals.
- My second 15 Steps Quality Visit on the diagnostic part of the fractured neck of femur pathway.
- NHS Improvement Midlands & East Chairs Networking Event.

Two innovative projects shortlisted for national Patient Safety awards

An innovative new system that is helping King's Mill Hospital to cut the number of unnecessary admissions and get elderly and vulnerable patients back home quickly has been shortlisted for a national Patient Safety Award.

The new communication system, developed by Sherwood Forest Hospitals, Nottinghamshire Health Informatics Service (NHIS) and Nottinghamshire County Council, allows staff working in the Emergency Department at King's Mill Hospital to have access to some key aspects of information held on Nottinghamshire County Council's Adult Social Care electronic records once the patient has consented to information being shared.

A secure connection between Sherwood Forest Hospitals and Nottinghamshire County Council enables Emergency Department staff to see whether a social care package is in place for a patient so that they can make a more informed decision about whether the patient can be sent home safely, whatever the time of day, knowing that the right care and support is in place at home.

Before having this connection, staff had to rely on asking a social care worker to look up the person on the social care system. This was much more time-consuming and was not possible at certain times of day (i.e. from 5pm to 8am).

The programme has been shortlisted in the Product or Innovation category of the awards, which recognise and reward outstanding practice within the NHS and independent healthcare organisations.

A second Sherwood Forest Hospitals improvement initiative has also been shortlisted in the Perioperative and Surgical Care category. This is for improvements made to the pathway of patients with, or at risk of, Obstructive Sleep Apnoea. The newly developed pathway has helped identify patients at risk of Sleep Apnoea earlier. Sleep Apnoea is a potentially serious sleep disorder that causes breathing to repeatedly stop and start during sleep and can cause issues for patients when they are put under anaesthetic.

If before an operation a patient is assessed as being at risk of moderate or severe Obstructive Sleep Apnoea, they are referred to the Trust's Sleep Medicine Service. Patients are then screened at home overnight before their operation and the results reviewed. If it would be beneficial, patients are then offered Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) treatment for a week, where they wear a face or nasal mask that provides a flow of air into the nasal passages to keep the airways open. After the week the patient is re-assessed and decisions are then made in terms of anaesthetic and treatment they might need following the operation.

This new way of working is helping to reduce unpleasant experiences for patients and means that more patients can be treated as a day-case patient rather than having to stay in overnight.

The news comes just weeks after it was announced that the Trust has been shortlisted in five categories in the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Value Awards.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Monday 9 July.

Long Service Awards

I was lucky enough to present staff with long service awards from 5 years to 45 years - yes you read that right. 45 years is an incredible length of service to the Trust and the people we serve. The commitment and dedication that these awards highlight is a crucial aspect of our journey to outstanding.

Membership Summary

The Forum for Public Involvement met on 6 April. The group covered items including the Trust's results from the national staff survey and comments and feedback on how the new Trust website may look and what information it should feature.

At the Governors' Membership and Engagement Group, the Meet Your Governor sessions and feedback was discussed. Following positive feedback from our governors, more 'Meet Your Governor' sessions were held in April again at all of our three sites. These will be held on a monthly basis going forward.