

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

All reports **MUST** have a cover sheet

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Purpose				
update on key events and information from the last month.		Approval		
		Assurance	X	
		Update		
		Consider		
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"> • Five new Governors announced • Membership update • Newark Hospital Open Day • Staff Excellence Awards • Volunteers' Long Service Awards • Meet with Local MPs • Maximising Our Potential Event • Council of Governors Task and Finish Group • New isolation pod in Intensive Critical Care • Baby Loss Awareness Week 				

Chairman Report – October 2017

Five new Governors announced

We have announced the results of our latest election for public and staff Governors.

The election was held over the summer to fill the five vacancies for public Governors in the Mansfield (x2), Ashfield (x2) and Derbyshire constituencies, and for one staff Governor to cover the King's Mill and Mansfield Community Hospital sites.

More than 1,100 votes were cast from Trust members across the constituencies and the following candidates have been elected:

- John Roughton, Public Governor for Mansfield
- Jane Stubbings, Public Governor for Ashfield
- Sue Holmes, Public Governor for Ashfield
- Andrew Berridge, Public Governor for Derbyshire
- Morgan Thanigasalam, Staff Governor for King's Mill and Mansfield Community Hospitals.

I am delighted to welcome our new Governors to the Trust and would like to thank all the candidates who put their name forward for this election.

I look forward to working with our newly appointed Governors, along with the rest of the Council of Governors, in ensuring that we continue to deliver the best care, service and wellbeing outcomes for each individual in the communities we serve.

Governors play an important role in holding the Trust accountable for the services it provides, as well as helping it deliver quality care to local communities. Governors also hold non-executive directors to account for the performance of the Board and represent the interests of Trust members and the public.

Governors are elected from the Trust's membership of over 17,000 and must live locally in Ashfield, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood and Derbyshire.

If anyone is interested becoming a Trust member it can be done easily online at www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk, by calling 01623 622515 ext 6911 or by emailing membership.sherwoodforest@sfh-tr.nhs.uk.

Membership Update

Two meet your governor events aimed at staff were held in September, one at King's Mill and one at Mansfield Community Hospital. The sessions ran over lunchtime to catch staff on breaks and to offer healthy lifestyle advice. A similar session took place at Newark Hospital on 17 October.

The Membership Officer attended the Newark and Sherwood and Mansfield and Ashfield CCG AGMs on 7 and 14 September respectively with information stands to promote the Trust. Although no new members were recruited, the stands generated a lot of interest and engagement with the public.

The Annual General Meeting and Annual Members' Meeting were held on 25 September. The marketplace stalls included representatives from the outpatient improvement group, resus, nervecentre and the library and knowledge service. Neil Perrons, a former cancer patient, shared his experiences of battling the condition and the support he received from the Trust. Feedback received from the event so far has been positive.

Newark Hospital Open Day

A fantastic open day was had at Newark Hospital this month. There was a wide range of activities and performances from the Fernwood Staff Choir and hundreds of members of our community turned up to see all that Newark has to offer.

Thank you to our partners East Midlands Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Community Police and local health partners for supporting the day and Newark Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Rita Crowe for officially opening the event.

Staff Excellence Awards

We had 392 nominations for this year's Staff Excellence Awards, a 15% increase in last year's amount. Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate individuals and teams to make sure they were recognised.

I can confirm shortlisting has already taken place using governors and staff representatives and the full list of everyone who was nominated, as well as those lucky individuals and teams who have been shortlisted will be announced very soon.

The winners will be announced at a prestigious ceremony on Friday 10 November 2017, made possible by our generous sponsors Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity, Touch Design, Skanska, Central Nottinghamshire Hospitals PLC and Medirect.

Volunteers' Long Service Awards

I was delighted to attend the three Long Service Awards for our volunteers across Newark Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital and King's Mill Hospital this month. The ceremonies thanked scores of our volunteers who between them have amassed hundreds of years' worth of volunteering for our Trust. It was humbling to meet so many dedicated individuals and one of the highlights of my year.

Meet with local MPs

This month I've had a teleconference with MP Gloria De Piero (Labour, Ashfield and Eastwood) and a meeting with MP Robert Jenrick (Conservative, Newark and Bingham). We discussed a range of topic but both conversations were really fruitful to hear what constituents are telling their MPs about us. It is important to me that we keep all channels open and our local MPs are an important part of this.

Maximising Our Potential Event

I attended the Maximising Our Potential event held at King's Mill Hospital to learn more about our **Maximising Our Potential (MoP)** workforce strategy. It was a great event with information on recruitment, apprenticeships, learning and development opportunities, health and wellbeing initiatives, leadership development, engagement and e-learning. It was all about enabling dedicated people to deliver outstanding healthcare and ensuring they have the right skills, attitude and potential to excel as part of #TeamSFH which is crucial to us becoming an outstanding Trust.

Council of Governors Task and Finish Group

A Governor Task and Finish Group which will review and oversee proposed changes to the current process with regard to the statutory duties of the Governors: Holding NEDs to account and representing the interests of the membership and public, has been established, its first meeting was Tuesday 24th October 2017.

New isolation pod in Intensive Critical Care

Infection control has been radically improved on King's Mill's Intensive Critical Care Unit (ICCU) thanks to a new innovative isolation pod that has been installed.

The pod is the second largest of its kind in the UK and has provided more isolation space on the unit, which will reduce the risk of infection and improve infection control surrounding some of the Trust's most vulnerable patients.

The new pod means that King's Mill's ICCU now has isolation areas on each side of the unit, allowing for more patients with infectious diseases to be treated in a contained environment.

The pod has a large air filtering system, which works on a negative pressure system to keep infections in, recycling the air up to 22 times a minute, ensuring that the air is clean and therefore the likelihood of infection is reduced.

It's so important to have isolation facilities in areas like ICCU, so that we can control infections and stop them spreading to any other patients.

It is a facility that has been needed on the ward and it was used within 15 minutes of being installed, which just shows how useful it will be.

Baby Loss Awareness Week (October 9-15)

King's Mill Hospital is lit up the night sky in blue and pink in Baby Loss Week in memory of families that have suffered the loss of a baby and have been cared for at the hospital.

Two of the hospital's towers were lit up in blue and pink after dark to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week aimed at raising awareness of the loss of babies and providing an opportunity for bereaved parents, their families and friends to unite and commemorate their babies' lives.

King's Mill Hospital's Bereavement Midwife, Melanie Butcher, said: "We're joining buildings across the country in lighting up King's Mill Hospital in the Baby Loss Awareness Week colours to show our support. We understand what a devastating time the death of a baby can be for parents and we hope that by acknowledging the week, we can help families to feel less isolated by loss and raise awareness of the additional services and care that we as an organisation provide.

"Through the maternity bereavement services that we have at King's Mill Hospital, we are able to provide dedicated care and support to families who have experienced the loss of a baby, helping to make a difficult time a little less painful."

During the week, tea lights were also given out to visitors to King's Mill Hospital so that they could take part in the global 'Wave of Light' on Sunday 15 October, which is recognised as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

The hospital also held its second baby loss support group meeting on the same day (Sunday 15 October). The group gives grieving parents the opportunity to meet and talk to other parents who are going through a similar experience in a friendly and understanding environment.

The group is the first of its kind in the Mansfield area – until it was set up, local families who had suffered the loss of a baby had to travel as far as Nottingham to find a support group.