Subject: Chair’s Report  
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Purpose 
To update on key events and information from the last month. 

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Strategic Objectives 
To provide outstanding care 
To promote and support health and wellbeing 
To maximise the potential of our workforce 
To continuously learn and improve 
To achieve better value 

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Overall Level of Assurance 
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Risks/Issues 
Financial 
Patient Impact 
Staff Impact 
Services 
Reputational 

Committees/groups where this item has been presented before 
N/a 

Executive Summary 
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair’s perspective:

- Chief Nurse Awards 
- Volunteers Week 2019 
- Local Health Partners Learning Difficulties event 
- Patient returns to thank unit 43 years after saving her life 
- Visit to Trust Teams and External Meetings 
- Membership summary
Chief Nurse Awards 2019
Our 2019 Chief Nurse Awards celebrated the amazing work of Sherwood nurses, midwives, support workers, housekeepers, allied health professionals and students. We saw a record of more than 330 nominations, and the winners were announced at the awards ceremony on Friday 7 June, with the results as follows:

**Communicating and Working Together Award**
**Winner** Emma Wilson (Safeguarding Children Specialist Nurse, Safeguarding)
**Runners-up** Danielle Woods (Theatre Recovery Team Leader, Theatres), Sally Palmer (Senior Specialist Nurse, Infection and Prevention Control)

**Aspiring and Improving Award**
**Winner** Leanne Beardsley (Ward Sister, Short Stay Unit)
**Runners-up** Beth Rice (Radiographer, Radiography), Stephanie Anstess (Tissue Viability Nurse Consultant, Tissue Viability)

**Respectful and Caring Award**
**Winner** Adam Birch (Therapy Assistant, Integrated Stroke Unit)
**Runners-up** Allison Beswick (Health Care Assistant, Stroke Unit) Louise Staves (Pain Nurse Specialist, Specialist Pain Team)

**Efficient and Safe Award**
**Winner** Sarah Pennington (Registered Nurse, Ward 42)
**Runners-up** Jack Waring (Medicines Management Technician, Pharmacy), Kerry Morris (Deputy Sister and Practice Development Matron, Ward 25)

**Support Worker of the Year Award**
**Winner** Adam Godfrey (Therapy Assistant, Therapy Services)
**Runners-up** Emma-Jane Webster (Therapy Assistant Practitioner, Therapy Services), Michelle Webster (Health Care Assistant, Pre Op)

**Student of the Year Award**
**Winner** Nathan Caunt (Student Nurse, Ward 43) (University of Lincoln student)
**Runners-up** Marie Simpson (Student Radiographer, Radiology) (Sheffield Hallam University student), Tommy Pearson (Student Physiotherapist, MSK Outpatients) (Sheffield Hallam University student)

**Outstanding Leadership Award**
**Winner** Anne Kabia (Ward Sister, Day Case Unit)
**Runners-up** Mychelle Ward (Matron, Integrated Sexual Health Services), Scott Marshall (Charge Nurse, Ward 34)

**Outstanding Educational Achievement of the Year Award**
**Winner** Emma Bartle (Clinical Educator, Practice Development)
**Runners-up** Justin Wyatt (Charge Nurse, Ward 43), Yvonne Christley (Head of Professional Practice, Corporate Division)
Chief Nurse Award
Winner  Adam Birch (Therapy Assistant, Integrated Stroke Unit)
Runner-up  Emma Wilson (Safeguarding Children Specialist Nurse, Safeguarding), Danielle Woods (Theatre Recovery Team Leader, Theatres).

Many congratulations to all those winners, shortlisted and nominated!

Volunteers Week 2019

We were proud to celebrate National Volunteers Week from 1-7 June, taking the opportunity to say thank you to you the 600+ volunteers that work across our three sites.

The week celebrating our fantastic volunteers and their dedication to support the trust, colleagues and patients saw a number of events and awards and featured heavily on social media throughout the week? If you missed it, you can catch up on our @SFHIInvolvement twitter page to have a look!

I would like to officially add my thanks and admiration for all of our volunteers – our hospitals would not operate with them.

In May 2019, the Daffodil Café volunteers were nominated for a Mansfield Volunteer Award, which recognises the hard work and support from volunteers across Mansfield. The Daffodil Café volunteers did not win the overall award but it was fantastic that they were nominated. They were awarded with a certificate to mark their achievements in providing a valuable voluntary service at Sherwood Forest Hospitals for our colleagues and patients and their families.

We also used National Volunteers Week to launch our new Dragon’s Den project which is being supported by King’s Mill Hospital volunteers. The scheme is supporting colleagues that have an idea that will enrich patient or carer experience within their department, by giving them the opportunity to bid for funds of between £500 and £5,000 to make it happen.

It is currently only open to any area across King’s Mill Hospital (this is because it is being funded by King’s Mill Hospital’s Daffodil Café) and must impact on patient care, visitors or carers. The closing date for applications is Friday 19 July and a ‘Dragon’s Den’ style panel will take place on Monday 5 August led by Chief Nurse, Suzanne Banks, to decide which projects will receive funding.

Local health partners join forces to support people with learning difficulties

More than 40 people with learning difficulties, their families and carers attended a special ‘Your Health Event’ to find out more about healthcare and other services that are available to them locally at the Lammas Leisure Centre on Wednesday 19 June.

In the first event of its kind locally, teams from Sherwood Forest Hospitals, the Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group (GGC) and Everyone Active came together to give people with learning difficulties the opportunity to meet their specialist teams. The event also included
information stalls on services and products available to them, the chance to find out more about their health and the chance to take part in activities like ice skating, bowls and dancing. There was also the opportunity to help influence future health services.

It is great to see us working with our partner organisations and in the community to improve the wellbeing for this group who sometimes find it hard to navigate the health and social care system.

Ruth Harrison, Lead Learning Disability (IDD) Specialist Nurse at Sherwood Forest Hospitals said:

“There are lots of great services locally that can help people with learning disabilities as well as their families and carers, but we know full well that it can sometimes be difficult finding your way through the system. By coming together with our partners to hold a single event under one roof we’re aiming to make that process much simpler. I would encourage anyone interested to pop along to the event and have chat to see what we might be able to do to help them more.”

**Patient thanks unit on her birthday after saving her life 43 years ago**

Sherwood Forest Hospitals’ Neonatal Intensive Care Unit had a very special visitor on Wednesday 19 June who came in to thank the team for saving her life 43 years ago.

Born 13 weeks early in 1976, weighing just 960 grams, Sarah Field, was born at the old Dukeries Hospital which used to sit on the King’s Mill Hospital site. She is currently visiting her Mum on the stroke unit, and thought it would be a fitting tribute to visit the neonatal team on her birthday.

Sarah visited the unit and spent some time chatting to Practice Development Matron, Kate Rogers and Specialist Midwife Dianne Best, both of whom started their careers at the Dukeries Hospital and Neonatal Nurse Simon Randal, who works on NICU.

Sarah said: “I’m pleased that I got the chance to come and say thank you to staff for their care and for saving my life. I hope that by seeing me 43 years on, my story can give new parents of neonatal babies some hope. If they could save me 43 years ago, it definitely says something about the care that can be given and the outcomes that are possible. I have had premature children of my own and it’s only by going through that, that I now understand the significance of what my parents went through. My Son, Toby, was born at 37 weeks and my daughter, Matilda, was born at 35 weeks, so I know what it is like to go through as a mother, but knowing that I had battled through and survived at just 27 weeks in 1976 gave me a lot of strength and hope at the time.”

Sarah’s father, Dennis, 72, from Forest Town in Mansfield, remembering when Sarah was born, said: “All of our interactions with the hospital from back then to present day have been superb and I really can’t fault the staff. In fact, when Sarah was born, we were that happy with the care that we went on holiday whilst she was in hospital. The nurses encouraged us and were so supportive so we knew she was being well looked after and that she was in safe hands. She was in hospital for 13 weeks and was discharged on her due date, so it was a long time for her to be in.”

Sarah now lives in Melbourne Australia with her husband Nick and two children Toby, 12 and Matilda, six. She is visiting her mother, Sheena, at King’s Mill Hospital after she unfortunately suffered a stroke.

Practice Development Matron, Kate Rogers, who has been a midwife for 24 years and started her career at Dukeries Hospital said: “It was lovely to meet Sarah and Dennis and talk about their time at Dukeries and how things were then and how they have changed and developed now. We have certainly come a long way on the unit since 1976. We wish Sarah’s mum all the best in her recovery.”
Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- ICS Leadership showcase
- ICS Board
- ICS System workshop
- Meeting fellow local NHS Chairs
- League of Friends Newark AGM

Within the Trust I have been out and about to the following departments and meetings:

- Appraisals with our Non-Exec Directors
- King’s Mill Hospital Volunteers AGM
- Out and about for Volunteers Week celebrations

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group met on Monday 10 June. Anthony Rosevear attended the meeting to speak to members about the Landmark Group and how it is helping patients who would regularly use ED or the UCC. The Landmark Group works with local partners to help people develop coping techniques to help with their mental health. A representative from HealthWatch also attended a share a draft leaflet and survey with members to gather feedback and comments. The aim of the survey was to gather information on the experiences of patients living with newly diagnosed dementia.

Meet your governor sessions took place across all three sites from Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June.

Number of public members: 15,600
Number of staff members: 5,893
Total members: 21,493