

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	1 August 2019		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		Approval		
		Assurance	X	
		Update		
		Consider		
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
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"> • Midwife at Sherwood Forest Hospitals unexpectedly delivers her own grandchild at home • SFH Pride • Sherwood Forest's Inaugural Pride event • Latest Consultant Recruits • Visit to Trust Teams and External Meetings • Membership summary 				

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Midwife at Sherwood Forest Hospitals unexpectedly delivers her own grandchild at home

A new baby is an exciting time for any grandparent-to-be, but it's an extra special time if they get to participate in the birth of the baby themselves. This is exactly what happened when Community Midwife at Sherwood Forest Hospitals, Julie Shaw, was visiting her son and his partner at their home in Mansfield.

Beth Islip, 25 from Mansfield, was four days overdue with her second baby when she started to notice lower abdominal cramps and wondered if it was the start of contractions. She called Julie, her partner's mum, to ask if the pains sounded like the start of labour and Julie offered to stay overnight and look after their daughter in case Beth and her Partner Lee Shaw had to hurry off to hospital.

Julie arrived at Beth and Lee's home in Mansfield at around 11pm on Monday 10 June, but it was clear that they wouldn't make it to the hospital in time to give birth to the baby as Beth's waters broke and she had an immediate urge to push. At this point, Julie called her colleague and Beth's Community Midwife, Jill Kingswood, and asked her to come over with gas and air. By the time Jill arrived, and within 13- minutes of Julie's arrival Beth had given birth to her new 8lb 9oz baby boy, Alfie, and had him cradled safely in her arms.

Julie said: "When I arrived at Beth and Lee's home I was really surprised to see that Beth had gone from cramps just minutes earlier to having the urge to push! When her waters broke we knew there was no time to get to the hospital so I called Jill for gas and air as requested by Beth. By the time Jill arrived, Beth was pushing and she gave birth to baby Alfie in her living room without any pain relief.

"I was only meant to be going to look after my granddaughter, Evie, in case Beth and Lee had to go to hospital during the night but as it happened I ended up being present to witness the birth of my grandson! It was such a lovely, magical moment to be there for the birth of my own grandson and together I hope that myself and Jill made Beth and Lee feel very safe and special. Everyone I have met said that 'this was meant to be' and I believe that this really was meant to be as I was on holiday the week before, on Alfie's due date."

Julie and Jill were able to carry out all after care at home for Beth and Alfie so they didn't have to go into hospital. Evie slept through the birth and met her baby brother Alfie the next morning.

Julie has been a midwife at Sherwood Forest Hospitals since 1984 and has been present for the birth of hundreds of babies in that time, but assisting Beth with the birth of her own grandson is a birth she will never forget.

SFH Pride

Following the very successful launch of the NHS Rainbow Badge Scheme and as part of our on-going commitment to support our local LGBT+ community, we held our very own mini PRIDE event on Tuesday 23 July on the KTC street at King's Mill Hospital.

In addition to some fun activities and a range of support resources being available, staff were also be able to find out more about the NHS Rainbow Badge scheme, our recently formed LGBT+ Staff Network and to meet some of the network members. We were also delighted to be welcoming local support organisations, Centre Place and Notts LBGT+ Network.

SFH Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to confirm that our Annual General Meeting and Members meeting will take place on Monday 23 September, 5.30-6.30pm in the King's Conference Centre at King's Mill Hospital. Members, Governors, colleagues and members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting.

Latest Consultant Recruits

We are pleased that our recruitment continues to perform well in a very competitive market. In the last month we have been delighted to welcome the following Consultants to Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

Started in post

- Dr Hassan Mahmoud – Locum Consultant Radiologist, who joined us from Egypt

Offer accepted

- Remy Bahl – joining us from County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust (Specialist Practitioner-Forensic Medical Examiner/Forensic Physician) and Mountain Healthcare Ltd (Sexual Offences Examiner-Paediatrics)
- Linda Graves – Consultant Paediatrician – joining us as a newly qualified Consultant from the national training scheme in Yorkshire
- Nehal Thanawala – Consultant Paediatrician – Joining us as a newly qualified Consultant from a fixed term middle grade post at University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire
- Gnanashree Krishna Murthy – Consultant Anaesthetist – joining us as a newly qualified Consultant from Sheffield Teaching hospitals NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust.

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- ICS Board
- ICS Board Development Session
- Meeting Newark and Sherwood colleagues
- Meeting fellow local NHS Chairs

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

- Interviewing prospective Consultants
- Remuneration Committee
- One to ones with key colleague

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group met on Monday 1 July. Meet your governor sessions took place across all three sites from Monday 22 June to Friday 26 July.

Number of public members: 15,600

Number of staff members: 5,893

Total members: 21,493