

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	5 December 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"> • SFH Chief Nurse and Medical Director • Staff Excellence Awards 2019 • Hospital Trust plans series of special services to remember those we have lost • SFH awarded for top equality, diversity and inclusion work • Festive wishes • Latest Consultant Recruits • Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings • Membership summary 				

Chair's Report – December 2019

SFH Chief Nurse and Medical Director

In November's Board we said goodbye to our Chief Nurse Suzanne Banks who is retiring, and whose last day at Sherwood Forest Hospitals was Thursday 28 November, and today is the last Board meeting with Andy Haynes as our Executive Medical Director who is moving to be the Executive lead for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS. Andy's last day with the Trust is Friday 6 December.

I want to put on record once again on behalf of both myself and the Board our thanks and admiration for the fantastic job that both Suzanne and Andy have done for SFH, and the significant role that they have both played in the progress we have made in recent years.

While we will miss Suzanne and Andy, I am very pleased with the calibre of individuals that we have been successful in recruiting to take these vital roles forward. As we have reported previously, Julie Hogg will be joining us as our new Chief Nurse from UCL, and in the last month I'm pleased to say that Dr David Selwyn was successful in securing the position of Medical Director following a national recruitment process. Both Julie and David, as well as our new Director of Culture and Improvement, Emma Challans will be starting their roles with us on Monday 9 December and I know you will join me in welcoming them to SFH and the Board. We look forward to working with all three of them as we look to continue our journey.

Staff Excellence Awards 2019

We had a fantastic evening on Friday 8 November at our Annual Staff Excellence Awards, which was a huge celebration of just some of the brilliant work from teams and individuals across the organisation from the last 12 months. Many congratulations to everyone who won an award on the night or was shortlisted, I hope you are very proud of what you have achieved. Thanks to the Communications Team for organising a successful event, and thanks to the sponsors for the evening, who have helped the Trust deliver this event as 'cost neutral' to the organisation.

Details of all of the winners are available on our website. I was particularly proud to again present the Chair's overall Award for Excellence, this year we awarded a Highly Commended to the Newark Theatres Team, as well as the richly deserved overall award to the Street Health team responsible for our ground-breaking work supporting our local homeless community.

Hospital Trust plans series of special services to remember those we have lost

Sherwood Forest Hospitals Chaplains have arranged a series of special services to remember those who have passed away at our hospitals.

- On Wednesday 27 November there will be an Intensive Care Advent service of remembrance held at 11.30am at the Faith Centre at King's Mill Hospital, followed by refreshments.
- On Friday 29 November there will be a special children and baby memorial service held at 7pm in the Faith Centre at King's Mill Hospital.
- On Wednesday 4 December at 7pm there will be a service to remember the special people in your life who have died. This will be held in the Outpatients area of Newark Hospital.
- On Thursday 5 December at 7pm and Thursday 12 December at 7pm there will be a service to remember the special people in your life who have died. These will be held at King's Mill Hospital's Faith Centre.

Lead Chaplain at the Trust, Edith Dawson said: "We know that the festive season can be difficult for those who have lost someone, so we thought we would do a series of services to give families and friends the chance to remember their loved ones that they have lost. Anyone is welcome to attend a service, please just let us know if you would like to come along."

If you would like to attend any of the services please contact the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Chaplaincy Service on 01623 622 515 ext: 3047.

SFH awarded for top equality, diversity and inclusion work

We are proud to announce that Sherwood Forest Hospitals won the national NHSI Best retention offer to support equality, diversity and inclusion award sponsored by the Burdett Trust. The National Retention Awards celebrate the fantastic retention work being done in trusts around the country.

The Trust was nominated for the work we have done with our overseas students by providing them with the support and guidance they need to settle into the Trust. Congratulations to all involved!

Festive best wishes

As we are now in winter, and fast approaching Christmas, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect and thank all members of TeamSFH and our partners. We are fully aware that this is an especially busy time of year and your hard work to care for our patients is hugely appreciated. I hope that all members of staff and volunteers have the opportunity to have some well-earned time off over the festive period, and enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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.

- Consultant in Critical Care, Dr Kanchan Valli Ratnam has been offered the post following interview on 4 November
- Consultant Surgeon Mr Muhammed Bhatti has been offered the post following interview on 18 November

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- ICS Board Meeting
- ICS Board development session

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

- Staff Excellence Awards
- Medical Director interviews
- Council of Governors
- Board of Directors time out
- Visits from political representatives to SFH
- Consultant Interviews
- Governor 121s
- 15 Steps visit
- Christmas memorial services
- Newark Hospital walk round

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group met on Monday 2 December, and Meet your Governor sessions took place across all three sites again in November.

Membership numbers

Number of public members: 15,517

Number of staff members: 6,100

Total: 21,617