

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	9 January 2020		
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<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>		
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/a				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
<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"> <li>• SFH Chief Nurse, Medical Director and Director of Culture and Improvement</li> <li>• SFH doctor joins national project team to make maternity services in England safer</li> <li>• New support group set up for stroke patients</li> <li>• Gamma Scanner appeal update</li> <li>• Happy New Year</li> <li>• Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings</li> <li>• Membership summary</li> </ul>				

## Chair's Report – January 2020

### **SFH Chief Nurse, Medical Director and Director of Culture and Improvement**

Last month we were delighted to have all three of our new Executive colleagues join us, and I am very much looking forward to working with all of them in the coming months and years. Please join us in officially welcoming Dr David Selwyn, Medical Director, Julie Hogg, Chief Nurse, and Emma Challans our Director of Culture and Improvement.

### **SFH doctor joins national project team to make maternity services in England safer**

Susanna Al-Samarrai, an obstetrician from Sherwood Forest Hospitals has been appointed one of 16 health professionals in England to lead a programme of work to help reduce the number of babies who die or are born with brain injuries during or shortly after labour.

The group, all of whom are either midwives or obstetricians from separate NHS Trusts across England, are working with the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) to look at how factors such as workplace culture and staff wellbeing can affect care.

Around 700,000 babies are born in the UK every year. The vast majority are born safely, but more than 1,000 will die or suffer a brain injury during or shortly after term labour. Many of these cases are preventable.

As part of the Royal Colleges' Each Baby Counts+Learn and Support programme, Susanna will co-design and test new approaches to improve the safety and quality of care by examining how healthcare professionals work together. They will work directly with women and staff at their own NHS Trust to test their ideas and will be supported to develop their leadership skills. They will use what they learn to help other Trusts in England improve their working practices.

Mandy Forrester, Programme Manager for the Each Baby Counts+Learn and Support initiative, said: "We are delighted that Susanna will be bringing her knowledge and experience to this project. Midwives and obstetricians always strive to provide excellent care, but we know circumstances can be difficult. Services are underfunded; staff might feel overstretched, stressed and exhausted; and workplace pressures can make it difficult to raise issues or ask questions. We know issues like this can impact on the level of care women and their babies receive.

"If the NHS is to achieve its ambition of reducing the number of babies who die or sustain brain injuries during or shortly after birth, we must look at workplace culture. We want the UK to become known for being the safest place in the world to give birth, and a better working environment will inevitably lead to better and safer care for women and their babies."

Susanna said: "I am excited to be a part of this major initiative. Staff wellbeing and workplace culture can often be overlooked when it comes to assessing standards of care, but they play a

major role. I am looking forward to bringing my expertise to this project as well as learning from others in order to develop best practice for the NHS.”

The first project Susanna and her 15 counterparts will look at is around how issues are currently raised and handled in the workplace. The group will use evidence, including when issues were escalated and managed well, to develop and test a range of ways to promote best practice.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals’ Acting Divisional Head of Nursing and Midwifery, Penny Cole, added: “We are really pleased that Susie is playing such an important role in the national maternity safety agenda. We are very proud of our maternity service and the staff who work here and this project will support all of us in continuing to provide high quality care to women and their babies.”

Each Baby Counts+Learn and Support is one of a number of initiatives that contributes to NHS England’s national Maternity Transformation Programme to improve maternity care. It is currently funded until December 2021 by a grant from the Department of Health and Social Care.

For more information, visit: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/audit-quality-improvement/ebc-learn-support/>

### **New support group set up for stroke patients**

Stroke patients at King’s Mill Hospital can now get extra support and help thanks to a support group that has been set up on the hospital’s stroke ward.

The patient experience group has been set up by staff from the ward and previous stroke patients to help provide hope to both stroke survivors and their families.

The first ever group was held on Wednesday 16 October which was followed by the second group, held on Wednesday 20 November. Both groups have been very successful and so it has been decided to now run them on a regular basis. The group has been supported by two previous patients and stroke survivors, Alex Winfield and Adam Lambert.

Alex, 31, who had a stroke at the age of just 30, said: “I think the group is a really good idea, I wish there had been something like this when I first had my stroke. It’s really good for patients to talk to other people that have experienced something similar and see that there is life after a stroke and it is possible to come through it. I would encourage anyone who has suffered a stroke to come along to the support group and have a chat, as it is really good to speak to people who have been in the same situation.”

The group runs monthly for patients on Ward 53 and their families so that they can benefit from them whilst they are still patients on the ward.

Occupational Therapist, Sara Gent, who help set up the group said: “We have had some really good feedback from patients about the group. It can be really overwhelming for patients and their family, so I think it really helps for our current patients to listen and speak to others who have had a stroke, but who have progressed and have improved through therapy and support. I would also like

to thank my colleagues and our volunteers for helping to set up the group and continuing to support the running of it.”

### **Gamma Scanner appeal update**

A special thanks also to everyone that has contributed to fundraising over the last 12 months. I understand that the Gamma Scanner appeal reached the £450,000 landmark in December thanks to a very generous £10,000 donation from the Amazon Breast Care Support Group, a fundraising and supportive charity for people with breast cancer.

Geoff Stafford, the group’s secretary, said the scanner appeal is vital for supporting breast cancer patients in Mansfield and Ashfield. He said:

“We fundraise in various ways, such as through raffles, race events, fashion shows and marathons, as well as donations from the public.

“We regularly buy equipment for King’s Mill and decided we wanted to give £10,000 to the Gamma Scanner Appeal and give it a boost.

“We’re excited that the appeal is so close to its target as we know that the new technology will also help in diagnosing breast cancer in patients.”

The money raised through the campaign will be used to buy a new gamma scanner with CT scanning technology for the nuclear medicine department at King’s Mill Hospital. It will enable more than 2,000 patients each year to have advanced scans and revolutionise how they are diagnosed and treated.

Rob Bradley, nuclear medicine specialist added:

“We’re incredibly grateful to the Amazon Breast Care Support Group for their generous donation to our appeal – thank you. We’ve had some fantastic donations from the public, local groups, staff and businesses throughout the appeal which have helped us get so close to our appeal target and making a difference.”

### **Happy New Year**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all SFH colleagues and volunteers a very happy new year, and wish you all the best for 2020, and to thank everyone for everything they have done for patients over the last 12 months, including those working through Christmas and New Year. Although we know there will be challenges, we can look forward to 2020 with optimism.

### **Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings**

I have attended a number of external meetings including:

- ICS Board development session
- Midlands & East Chairs networking event
- National ICS and STP independent Chairs meeting
- NHS Leadership meeting

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

- Christmas memorial services
- Christmas carol service
- 15 Steps visits
- Newark Hospital walkaround
- 121s

### **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 December.

#### **Membership numbers**

Number of public members: 15,502

Number of staff members: 6,185

Total: 21,687