

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	3 Sept 2020		
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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"> • Covid-19 • Sherwood Forest Hospitals' annual baby remembrance service • SFH Doctors Awards • Volunteers Week • Digital Strategy • Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM • Latest Consultant Recruits • Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings • Membership summary 				

Chair's Report – September 2020

Chair's reflections

I know what a busy time it has been for colleagues in SFH, and right across the system, and would like to reassure all of our colleagues that your wellbeing is of paramount importance to the Board, and we regularly have conversations to ensure that as an organisation that we are doing everything we can to support you as individuals.

Alongside this we know that more challenges lie ahead of us as we approach winter, continue to recover services from Covid-19, and move towards a clearer EU exit. I would personally encourage all colleagues to rest and recuperate where you can, and echo comments about making sure you are taking annual leave appropriately.

As we continue to follow guidance on social distancing, I have not been on site as much as I would have liked in recent months, but am hoping to be more visible in the near future. I continue to be busy in my role as Chair though, and the below report highlights some of where my focus has been during the last month, including an update from our most recent full Council of Governors, and I am also having ongoing conversations with Chairs in partner organisations about how we can work better as a system for the benefit of our citizens and colleagues.

Looking forward, I am pleased to see the annual Staff Excellence Awards are now open for nominations, and will look forward to judging the overall Chair's Award for Excellence, and would remind you about the upcoming SFH Annual General Meeting on Monday 28 September.

On behalf of the Board and myself, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our patients and community.

Council of Governors update

The most recent meeting of the Council of Governors took place on Tuesday 11 August, with a number of items identified to bring back to Board.

- Firstly, the Governors recognised the work and commitment of colleagues in response to the Covid-19 incident and acknowledged the next phase will be even more challenging as services are restored. They also reflected the need discussed above to pay attention to the wellbeing and welfare of colleagues.
- It was also the first opportunity for COG to officially welcome the positive CQC assessment for the Trust that was announced in May
- CoG approved changes to the Constitution and these will be presented at the AGM for final approval

There were positive comments in relation to the working of Board sub-committees. It was recognised that for some other key meetings that colleagues are struggling to find time to attend them (including Learning from Deaths, and there was a conversation about the clarity of the Terms of Reference for some of the cabinets which have been created.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM

As a reminder for your diary, the Sherwood Forest Hospitals AGM will take place on Monday 26 September at 5.30pm.

The AGM is open to all members of the public and is an opportunity for the Trust to reflect upon its activities, challenges and achievements over the past financial year. There will be a presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts from SFH's Chief Executive, Richard Mitchell and the Trust will outline its plans for the year ahead.

The meeting will be broadcast live via MS Teams and anyone wanting to tune in will be able to do so via the following link <https://bit.ly/3hMwoCG>. Members of the public who do not have access to the live broadcast but would like to attend the meeting will need to register either via email sfh-tr.communications.nhs.net or telephone the membership office on 01623 622515 extension 6911. In light of social distancing measures places are limited so early registration is advised.

It's time to nominate in this year's Staff Excellence Awards!

Do you know a member of staff, team or volunteer who goes above and beyond the call of duty and has made a positive impact on our services, patients and colleagues? It's time to nominate them in this year's Staff Excellence Awards!

It has been an extraordinary year for colleagues at Sherwood Forest Hospitals and the NHS. We want to ensure SFH's colleagues are recognised for the outstanding care and delivery of services not only throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, but throughout the year too.

This year there are 22 awards on offer to teams and individuals in all roles across the Trust, including several new Covid-19 specific categories that recognise colleagues' commitment, outstanding care, sacrifice and support during the pandemic. We also have several new categories to acknowledge and recognise colleagues' contribution throughout the year, particularly pre-Covid-19.

There are awards for both colleagues and members of the public to nominate for, with more details on the Trust website. Please do take the time to nominate a colleague or a team as we know how much it means to them

Sherwood Forest Hospitals commended for continuing much needed service for mums during the pandemic

Sherwood Forest Hospitals' Infant Feeding Team has been commended by the leading charity for children, UNICEF BFI, for their good practice throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the pandemic and the clear need to still help new parents with breast feeding their new-borns, the team set to work and adapted their services to ensure they could still provide care to families in need.

Non-essential home visits were suspended locally on 17 March 2020, with many onsite clinics and face to face appointments being moved to telephone consultations and appointments. However, the Infant Feeding team at Sherwood Forest Hospitals did everything they could to ensure that breastfeeding infants who needed clinical assessments or treatment for tongue tie could be seen face to face either in the community or hospital setting.

The Team - which comprises of two Specialist Midwives and six Healthcare Support Workers ensured that the tongue tie clinic continued with adaptations including communicating with women before the appointment, hygiene measures and use of PPE. They also managed to run the clinic by undertaking assessments prior to the appointment in the clinic. The team's Health Care Support Workers are trained to assess for tongue tie, so they were able to assess some babies at their midwife postnatal clinic appointment in the community or at home, which helped avoid unnecessarily bringing babies into the hospital.

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.

- Dr Rebecca Foster, Consultant Paediatrician – newly qualified trainee
- Dr Salma Ali, Consultant Paediatrician – newly qualified trainee

Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings

I am continuing to meet internally and externally, wherever possible virtually and have attended a number of meetings including:

- Meeting with Chairs of partner organisations
- NED 121s
- Meetings with ICS colleagues
- Senior interviews and meetings
- Council of Governors meeting

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement group meeting was held virtually on Monday 3 August, and we have plans for further virtual meetings in the future. We have also paused the Meet your Governor sessions at this time, and are working with our governors to help restore how we reconnect with our members and the wider public.

Membership numbers

Number of public members: 15,314

Number of staff members: 6,289

Total: 21,603