

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

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| Subject: | Chair's report | | | | Date: | 6 th March 2025 |
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| Presented By: | Graham Ward, Chair | | | | | |
| Purpose | | | | | | |
| An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective. | | | | | Approval | |
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| Strategic Objectives | | | | | | |
| Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time | Empower and support our people to be the best they can be | Improve health and wellbeing within our communities | Continuously learn and improve | Sustainable use of resources and estates | Work collaboratively with partners in the community | |
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| Principal Risk | | | | | | |
| PR1 Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care | | | | | | |
| PR2 Demand that overwhelms capacity | | | | | | |
| PR3 Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability | | | | | | |
| PR4 Insufficient financial resources available to support the delivery of services | | | | | | |
| PR5 Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation | | | | | | |
| PR6 Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits | | | | | | |
| PR7 Major disruptive incident | | | | | | |
| PR8 Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change | | | | | | |
| Committees/groups where this item has been presented before | | | | | | |
| None | | | | | | |
| Acronyms | | | | | | |
| CT = Computed Tomography ICB = Integrated Care Board ICU = Intensive Care Unit MRI = Magnetic Resonance Imaging MSK = Muscular Skeletal NHS = National Health Service NUH = Nottingham University Hospitals OBE = Officer of the Order of the British Empire | | | | | | |
| Executive Summary | | | | | | |
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Board of Directors update

At the most recent meeting of our Council of Governors on Tuesday 11th February 2025, I was delighted to learn that my appointment as the Trust's substantive Chair was confirmed for a final one-year term to 25th May 2026. That appointment was confirmed on the recommendation of the Trust's Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Trust's Acting Chair since May 2024 and I look forward to continuing in the role in a substantive capacity over the coming year.

At the same meeting, the Council of Governors also approved the re-appointment of Andrew Rose-Britton as a Non-Executive Director for a term of one year to 30th April 2026.

I am delighted that Andrew will be continuing to serve the Trust in the role, which will mean we will continue to benefit from his considerable knowledge, skills and experience, with his continuation in the role bringing further stability to the Trust's leadership.

Council of Governors election update

The process has now begun to elect 10 new governors to the Trust's Council of Governors, following the publication of the notice of election by the Trust on Thursday 27th February 2025.

As a NHS Foundation Trust, Sherwood Forest Hospitals is required to elect public and staff governors who will ensure accountability, hold Non-Executive Directors to account and help ensure the voices of the local communities we serve are considered in the running of our services.

This latest election will seek to appoint to 10 vacancies on the Trust's Council of Governors, with those 10 vacancies due to be elected in the following constituencies:

- Five public governor vacancies in our 'Mansfield, Ashfield and surrounding wards' constituency
- Two public governor vacancies in our 'Newark and Sherwood and surrounding wards' constituency
- One public governor vacancy in our 'Rest of England' constituency; and
- Two staff governor vacancies

A period of intensive communications, marketing and membership engagement activity has now been launched to ensure that our Council of Governors will continue to attract the best possible candidates, as well as to encourage as many members as possible to register their email address with the Trust and then cast their vote in this year's election.

Anyone interested in standing to become a staff or public governor will be able to learn more about the role at one of the following governor information sessions which will offer candidates an invaluable insight into the role:

- Public governors: Friday 7th March 2025, 5.30pm to 6.30pm virtually on Microsoft Teams
- Public governors: Wednesday 12th March 2025, 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Lecture Theatre 1 at King's Mill Hospital

- Staff governors: Monday 10th March, 11.30am-12.30pm in Lecture Theatre 1 at King's Mill Hospital and online via Microsoft Teams

For more information and to secure your place at one of these sessions, please visit the Sherwood Forest Hospitals website at www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

February was another busy month for our Trust's Community Involvement Team, both in how they encouraged financial donations to be made via our Trust Charity and through the thousands of hours that continue to be committed to support the Trust by our volunteers Trust-wide.

In February alone, 377 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,500 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 29 services they supported during the month.

Long Service Awards were presented to five volunteers, including a 25-year award for Newark Refreshment Bar volunteer Viv Maltby.

Other notable developments from our brilliant Community Involvement Team and our team of volunteers during the month included arranging presentations and publicity for several completed Dragons' Den projects.

These are service improvement ideas up to £5,000 funded by the King's Mill volunteers that include:

- A handheld ultrasound machine for the Muscular Skeletal (MSK) team that enables the team to provide a real-time diagnosis in one-stop clinics at the 'MSK Hubs' at Ashfield Health Village and Mansfield Community Hospital. Pictured right.

It is also used to improve the accuracy of needle placement during guided injections.



Viv Maltby celebrates 25 years of volunteering at Newark Hospital



Colleagues celebrate the purchase of new hand-held ultrasound machine funded by volunteers at King's Mill

- 'Glow and tell machines' for main, day case and maternity theatres to support hand hygiene training and scrub technique simulation. These will promote the importance of infection control procedures and have a positive impact on patient safety.
- A SENSE micro-wellbeing suite and ultra-portable interactive projection unit for the Stroke Ward. This projector, set within an engaging and interactive system, has many benefits for our stroke patients, simulating physical and mental activity through motion-activated projections that respond to any movement on the table or floor. The programmes support intergenerational activities by appealing to all ages and abilities with a huge range of interactive content.
- Resources including leaflet carousels to support a monthly dementia drop-in clinic which enables people to ask the dementia specialist team questions, receive signposting to services and information and receive emotional support.
- Creating a quiet room on Ward 44 following a service improvement idea from the Ward Shared Governance Council. New flooring, decor and furnishings have been funded to create a tranquil space for relatives and for sensitive conversations.

During the month, the Community Involvement Team were also delighted to welcome fundraisers into the hub to accept generous donations including:

- A donation of £1,574.21 for breast services from Early Years students at Vision West Nottinghamshire College who raised this at various fundraising events at the college, including a Christmas raffle and tombola. The students presented their donation to members of the breast care team and visited the unit to see examples of how charitable donations are utilised.
- Regular fundraisers Neil and Sonia Eminson kindly donated £3,775 to be split between urology and dementia from several fundraising events held throughout the year. We remain so grateful to everyone who has given their time, money and support in other ways to support the Trust and our hard-working colleagues over the past month.

I think all those who have made donations and who have given their time to support our hospitals over the past month.

Other notable engagements:

- I joined the Acting Chief Executive in holding our quarterly meeting with partners from Ashfield District Council to strengthen our relationships with local authority colleagues.
- I took part in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire elected members meeting, which included NHS chairs and elected representatives from local authorities.
- I joined my regular one-to-one meeting with the Chair of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), Dr Kathy Mclean OBE.
- I took part in one of our regular catch-up meetings with Chairs from local NHS provider organisations. This was also attended by Nick Carver from Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) and Paul Devlin from Nottinghamshire Healthcare.

- On Monday 24th February 2025, we welcomed the Chair, Dr Kathy Mclean and the Chief Executive of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), Amanda Sullivan, to the Trust. Their visit to Mansfield Community Hospital included an update on the work to bring Nottinghamshire's first Community Diagnostic Centre to Mansfield.

The pair also visited King's Mill Hospital for an update on the work the Trust has been undertaking to bring the new Computed Tomography (CT) scanner and hybrid MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scanners to the site. Their visit was also an opportunity to talk to our challenges with the Trust's existing estate.

- I took part in a monthly Chairs catch-up meeting with the regional director for NHS England (Midlands), Dale Bywater.
- I took part in a '15 Steps' visit to the Trust's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at King's Mill Hospital where the ward matron, Kathy Smiley, shared a recent success for the team after taking part in their latest East Midlands Critical Care Peer Review.

That comprehensive review saw the service ranked the best anywhere in the region, based on 120 criteria considered as part of the review.

The report showed the unit has continued to be the highest scoring unit within the region, with strong evidence of effective and sustained change that is supported by a clear patient care ethos and a drive to continuously improve. I congratulate them on their continued success.