

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's report		Date:	3 rd April 2025	
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Approved By:	Graham Ward, Chair				
Presented By:	Graham Ward, Chair				
Purpose					
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items since the last Public Board meeting from the Chair's perspective.				Approval	
				Assurance	
				Update	Y
				Consider	Y
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
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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					
UV = Ultraviolet					
Executive Summary					
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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 is seeking 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 & Sherwood and surrounding wards' constituency
- One public governor vacancy in our 'Rest of England' constituency; and
- Two staff governor vacancies

A period of intense communications activity has helped us attract:

- Six candidates in our 'Mansfield, Ashfield & surrounding wards constituency, meaning this constituency will be a contested election
- Two candidates for two vacancies in our 'Newark & Sherwood & surrounding wards' constituency, meaning this constituency will be uncontested
- Five candidates for two staff governor vacancies, meaning this constituency will be contested

Thanks to those efforts, all bar one vacancy on our Council of Governors is due to be filled during this election process. The only vacancy will remain in our Rest of England constituency, where no candidates came forward to stand for election.

For contested seats, ballot packs will be sent out to Trust members in those constituencies on 1 April, with members having until 5pm on Monday 28 April to cast their votes. The results of this election are due to be announced on Tuesday 29th April 2025.

Recognising the difference made by our Trust Charity and Trust volunteers

March 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 across our hospitals.

In March alone, 375 Trust volunteers generously gave over 4,475 hours of their time to help make great patient care happen across the 25 services they have supported during the month.

The Community Involvement Team attended the Step into the NHS event at Vision West Notts College and discussed volunteering opportunities with over 50 prospective volunteers.

Long Service Awards were presented to several volunteers including Enid Bardill (pictured centre at opposite) who was delighted to receive her 30-year award from Director of Corporate Affairs Sally Brook Shanahan (right) and Welcome Treatment Centre Department Lead Tracyjane Smith.

It is pleasing to see the completion of several Dragon's Den projects.

This programme enables teams to bid for up to £5,000 for an improvement idea that will enrich the patient and carer experience in their area of work and is funded from the Daffodil café and fundraising stall:



Improved handwashing for Theatres team

Staff working in our operating theatres are improving their handwashing and scrubbing techniques, thanks to the purchase of three training kits.

The ultraviolet (UV) hand inspection cabinets at King's Mill Hospital are used as a training aid to show where techniques need to be improved, which helps to improve patient safety by preventing the spread of infection and cross contamination.



Makeover for relatives' room on Ward 44

The relatives' room on Ward 44 has benefited from new flooring, a fresh coat of paint, comfortable chairs, shelving and artwork.

It can be used by patients who want quiet time with their families away from the hustle and bustle of the ward, and as a private space for doctors and nurses to speak to patients or their loved ones about treatment options.



This idea came from the ward's Shared Governance Council and Rebecca Newton, Senior Healthcare Assistant and Diane Aspinall, Ward Receptionist, who said: "We are really pleased with the finished results. It's so nice to have a peaceful place on the ward for our patients and relatives to relax in"

Other notable purchases by the Trust Charity

During the month, there have also been several notable purchases funded by the Trust charity. They include:

- Furnishings for new wellbeing spaces in the King's Treatment Centre utilising a grant from NHS Charities Together.
- Refurbishment of the foyer area outside Ward 25 to create a welcoming space for children and their families. The charity has provided £12.5K of funding for redecoration, tables and chairs plus colourful wall art.



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.

Other notable engagements:

- I took part in a '15 Steps' visit to the Trust's Occupational Health department and received a warm welcome. I also followed the visit up with a call to Adam Grundy (Head of the service) which was equally positive.
- I attended the NHS ICB and Trust Leaders Event in London, which included Jim Mackay overviewing the next steps for NHSE and what will be expected from providers. It was also a great opportunity to meet and discuss common issues with peers from across the sector.
- We held a second Board of Directors Time Out session as we start to plan for the future SFH (Improving Future Lives). Watch this space for further updates.
- I took part in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire elected members meeting, which included NHS chairs and elected representatives from local authorities.
- I took part in a monthly catch-up meeting with the regional director for NHS England (Midlands), Dale Bywater.
- I held my regular catch-up meeting with our Lead Governor (Liz Barrett)