

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Chair's Briefing Report – January 2021 to March 2021

Board of Directors

I am delighted to share with you, my first Chair Board Briefing Report since my appointment.

These monthly reports will, hopefully, provide colleagues with an overview of my activities as Chair both with internal and external partners and stakeholders.

This quarter, the focus has been on my induction and I have really enjoyed getting to know the organisation in more depth. I am hoping over the coming months, as the restrictions ease I will be able to continue with my induction by visiting as many of our hospitals sites and community teams, as practically possible. Until then I will do as much as possible virtually.

Below, I have highlighted some of my key engagements from January to March 2021.

Partner Engagement

- Held one-to-one induction meetings with the Chairs of Sheffield Children's Hospital; The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Held individual discussions with David Whitney, Chair of Weston Park Cancer Charity and introduction with the Chair of the Sheffield Hospitals Charity, Adrian Stones
- Attended my first quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Chairs and we were joined by the Regional Director and National Director of Finance
- I also attended my first Accountable Care Partnership Provide Chairs monthly meeting and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Chairs bi-monthly meeting

Trust Engagement

- Met individually with all Trust Executive Group members as part of my induction
- As Chair of STH, I attended my first quarterly staff Governor and quarterly senior Governor discussions
- I undertook the monthly briefing with the Chief Executive and all Sheffield MPs, mainly to provide them with an update on Covid-19 and the vaccination programme
- CQC Inspected Jessop Wing in early March, I was involved in an interview following the onsite inspection and have been liaising with colleagues to develop our response to the visit.

Developments

- First network and mentor meeting with Professor Mike More, Chair of Cambridge University Hospitals
- Two development sessions have taken place at the January and February Board of Directors' meeting, both of which were informative:
 - NHS Digital Board Development delivered by NHS Providers and NHSx

- Making Data Count in Board Meetings delivered by NHS England /Improvement (NHSE/I)
- I was invited to attend the Weston Park Cancer Charity Board of Trustees to undertake a presentation on the new Weston Park Cancer Centre developments.
- Finally, the Trust and Council of Governors are in the process of appointing two new Non-Executive Directors, interviews to be held on 13 April 2021. Plans are also underway to appoint the Senior Independent Director / Vice Chair role of the Board, the post previously held by me.

Due to my health conditions and age, I was also delighted this month to be invited for my Covid-19 vaccination at the Sheffield Arena delivered by our own STH service. I can tell you it was painless and I would recommend all individuals to take up the offer of a vaccination when it is your time.

Annette Laban
Chair
30 March 2021