

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Chair's Briefing Report – March 2022

Board of Directors

I am delighted to share with you, my Chair Board Briefing Report for February and March 2022. Below, I have highlighted some of my key engagements since my last report.

Partner Engagement

- The Chief Executive and I attended the NHS Providers' CEO/Chair Network.
- I joined the NHS Providers' conversation with CQC in a virtual roundtable event.
- The Chief Executive and I attended the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board and the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Acute Federation Shadow Board meeting.
- I attended the monthly Health and Care Partnership Informal Chairs' meeting.
- The Chief Executive and I attended the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Acute Federation development session with fellow Chairs and Chief Executives.
- Ros Roughton, Non-Executive Director and I met with Dr Rachel Johns from the Department of Health and Social Care to discuss Health Inequalities from an acute trust perspective.
- The Chief Operating Officer and I attended the Regional Urgent and Emergency Care meeting with Sir David Sloman, Chief Operating Officer, NHS England to discuss urgent and emergency care.
- I attended the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Trust Chairs' monthly meeting.
- Individually, I met with Richard Caborn, Chair of Legacy Park Limited.

Trust Engagement

- I participated in the recruitment panel for the Director of Strategy & Planning, along with Shiella Wright, Non-Executive Director and Darren Banks (Group Director of Strategy from Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust). My congratulations to Mark Tuckett as the successful applicant.
- Supported by the Chief Executive I undertook the monthly briefing with Sheffield MPs, updating them on various issues, including the Trust's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- As Chair of the Council of Governors, I was invited to attend the Governors' Forum.
- The Chief Executive and I delivered the monthly Governors' Board Briefing following the January Board of Directors and Tony Buckham, Non-Executive Director and the Chief Executive delivered the Governors' Board Briefing following the February Board of Directors.
- I was invited to introduce the LEAD: Introduction into Quality Improvement Day for new managers.
- I will be part of the interview panel for the Speciality Doctor in Cardiothoracic on 28 March 2022.
- As some of the restrictions are being lifted, we have reviewed our on-site Board member visits to clinical services and they resumed in March.

Developments

On the 30 June 2022, Martin Temple completes his final term of office and following agreement with the Council of Governors' Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the recruitment process to appoint a Non-Executive Director will now commence.

Views are being sought on the Healthcare Governance Committee being renamed as Quality Committee to enable better alignment with the core purpose of the committee. Across the country, 'quality' has become the term used to cover safety, experience and effectiveness and across other NHS trusts, equivalent committees are usually called the Quality Committee or similar.

As some of you may be aware, Diane Hallatt, Partner, DAC Beachcroft, will be retiring at the end of March 2022, after working with Sheffield Hospitals for over 30 years. Diane has made an enormous contribution to the organisation and I would like to record my thanks here on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Annette Laban
Chair
29 March 2022