

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Chair's Briefing Report – March 2023

Board of Directors

I am delighted to share with you, my Chair Board Briefing Report for February and March 2023. Below, I have highlighted some of my key engagements since my last report.

Partner Engagement

- Meetings I attended included:
 - The Yorkshire and Humber Chairs' meeting with regional colleagues. Updates on key issues were given by Richard Barker, NHSE Regional Director, North of England; David Sloman, Chief Operating Officer, NHS England and Julian Hartley, newly appointed CEO, NHS Providers.
 - NHS Provider Chair and Chief Executive Network held in London.
 - South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw and Trust Chairs' monthly meeting chaired by Pearse Butler, Chair, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.
 - Inaugural meeting of the Sheffield Place Health and Care Partnership Chairs' Group.
 - Sheffield Place Chairs' Informal monthly meeting.
 - The Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Organisational Development Session.
- The Chief Executive and I attended the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation Board Meeting.
- The Chief Operating Officer (deputising for Chief Executive) and I were invited to a meeting with Minister Quince to discuss the delivery of the Trust's elective ambitions for 2023/24.
- The Chief Finance Officer (deputising for Chief Executive) and I attended the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Chairs and Chief Executives' Meeting.
- The Assistant Chief Executive, Lead Governor and I attended the Acute Federation Governor Meeting
- Individually, I met with Pearse Butler, Chair, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and Emma Latimer, Executive Place Director for Sheffield.

Trust Engagement

- 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 ongoing operational challenges and preparations for the Junior Doctors' industrial action.
 - I delivered the monthly Governors' Board Briefing following the Board of Directors held in January and February 2023.
- I participated in the recruitment panel for a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon for Soft Tissue Knee / Trauma.
- I attended the Board Committees (Finance and Performance Committee; People Committee and Quality Committee) to enable me to consider Committee effectiveness and Non-Executive Director performance as part of their appraisal process.

- As Chair of the Council of Governors I participated in the:
 - Quarterly Governor Representative discussions.
 - Quarterly Governors' Forum.
- As I write this, Chris Morley, Chief Nurse, Ros Roughton, Non-Executive Director and I have planned to undertake a walkabout of the Jessop Wing at the end of this month.

Since my last report, there have been several changes to our Board of Directors.

- Led by Council of Governor colleagues on the 23 February we interviewed for a Non-Executive Director / Chair of Audit Committee to replace John O'Kane, whose term of office ends on the 30 September 2023. Congratulations to Ann Harris, who was successfully appointed. Ann will commence a six-month handover period from the 1 April regarding audit activity, prior to becoming Chair of Audit Committee from the 1 October 2023.
- Professor Ashley Blom succeeds Professor Chris Newman as the University of Sheffield representative on the Board of Directors with effect from 1 April 2023.
- Gul Nawaz Hussain KC has resigned with immediate effect (13 February 2023). Unfortunately, due to increasing professional commitments, Gul has found it very difficult to meet his commitments to the Trust.

On behalf of the Trust, we would like to offer Chris and Gul best wishes for the future.

Annette Laban
Chair
28 March 2023