

# **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

## **Chair's Briefing Report – January 2023**

### **Board of Directors**

I am delighted to share with you, my Chair Board Briefing Report for December 2022 and January 2023. Below, I have highlighted some of my key engagements since my last report.

### **Partner Engagement**

- Meetings I attended included:
  - The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Roadshow with Richard Barker, NHSE Regional Director, North of England and national executive colleagues to discuss the upcoming planning guidance
  - Sheffield Place Chairs' monthly meeting
  - South Yorkshire Trust Chairs' monthly meeting chaired by Pearse Butler, Chair, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
  - NHS Provider Chair and Chief Executive Network
- The Chief Executive and I attended:
  - The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation development event with some of our Trust Board colleagues and colleagues from other South Yorkshire organisations
  - The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation Board meeting. This was the first meeting I chaired since taking up the role of Chair which I will be undertaking for the next 12 months
- Members of the Board and I attended a Board-to-Board meeting with colleagues from NHS England. This was a follow-up meeting to the one which was held in June 2022 where we discussed our improvement plans.
- Individually, I met with Cathy Hassell, Managing Director, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation; Richard Barker, NHSE Regional Director, North of England; Richard Caborn, Chair and Chris Low, Chief Executive, Legacy Park Limited.

### **Trust Engagement**

- The Chief Nurse and I were invited to the presentation of the Queen's Award for our Volunteers, which was presented by HM Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Professor Dame Hilary Chapman. Congratulations to all our volunteers.
- A Board Strategy Session on the Well Led External Review was held for Board of Directors.
- 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 progress in responding to our April 2022 CQC Report.
  - I delivered the monthly Governors' Board Briefing following the Board of Directors held in November and December 2022.
- I participated in the recruitment panel for a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon with an Interest in Primary Lower Limb Arthroplasty and Trauma.
- The Chief Nurse and I attended the Out and About Visit to Strategy and Planning.

We have currently advertised a Non-Executive Director vacancy, the closing date was 16 January 2023 and interviews are scheduled to take place on 23 February 2023.

It is with great sadness, I report the death of Vic Powell, who passed away in early December at the age of 77 years. After retiring from KPMG, Vic was appointed as a Non-Executive Director at the Trust for 14 years, from November 2001 to June 2015 and during his tenure he was appointed Senior Independent Director and Vice Chair in 2006. Vic took his role very seriously and, whilst he would provide challenge as a Non-Executive Director should, he was a great supporter of the Trust. He was a member of the Foundation Trust Financing Facility Board for several years (which reviewed business cases from FTs and made loans where appropriate). His funeral was held on the 5 January 2023, with representatives from the Trust in attendance.

Annette Laban  
Chair  
31 January 2023