

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Chair's Briefing Report – January 2025

Board of Directors

Please see below, my Chair's Board Briefing Report for December 2024 and January 2025, which highlights some of my key engagements since my last report.

Board of Directors

I would like to inform you of some upcoming changes to our Board of Directors.

- David Black, Chief Medical Officer (Development), joined the Board as Executive Director in February 2022. Prior to this David was Acting Regional Medical Director for NHS England and Improvement North-East and Yorkshire region. He was also part-time Deputy Medical Director at the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. David will be retiring from his post on the 21 February 2025.
- Jennifer Hill, Chief Medical Officer (Operations), who joined the Trust in 1999 as a Consultant Respiratory Physician and was later appointed Clinical Director for Respiratory Medicine and Deputy Medical Director before taking up the role of Executive Director in December 2020. Jennifer will be retiring from her position on 27 February 2025.
- Ashley Blom will be stepping down from his role of Non-Executive Director following his appointment as Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health with the University of Manchester at the beginning of March 2025.

We thank them for their contribution to the work of the Board of Directors and the wider organisation.

Their replacements on the Board of Directors will be announced in due course.

Steve Barks, Lead Governor

I am pleased to announce the Council of Governors approved the appointment of Steve Barks as Lead Governor at their meeting held on the 12 December 2024. Steve takes up post with immediate effect.

Partner and System Engagement

- Meetings I have attended include:
 - South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) Trust Chairs' meeting hosted by Pearse Butler, Chair and Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive.
 - Sheffield Place Chairs' formal and informal monthly meeting.
- The Chief Executive and I attended the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation Board and we met with Pearse Butler, Chair and Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care Board to discuss our operational performance.
- The Chief Executive and I were invited to a focused workshop hosted by North East and Yorkshire Region regarding the development of the oversight and assessment framework, improvement framework and strategic commissioning framework and the

implementation of these frameworks and the broader NHS operating model, in supporting delivery of a neighbourhood health service.

- I chaired the National Centre for Sports and Exercise Medicine Board meeting.
- Individually, I met with Jenni Douglas-Todd, Chair of University Hospitals Southampton.

Trust Engagement

- Supported by the Chief Executive, I undertook:
 - The quarterly briefing with the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire MPs.
 - Delivered the Governors' Board Briefing following the Board of Directors held in December.
- I met with the new and re-elected Council of Governor members and had met with shortlisted candidates for the Chief Medical Officer roles, prior to interview. The interview panel was chaired by Ros Roughton (Vice-Chair) on my behalf.
- As part of the Non-Executive Director appraisal process, I observed the Quality Committee.
- As Chair of the Trust, I am invited each week to welcome and present at the Corporate Induction for new starters, which I have attended each Monday.

Annette Laban
Chair
28 January 2025