South Tyneside and Sunderland
NHS Foundation Trust

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN PUBLIC

Date: Thursday 8 October 2026
Time: 3.00 pm
Venue: Board Room, Clarendon

AGENDA

Item		Purpose	Lead	Enc	Timing (mins)
STANDING ITEMS					
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence[1]	Agree	A Thompson	Verbal	30
2	Declarations of Interests[2]	Declaration	A Thompson	Verbal	
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2026	Agree	A Thompson	1	
4	Matters Arising and Action Log	Review and Update	A Thompson	2	
5	Chair's Update	Receive	A Thompson	Verbal	
6	Chief Executive's Update and Dashboard	Receive	K Bremner	Verbal +3	
SAFETY & QUALITY					
7	Report from Patient Safety and Quality Committee	Receive	N Cole	4	60
	a) Patient Story	Receive	K Sheard	5 + video	
	b) Quality Report	Assurance	K Sheard S Wahid	6	
	c) Nursing Safe Staffing Report	Assurance	K Sheard	7	
	d) Maternity and Neonatal Quality and Safety Report	Assurance	J Anderson M Letouze	8	
	e) Saving Babies Lives Assurance Report Q1 2026/27	Assurance	J Anderson M Letouze	9	
	f) Mortality Report Q1 2026/27	Assurance	S Wahid	10	

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	g) Thirlwall Inquiry Report	Assurance/ Information	S Wahid	11	
OPERATIONAL & PERFORMANCE					
8	Report from Finance and Performance Committee	Assurance	M Knowles	12	40
	a) Finance Report	Assurance	H Wardle	13	
	b) Performance Report	Assurance	A King	14	
WORKFORCE					
9	Report from Workforce Committee	Assurance	J Fielding	15	40
	a) Q1 Workforce Report	Assurance	S Atkinson	16	
GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY					
10	Board Assurance Framework Q2	Assurance	H Wardle	17	15
11	Report from Board Committees: a) Charitable Funds Committee 11/08/2026 b) Audit Committee 08/09/2026	Assurance	N Cole R McLachlan	18 19	
12	Board Walkabouts 20/08/2026 a) Phoenix Unit, Ward E54 and Ward E58 (Stroke Unit) b) EAU, SRH, Ward D41 and D48 c) SDEC, C33, C36 d) B20 e) B22 f) FTSU Walkabout	Receive	C Gray R McLachlan G Thrower S Davison S Davison J Fielding	20 21 22 23 24 25	
ANNUAL REPORTS					
13	Annual Medical Appraisal Report 2025/26	Information	S Wahid	26	5
14	Any Other Business				
Date & Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 4 December 2026 at 3.00 pm					

[1]Quorum:
No business shall be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third (5) of the whole number of the Chair and voting Directors (14) is present - including at least one Non-Executive Director and one Executive Director. An Officer in attendance for an Executive Director but without formal acting-up status may not count towards the quorum.

[2]Declaration of Interest:
To declare any potential conflict of interest in relation to items listed on the agenda to the Trust Secretary prior to the meeting. Please refer to the Trust's Declarations of Interests Policy for more information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN PUBLIC

6 AUGUST 2026

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 6 August 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Board Room, Sunderland Specialist Eye Hospital

Present:
Allison Thompson, Chair
Ken Bremner, Chief Executive
Debbie Carrick-Sen, Non-Executive Director
Steve Davison, Non-Executive Director
Jackie Fielding, Non-Executive Director
Chris Gray, Non-Executive Medical Advisor
Roy McLachlan, Non-Executive Director
Vicky Mitchell, Executive Director of Planning and Business Development
Karen Sheard, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs
Shaz Wahid, Executive Medical Director

In attendance:
Jane Anderson, Director of Midwifery (for items 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 only)
Sarah Gatiss, Clinical Director Maternity Neonates and Gynaecology (for items 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 only)
Melissa Letouze, Head of Midwifery (for items 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 only)
Gavin McPake, Deputy Director of Finance (for item 19 only)
Joanne Williamson, Assistant Trust Secretary (minutes)

Apologies:
Ngozi Lyn Cole, Non-Executive Director and Vice Chair
Andrea Hetherington, Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal/Trust Secretary
Martin Knowles, Non-Executive Director
Graham Thrower, Non-Executive Director
Hayley Wardle, Executive Director of Finance

Observers:
4 x Members of Staff
1 x Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Allison Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.