

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC	Date: 25 July 2013	
	Agenda Item: 5.1.3	
REPORT TITLE:	Charitable Funds Committee Chair Update	
NON-EXECUTIVE SPONSOR:	Yvette Robbins (Chair, Charitable Funds Committee)	
REPORT AUTHOR:	Majid Bhatti (Head of Financial Accounts)	
REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)	Charitable Funds Committee, 3 July 2013	
Purpose of the Report and Action Required:		(√)
This report briefs the Board on the key issues discussed at the meeting of the committee on 3 rd July 2013.	Approval	
	Discussion	
	Information	√
Summary of Key Issues		
<p>The committee continued to develop ideas around raising awareness of the Charity and also for fund raising opportunities especially in light of ongoing interest from external organisations wanting to make donations to the Trust.</p> <p>The committee was able to approve its support to two high profile initiatives online (as provided by its TOR). These include the Your Care Matters patient research initiative (£131k) and the funding for a consultant nurse specialist (Band 8b) for dementia / elderly care (£70k).</p> <p>An active fund holder attended the meeting to present thier approach to fund raising and expenditure and impressed the committee with her stewardship</p>		
Relationship to Trust Corporate Objectives & Assurance Framework:		
The Board Committees support the achievement of all objectives.		
Corporate Impact Assessment:		
Legal and regulatory implications	The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, registered number 1054072.	
Financial implications	N/A	
Patient Experience/Engagement	Committee approves expenditure of charitable funds that benefits patients	
Risk & Performance Management	N/A	
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	N/A	
Attachments: N/A		

Charitable Funds Committee Chair Update

Date	17th July 2013
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Audience	Trust Board Members

The Charitable Funds Committee met on 3 July 2013. The report summarises the key issues discussed:

1. **Charity promotion / Fund Raising**

The committee was updated with progress of actions by the Communications team aimed at raising the prominence of the charity and await a more complete charity page on the trust web site with photos and examples of expenditure to encourage further donors to contribute as well as fundraising stories e.g. an event by St Peters, a local primary school, which raised £500 for Outwood Ward. Committee acknowledged GAPS theatre production of Little Red Riding Hood raised £3,700 and the presentation of the cheque is being organised. Planned meetings with the fund-raising teams at Frimley Park and Royal Marsden to share ideas were rescheduled.

2. **Support from charitable funds**

The committee approved its support to the funding of two initiatives:-

Your Care Matters - patient experience software and implementation (one year's funding of £131k): Collation, analysis and dissemination of patient experience information allows the trust to better respond to patient needs in the different areas of the hospital.

Consultant Nurse Specialist Post (Band 8b) - dementia/elderly care (one year's funding £70k): This initiative is in keeping with the Francis report and similar to seeding of posts under the Macmillan scheme for cancer care nurses, this post will become recurrent Trust "core" costs.

Two further initiatives have been approved for further work required on costing, programme and timeframe: 1) Supporting elderly patients in times of confusion with an improvement in facilities for patients and especially for those with dementia with large face clocks, calendars and for kettles, microwaves or toasters on the wards to support patients in between trolley rounds. 2) Addition of another family Room with full facilities to support families of dying patients who may wish to stay overnight.

3. **Review of Income and Expenses – As at May 2013 showed with our encouragement expenditure has doubled.**

February's investment in the COIF investment fund income units (to make better use of surplus funds) yielded its first quarterly dividend payout and committee agreed to reinvested dividends. The internal auditors are due to review the controls environment within the charity in August. Our external auditors are scheduled to carry out an independent examination of the annual accounts in October.

4. **Views of a fund holder**

Ingrid Marsden, fund holder – Premature Baby Unit impressed the committee with her responsible and effective management of this fund recognising significant funds raised by a grateful parent as well as other innovative fund raising activities. Monies raised have been used to purchase additional equipment which maintains oxygen levels for babies with breathing difficulties and heated mattresses which allows babies to “hatch” from the incubator earlier enable greater parental access and contact. Future spending plans include the purchase of nurse work stations for each of the nurseries which will improve efficiencies and better levels of care at a total cost of £13k.