

LEAGUE of FRIENDS ANTRIM AREA HOSPITAL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2022
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2020-2021

It is more than two years since we last met. That was on 2nd March 2020 when we had our 25th AGM.

On behalf of the committee may I say how good it is to see so many here and to meet up again.

Just a few days after that meeting all went into lockdown with COVID19. As a result Volunteers ceased to come to the hospital to meet and greet patients and visitors. The service has not resumed.

Committee members did not meet again in 2020.

It was not until 19th October 2021 that committee members came together to consider the possibility of arranging a meeting with volunteers prior to Christmas. The date chosen was 11th December 2021. Unfortunately given the COVID situation at that time the members decided, when they met again, on 16th November, to put on hold a meeting until 2022

Committee have met with Donald McWhirter to consider when or if Welcomers will return to the foyer in Antrim Area Hospital.

Given the uncertainties of COVID regulations and guidance, committee decided to hold the AGM in Massereene Golf Club rather than in Fern House or the Marquee at Antrim Area Hospital.

I should again wish to thank you for coming and I very much hope that we do not have to wait two more years for our next AGM.