

**Rural Health Partnership
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

Rural Health Partnership was formed in 2009 and was registered as a charity on 17 April 2015 and is governed by a voluntary board of trustees. The trustees meet during the year to make management decisions on areas such as strategic planning, fundraising, seeking funding to provide facilities and amenities for recreation. The board is responsible for policymaking.

Risk

The trustees have actively reviewed the major risks which the charity faces and believes that the charity has sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that it has established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of Rural Health Partnership is to promote the health and recovery of people experiencing mental health problems and distress within the South Armagh area by:

- 1: Providing services and other forms of support that promote opportunity, choice, independence and equality, including the identification of training, work placement and employment opportunities
- 2: Assisting and supporting their integration into social and community life
- 3: Raising awareness among the public about the needs of, and help available to people experiencing mental health problems.

Achievements and Performance

In this reporting period 2023/2024 in an effort to increase and develop our portfolio of services, we successfully secured funding from Prince's Countryside Fund, Global Make Noise, Awards for All, Public Health Agency, DFC for social supermarket model and Food crises. We received a very generous donation from The Lightbody Foundation which compliments the National Lottery Community funding, all of which assist us in the operational and strategic development of the project across all the strands of our project.

Financial Review

Grants totalling £289,466 were received with the main funder being National Lottery £111,827. The activities of RHP generated earned income of £35,977 and donations of £300 were received. The programmes and activities provided by RHP incurred total charitable costs of £221,144 including £85,502 in staff costs.

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Overview of Performance

Rural Health Partnership earned an overall surplus in the year of £86,935.

Incoming Resources

Total incoming resources for the year ended 31 March 2023 were £325,743 (2023: £246,914). £45,467 of this was spent on Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment in relation to the Heritage Lottery project.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to maintain a level of free reserves which meets the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. Free reserves are its total funds excluding restricted funds, designated funds or income funds which can only be released by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

On behalf of the board


Karl Hughes
CHAIRPERSON

Date 18/06/24