

THE MARTIN RESIDENTIAL TRUST
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Martin Residential Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 15th November 1999.

The charitable company is a registered charity with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland under number NIC101830 and is recognised as a charity by HMRC, number XN79517.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

As required on an ad hoc basis the board members discuss the appointment of potential new members for appointment to the board. Suitable people are approached and if they are willing to serve on the board, their nomination is put forward for approval by the board. There is no maximum term of office.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board is responsible for the review of all activities and approval of future strategy. Meetings of the board are held a minimum of three times per annum. The general manager is responsible for all day to day matters.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

The company intends to build a small facility for the benefit of profoundly disabled people at some point in the future, and have invested designated funds for this purpose. At the moment there are no definite plans or commitments in place to build this new unit.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the company continued to be that of providing loving care to people with profound learning disabilities, which is achieved through the running of a care facility in Glengormley.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The Martin Residential Trust provides 24 hour nursing care and support to people with profound and in many cases multiple physical disabilities at our care facility in Glengormley. We are experienced in supporting people who have conditions such as epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, autistic spectrum disorder, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, dysphasia and musculoskeletal disorders.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Within the Martin Residential Trust, we are able to provide a safe, supportive and caring environment for vulnerable people. There is always a qualified nurse on duty and we provide a high level of staffing in order that we can appropriately support people who have complex needs. We have suitable facilities to assist people who have physical disabilities, including overhead hoists and accessible transport. We also support people to take part in a full activity programme that is suited to their individual needs. Activities can range from arts and crafts, cookery, sensory activities, hydrotherapy sessions and physiotherapy and the person's activity plan is suited to their assessed individual needs. Our wide range of facilities and our breadth of experience mean that we are able to be very responsive to changes in a person's needs or health.

d. Public benefit declaration

The direct public benefit which flows from our purpose is the provision of accommodation and nursing care for people living in Northern Ireland who have profound learning disabilities.

e. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The provision of 24 hour nursing care and support to those people living in Northern Ireland throughout the year who have profound learning disabilities is of direct benefit to the public. These benefits can be demonstrated through, feedback from users and their relatives, nursing and medical assessment of health outcomes, and independent evaluation by regulatory bodies.

In providing nursing care there is a risk associated with administering prescribed medical treatments such as medicines aimed at treating health conditions. These risks are medically assessed and are outweighed by the benefits to the service user. Those administering or working for the organisations may incidentally benefit from our purpose if their relative receives nursing care. In such cases the relative must fulfill the requirements of admission and will not receive preferential treatment.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements. The results and the financial position were considered satisfactory by the Trustees.

Financial review

a. Going concern

At the current time the UK is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has introduced challenges and restrictions on all aspects of our daily lives. The trustees have taken all precautions necessary to ensure the health and safety of all of our residents, staff and members of the public.

Given the uncertainty of when current UK Government COVID-19 containment measures will cease, it is likely we will continue to experience restrictions in activity. The Charity has sought to mitigate the effect of the necessary restrictions on activity by seeking to preserve cash and making use of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. While we continue to operate within our bank facilities, currently we do not anticipate the need to avail of further support mechanisms.

COVID-19 is expected to have a significant impact on activities for the remainder of 2021. However, we are confident that The Trustees have taken all actions possible to mitigate the impact on the charity. The Trustees have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Charity's financial performance and cash flows. The Charity anticipates it will operate within its facilities and meet its obligations as they fall due. Consequently, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The directors consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the company's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Charity has recognised the risks posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic and has implemented various contingency measures and mitigating actions to address the threat. The Charity has implemented a coordinated business response and is taking appropriate actions for the Charity based on UK Government advice. The health and well being of the Charity's residents, employees and suppliers continues to be of paramount concern and arrangements have been put in place to ensure that the Charity's premises remain a safe environment for residents and staff. The Charity keeps the situation under daily review and will take all necessary measures to maintain the viability of the services provided. This includes the various measure and actions indicated under the Charity's assessment of the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern.

d. Principal funding

The company's primary source of funding continued to be from local Health Trusts.

Members' liability

The Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report including the Strategic report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

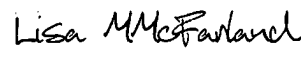
- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, UHY Hacker Young Fitch Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 20 August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


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Nigel McFarland
(Trustee)


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Lisa McFarland
(Trustee)