

SOUTH TYRONE HOSPITAL LOCAL COMFORTS AND FREE FUNDS COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	SOUTH TYRONE HOSPITAL LOCAL COMFORTS AND FREE FUNDS COMMITTEE
Charity number	NIC 102723
Contact address	55 Corrigan Hill Road, Dungannon, BT71 6SL
Website	sthcomforts.com

The trustees who served during the year were

Miss V Leckey

Mrs U Mackie

Mr R H Eitel

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees of the charity confirm that that they had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the charity are

- To relieve sickness of the beneficiaries by provision of equipment and other amenities ancillary to those provided by the hospital to support the work of the hospital
- To advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the committee may, from time to time, decide

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The South Tyrone Local Comforts and Free Funds Committee was established in 1822 and the present constitution was formally approved on 27 November 2012. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in 2016 (is that correct?). Members elect the Committee who appoint Officers. The Chairperson, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer are Trustees.

Management

The day to day running of the charity has been designated to the Officers who are all trustees.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training

The present trustees have been involved with the charity for several years and are so familiar with its work. Trustees are appointed each year at the AGM. Appropriate training is available to all trustees.

Financial risk management

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide assurance that:

- The charity operates effectively.
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition.
- Proper records are maintained, and financial information used within the charity or publication is reliable.
- The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.
- The charity's systems of financial control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against misstatement or loss.

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

Achievements and Performance

Total income for the year was nil (2023 - nil).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to €3422 (2023 - €852).

The net deficit for the year was €2684 (2023 - €658).

The Trustees considers that the Charity is in a satisfactory position to carry on its charitable activities.

The main achievements in the year are as follows.

- Provision of 4 reconditioned Ipads for Loane House
- Floor standing magnifier for Minor Injuries dept
- Furnishing of the Bowel Screening Privacy Room
- Refurbishing of the floral containers at A Floor
- Christmas gifts for 44 patients at Loane House

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding

The principal source of funding is from donations.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Committee is committed to distribute the funds we have accumulated to worthwhile projects.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The charity trustees are responsible for

- preparing accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They have decided that the charity does not meet the requirements to provide accrual accounts and provides Receipts and Payments accounts.
- keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charities legislation for Northern Ireland.
- safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
- the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

So far as each of the trustees in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- There is no relevant information for the independent examination of which the charity's independent examiner is not aware; and
- They have taken all steps that they ought to have as trustees to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

John Eddie, Dungannon will remain in office as independent examiner for the coming year.

CONTACT ADDRESS

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BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES

V. Lecky

Miss V Lecky, Chair / Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 18 June 2024