



## **Danny Mills Heart Foundation**

**NIC103385**

### **Annual Report**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

#### **Purpose of the charity**

The first charitable purpose of the Danny Mills Heart Foundation is for the public benefit of both children and adults in Northern Ireland who have a previously diagnosed, or even undiagnosed, heart condition. This is achieved through the provision of emotional and practical support, the promotion of awareness towards sudden adult death syndrome, the provision of medical resources and contribution towards research in this area. The second charitable purpose of the Danny Mills Heart Foundation is for the public benefit of children and their families directly affected by heart conditions in Northern Ireland. This is achieved by assisting the families of these children provide leisure opportunities that would not otherwise be possible.

#### **Trustees**

Mr Michael Mills  
Ms Tiffany McClure  
Mrs Yvonne Brown  
Miss Samantha Barbour

#### **Annual achievements/targets**

We were pleased to supply **two defibrillators** to the community this year.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees believe that our purposes satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement. The direct benefits which flow from purpose one include improving awareness and knowledge of sudden adult death syndrome (SADS) across Northern Ireland so that measures may be put in place to prevent risk of death. Furthermore, we work closely with the

general public to ensure public venues in Northern Ireland are suitably equipped to deal with medical emergencies. These benefits are evidenced through feedback from the general public and regular co-operation with local schools and sports venues to ensure they are fully equipped for dealing with unexpected cardiac arrest. In addition, these benefits are evidenced through increased numbers of defibrillators throughout Northern Ireland and interactions with health professionals who advise on which medical devices are required. We have also been in regular contact with research professionals who can advise on the best contribution we can make to cardiac research in Northern Ireland. We believe there is no risk involved with raising awareness of SADS and it can only be of benefit to increase public knowledge of a condition that can affect anyone at any time. There may be side-effects associated with the use of defibrillators; however, without them the chance of death would be a lot higher. We therefore feel that the benefits of these devices outweigh the risks. We also believe there is no risk involved with contributing to research as it will only push us further towards an era of new therapeutic options to prevent risk of death. The beneficiaries of this purpose are people living in Northern Ireland. There is no private benefit flowing from this purpose. The direct benefits which flow from purpose two include increasing morale for young people in Northern Ireland affected by life-limiting heart conditions. Many of these children spend a large proportion of their childhood in hospital and this purpose allows us to provide them with an experience of a lifetime. These benefits are evidenced through interactions with parents of affected children to ensure the experience is individually suited to provide a memorable experience. There may be risk associated with long distance travel in some of these children; however, we will always take the advice of medical professionals before committing. We therefore feel the benefits associated with this purpose outweigh any possible risk. The beneficiaries of this purpose are young people living in Northern Ireland affected by heart conditions. There is no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

## **Financial Review**

Expenditure was £3,948.96 which mainly consisted of defibrillators and cases. We received £1,028.96 as a result of donations and fundraising. We have no assets or liabilities at the time of writing this report.



Michael Mills  
Chairperson  
15th October 2024