

Friends of Altnagelvin

(Friends for Good)

Annual Report 2023

1) Altnagelvin Hospital

2) Friends of Altnagelvin Charity

Objectives

The purpose of The Friends of Altnagelvin Charity (F.O.A.) is to provide funding for the enhancement of the hospital experience for patients and their families.

Items purchased are normally outside the categories supplied by the hospital itself. Examples include ; Hairdressing Sets, Childrens' Play Equipment, Televisions, Crockery, Overnight Chair-beds for families staying with their patient-relative etc.

3) Aims

Each year the committee issues an internal flyer to all clinical heads of departments/wards seeking requests for items which would enhance the patient/visitor experience.

No pre-selection or exclusions are applied, all departments are contacted.

In general no request is declined if it does not conflict with the following criteria;

- A) Must not be an item normally supplied by the hospital,
- B) *Must not contravene NHS or Hospital health and safety regulations,*
- C) Must benefit the public as in patients and visitors,
- D) Is within the prudent capabilities of the F.O.A. available funds.

4) Achievements

The Charity continued to support Trauma and Orthopaedics in enhancing its Dementia Programme with the addition of ' Fall Guards' and Stimulation Items. Other donations included Personal-Mini Safes for patients' personal items, Recliner for Physio. Dept., and NewBorn Baby Sound Monitors for Neo-Natal.

Funds for Ward Requests are deposited in the Trust's 'Gifts and Endowments' Fund. The Trust's Supplies Dept. can then draw on these funds for purchases as wards requisition.

During 2023 Trust Finance modified the system and created one large account which any ward can access. This has caused the Charity some problems in ensuring it's funds are not diluted. A new 'Just in time' system has had to be set up to ensure the funds earmarked for the Charity only.

Fundraising activity during the year was confined to ;

- A) Craft sales
- B) In Memoriums

5) Financial Review

Annual income for 2023 was £ 22,631. This was a drop from 2022 (£ 28, 839) but was still higher than the pre Covid years.

6) Committee

The Committee met five times in 2023 with the A.G.M. held in September .

Our Treasurer, Mr Brian Moran, stepped doen from the Charity at the end of Financial Year ending in December 2023. He has been replaced by Mr Peter Nicholl, an accountant of long standing.

No remuneration was paid to any member of the committee.
Expenses for the year 2023 amounted to £ 86.93p for postage.