

## **Palliative Transport Service**

### **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 August 2023**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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**

##### *Who we are*

Palliative Transport Service is a voluntary organisation run by a small committee of five members, who give up their time in order to assist those diagnosed with cancer in the Fermanagh area to attend their out-patient appointments at various hospitals across Northern Ireland.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### *What we do*

We engage with volunteer drivers, who have access to their own means of transport, to convey cancer patients to the various cancer centre across Northern Ireland in order to meet their out-patient appointments.

##### *The benefits of our service*

The benefits flowing from our activity of transporting patients to hospital alleviate the worry and stress incurred by the beneficiaries in making sure they are comfortably, safely and timely able to meet their medical appointments in the absence of reliable and suitable public transport available in the County Fermanagh area. The charity regularly receives oral feedback, letters and cards of thanks from the beneficiaries who avail of the service provided. Donations flow into the charity from members of the public and the beneficiaries and their families. There is no harm arising from any of the purposes. The beneficiaries are those patients suffering from cancer and their relatives and friends whom the beneficiaries may feel more comfortable traveling alongside than just the volunteer driver. There is no private benefit flowing from any of the purposes.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Charity continues to receive support from its volunteer drivers and the goodwill of the patients and their families, as well as members of the general public, to allow this vital service to be performed for the foreseeable future.

#### **Financial review**

The Charity has a deficit in the year ended 31 August 2023 of £10,363. Overall the Charity has cash funds of £56,244 as at 31 August 2023 (31 August 2022: £66,607).

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#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (Charities Act (NI) 2008 and Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charities Act (NI) 2008. 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.

On behalf of the board



Catherine Hamilton  
Trustee

11/12/23



David Mathews  
Treasurer

11/12/23