## Report to the Corporate Trustees

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| Executive Summary | The purpose of this report is to provide the Trustees with an update on development activity between October – December, 2014. Key pieces of activity during this period have included:  
- Department of Health review of NHS charities  
- Citizens Advice project to be launched at NTGH  
- Age UK Steering Group to manage partnership working  
- Transport Advisory Commission launched  
- HVS shop opened at Blyth Community Hospital  
- Team visit to Tanzania  
- Visit of Nigerian delegation 16-23rd November 2014 |
| Assurance Framework reference | Trusts Reputation Risk Register |
| Alignment to Trusts Annual/Strategic Plans or business unit annual plans | Charity strategic plan |
| Risk rating (very high, high, medium, low risk)/ any recommended changes | Medium |
| Compliance/ regulatory requirements (if applicable) | |
| Actions required by the Trustees | The corporate trustees are asked to note the content of the report and approve the recommendations contained within the report. Resolutions of the Corporate Trustees are required for  
1) Agreement to maintain the current regulatory framework for the charity and not to pursue independent charity status. |
Charitable Funds Committee: Report to Charity Trustees on 22\textsuperscript{nd} January, 2015

1 Date of meeting: Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} December 2014

2 The minutes of the meeting are available on the website at: www.northumbria.nhs.uk

3 Executive Summary

3.1 FINANCE REPORT

The Head of Finance informed the Committee that the charity held £3.146 million in total in funds. It was noted that the Annual Report and Accounts had been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Discussion took place regarding the investment policy as the Yorkshire Bank 18 month term deposit of £900k is due to mature in December and is available for re-investment.

As part of the annual review of charitable funds, forms had been sent out to authorised persons responsible for the twenty largest charitable funds. Information would be gathered regarding activities undertaken during the previous year and planned activity for funds held within the charitable fund.

3.2 HEAD OF CHARITY DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERING REPORT

Strategic development

The Head of Charity Development and Volunteering reported that a Volunteer and Charity Development Officer had been appointed in October 2014 to North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust to manage its volunteering service.

Legacare

The LegaCare charity has sought to re-locate premises to reduce the overheads of the charity. As a temporary measure the charity will move to Cramlington.

Age UK Steering Group

In view of the number of projects under development across the trust involving the Age UK charity, a Steering Group has been set up to co-ordinate and support this activity.

Transport Advisory Commission

The trust is aware that some communities across Northumberland experience difficulties in obtaining transport to access healthcare services. A Health Transport Advisory Commission has been set up involving local stakeholders to guide and advise the trust on areas of transport that could make a difference to local communities.
Fundraising

It was noted that fundraising activity in support of the Trust has increased significantly in recent months and is continuing to grow.

Healing arts and the patient environment

The commissioned artists for the internal and external sculptures at NSECH have undertaken community engagement work with local schools and community groups to advance the development of their artwork. A successful Arts Open Event was also held at the Azure Garden Centre, Cramlington in November.

Charity projects

The Ward 3 North Tyneside dementia project was officially opened in December.

Christmas music programme

The charity arranged for schools and musicians to perform over the Christmas period to bring festive cheer to patients, visitors and staff.

International Development

Tanzania

A team from the Trust travelled to KCMC in November to complete the UK Aid Burns Project. The visit was very successful and a number of patients received life changing reconstructive surgery.

China

On 24th November, 2014 the trust was visited by officials from Xinxiang Medical University of China who wished to discuss the Trust’s teaching hospital status and find out how the Trust works with Newcastle Medical School.

Nigeria

Directors and a small delegation of doctors from Abeokuta Hospital in Nigeria visited the Trust between 16-23rd November 2014 to discuss management and leadership training. The Medical Director for the hospital expressed an interest in obtaining further training for key staff to develop accident and emergency services.

AHSN Project

Meetings have taken place with Newcastle University and Health Education North East to progress the development of a dedicated website to celebrate the work of International health links across the North East and Cumbria.

UKTI and Healthcare UK

Meetings have taken place with UK Trade and Investment to discuss possible International commercial opportunities for the Trust.

3.3 CHANGES TO NHS CHARITIES

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The Chairman of the Charitable Funds Committee provided a briefing to the committee regarding proposed governance and regulatory changes to NHS Charities. The Department of Health has undertaken a consultation across the NHS to establish whether NHS trusts are supportive of the principle of permitting charitable property (usually funds) to be transferred to a nominated charity established outside of NHS legislation.

It was noted that the Government, while permitting charities to make changes, will not make this a mandatory requirement where the NHS Body acts as corporate trustee.

3.4 VOLUNTEER REPORT

A new project had been developed at Hexham on Ward 4 to help support patients in reminiscence activities.

The Hospital Voluntary Services Shop (HVS) at Blyth opened for business on 1st December 2014.

The HVS volunteer long service awards were held at Hexham on 28th October and six volunteers received awards ranging from 5 years to 20 years of service.

A number of new products have been introduced into the HVS shops to support the trust’s healthy options campaign.

Consideration is being given to the refurbishment of the Patio Shop (HVS) at North Tynside to increase turnover.

3.5 CITIZENS ADVICE PROJECT

Ian McMinn and Ian McKee gave a verbal report to the committee regarding setting up a pilot project for the Citizens Advice Bureau to operate from the main entrance of North Tyneside General Hospital. The new service would be manned by trained CAB staff and would be offered over the course of 43 afternoon sessions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Trustees:

- Approve the charity’s support on an annual agreement to provide staff Christmas meals.
- Approve the allocation of £5k from the NTGH Charity Development Group for the Citizens Advice Bureau project.
- Approve the allocation of £4k from the Hexham Charity Development Group to support reminiscence projects at Hexham and Haltwhistle hospitals.
- Approve the allocation of £25k for each of two years from the central Charity Development Group to support the Transport Advisory Commission.