

**Report to the Corporate Trustees**

<b>Title of Report</b>	Northumbria Healthcare Charity (Bright Northumbria)
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<b>Responsible sub-committee</b>	Charitable Funds Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an update on development activity between April– June, 2017.</p> <p>Key pieces of activity during this period have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HelpForce –Trust selected as a pilot trust</li> <li>• First prize draw for the staff lottery held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017</li> <li>• New Charity Development Group launched for Palliative Care</li> <li>• Tanzania Medical Elective Students visit the trust June / July 2017</li> </ul> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 are provided in Appendix 1</p>
<b>Assurance Framework reference</b>	Trusts Reputation Risk Register
<b>Alignment to Trusts Annual/Strategic Plans or business unit annual plans</b>	Charity strategic plan
<b>Risk rating (very high, high, medium, low risk)/ any recommended changes</b>	Medium
<b>Compliance/ regulatory requirements (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Actions required by the Trustees</b>	<p>The corporate trustees are asked to note the content of the report and approve the recommendations contained within the report, including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £2K from a Mental Health legacy to support the development of Art Work for a Young People’s Mental</li> </ul>

	<p>Health and Wellbeing project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £5K for Newcastle United Partnership</li><li>• £7K for disabled access to the NSECH garden</li><li>• £2.5K for the Curious Monkey Theatre Company social engagement project</li><li>• £2K to undertake a pilot of a hydration project on selected wards</li><li>• £10K to refurbish the Day Room at Alnwick</li><li>• Accept and agree the review of the Investment Policy and Reserves Policy</li></ul>
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**Charitable Funds Committee: Report to Charity Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- 1 **Date of meeting: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**
- 2 **The minutes of the meeting are available on the website at: [www.northumbria.nhs.uk](http://www.northumbria.nhs.uk)**
- 3 **Executive Summary**

**3.1 FINANCE REPORT**

It was noted that charitable expenditure has exceeded income, investments have increased and there is a surplus on income/investments.

The financial year to date has seen an increase in total funds to £2,781K

Current investment income is forecast to be £35K in 2017/18.

Units in the COIF investment fund were sold and a profit of £15K was realised.

All HVS Shops are producing a surplus and overall profits are at their highest level for a number of years.

The Investment Policy and Reserves Policy were reviewed and agreed.

**3.2 HEAD OF CHARITY, VOLUNTEERING, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL REPORT**

**Staff Lottery**

The first prize draw for the staff lottery took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. At present, 2,900 members of staff have joined the lottery.

The first meeting of the Staff Lottery Grant Allocation Group to allocate grants is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**HelpForce**

The trust has been selected as one of five NHS trusts in the UK to become a Help Force pilot trust. The charity has received funding of £51K to take this work forward.

**Funding requests:**

RITA research – the charity has been approached to provide funding of £97K to research the effectiveness of the reminiscence interactive handsets in improving patient experience. Approval was granted in principle subject to discussion at EMT.

Alnwick Infirmary Day Room Refurbishment – The staff on Ward 1 at Alnwick requested funding of £10K to refurbish their day room

Mental Health Wellbeing – Young People – The charity team requested funding of £2K to work with the Health Improvement team to develop a project which aims to support young people who have mental health problems.

### **New areas of development:**

Supporting the needs of patients with hearing difficulties – The committee considered a request from the trust to fund a Deaf Co-ordinator within the Trust for a limited period of 12 months. The committee requested further information to consider the proposal at the next meeting.

Partnership with Newcastle United Foundation - The committee agreed to develop a new project with Newcastle United to reach young people with important health messages.

NSECH Garden – The committee agreed funding of £7K to enable changes to be made to the doorway to allow wheelchair access to the garden.

Curious Monkey Theatre Company – The committee agreed a budget of £2.5K to work with the Curious Monkey Theatre Company to develop a cultural exchange project with our elderly patients around local culture and memories.

Launch of Charity Development Group for Palliative Care Funds – A new Charity Development Group has been inaugurated to support the palliative care service.

### **Charity projects:**

Newcastle Eagles –The basketball players visited more than 150 schools taking the important health message of Dental Health Awareness to children at primary school.

Healing Arts - A new exhibition of artwork by Carers Northumberland has been unveiled at the Northumbria hospital.

Whitley Bay Photographic Society - A new exhibition has gone on display at North Tyneside Hospital.

Tynemouth Photography group – New photographs have gone on display at North Tyneside General Hospital near pathology.

Organ Memorial artwork for the Northumbria Hospital - An artist has been selected to design a special commission to be displayed at the Northumbria Hospital

Art Workshops for palliative care at North Tyneside General Hospital – A 12 week pilot programme of art sessions within the palliative care unit at North Tyneside hospital has been completed.

Photographs for new oncology day unit Wansbeck General Hospital – Photographic images have been installed for the official opening of the ward on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Classical concert at Hexham Hospital –Local pianists Victoria Robinson and Annie Ball delivered a classical concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the glass atrium.

### **Fundraising**

It was noted that fundraising activity in support of the Trust continues to increase.

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Momentum Casino Party – Staff fundraising group Momentum raised £600 for both Prostate Cancer UK and Bright.

Match for Margaret – A football match raised over £4500 for the Palliative Care Unit at Wansbeck General Hospital.

### **International Development**

Commonwealth Fellowships – Three healthcare professionals from Tanzania and one from Nigeria will visit the trust this autumn supported by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.

Tanzania Medical Elective Students – Seven medical students from the trust's partner hospital, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre have undertaken a 6 week medical elective at the trust during June / July 2017.

Ghanaian Occupational Therapy students – Six students from the University of Accra will visit the trust between July-September 2017 to undertake a medical elective period of study.

### **3.3 VOLUNTEER REPORT**

Harry Mercer, a 94 year old volunteer at North Tyneside General Hospital has received a Special Recognition Award and will go forward to be considered for the Pride of Britain Awards.

More than 100 volunteers from HVS and associated support groups attended the annual volunteering evening on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

North Tyneside HVS long service awards took place on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Grand Hotel in Tynemouth.

Volunteering Accreditation – The Volunteer Service has now completed the 9 key indicators required for the Volunteer Accreditation

### **4. Any other Business**

Ian McKee proposed a project to improve patient hydration on the wards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Trustees accept the report and agree the following:**

1. £2K agreed from a Mental Health legacy to support the development of Art Work for a young People's Mental Health Wellbeing project
2. £5K agreed for Newcastle United Partnership
3. £7K agreed for the NSECH garden
4. £2.5K agreed for the Curious Monkey Theatre Company
5. £10K agreed for the refurbishment of the Day Room at Alnwick Infirmary
6. Funding of £2K agreed to pump prime the hydration project
7. The Investment Policy and Reserves Policy have been reviewed and agreed