

Community Involvement Headline Report – October to December 2015

Q3 Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity

The Community Involvement Team offered support to various fundraising groups and individuals undertaking fundraising activities on behalf of the charity. These included:

223 monetary donations were received by our community involvement team.

- 197 donations to the general and specific funds
- 26 donations to the dementia appeal

These include:-

- Mansfield Fire Service undertook an intense 13.5 metre ladder climb event and donated £737.00 to the Trust's maternity Fund
- John Vardy took part in a Mansfield fund run and donated £1,035.02 to be split between Paediatrics and Diabetes
- Donation of £447.73 to the breast care unit from Shape Fitness who are a regular fundraising group for the Trust

During Q3 a large volume of donations were received for wards and departments to support seasonal festivities

These include:-

- Teddy Bears were donated to the children's ward by the GMB for new born babies over Christmas
- NatWest bank visited the children's ward at Christmas and donated a selection of gifts
- Jayne Rendell and team at NHS Supply Chain made and donated over 100 heart shaped pillows for the Breast Unit



Q3 Dementia Care Appeal

Donations include:-

- Volunteer Barbara Read donated £1,075 in place of gifts for her 90th birthday
- The King's Mill Hospital fundraising volunteers donated £15,000 from stalls held in the hospital
- Sun Chemicals held a tombola in the King's Treatment Centre raising £239
- Staff from Ward 52 held a tombola which raised £290
- Co-operative Travel and Thomas Cook made a donation of £505
- Staff from the X-ray Department donated £30 in lieu of Christmas cards
- Staff from Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust held a cake sale and raised £339
- The GMB members donated £500



Q3 Projects and Services supported by Charitable Funds

56 requests for funding support were granted in Q3

- 3 request for use of General Trust Funds
- 53 request for Service Specific trust Funds

These include:-

Bariatric equipment at a cost of £32,508 was purchased from general trust funds

Sleep monitoring equipment costing £12,536 was purchased from the paediatric trust fund

Specialist seating for patients receiving therapy were purchased at a cost of £3,443 from the stroke trust fund

Q3 Voluntary Services Activity

The Chairman's Long Service Awards took place across the four sites took place during Q3. A total of 95 volunteers receiving awards for service ranging from 5 to 50 years. The 50 year award was presented to Barbara Read from the Library & Magazine Service. Volunteers receiving their awards have donated a combined total of 985 years' service.

At the 2015 Staff Excellence Awards Brian Shepherd was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award. This recognised the significant support that Brian has given to his work as a patient buggy driver and café storekeeper over 20 years.

The Daffodil Café at King's Mill Hospital opened in October 2015 after extensive refurbishment. 106 café volunteers have been retrained to meet the demands of the service in their new environment. All profits from their efforts are utilised to enhance patient services.

Ashfield Health Village have undergone significant service change and the Friends Association and voluntary services have disbanded December 2015. Several volunteers are transferring to support services at Mansfield Community Hospital.

The voluntary services pilot on Fernwood Community Unit at Newark was implemented and evaluated in Q2. The pilot introduced a team of volunteers onto the Unit to support staff with patients' social and therapy activities. The impact on the service and patient experience has been positive and will continue to be developed as new volunteers are recruited.

Hazel Saddington, Fernwood Community Unit Ward Leader reported that patients had benefited enormously in having the volunteers on the Unit supporting activities such as games, exercises and befriending.

Volunteers have commented that patients enjoy the social interaction and being able to chat with a volunteer who has no time restraints.

Volunteer Recruitment has continued with pace in Q3 as 37 prospective volunteers have registered an interest in the Voluntary Services scheme. 25 new starters joined the service. 17 leavers (2 of which have now found employment or gone on to further education).

11 volunteers were recruited to provide way-finding and meet and greet services as part of the single front door project.

Q3 Dementia Care Appeal

Background information

A successful charitable appeal in 2014 raised £42.6K to fund dementia friendly equipment to enhance wards across the three sites. In January 2015 SFHT charitable trustees agreed to extend the appeal to support a business case submitted by the Emergency Care and Medicine Division to transform ward 52 at King's Mill Hospital into a geriatric medical mental health ward. The case was submitted to the December 2014 charitable funds committee with an estimated cost £275K -£325K.

Appeal accounts

Phase I - appeal was launched in March 2014 – December 2015 and raised £41.7K

Phase II - appeal from January 2015 to January 2016 has raised £100K Fundraising is scheduled to conclude 31st March 2016.

Q4 activity

King's Mill Hospital volunteers continue to fundraise on a daily basis from the King's Treatment Centre generating £3K monthly.

Hospital ball organised for March will generate £2K

Easter raffle will generate £1.5K

Ward renaming

The community involvement team co-ordinated the “renaming of the ward” and members of the public, staff and volunteers were invited to suggest a suitable name for ward 52. Woodland Ward was chosen. The art work and colour scheme is reflective of the name. The ward reopened on 18th January.

Ward opening

Community Involvement Team organised an open afternoon for appeal donors to attend and view the refurbished ward before patients were repatriated. 60 people attended. Ward staff were available to provide guided tours and explain how the enhancements will improve the patient and visitor experience.

Overall project cost

As at January 2016 full project costs have not been submitted to the Head of Financial Services.

Estimates of furnishing and fittings - £45.3K

Estimates of build cost - £255K

Q3 Christmas Activities

The Friends across the sites provided funds to purchase decorations, refreshments and gifts for inpatients.

King's Mill Hospital hosted over 500 children, representing 16 schools during December in the main entrance who performed carols and Christmas songs for patients, visitors and staff.

Fancy Entertainment held a Frozen Theme Show on the Children's Ward.

Starlight Panto Troupe held a pantomime on the Children's Ward.

Mansfield Community Hospital held a Christmas Fayre in conjunction with the League of Hospital Friends.

Newark Hospital hosted a local school choir and Father Christmas was in attendance.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Robert Crowe and local MP, Robert Jenrick visited the wards and departments on Christmas Eve.

A Christmas party was organised on Fernwood Community Unit for patients and their families. A Scout and Guide Band performed songs from musicals.



Q4 Planned Activity

Ward 52 – Dementia Care Appeal

Arrange donor event to recognise the support received from individuals and community groups.

Volunteers Training

Introduce updated new starter induction programme.

Voluntary Services Development

Pilot the social activity volunteer role on Ward 52.

Recruit full complement of volunteers for the Fernwood Community Unit following successful pilot.

Introduce the ward trolley service at Mansfield Community Hospital.

Community Activity

Co-ordinate Easter events

Fundraising Activity

Support Nottinghamshire Healthcare staff with the co-ordination of March Hospital ball in aid of the Dementia Care Appeal.

Voluntary Services Spring raffle in aid of the Dementia Care Appeal.

Maximise income generation for the Dementia Care Appeal through charity stalls in the King's Treatment Centre.