

Council of Governors

Subject:	Charitable Funds Committee Assurance Report		Date: 11 th August 2020	
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Purpose				
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors regarding the activities of the Charitable Funds Committee		Approval		
		Assurance		x
		Update		
		Consider		
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X	X	X	X	
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
	X			
Risks/Issues				
Financial	As identified in the report			
Patient Impact	As identified in the report			
Staff Impact	As identified in the report			
Services	As identified in the report			
Reputational	Enhanced reputation through engagement with patients, carers, staff and volunteers with regarding to fundraising and distribution of charitable funds			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Board of Directors 6 th August 2020				
Executive Summary				
<p>The meeting scheduled for April 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic.</p> <p>The Committee met on 30th July 2020, The meeting was quorate, the Minutes were approved and there were no outstanding actions. There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>The Council of Governors are asked to accept the content of the Report and note the items highlighted below:</p> <p>The following items of significance were discussed</p> <p>Charity Governance Code Assessment – progress report Charity Risk Register Outline Business Case – End of Life Care Updates with regard to progress with the Charity appeals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gamma Scanner • Newark Breast Cancer Service Appeal <p>Legacies Governors as ambassadors for the Charity Thanks to the Community Involvement Team</p>				

The Charity Governance Code Assessment

The committee undertook a self-assessment during 2019, and update was provided on the actions outstanding. It was agreed a report to the Corporate Trustee would be submitted in September to address the actions, and additional action with regard to working with external partners would be concluded through the revision of the Charity's strategy which is due shortly.

Charity Risk Register

The Charity risk register was reviewed, committee agreed all the risks remained, nominated a lead for a risks and considered the scoring of the individual risks, one risk, Stock market movements on external investments, had its score increased to 12 to reflect the current volatility in the stock market due to the pandemic and the potential move towards a global recession.

Outline Business Case – End of Life Care

The outline business case was presented and committee approved in principle support for the case once the Trust has approved the full business case.

Updates with regard to progress with the Charity appeals:

- Gamma Scanner
- Newark Breast Cancer Service Appeal

Committee agreed to invite the leads for these services to provide a more detailed update to committee members as there was concern regarding the delays. It is hoped the Gamma Scanner will be installed in time to alleviate winter pressures.

Legacies

A report was presented regarding the legacies received by the charity, this has increased over recent months and discussion are on-going with divisions regarding the most appropriate way to enhance patient care through the distribution of these legacies, some of which have very specific criteria. Committee agreed to further communication when legacies are spent not only as a recognition to the families who make the legacies but also to promote them to the wider community as a way to donate to your local hospital

Governors as Ambassadors of the Charity

Committee discussed the role of the Governors with regard to promoting the charity and ensuring they acted as an ambassador for the charity. The governor observer agreed to take this forward with the Council of Governors.

Thanks to the Community Involvement Team

The Committee recognised and thanked the Community Involvement Team for their tireless work during the pandemic and particularly noted the Team's co-ordination and distribution of over 13,000 Easter eggs and the great many other donations received, to staff, patients and the wider community, such as food banks, local children's charities and care homes.