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NHS Charity Funding - spend

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. *Does your trust receive funding from (a) a league of friend's organisation and (b) a formal NHS charity/charity. If so, could you please provide the names of each organisation.*

The Trust has an associated Charity – Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Charity, charity number 1061384, working name Royal Devon Hospitals Charity. The Annual Reports and Accounts are available on the Charity Commission website. The Charity receives support from a number of local Leagues of Friends and other charities on an ad-hoc basis.

There is information about the Charity available on the Trust's website: [NHS Royal Devon | Hospital charities](#). This is likely to be updated soon, as the Charity is being re-branded with a working name of Royal Devon Charity.

2. *Please could you provide the sums raised by (a) a league of friend's organisation and (b) a formal NHS charity/charity. Please provide separate figures for each organisation and provide the annual funds raised for the last three full financial years and the first six months 2023/4.*

Please see our Annual Report and Accounts on the Charity Commission website for details of income received by the Royal Devon Hospitals Charity. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2023 will be uploaded to the Charity Commission website by 31st January 2024, in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements.

The link for the Charity's Annual Report and Accounts on the Charity Commission website is: [Accounts and annual returns, ROYAL DEVON UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITY - 1061384, Register of Charities - The Charity Commission](#)

3. *Using the same timeframes (the last three full financial years and the first six months of 2023/4), please provide a full breakdown of how funds from each of the organisations was spent. Please make it clear which projects/purchases were funded by each organisation and which purchases/projects were requested specifically by the (a) trust/hospital (b) NHS charity or league of friends.*

Please see our Annual Report and Accounts on the Charity Commission website for details of income received and expenditure grants made by the Royal Devon Hospitals Charity.

4. *If the cost limit has not yet been reached, please provide any formal guidelines the trust must follow when it comes to spending funds by either or both organisations. For example, are there any restrictions on spending money on medical equipment, locum staff positions etc.*

The Charity has the following objective:

“For any charitable purpose and purposes relating to the National Health Service.”

The funds relating to specific wards and departments include objectives relevant to those wards and departments. The objectives of funds relating to research include education and investigation into the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of sickness and disability.

The objectives of each of the individual fund’s state whether the use of the fund is for patients, staff, and provision of equipment or research.

The overall policy of the Charity is to provide support to the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust by the following means:

- Patients’ expenditure - purchase of small equipment and the provision of services and facilities not normally provided by, or in addition to, the normal NHS provision.
- Staff expenditure:
 - a) motivation of staff, by improving staff facilities and by providing services that improve staff wellbeing.
 - b) education of staff by providing education over and above that normally provided by the Trust.
- Capital equipment - purchase of equipment in addition to that normally provided by an NHS trust.
- Research expenditure – resources to allow staff to undertake non-commercial research and educational activities.