

Friends of the Leeds Centre for Leukaemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2018

I am writing this report in a slightly different context to my previous annual reports. Earlier in the year the Trustees decided that holding an Annual General Meeting did not seem to be achieving very much as most of the reports by myself, Matthew Baker and Graeme Smith were being sent by email or by post. As permitted by the Charity Commission we can make the decision not to hold an AGM so long as we keep any interested people informed of our activities. We shall continue to submit our annual accounts with reports from myself and Matthew to the Charity Commission each year. In addition, we propose to have the first item on the agenda of our Trustee meetings open for anyone to attend and raise questions with us. We usually meet in April and October. Anyone of us can be contacted at any time, although in practice questions are usually directed via our Secretary, Carol Bilbrough.

The summary annual accounts will continue to be issued and a full set is available on request to Carol. However, the key figures for the past year are:

- Income £36,366
- Costs £2,955
- Grants £35,999

As is evident from these figures the Trustees have been able to fund a wide variety of requests due to the continuing assistance of many long-term supporters but also many new supporters. This included one significant donation made anonymously. As in previous years a letter is sent twice a year throughout the Department inviting requests for funding to be made to me and then for consideration by Trustees. We have been able to approve all the requests made to us over the past year. Several individual patient requests for assistance with such as travel costs were supported together with the following requests from within the Department:

- Ward 88 Observation machines x 2
- Ward 88 Hot and cold Dyson fans x 2
- Ward 88 Arjo Stedy rehabilitation aid
- Ward 88/89 Bladder scanner and console
- Ward 89 Arjo Stedy rehabilitation aid
- Ward 89 Observation machines x 10
- Ward 89 Rise and Recline chairs x 2
- Ambulatory Care CADD pumps x 3
- Ambulatory Care Veinpicity equipment
- Ward 87 Hot and cold Dyson fan
- Ward 87 Staff Development Day

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- Medical students to present at national conference

Some of our supporters again ran in the Great North Run and will have done again by the time you read this report. We are very grateful for their physical and fundraising efforts. As in previous years supporters have much fun during their fundraising even though the organisation of events is demanding and time consuming but also rewarding. Our JustGiving page continues to be a fruitful and simple means of donating to the Friends www.justgiving.com/fllu/donate.

We do not have a webpage at least so far, but our Facebook account is updated by Carol Bilbrough, Jean Harris and Lynne Hegarty, it seems to be well used. There is also a Twitter account.

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We have continued to collaborate with the informal group known as the Chevin Socialites who are now successful in securing funding to maintain the Hug on a tray service without any input from the Friends. The success of the group in fundraising for the patient TV etc bedside service has led to discussions between us on how to manage the funds within the Charity Commission guidelines. We all hope to have the new process and specific account in place by 2019, and if the generosity of people continues then a free to patient service will be provided.

In July 2017 Dr Graeme Smith retired from his NHS consultant role but he has agreed to remain as a Trustee. The Trustees agreed that it is important for there to be a clinical link with the Department and therefore invited Dr Rod Johnson to join the Trustees.

During the year the Trustees agreed to fund a 'banner' to help promote the role of the Friends and after guidance from a supporter we now have the banner in the Outpatient waiting area. We may obtain a second banner; and they can be used for fundraising events away from the Department.

On a more formal note, as with all organisations we must follow the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations. Thus, we do not share any personal information with any other organisation, we hold it for communicating with you about our activities in the year such as this Report.

Thank you for your support and I hope that you can see that the Department is benefitting from the funds donated to the Friends.

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Chairman of the Trustees
19th September 2018

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