



The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust

(registered charity number 1069269)

Annual Report – January – December 2023

Aims and Objectives

The aim of The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust is to relieve sickness, suffering and distress of those diagnosed with leukaemia and similar blood related disorders. The Trust achieves this by providing complementary therapy for patients, purchasing laboratory equipment for life saving research and inviting Grant applications for patients experiencing financial difficulty.

The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees listed as follows: -

Dr Hazel Forde (Chairperson)

Mrs Vivien Bentley (Vice Chairperson)

Marion Bratt

Margueritte Bailey (Trustee & Minute Taker)

Mrs Debbie Edmondson

Mrs Gillian Gregg

Mr Callum Salter (Treasurer)

Mrs Susan Sollis BEM

Patient Grants

Many leukaemia patients and their immediate family suffer from financial hardship following diagnosis resulting in a change of circumstances.

Where appropriate The Trust assists by awarding Grants of £250.00. At the beginning of 2023 it was decided to increase this amount to £350.00.

The Grant may be used for hospital travelling costs, extra home heating costs or anything else that enhances the care and wellbeing of the patient.

Grant application Forms are available at The Trust's shop and headquarters 5 Library Arcade, 62, High Street, Evesham, WR11 4HG or may be downloaded from the website www.tracysollistrust.org. All applications require validation and a signature from the patients G.P, Consultant or a CNS.

Complementary Therapy

The Trust continues to provide complementary therapy to patients on Worcester Royal Hospital Laurel 3 Ward. Complementary Therapist Carrie-Ann Adams is funded by The Trust and is highly valued as she has a special understanding of leukaemia. Carrie was a former leukaemia patient who underwent a successful bone marrow transplant. Being experienced in this field Carrie can fully relate to a patient's concerns and worries. Not only does she provide Complementary Therapy but also a listening ear. This can make such a difference as nursing staff have very little time to spend with patients.

There was a large increase in the number of patients seen by Carrie during the year of 2023. The total was 426 which in contrast to the previous year was an increase of 225. The total expenditure The Trust spent on complementary therapy was £12,100.00

Accu-vein Vein Finder Project Gains Momentum

When patient Tony Sollis, (*no relation to Trust Founder Member Sue Sollis*) was discussing his treatment at Worcester Royal Hospital, little did he know the huge impact his conversation would make regarding the treatment and care of future patients.

Tony mentioned that it would be nice if there was some sort of device that could detect hidden veins. To his surprise the nurse's response was that yes there was but it wasn't supplied by the NHS and not regarded as an essential piece of equipment.

When The Trust heard about this it was decided to purchase as many vein finders as financial resources would allow for both hospitals and Doctors Surgeries. An Accuvein complete with a portable stand and inclusive of delivery costs just short of £6,000.

The first Accuvein was delivered to Worcester Royal Hospital in 2021 and since then requests for the device have been increasing dramatically

During 2023 The Trust purchased a vein finder complete with its portable stand for Evesham Community Hospital which proved extremely useful and resulted in a further request for the hospital's EBBI (i.e., Evesham, Broadway, Bredon and Inkberrow) Home Visiting Nursing Team The vein finder was supplied minus a portable stand as this was not needed for home visits.

Warwick Hospital was another hospital to benefit.

Total Spent on Vein Finders £15,875

Events

Presentation at Prince Henry's School Donation - £500.00

Evesham Vale Running Club 10km - £350

Worcester Dog Training Club - £200

Youth Impact Worcestershire Glowstick Walk £104

Henrician Theatre (ticket sale commission) - £628.60

Martin Hunt F1 at the Fleece - £140.00

AGM

The AGM was held at Wallace House Community Centre on July 17th 2023. The Trust was privileged to have Evesham's Town Mayor Alan Booth and his Consort Chrissy Smith in attendance. The Mayor gave a much appreciated opening speech where he announced his support for the work of the Trust and its benefits towards the local community.

This was followed by the surprise presentation of a cheque for £1,512.00. This was made by the former Mayor Sue Amor who had selected The Trust as one of her nominated charities during her time in office.

Guest Speakers for the night were The Trust's Complementary Therapist Carrie-Ann Adams and former leukaemia patient Kate Stallard.

Van Deliveries and Collections

Driver of the charity van, Sue Sollis, broke her wrist and was unable to drive for two months. Luckily temporary volunteer drivers were found. Andrew Beasley, Malcolm Graham and Alan Flint who were added to the van insurance policy. Assisting with loading and delivering was Andrew Bailey and Peter Goodhall. It was very much appreciated to have such good support during this difficult time.

The Charity Shops

The two shops takings have been good throughout the year with a total income of **£84,010.81** - an increase of £3,753.80 on the previous year.

The breakdown is as follows:-

Shop 5 **£40,114.92**

Shop 7 **£43,895.89.**

Duke of Edinburgh and Princes Trust Scheme

During the year 2023 The Trust had 3 volunteers as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and two volunteers working towards their Prince's Trust Award. The students learnt how to work within a retail environment and gained confidence and practical skills during their allotted time with us.

Treasurer

A big thank you to Callum Salter who accepted the position of Treasurer for the financial year
1st January - 31st December 2023.

Future Project

The Trust has a large challenge to undertake commencing 2024. This is a project to which it has been agreed by the Board of Trustees. It is to provide Vein Finders for as many surgeries and Hospitals as finances will allow.

Income	CAF CASH	CAF GOLD	CAF 60 DAY	Cash	Total
Interest	58.21	1,036.39	113.48		1,208.08
Shop 5 Cash Payments	23,819.56				23,819.56
Shop 7 Cash Payments	26,064.64				26,064.64
Shop Card Payments	34,126.61				34,126.61
Sales of Rags - Wilcox Rags	795.45				795.45
World of Books	46.47				46.47
Donations	2,971.36				2,971.36
JustGiving	1,511.97				1,511.97
Collection Box Shop 5	92.76				92.76
Collection Box Shop 7	117.01				117.01
Raffles	201.00				201.00
Events	1,352.35				1,352.35
Refunds and Returns	3,065.90				3,065.90
Grants	1,512.00				1,512.00
MUCH LOVED Donations	107.70				107.70
The Henrician Ticket Commission	628.60				628.60
TOTAL	96,471.59	1,036.39	113.48		97,621.46
Expenditure	CAF CASH	CAF GOLD	CAF 60 DAY	Cash	Total
Bank Charges	451.14				451.14
Print and Stationery	387.64				387.64
Just Giving	216.00				216.00
Website	19.20				19.20
Salaries	25,716.77				25,716.77
Rent - Shop 5	11,250.00				11,250.00
Rent - Shop 7	10,200.00				10,200.00
Rent - Kiosk	1,250.00				1,250.00
Van	2,376.87				2,376.87
Phone & Utilities	6,416.16				6,416.16
Non-Domestic Rates	442.96				442.96
Bookkeeping	1,016.40				1,016.40
Complementary Therapy	12,820.00				12,820.00
Medical Vein Finders	15,875.00				15,875.00
Office Equipment	1,047.99				1,047.99
Insurance	1,413.70				1,413.70
Repairs and Renewals	492.66				492.66
Sundry	200.00				200.00
TOTAL	91,592.49				91,592.49
Transfers	CAF CASH	CAF GOLD	CAF 60 DAY	Cash	Total
Balances					
Balance at 31 Dec 2022	23,289.20	55,212.34	16,158.26	9.32	94,669.12
Plus Income	96,471.59	1,036.39	113.48	0.00	97,621.46
Less Expenses	91,592.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	91,592.49
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance at 31 Dec 2023	28,168.30	56,248.73	16,271.74	9.32	100,698.09

28/05/2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

TRACY SOLLIS LEUKAEMIA TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1069269

Set out on

Attached schedule

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

24 April 2024

Name:

Carol Draper

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

N/A