



Charity Commission no: 1153530

Report to the Charity Commission 2020/21

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Foreword

The Trustees present the Charitable Fund Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021, which have been prepared in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The main objective of the Charity is to relieve sickness and to promote good health by advancing and sustaining an education and teaching programme based at Lira Regional hospital and Lira University and schools of nursing in Lira and in Wau South Sudan. It is designed to improve the health care of the people of Uganda and South Sudan.

Trustees

The Trustees serving for the financial year 2020-21 were as follows:

Mr Andrew Goodwin - Treasurer

Dr Frankie Dormon - Medical lead

Dr Antoinette McAulay - Chair

Rev Canon Jane LLoyd

Mr Mark Mould

Dr Paul Thompson (resigned July 2020)

Mrs Sarah Currell

Ms Judy Mella (appointed May 2020)

The Charitable Fund is registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1153530) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

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Reference and Administrative details

Poole Africa Link Charity (R.C.N. 1153530) was registered with the Charity Commission on 23rd August 2013. Prior to this date Poole Africa Link (PAL) was managed as a separate Trust Fund within the Poole Hospital NHS FT Charity (R.C.N. 1055808). Charitable funds received by the Charity are held and administered as funds and held on trust for purposes relating to developing health services in Africa, particularly Uganda and South Sudan.

Principal charitable fund advisor to the Board of Trustees

The Deputy Director of Finance of Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has day to day responsibility for the management of the Charity and was responsible for overseeing the financial management and accounting for the Charity during the year.

Registered address of the Charity

Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Finance Dept.
Longfleet Road
Poole Hospital NHS Trust
Longfleet Road
Poole
Dorset
BH15 2JB

Banking details

Lloyds Bank
Poole High Street
Poole,
Dorset

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered as a single purpose charity with the Charity Commission on 23rd August 2013.

PAL is a restricted fund. As such the income and property of the fund are applied totally towards the promotion of the objects of advancing and sustaining an education and training programme designed to improve the healthcare of the people of South Sudan and other areas in Sub Saharan Africa, as agreed by the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees:

New trustees are appointed when existing trustees retire or resign. Trustees would normally be expected to have a professional background (e.g. legal, accounting, medical, or health) or direct involvement in humanitarian aid in sub Saharan Africa and would be expected to have a good understanding of the aims and objectives of the Charity and the relationship with Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. In the first instance new Trustees are nominated to the existing Trustees and appointment is confirmed by a majority vote of the existing Trustees.

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Annual Review: Our Activities

The Poole Africa link was set up in 2009 when a link was formed between Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Wau Hospital in South Sudan and we made twelve successful visits there. October 2015 saw a change in direction for Poole Africa Link. Due to the political situation in South Sudan it was decided to concentrate on a new location in Lira, Northern Uganda. The town of Lira has a referral hospital, with 500 beds, and several schools of nursing. We teach there and Lira University Hospital and Lira University outside town, which currently has three intakes of midwifery students, plus some business and IT courses. In addition they have built a new maternity facility and a hospital both of which are now open and working towards functioning to full capacity. The midwives once trained have an extended role as they work in remote village clinics. As well as midwifery they work as nurse practitioners particularly for sick children, and are trained to give simple anaesthesia and perform caesarean sections. Our partnership is supported by a formal MOU signed in 2016.

In previous years there have been ten visits by our teams to Lira. The teams were involved in teaching and running courses in the University, the new University hospital and Lira Referral Hospital where we carried out ward-based teaching and delivered practical changes resulting in improved patient safety and care. Items of essential kit and teaching aid were donated to both the hospital and the university.

A visit by a team of five planned for March 2020 was called off at the last minute due to the COVID-19 virus. We were unable to visit during the whole of this reporting year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were able however to remain in contact with our colleagues in Lira by email, What's App and regular zoom meetings. During these we ascertained how best we could assist them in the current situation. We continued to fundraise and were able to purchase several large lots of essential PPE and hand sanitizer which we had driven up from Kampala to Lira. We also sent teaching lectures about COVID-19 and safe use of PPE on USB sticks and via the internet.

Our ties and communication have remained strong despite the pandemic.

We also continue to support the population of Wau via the Sister Grace's children's feeding program; helping children in dire situations at risk from starvation.

Public Benefit

The benefits include increased knowledge and education for student nurses and qualified health care professionals in the developing world, particularly Lira hospital and University. This will lead to improved mortality rates and improvements in all areas of patient health care and safety for those we are involved with, which relates to the aims of our work. We also continue to assist in South Sudan.

There are no risks of detriment or harm to those we seek to assist and educate and the view from hospital managers and the university in Lira is that we bring a very positive and vital input to healthcare and patient survival. At present we work mostly amongst health care professionals in Lira Referral hospital and Lira University. We support where we can in South

Sudan during the time of conflict. This is not exclusive and our only restrictions are around time and funding.

Those overseas staff visiting the UK will benefit from education and development in the UK and knowledge of new ways of working to assist with the care of their patients in the developing world and their personal self-development.

Staff from UK visiting Uganda will gain a fresh insight into health care from a differing perspective and assist with their self-development, resourcefulness, confidence and knowledge

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Benefits are measured through regular reporting and evaluation of each visit by all team members

The beneficiaries are primarily those with health care needs and in poverty in the developing world which our aims seek to address.

When able our teams travel to the hospital and university in Lira where currently most of our work is carried out, no fees are charged to the people there. Team members fundraise towards their fares but no set amount is levied for their contribution.

The private benefits may be said to be those incidental ones experienced by team members giving freely of their time and expertise to carry out the visits and ongoing contact with our colleagues in Lira. No other private benefits are received.

Reserves Policy

The Charity aims to spend all funds within a 2-3 year period. Most of the expenditure incurred by the Charity is normally in respect of contributions to team travel to Lira Uganda and subsistence during the trip. During this reporting year we have provided several large batches of PPE to Lira university hospital. Other expenditure normally includes insurance and medication. The charity also donates items of kit needed at the hospital in Lira and teaching aids for the university in Lira and nurse training school in Wau.

The Charity applies for various grants from international organisations. Team members and supporters engage in fund raising activities to replenish reserves.

Investment Policy

The Charity aims to always ensure that it has a minimum of two years' operational costs in reserve. The Charity aims to spend all funds within a 2-3 year period and the Trustees have therefore decided to invest all of the charitable funds in short term fixed and instant access deposit accounts.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and considered. They have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. New risk assessments have been produced this year.

Acknowledgements

We express our thanks to all our colleagues in Lira, Uganda. As always we learn as much from our visits as we teach and Poole staff have a great personal developmental opportunity.

More information can be found on our website: www.pooleafricalink.org.uk

HILARY FENTON-HARRIS	DR ANTOINETTE McAULAY
Poole Africa Link Co-ordinator	Poole Africa Link
Chair	

12th December 2021

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed AW Goodwin Date..... 8.11.21

Mr. A. Goodwin - Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poole Africa Link (Charity No. 1153530)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 2011 Act
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signature: KA

Name: K. BHICKA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Longfleet Road, Poole. Dorset BH15 2JB

Date: 10/11/21

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2020/21 Total £	2019/20 Total £
Incoming resources		
Voluntary Income		
Donations	3,250	4,180
Other income	1,154	2,150
Investment income	12	111
Total Voluntary Income	4,416	6,441
Activities for Generating Funds		
Events Income	2,162	12,141
Project Income	12,300	8,670
Total incoming resources	18,878	27,252
Resources expended		
Cost of Generating Funds	3,756	5,028
Charitable Activities		
South Sudan local project support	0	1,500
Visits	0	20,025
Total Charitable Activities	0	21,525
Support Costs	7,755	11,174
Total resources expended	11,511	37,727
Net movement in funds and carried forward	7,367	(10,475)
Reconciliation of Funds:		
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April	26,951	37,426
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021 (2020)	34,318	26,951

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Balance Sheet

	at 31 March 2021	at 31 March 2020
	Total £	Total £
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank (Lloyds TSB short term deposit account)	34,318	26,951
	34,318	26,951
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 0	 0
 Total Net Assets	 34,318	 26,951
 Reserves		
Opening Reserves	26,951	37,426
Surplus of Expenditure over Income for Year	7,367	(10,475)
 Total Reserves	 34,318	 26,951

Signed:.....Andrew Goodwin..... Trustee

Andrew Goodwin

Date: 8.11.21

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

1.2 INCOME

Donations and gifts

All monetary donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable, provided that there are no donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met.

All income is recognised gross of expenditure. Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is virtually certain; this will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled.

Cash collected to which the Charity is legally entitled but which has not been received at the year end is included as income.

Donations under deed of covenant together with the associated income tax recoveries are credited as income when the donations are received.

Investment income

Investment income, including associated income tax recoveries, is recognised when receivable.

1.3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred and is accounted for on an accruals basis. The expenditure comprises:

- (i) charitable expenditure incurred directly for the fulfilment of the Charity's objectives; to deliver its activities and services for its beneficiaries.
This includes costs that can be allocated directly to activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- (ii) costs of generating funds incurred directly in the effort to raise voluntary contributions i.e. fundraising and publicity.
- (iii) expenditure incurred in the management and administration of the Charity (support costs); and