

Trustees' Report for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

The Trustees' of ESPCSG present their report for the period ending 31st March 2021

Introduction

East Suffolk Prostate Cancer Support Group (ESPCSG) is a registered CIO charity whose aims are to provide support, information and help to all men with prostate cancer, their families and carers and was formed so that they can meet together to find out more about their illness and what treatments or support is available to them. ESPCSG is run entirely by volunteers and operates from the East Suffolk and North Essex Hospital Trust, Ipswich, for all prostate cancer patients in East Suffolk catchment area. We have between 70 to 80 members attending these meetings usually. This year we started to hold virtual meetings on Zoom.

Organisation

The Trustees are listed at the end of the report.

Our meetings had been held in The Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, Ipswich Hospital for patients and their carers at 7pm on the first Wednesday of alternate months February, April, June, August, October and December. All members are kept informed of meetings or events by post, email or the information is on our website, we also have a newsletter and had a notice board at our meetings. At each meeting we had a speaker, mainly from the medical profession, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to have a useful exchange of experiences if anybody wishes, in an open and friendly atmosphere. This year we had to change due to the restrictions with the numbers who could meet due to the Covid 19 virus. During the first lockdown we issued a weekly lockdown newsletter to our members, so we could keep in touch. In the second lockdown we changed to a monthly newsletter for our members and introduced virtual meetings on Zoom which worked out well. We received 60 plus thank you emails to say how they enjoyed the Lockdown newsletters which kept them in touch, and others who liked the contact on Zoom.

We had booked a hall and were starting to plan and make arrangements to hold another PSA test event in November but this had to be cancelled. We thought we may be able to hold another event in February and started the planning which again had to be cancelled due to the virus.

We could not attend events at which we have a stand to give out leaflets and books on prostate cancer information during this year also we could not arrange any social events.

We have donated £5,500.00 to four other charities with a connection to Prostate Cancer.

Funding

Is received from charities, collections, and donations This year has been very difficult for donations which were almost 81% down and we have not received anything from the raffle and refreshments as we could not hold meetings. We do not have any subscriptions for membership. We have not received any funding.

Trustees

I am very sorry to say that one of our Trustees, Philip David passed away suddenly on 17th June 2020.

The following Trustees served the Group as appropriate throughout this period :-

Michael Earey, Ted Friend, David Shipman, Chris Southcott and Philip David (until 17-06-20).

EAST SUFFOLK PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Accounting Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

INCOME	£2,121
EXPENSES	£5,694
NET PROFIT / LOSS	(£3,567)
 NET ASSETS	 £11,970

Our income was received from a charity and donations. Due to the pandemic we were unable to receive any income from raffles and refreshments at our group meetings.

We received a total of £2,121 in donations this year.

We gave £5500 in total to four different Charities related to Prostate Cancer.

Our accounts have been independently checked.

E L Friend *Treasurer*