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## Cornwall Diabetic Education Centre Trust 2023

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### Annual Report

The Trust remains in a healthy financial situation. Year end cash assets stood at £140,521 with £60,000 of the total on long term deposit.

In April 2023 we agreed to fund a display cabinet ( approx £650) for the centre as we have a collection of historical equipment which we thought it might be nice to display. Funding was also agreed for replacement portable Hba1c analysers for the children's clinics. Cost in region of £5000.

In September 2023 we received a generous cash donation of £5000 from the estate of a long standing patient, it was very much appreciated.

We have had contact with a youth worker in Cornwall who had been allocated sometime to look at the needs of young people with diabetes. Most were in the age group 12-18years.

The young people provided an excellent insight as to what it means to them to be a young person with a long term health condition, and potential avenues to explore to help them along a difficult journey. Most of it focuses on understanding and communication.

Unfortunately the youth worker secondment could not be continued long term, but this piece of work has given some pointers to ways in which the trust might be able to support educational initiatives for this group.

The trust has also funded two evening educational meetings in the County for those patients who will be moving onto pump systems in the coming year as part of the NICE programme. We anticipate that more will be needed.

In 2023 two of our trustees stepped down due to other work commitments, Dr Duncan Browne and Mrs Helen Chenoweth.

Mrs Terri Chant has been appointed as a new trustee in November 2023.