



BOLTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

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ANNUAL REPORT

PERIOD

DECEMBER 2021 – NOVEMBER 2022

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192584

This document is the annual report presented by the trustees of the charity Bolton Community First Responders, a charitable incorporated organisation.

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The Bolton Community First Responders Charity is an incorporated organisation administered in accordance with the constitution document dated October 2020

Aims & Objectives of the Charity

To provide support services to the North West Ambulance service in the local community through the Bolton Community First Responders team. Support services include responding to 999 emergency calls and providing community support in times of emergency as required by the North West Ambulance service. Supporting the wider needs of the Ambulance service in patient care and in educating the community as a whole in life saving skills through training and education events.

Support will be provided to relieve suffering and save lives via the team who live and work in the Greater Manchester Area, trained to respond to life threatening emergencies, benefiting all of the communities regardless of age, sex, race, political or religious beliefs.

Supporting enhanced community engagement in education and lifesaving skills which will ultimately help save lives.

The charity exists solely for the public benefits and not for any private gain. The charity will support the volunteers to enable them to respond in a timely and effective manner with the right training and equipment to enable lifesaving skills to be available whilst an ambulance is on route.

The Charity is managed by the following trustees

Colin Thomson – (Chairman)

Trevor Williams – Vice Chairman

Nicola Williams – Treasurer

Noel Boardman – Trustee

Mike Barnwell - Trustee

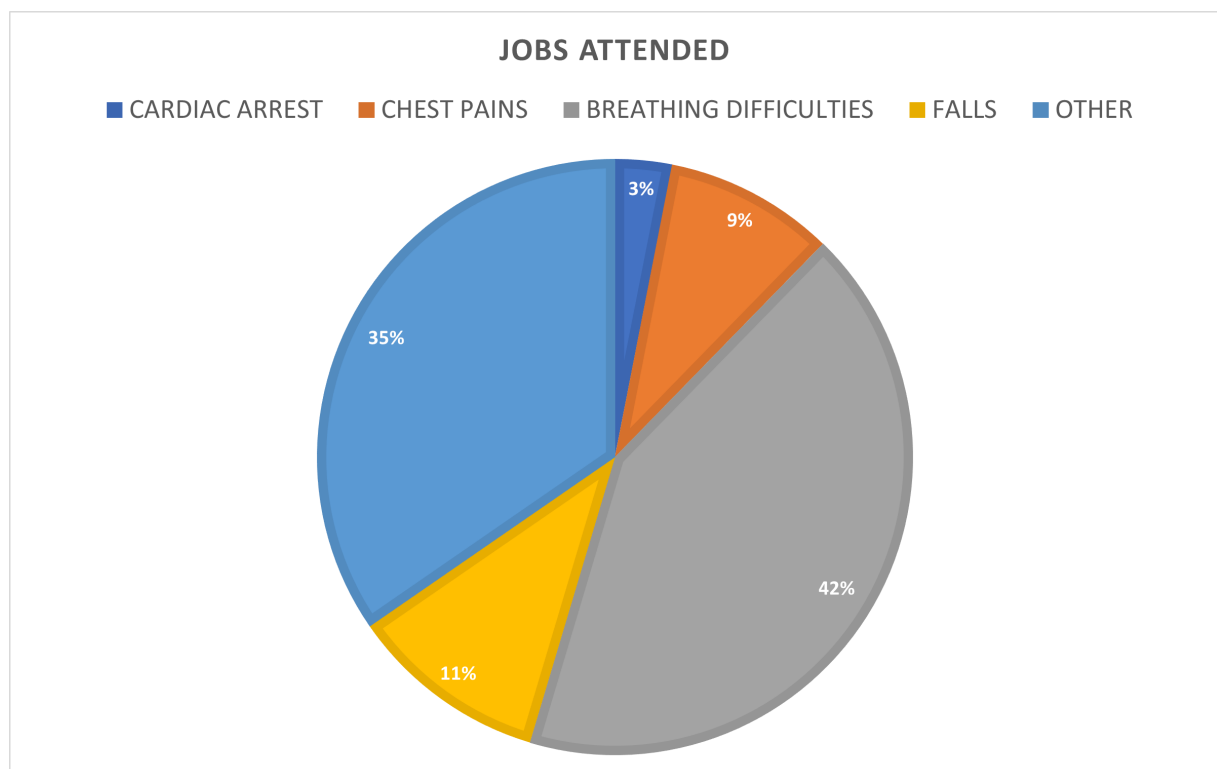
ACHIEVEMENT REPORT: DECEMBER 2021 – NOVEMBER 2022

Since the last annual report submitted November 2021, the Charity has continued to deliver on its main aims and objectives in support of the NHS ambulance service. At the beginning of this term, we were still facing some restrictions in terms of supporting the service and attending events and coming to terms with the removal of some covid restrictions. Some of our volunteers were also recruited to support the NHS Ambulance service directly which did distract from some volunteering hours, but we still maintained a high level of support. As covid restrictions eased then responding hours started to improve month by month.

We have continued to retain our previous sponsors and funding and increase our income during this period. We have also initiated a recruitment program to increase our volunteers as we are also aware a couple of responders will be moving at the end of this period to concentrate on their NHS and other commitments.

The team has remained consistent with 9 responders during this period and have attended over 125 incidents covering over 1475miles.

The following is a breakdown of attended calls by type and as you can see included several life-threatening incidents from cardiac arrests, difficulty breathing, suspected strokes as well as trauma related incidents. A significant decrease in falls attended but an increase in attendance to breathing difficulties. A further analysis of these incidents would be worthwhile were possible to see how this relates if at all to covid related conditions.



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In addition to responding, the charity did attend a number of community engagements and delivered CPR awareness and supported local charity events particularly associated with the queens Jubilee and support the local fire stations open events. In addition we did provide training across the region to a number of care organisations including Bolton Hospice and in particular fostering organisations which involved us in delivering awareness training to children in foster care and provided some fun and engaging activities.

During this period the charity was chosen by the mayor of Horwich as one of the chosen beneficiary charities during their period of office resulting in a substantial donation to our funding which will help the charity in continuing the service and purchasing more training equipment, promotional materials

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

KIA Bolton has agreed an extension of their sponsorship for the foreseeable future and are in the process of providing a new Kia Niro in the new year.

ABC North West Ltd, continued to sponsor the Charity with financial support.

Horwich rotary provided a contribution to our running costs as in previous years.

The New mayor of Horwich adopted Bolton Community First Responders as a chosen charity for the coming year to support our events and activities. They have donated £2000.00 to the charity.

The Charity has supported some of the Mayor's events especially surrounding Jubilee celebrations

The charity attended the annual Horwich Fire Station community event.

The charity has held an AGM on the 09/12/2022 in addition to a meeting of members on the 30/06/2022. A record of minutes is available for inspection.

At the Annual General Meeting it was voted and agreed that the existing trustees up for re-election, be re-elected for a further term and expressions of interest sought for further trustees.

CHARITY FUNDING

The Charity is funded entirely on donation and is supported with mileage claims from the North West Ambulance Service for incidents attended.

Our main sponsors during this period were as follows

KIA Motors Bolton

Kia the largest Kia dealer in the UK and are the providers of our scheme responder vehicle and ensure the car is liveried to our design and is kept serviced and maintained. The charity provides the fuel and insurance.

ABC North West Ltd

ABC are training providers in pre hospital care and safety related subjects and have provided funding to support the vehicle and day to day running costs.

Horwich Rotary Club

Horwich rotary club work hard in the local community supporting charitable work and we are pleased to have them as sponsors with donations to assist with our day to day running costs.

Additional funding came by the way of donations from the public via differing sources including Training, Facebook posts, Amazon smile and we received a grant of money from Horwich council to support our promotional work in the local community. In addition, another Manchester company, Manchester Cabins provided a donation to various responder groups including our charity.

The charity would like to record its appreciation of all the charitable monies received and in particular to the main sponsors and look forward to a long and continued association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached to the report are the income and expenditure reports for the charity during the period.

Despite the above restrictions and the lack of large sponsorship the accounts show that at the end of the period the group had an operating surplus of £1452.53 after meeting all financial commitments.

The group anticipate this will grow again as we are going to be welcoming more members to the charity and will be able to participate in more events.

It is the groups intention to invest heavily in this area of their work in order to further support the local community and secure a more regular income stream to fund the lifesaving work.

FUTURE AIMS / OBJECTIVES

Having now established the charity it is the ongoing intention to recruit more members in support of the organisation and develop where possible the services that can be delivered.

Applications for funding and grants will be investigated and training opportunities pursued to enable us to respond more appropriately to the type of calls and where possible become involved with pilot scheme opportunities to develop service.

As funding permits, the group would like to support more community training opportunities and are beginning to forge links with local organisations and authorities to develop training particularly with young people, children, and youth organisations.

DECLARATION

The trustees have submitted this report on behalf of Bolton Community First Responders and the information together with the financial statements form a true and accurate reflection of the charity's activities during the identified period.

SIGNED on behalf of the Trustees.

VICE CHAIRMAN..... TREVOR WILLIAMS

DATED.....30th November 2022.....

