

DEFIBBERS CYMRU

England & Wales · Charity number 1203505

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT WALES WHO HAVE AN IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER DEFIBRILLATOR (ICD) OR A CARDIAC RE-SYNCHRONISATION WITH THERAPY (CRT) BY:A) PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION BOOKLETS ON THE CONDITIONS OF LIVING WITH AN IMPLANTABLE CARDIAC DEVICE.B) PROVIDING ADVICE TO PATIENTS WHO ARE PRE-IMPLANT OR POST-IMPLANT ON EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT IT IS LIKE LIVING WITH AN ICD/CRT-D.C) FACILITATING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN PATIENTS, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND GUEST SPEAKERS.D) WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANISATIONS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ICD/CRT-D, ACROSS NHS WALES SERVICES.

Activities: Defibbers Cymru support members of the community, their friends and family who have had an ICD/CRT-D implant. The group will provide support and a booklet explaining living with an implant.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£13,950	£6,487	-	-
2024-01-31	£13,590	£6,177	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Morgan	Chair	2022-11-22
DAWN WATKINS		2022-11-22
JEFFREY PETER DAVIES		2022-11-22
Lynne Morgan		2022-11-22
SANDRA DAVIES		2022-11-22
Sylvia Jones		2022-11-22

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Trustee Annual Report

February 2024 – January 2025:

The objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is to:

- Promote and protect the physical health and wellbeing of persons and their families throughout Wales who have an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) or a cardiac re-synchronization with therapy (CRT) by:
- Publishing and distributing information booklets on the conditions of living with an implantable cardiac device.
- Providing advice to patients who are pre-implant or post-implant on expectations of what it is like living with an ICD/CRT-d.
- Facilitating meetings and conferences to give an opportunity for information sharing between patients, carers, health professionals and guest speakers.
- Working in partnership with organisations to improve the health care for persons with ICD/CRT-D, across NHS Wales services.

Defibbers Cymru has continued to promote and protect the physical health and wellbeing of persons and their families throughout Wales who have an ICD/CRT-D implant. This has been achieved by publishing and distributing information booklets to hospital settings across Wales. The information booklets have been funded by the National Lottery Awards for All grant. The booklet is presented in a folder. Any additional information is added to this folder for members to take away with them to read, digest the information and share with family, friends and employers.

Each information pack has a questionnaire, and the response has been exciting with many commenting that the booklet has given them piece of mind.

Defibbers Cymru Trustee have provided an advice service to patients who are waiting or have had an implant to explain there is life after an implant. Several patients have accessed this area and have realised that patients become frightened and don't have anywhere to turn in the evenings and on weekends. This is when we tend to have more contacts.

Facilitating meetings has continued but more in the South. We are currently in the process of re-printing the booklet to ensure that the information within the booklet is correct. We have the support of the NHS Executive who are happy to support us.

Working with partners has continued during this period. Both the Chair and Secretary of the group attend DVLA Patient Panels where concerns, issues are raised. Information gathered at these meetings is then presented to the members.

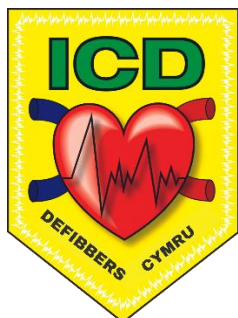
Work has continued with Cardiff Metropolitan University by attending community events to read blood pressures. No medical advice is given but if blood pressure readings are high an information booklet is given to the participant advising them of actions to take.

Recently Defibbers Cymru have been involved with a project being run by Cardiff Metropolitan University looking at Cardiovascular Research, Innovation and Development (CURIAD). This is an exciting project to be involved in.

Defibbers Cymru continue to work with Save a Life Cymru to promote CPR which several of our members have survived an out of hospital cardiac arrest, due to the quick actions of the public. Trustees attended an event at the Senedd and had the opportunity to promote the work of the group.

Mike Morgan
Chair

Sandra Davies
Secretary



Defibbers Cymru Income and Expenditure

1-02-2024 – 31-01-2025

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National Lottery Awards for All Total Grant received £13,590	Award received September 2024				
Balance Sheet				Total Expenditure	Balance
Date	Budget Code	Balance to start	13,950.00		
2 Dec 2024	A4A01 2024	Info Booklets	4,930.00	5,210.00	9,020.00
25 Nov 2024	A4A02 2024	Pull up banners	280.00	5,490.00	8,740.00
13 Nov 2024	A4A06 2024	Website	20.00	5,510.00	8,720.00
13 Nov 2024	A4A05 2024	Badges	146.95	5,656.95	8,573.05
6 Dec 2024	A4A04 2024	Video	800.00	6,456.95	7,773.05
06-Jan-2025	A4A03 2024	Borderstore/Leta Engineering	30.00	6,486.95	7,743.05
03-Feb-2025	A4A01 2024	Travel Expenses (delivery of booklets)	44.55	6,531.50	7,698.50
28-Jan-2025	A4A01 2024	Buffet for booklet launch	623.64	7,155.14	7,074.86
28-Jan-2025	A4A03 2024	Borderstore/Leta Engineering	30.00	7,185.14	7,044.86

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 28th	Mon January	2023		Day 30th	Month November	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Defibbers Cymru

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1203505

Charity's principal address

55 Heol Barri
Energlyn
Caerphilly
Postcode CF83 2LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year N/A	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Morgan	Chair		
2	Sandra Davies	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	Lynne Morgan	Trustee		
4	Jeffrey Peter Davies	Trustee		
5	Sylvia Jones	Trustee		
6	Paul Jones	Trustee		
7	Dawn Watkins	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
County Voluntary Council	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO)	c/o Cherry Tree House, Carlton Drive Pen y Fan NP11 4EA Email: gina.jones@gavo.org.uk ;

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A The organisation has no paid employees.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Foundation model constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The organisation is in the process of adopting a variety of Policies e.g. Safeguarding, GDPR, EDI etc., The Trustees are liaising with their local county voluntary council for these documents.

Defibbers Cymru work closely with the NHS Executive, Save a Life Cymru who are organisations that provide up to date information for Defibbers Cymru to produce the information booklet. This ensures the information is always up to date. The Organisation gets support from health professionals to provide more information for patients with Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD).

The Trustees are currently working on a variety of Policies.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Defibbers Cymru have successfully secured funding from Save a Life Cymru to produce an Information Booklet that patients are given prior to implant of an ICD. The booklet has been produced with the support of the NHS Executive.

The booklet is a source of information to give confidence to patients that life goes on after an implant. This booklet is passed to family, friends, and employers so that there is more understanding of the affect of an implant on an individual.

The official launch of the information booklet has taken place.

Future strategies:

It is intended to look at Defibbers Cymru being the umbrella body for smaller support groups across Wales to be established. This will be a long term strategy as the volunteers are members with implants, family and friends.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Defibbers Cymru continue to be led by volunteers. The volunteers are very active within their communities.

Excellent links have been made with NHS professionals which has enable the organisation to develop a Cymru wide organisation.

The booklet is being distributed within the Health Boards of: Betsi Cadwaladr, Aneurin Bevan, Cardiff and Vale, Cwm Taf Morgannwg and Swansea Bay/Hywel Dda University Health Boards.

Each booklet has a questionnaire which directs the information required within the booklet which is being requested by members and patients.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Defibbers Cymru was established in 2023. The organisation secured funding from Save a Life Cymru to produce Information booklets for patients who are being told they need an ICD/CRT-D.

The organisations secured National Lottery Awards For All Wales grant to support the organisation to develop and advertise the organisation.

An official launch event took place on 28th November 2024 at Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff. Invited guests were able to hear our members journeys. The medical professionals in attendance could not speak highly enough about the essential support organisations such as Defibbers Cymru provide to the community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Close financial management

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Defibbers Cymru principal sources of funds are via Grant applications. During this period the organisation has been successful in securing Save a Life Cymru grants and were recently awarded a grant from National Lottery Awards for All Wales grant.

The grant is Restricted funding and is 'ring fenced' for the specifically as per the Terms and Conditions of the grant. Separate budget headings have been set up to ensure budgets are adhered too. The Trustees are aware of the budget available.

The grant application has ensuring that the information for patients is clear.

Section F

Other optional information


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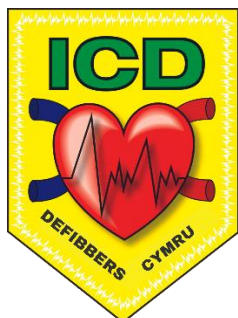
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Michael Morgan Sandra Davies
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair Secretary
Date	27 December 2024



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