

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 261031

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
31 December 2023  
for  
The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital

**The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**

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**for the Year ended 31 December 2023**

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# **The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The name of the charity is The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Charity number**

261031

#### **Principal address**

Stratton Hospital  
Hospital Road  
Stratton  
Bude  
Cornwall  
EX23 9BR

#### **Trustees**

Mrs A Furse	Chair
Mrs S Merchant	Vice Chairman
Mrs C Roberts	Secretary
Dr P Hillenbrand	
Mr J Wickett	
Mrs G M I Marks	resigned 15 March 2023
Mrs M Martin	resigned 15 March 2023
Ms L Opie	resigned 15 March 2023
Mrs D Wellington	
Mrs D Jory	
Mrs M Bright	
Dr R Waterhouse	
Mrs M Tilzey	
Mrs C Simmons	
Mr D Parsons	
Mrs J M Bakewell	appointed 15 March 2023
Mrs P Boundy	appointed 15 March 2023
Mrs T Ely	appointed 15 March 2023

Mr Alan Mill is President but is not a trustee

Mr S J Hutchinson is the treasurer of the charity but not a trustee

#### **Independent Examiner**

Metherell Gard Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Burn View  
Bude  
Cornwall  
EX23 8BX

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
9 High Street  
Colchester  
Essex  
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# **The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital is an unincorporated charitable association governed by a written constitution (3 March 1970), most recently updated March 2018.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New trustees are co-opted to the board by the existing trustees through the year and formally appointed at the charity's Annual General Meeting. No other person or body is entitled to appoint a trustee.

#### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The induction and training of new trustees is the responsibility of the board as a whole, however, this can be delegated to individual trustees as necessary.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are to assist patients and former patients of the Hospital and other people in the community, who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in need of assistance and generally to support the charitable work of Stratton Hospital and community healthcare services in the area served by the Hospital.

The charity promotes itself through events in the local community and generates general donations and legacies through this work. The charity also runs specific fundraising events and communicates with the public and its members through a website and Facebook.

Cash balances are maintained to fund anticipated future expenditure. Decisions on fundraising and fund allocation are made at the regular committee meetings.

In setting their objectives and planning their activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Charitable activities**

During the year the charity raised £34,434 (2022 - £141,294) through subscriptions, donations, legacies, fundraising and interest received. Expenditure on Hospital, medical centres and care home equipment was £29,951 (2022 - £202,594) together with a further £8,330 (2022 - £3,136) on running costs for the hospital vending machine and other support costs.

#### **Chairman's statement**

I am grateful to our Trustees, members and supporters for their unwavering commitment to our cause and their invaluable support provided to Stratton Hospital. I have been Chair now for four years (2019-2023) and we have grown as a charity with a good team behind us, our League of Friends continue to engage with the local community.

Our charity raises funds from the public primarily through donations at the Pendeen Car Boot Sale entrance totalling £9,260.78 for the 2023 season. We are grateful to Chris and Sandra Heard and the Pendeen Team for allowing us to continue to collect at the venue and to John Wickett for organising a rota of volunteers and their commitment every Sunday! These efforts fostered a sense of belonging and strengthening our ties with the people of Stratton and surrounding area.

## The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Secretary, Chris Roberts, and Stephen Hutchinson, Treasurer. We are fortunate to have them! And to all the Trustees of the League of Friends for their continued hard work and in-put at our bi-monthly meetings and at other events during the year.

During 2023 we purchased equipment for the Hospital totalling £29,950.78 and have agreed a further £10,237.60 spend for equipment not yet purchased.

Shirley Merchant, Vice Chairman, will be taking over as Chairman for 12 months from the AGM in March 2024. I wish her well and will be happy to shadow her during this transition.

With the current climate of staff shortages, low morale, and a cost-of-living crisis, we have been very fortunate that our charity has been thriving and able to continue our support to the local hospital and community services. The staff at our community hospital are exceptional and continue to give excellent service which is always appreciated by the patients. We shall continue to strive to support healthcare for our local community services and keep the passion alive of those who fought tirelessly before us to make this possible.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Overview and reserves

During 2023 the League expended £29,951 upgrading hospital, medical centres and care homes equipment to the higher standard in accordance with its main objectives. The funds held by the charity will continue to be used for this purpose in 2023.

Voluntary income is split between restricted and unrestricted funds. Only amounts specified as restricted by the donor have been treated as such. The amount not yet spent at the year end has been carried forward in the restricted reserve.

The level of reserves held, £587,225, is high at the present time. The trustees expect further projects to reduce these funds to a more reasonable level in the near future. In normal circumstances the level of reserves considered by the trustees, to be reasonable is the equivalent of one year's normal expenditure.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Mrs Shirley Merchant – Vice Chairman

20 March 2024

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

### The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages five to eight.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Nigel Cox FCA  
Metherell Gard Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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Date 21.3.24.....

**The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Receipts from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	1	14,802	700	15,502	126,108
Activities for generating funds	2	12,776	-	12,776	11,950
Investment income	3	6,156	-	6,156	3,236
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>33,734</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>34,434</b>	<b>141,294</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Cost of charitable activities		36,320	1,321	37,641	205,124
Governance costs		640	-	640	606
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>36,960</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>38,281</b>	<b>205,730</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) before transfers</b>		<b>(3,226)</b>	<b>(621)</b>	<b>(3,847)</b>	<b>(64,436)</b>
Gross transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(3,226)</b>	<b>(621)</b>	<b>(3,847)</b>	<b>(64,436)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		590,151	921	591,072	655,508
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>586,925</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>587,225</b>	<b>591,072</b>

**The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**  
**Statement of Assets**  
**At 31 December 2023**

			2023	2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
	Notes	£	£	Total funds
				£
<b>BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>				
Current account		92,725	300	93,025
Deposit accounts		494,200	-	494,200
Cash in hand		-	-	-
		<u>586,925</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>587,225</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				586,925
Restricted funds				300
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>587,225</u>
				<u>591,072</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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 Mrs Shirley Merchant - Vice Chairman



**The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**1. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Voluntary income	<u>15,502</u>	<u>126,108</u>

Included within voluntary income are legacies amounting to £5,106 (2022 - £116,780).

**2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	11,100	11,274
Other receipts	<u>1,676</u>	<u>676</u>
	<u>12,776</u>	<u>11,950</u>

Analysis of fundraising events:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hospital fete	1,649	1,460
Table Top sales	191	-
Other, including Pendeen Car Boot Sale donations	<u>9,260</u>	<u>9,814</u>
	<u>11,100</u>	<u>11,274</u>

Analysis of other receipts:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Vending machine	1,486	491
Subscriptions	<u>190</u>	<u>185</u>
	<u>1,676</u>	<u>676</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>6,156</u>	<u>3,236</u>

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**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**4. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Table Top sales	-	-
Other, including advertising and Christmas cards	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' Expenses**

Incidental expenses incurred by the trustees on behalf of the charity are reimbursed on presentation of relevant vouchers to the treasurer. No payments were made during the year (2022 - £0).

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	590,151	(3,226)	-	586,925
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Specific equipment	921	(621)	-	300
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>591,072</u>	<u>(3,847)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>587,225</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Receipts	Payments	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	33,734	(36,960)	(3,226)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Specific equipment	700	(1,321)	(621)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>34,434</u>	<u>(38,281)</u>	<u>(3,847)</u>

**The League of Friends of Stratton Hospital**  
**Detailed Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations and legacies	15,502	126,108
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising events	11,100	11,274
Other receipts	1,676	676
	<u>12,776</u>	<u>11,950</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	6,156	3,236
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>34,434</u>	<u>141,294</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		
Fundraising events	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Hospital equipment purchased	29,951	202,594
Vending machine expenditure	4,409	1,732
Daily papers	655	278
Christmas decorations and presents	140	107
Vouchers	50	100
Staff and patient parties	1,998	111
Postage and stationery	119	9
Hospital garden improvements	9	-
Other payments	310	193
	<u>37,641</u>	<u>205,124</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Insurance	476	474
Committee expenses	164	132
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>38,281</u>	<u>205,730</u>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<u>(3,847)</u>	<u>(64,436)</u>