

Friends' of Lindsay House

Trustees' Annual report

For the year ended 31st. December 2024

Charities Number: 101390

Friends' of Lindsay House

References and administrative details

Charity Name: Friends' of Lindsay House

Charity Registration Number: 101390

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The trustees present the annual report for the Friends' of Lindsay House (FoLH), for the year ended 31st. December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The Friends of Lindsay House is a small charity which benefits the children and young people aged 5 to 18 years of age who have learning difficulties / disabilities and are residents or former residents of Lindsay House in Dunmurry and surrounding areas of Belfast. The charity provides financial and other assistance to support the charitable work of Lindsay House.

The purposes of the FoLH are to relieve residents and former residents of Lindsay House in Dunmurry and surrounding areas of Belfast who have learning difficulties / disabilities who are in need of financial support or other assistance and generally to support the charitable work of Lindsay House.

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose include improved wellbeing, health, participation, reducing stress and anxiety for the children and young people. Parents and family members also benefit resulting from periods of respite for the children and young people.

The benefits are evident through feedback from the staff in Lindsay House, parents and family members.

The purpose of our charity is solely beneficial and in no way harmful.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

In 2024 the FoLH offered financial support to aid the work of Lindsay House (LH), in yet again, another most difficult year, following Covid-19 and ongoing requirements to meet the current needs of the SEH&ST. While no financial support was provided to LH this year (2024), no needs or activities were identified and no request was made for financial support. Travel, outings and equipment for short term respite residents stopped and replaced by longer term residential requirements to meet the SEH&ST needs for children and young people needing accommodation in Lindsay House.

The FoLH depend exclusively on donations as well as funds raised through sponsorship. In 2024, the FoLH received no donations, however funds in hand, remain sufficient for the FoLH to maintain their support of LH.

The Trustees', thank all who have supported financially and in others ways the work of the FoLH through recent years, without their support we could not function, thank you all.

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Charity can continue its activities, and the financial statements for the year ended 2024 can be signed off as a going concern. However, the trustees of the FoLH feel that their need has diminished as LH is not currently providing short term respite facilities on the basis that FoLH was established. Therefore the trustees have agreed that the FoLH charity should terminate / be suspended in 2025/2026 until LH returns to providing short term respite care. It has been agreed with the management and staff of LH that existing funds would be used for updating the sensory room equipment for use by existing longer term residents and short term resident as, and when, this facility returns.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Friends' of Lindsay House have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charitie's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 - Jim Braiden [signed] Chairperson

Trustee 2 - Trevor T Field [signed] Hon Treasurer

27th.October 2025.