

Lagan Valley Hospital Ex-Patients Guild
(Charity Commission No. NIC 103468)
SHOP TRADING 1st February 2022 – 31st January 2023

Ladies,

This is my 24th AGM Financial Report for the above trading year, and I trust you find it in order.

Again, this year the office bearers decided that we would share the 2022/23 accounts and reports via "Royal Mail", I know some folk enjoy the get together, however, this year we thought it might be better to leave face to face gatherings, as many of the ladies are still concerned about meeting folk

My thanks to Richard Waring, who very kindly Audits the Accounts for the Guild Shop, this is no mean task, checking the balances and figures on the balance sheet from the entries made each day on the shop lodgement sheet, enable us to submit the audited account to the Charity Commission, undertaking this duty is a time consuming job, all this Richard does at no financial gain to himself, we are so fortunate to have the benefit of his expertise in Accountancy.

- ❖ *Our profit for trading **2022/23** – was **£6,283.42** a great result for the many hours you ladies covered opening the shop - while this profit is a reduced amount from years pre Covid, we must remember that the footfall and the bed stay in the hospital is very much reduced.*
- ❖ *I would advise you that during **2022/23** we purchased two items of Equipment for two departments amounting to **£5044.99**. the details are shown on the printed account.*
- ❖ *A decision was taken to purchase a small drawer freezer to enable sales of ice-creams and lollies, this expense (£209.00) is shown on the Annual Financial Report, and the customers really appreciated the availability.*

To my knowledge we do not have any department/ward equipment requests pending, however, one of the doctors did enquire if we were in a position to take orders as the hospital staff have been very aware that our trading has been greatly reduced due to the changes within the Lagan Valley Hospital.

Last year I referred to the fact that we had a number of ladies who decided to "retire", and again may I thank every one for the tremendous efforts you have made to keep the shop open, I know we have had the privilege of some new ladies joining the rota, however, I understand we have a few vacant rota slots still to be covered, I am aware that many of you undertook extra duties, and that is greatly appreciated, perhaps you may have some friends who would like to join the "teams" and be of help to the Ex-Patients Guild Shop and the service it provides to the staff and the community at large.

Sincerely with thanks,
Edith V McConnell
Hon. Treasurer.