

**LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL EX-PATIENTS GUILD**

*(Charity Commission No. NIC 103468)*

**SHOP TRADING 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Ladies,

This is my 25th AGM Financial Report for the above trading year, and I trust you find it in order.

I am pleased that we can all meet again for this Annual General Meeting, it is some time since we have had face to face gatherings, and it is an opportunity for you all to identify the person to the names on the telephone lists.

My sincere 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, Richard does the audit at no financial gain to himself, we are so very fortunate to have the benefit of his expertise in Accountancy.

- ❖ *Our profit for trading **2023/2024** – was **£8169.60** a great result for the many hours you ladies covered opening the shop - this profit is a large increase £1886.18 on last years profit, and while we remember that the footfall and the bed stay in the hospital is very much reduced, due to the many changes within the status of this hospital or should I say Hub*
- ❖ *I would advise you that during **2023/24** we purchased two items of Equipment for two departments amounting to **£3169.21** the details are shown on the printed account.*
- ❖ *As you are aware the Cash till has been on its last legs for a long time, the expertise of sticky tape bandage was only prolonging the eventual demise of the till, so a decision was taken to purchase a new model, the working is very similar to the old model, so it is not to be feared, this expense (£238.80) is shown on the Annual Financial Report.*

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, so I am sure as the new departments get organised, we might very well get a few requests, which is very much what we want, as the aim of the shop is to purchase medical and surgical equipment to assist the Medical, Nursing, and patients who come to LVH.

- Ladies I am speaking above my pay grade here, however, I do thank every one for the tremendous efforts you have made to keep the shop open, there are a few ladies and I'm not sure if there is a fold up bed at the back of the shop, but they seemed to be covering alot of the rota, and we are indebted to you all, for helping out, we welcome the new ladies joining the shop, however, I understand we have a few vacant rota slots , 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. Ladies, my sincere thanks for all you do for the Ex-Patients Guild, over these past years and hopefully for some time to come, the wonderful profit is a testament to your hard work.

Edith V McConnell

Hon. Treasurer.