

Livingstonia Hospital Partnership
Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Committee of Trustees

Office held

Chairperson Alan Laverock (elected as Chairperson: 15th June 2022)

Secretary Graham Truesdale

Treasurer Charles Shepherd

Others Una Brownlie

Rev Scott Moore (stood down as Chairperson :15th June 2022)

David McCord

Jocelyn Harpur

Susan McCartney (co-opted : 10th September 2022)

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HMRC Charity No XT1477

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Livingstonia Hospital Partnership Charity No. NIC106126

Trustees' Annual Report – Year Ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Partnership is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – No. NIC106126. It operates under a Constitution adopted on 27th March 2007, as subsequently amended. Membership is open to Individual Members, Affiliated Members (organisations within the Area of benefit in Malawi – there are no such members at present) and Associate Members (there are no such members at present). The Association and its property are administered and managed by a Management Committee.

Objectives and Activities

The Association is established to relieve poverty and sickness, to support the Christian ethos of the hospital and to promote the preservation of health of the inhabitants of the catchment area of the hospital and health centres as defined by the David Gordon Memorial Hospital ("DGMH"), Livingstonia in Malawi (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction on any of the grounds set out in the Constitution, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance health and wellbeing with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Achievements and Performance

1. The main activity of the Partnership is raising funds to support the work of the Hospital. This was done as set out in the Financial Statements.
2. During the year the Partnership received various donations, including in lieu of flowers following the passing of a supporter. It also facilitated a donation towards the purchase of bed-linen for the paediatric ward.
3. The Partnership has had ongoing discussions with other bodies in Northern Ireland and further afield as to how we can best co-ordinate our support for DGMH.
4. On 15th June 2022, LHP held its AGM in a hybrid format, via Zoom and in person in Dunmurry Presbyterian Church. Staff from DGMH reported on the work of the hospital, and answered questions from those present. Scott Moore (Chair) and Charles Shepherd (Treasurer) brought reports. Mr John Davin presided over the election of new Committee.
5. On 10th September 2022, the LHP Committee held an In-person meeting which staff from DGMH joined via Zoom. Susan McCartney (a daughter of existing committee member Una Brownlie, and who was born in Livingstonia) was co-opted onto the Committee.
6. At that meeting, Team DGMH informed the LHP Committee of a cholera outbreak in Malawi. After obtaining confirmation from DGMH as to what their greatest need was, the LHP Committee sent a donation of £3000.00 from reserves, and made our supporters aware of the position.
7. LHP has continued to support Penjnai Sichinga in his medical studies. He hopes to start working in DGMH full-time in March 2024. One of our supporters donated a diagnostic set

- and Littmann stethoscope, which were sent to him. We also processed a donation for the purchase of an arclight ophthalmoscope-otoscope, which our Chair delivered to him. We sent him the cost of a tracheostomy set and tracheostomy care set from Partnership funds
8. LHP received an expression of interest from a medical student at Imperial College London, in relation to spending an internship in DGMH. This took place in Spring 2023.
 9. On 21st March 2023, LHP were advised that a separate Medical Board for DGMH had been set up by the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Arrangements are being made to have a Zoom meeting between the Board and the LHP Committee.
 10. The Committee are arranging to submit an article to the Presbyterian Herald about the work of the Partnership. We hope that this may lead to invitations to speak at PW groups, mission committees etc.

Public Benefit Statement

The direct benefits flowing from the organisation's purposes are as follows: -

1. There will be improved health outcomes and improved medical treatment due to enhanced facilities and equipment.
2. Service will be provided by volunteers, there will be publicity for the work of the hospital following the return of the volunteers to their home countries, and medical experience will be gained by volunteers during their service.
3. There will be increased support and donations for the hospital, both in Malawi and Northern Ireland.
4. The advancement of religion. Increased support in Northern Ireland for the work of the hospital. Support for the Christian ethos of the hospital will result in encouragement to people in Malawi from the knowledge that they are being prayed for.

The benefits can be demonstrated through regular reports from the hospital.

The purposes of our charity may lead to the following harm: -

1. In providing medical treatment for patients there is a risk of unintended side effects from the drugs however this is rare and the benefit outweighs the harm. We can show that this harm is outweighed by the benefits through supervision by trained medical staff.
2. Risk of disease or injury to volunteers. We can show that this harm is outweighed by the benefits through training volunteers to avoid disease or injury, and provision of protective equipment such as mosquito nets.

The charity's beneficiaries are the inhabitants of the catchment area of the hospital and health centres as defined by the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, Livingstonia in Malawi.

There is no private benefit flowing from the purpose.

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Financial Review

The Partnership received most of its income from general giving. This was enhanced by gift aid totalling £9,443 (2021/22 : £10,067). DGMH Service Support received donations from the charity during the year amounting to £54,600 (2021/22: £55,580). Total receipts in 2022/23 amounted to £53,819 (2021/22: £55,574) with payments in 2022/23 amounting to £ 55,987 (2021/22 : £56,751) giving rise to a (Deficit) of payments over receipts of - £2,168 in 2022/23 (- £1,177 in 2021/22), leaving Cash Funds at 31 March 2023 of £26,708 (£28,876 at 31 March 2022).

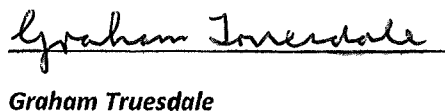
The 22/23 Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on

2023

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:


Alan Laverock

(Trustee & Chair)


Graham Truesdale

(Trustee & Secretary)

 2023

Date