

**Livingstonia Hospital Partnership**  
**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Committee of Trustees**

Office held

**Chairperson**

Alan Laverock

**Secretary**

Graham Truesdale

**Treasurer**

Charles Shepherd

**Others**

Una Brownlie

Rev Scott Moore

David McCord

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**Charity Commission NI No:**

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**HMRC Charity No**

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## **Livingstonia Hospital Partnership Charity No. NIC106126**

### **Trustees' Annual Report – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Partnership is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – No. NIC106126. It operates under a Constitution adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
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. As stated in the 2022/23 report, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023, LHP were advised that a separate Medical Board for DGMH had been set up by the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. A Zoom meeting between the Board and the LHP Committee took place on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This enabled the two bodies to work together in the ensuing period. Some members of the Board have also joined the joint DGMH-LHP WhatsApp group.
5. LHP funded the salary of a WASH officer in DGMH, at £800.00 per quarter. She promotes cholera prevention measures in the local community.
6. LHP was contacted about a project by a Rotary Club in Malawi to provide a mortuary at the hospital. A member of the LHP Committee spoke about this at a meeting of a Rotary Club in Northern Ireland.

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7. A Presbyterian church in Northern Ireland had received a legacy for use in Africa. After consultation with the committee of LHP, they forwarded it to DGMH for use in their Tithetse Cholera Project. A doctor who is a supporter of LHP had been asked to pass on a donation for use in a developing country, and this was sent through LHP for use in the construction of an operating theatre.
8. As stated in the 2022/23 report, LHP has continued to support Penjani Sichinga in his medical studies. The Partnership paid his subscription to the medical website UpToDate for 2 years, and funded his purchase of a laptop. The Chair of the DGMH Board, Prof Nyengo Mkandawire, provided details of Penjani's CPD requirements.
9. On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023, LHP held its AGM in a hybrid format, via Zoom and in person in Edenderry Presbyterian Church, Portadown. Staff from DGMH reported on the work of the hospital, and answered questions from those present. Alan Laverock (Chair) and Charles Shepherd (Treasurer) brought reports. Mrs Mary Braithwaite presided over the election of the new Committee. As stated in the 2022/23 report, a medical student at Imperial College London spent an internship in DGMH in Spring 2023. She reported on her internship at the AGM via Zoom.
10. LHP confirmed their details to The Electives Network, which provides support for students doing electives in the developing world. The LHP Committee received various expressions of interest from students considering doing their internship at DGMH, which were forwarded to the hospital. Unfortunately, none of the students ended up doing their internships at DGMH.
11. Mourne Presbyterian Church, Kilkeel have supported DGMH for many years, with particular emphasis on Primary Health Care. A member of the church joined the LHP committee during the year, which has enabled the two organisations to co-ordinate their work.

**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.

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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.

**Financial Review**

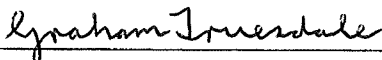
The Partnership received most of its income from general giving. This was enhanced by gift aid totalling £7,915 (2022/23 : £9,443). DGMH Service Support received donations from the charity during the year amounting to £61,420 (2022/23: £54,600). Total receipts in 2023/24 amounted to £60,546 (2022/23: £53,819) with payments in 2023/24 amounting to £66,047 ( 2022/23 : £55,987) giving rise to a (Deficit) of payments over receipts of - £ 5,501 in 2023/24 ( - £2,168 in 2022/23), leaving Cash Funds at 31 March 2024 of £21,207 ( £26,708 at 31 March 2023).

The 23/24 Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22nd JULY 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

  
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**Alan Laverock**

(Trustee & Chair)

  
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**Graham Truesdale**

(Trustee & Secretary)

22nd JULY 2024

Date