

Trustees' Annual Report – Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 some very generous donations 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. The Partnership has set up a deposit account so as to ensure that we obtain the best return from any money which we hold.
5. The Partnership continued to fund the WASH Officer.
6. In light of the additional donations which were made to DGMH in 2023/24, it was necessary for the Partnership to reduce its quarterly payment to DGMH from £12,000.00 per quarter to £8000.00 per quarter.
7. Plans were made for a visit to Northern Ireland by Willan Kalinda, Board member of DGMH, in Autumn 2025. It is hoped that he will be able to speak at our AGM and at churches which support LHP.
8. LHP's chair, Alan Laverock, was in Malawi from November 2024 to February 2025, and provided a detailed report at the LHP Committee meeting on 7th March 2025.
9. LHP have been in ongoing correspondence with DGMH regarding provision of the latter's accounts.

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10. LHP have received various expressions of interest from students considering doing internships, which have been forwarded to DGMH; however, No Interns actually started before 31 March 2025.
11. On 4th September 2024, 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. Alan Laverock (Chair) and Charles Shepherd (Treasurer) brought reports. Rev. Jim Campbell presided over the election of new Committee. Stephen Nicholson reported on the work done by a group from Mourne Presbyterian Church in DGMH in 2023. John Davin was re-appointed as independent examiner.

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 £7,550 (2023/24 : £7,915). DGMH Service Support received donations from the charity during the year amounting to £48,900 (2023/24: £61,420). Total receipts in 2024/25 amounted to £48,355 (2023/24: £60,546) with payments in 2024/25 amounting to £50,497 (2023/24 : £66,047) giving rise to a (Deficit) of payments over receipts of - £ 2,142 in 2024/25 (- £5,501 in 2023/24), leaving Cash Funds at 31 March 2025 of £19,065 (£21,207 at 31 March 2024).

The 24/25 Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22th AUGUST 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:


Alan Laverock

(Trustee & Chair)


Graham Truesdale

(Trustee & Secretary)

2 SEPTEMBER 2025

Date