



Annual report 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

The Friends of Charing Cross Hospital

Charing Cross Hospital
Fulham Palace Road
London
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Registered charity number 263055

Trustees during the period

Ms Natasha Rawley	Chairwoman
Ms Kayla Chrysler	Treasurer
Ms Kay Daniels	Vice Chair
Ms Layla Bennett	Secretary
Mrs Susie Pugh	
Ms Charlotte Rawley	
Ms Nicola Deeprise	
Mr James Bezer	(appointed 20 June 2020)

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives

The objectives of The Friends of Charing Cross Hospital are:

- to provide funds for equipment and support projects, to benefit the Hospital, the patients and the local community;
- to increase public awareness of the needs of patients of Charing Cross Hospital to mobilise support and raise funds;
- to develop and maintain an active membership of the charity;
- to liaise and connect with other like-minded organisations and also voluntary services;

Governance and management

The chairwoman in a voluntary capacity oversees the staff and general operation of the charity's work, assisted by the Vice Chair, Treasurer and the board of trustees.

Trustees are recruited through word of mouth and some have been known to one or more of the current trustees. The chair and/or vice chair are tasked with interviewing prospective trustees. If accepted, the trustee may join the board straight away, but is also formally voted in at the following AGM.

Grant Applications

The charity invites grant applications from the hospital and local community for grants to purchase equipment and fund projects that will support and benefit the patients, staff and local community. The trustees consider each application at their meetings, although grants may be discussed via Slack and a decision made by trustees using this medium. This method of decision-making is at the discretion of the Chair and dependent on the urgency of the request. The trustees take into account the purpose and benefit of each application before agreeing to provide the funds in line with the objectives of the charity.

During the year, we supplied the following grants:

	£
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop project Our shop was unable to remain open to the public during the pandemic. We gifted our stock to NHS workers. The shop re-opened under Imperial's care, and we purchased further stocks that we gifted to NHS staff to help out during the crisis 	17,065
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charing Cross Community Nursery: The nursery cares for the children of hospital workers as well as those in the local community. We have helped the nursery with some new equipment, including an outdoor climbing frame. The nursery has remained open during the pandemic to look after children of key workers 	7,031
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Anaesthesia: Regional Anaesthesia Passport Training Course Simulation trolley for regional anaesthesia 	4,178
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music on the Wards 	1,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Christmas gifts 	552
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charing Cross Cricket Club 	210
Total Grants for the year	30,536



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Hospital Community Services

The Friends' Shop

At the start of the financial year, the charity had one full-time employee, who managed the Friends' shop (situated within the hospital) five days a week. Since March 2020, due to the pandemic, we were unable to open or staff the shop as only essential workers were allowed onsite. We temporarily handed over our shop to Imperial, when it was used as a hub to provide free food and drink for NHS workers. We donated our stock to the project and also purchased and granted further stocks to be given to NHS staff – we wanted to help out during this crisis.

Imperial has since reviewed their offerings for staff and onsite shops. Imperial is still conducting research into the best possible options for the future. In November 2020, our Friends shop was handed over permanently to Imperial and our staff member was transferred over too, and he has retained his role in the shop.

We received a letter of thanks from Professor Tim Orchard, the Chief Executive Officer of Imperial College Healthcare Trust, for the many years we have run the shop and for all of the improvements and benefits we have funded for the hospital and local community. He and the rest of the executive team are committed to finding new ways to work in partnership with us in the future.

Christmas Gifts

The charity purchases a Christmas gift for each patient who is in hospital over the Christmas period and provides a ward gift for the staff.

Live Music in Wards

The charity sponsors monthly musical events in various wards across the hospital to aid rehabilitation. The grant is awarded on an annual basis.

Donations and legacies

- We receive donations through our Virgin Money Giving page, via our website and social media links.
- Occasionally, we receive donations through Charities Aid Foundation.
- We can accept annual member subscription payments through Go Cardless.
- We receive money on an irregular basis from legacies and one-off donations from grateful patients and their families.



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Fundraising activities

We had a very successful fundraising year – people have been very kind and generous during the pandemic.

Please note that further funds and Gift Aid were raised in 2020/21 in respect of our NHS Superheroes Appeal and the Hammers appeal. We are extremely grateful for all the support received. We wish to give a special thank you to the Hammers Rugby Club which has been a huge support to the charity.

	£
FOCXH NHS workers appeal (includes Emma Gold fundraiser £2811) (includes Kate Hughes fundraiser £500)	12,733
Hammers Rugby Club Juniors fundraiser	43,594
General fundraising	2,583
Book and bric-a-brac sales - £1,322	
Christmas Fair – £563	
Latymer School carol service collection - £503	
Carol singers and bell-ringing - £195	
Total	58,910

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 2nd April 2021

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Kay Daniels
Vice Chair