

CHARITABLE FUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Date of last meetings: 7 July 2026

Quoracy: Met

Report by: John Evans (Deputy Director Medical Directorate), Sub-Committee Chair

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND MATTERS TO BE ESCALATED FROM THE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

Alert¹ (may require discussion)

The Charitable Funds Sub-Committee (CFSC) had no matters of which to **alert** members of the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC).

Advise² (to monitor)

The CFSC had no matters of which to **advise** members of the CFC.

Assure³ (to note)

The CFSC wishes to **assure** members of the CFC:

- At the CFSC meeting held on 7 July 2026, members considered one expenditure request for a replacement Fujifilm SonoSite MT ultrasound machine for Glangwili Hospital Emergency Department (CF03627 £26,783.75 VAT exempt) and approved the request in principle, subject to Clinical Care Group (CCG) and Statement of Need approval. Further information can be found in Appendix 1.
- Members noted that Bronglais Hospital's Angharad Ward interactive flooring proposal remained pending due to installation and ward decant considerations and is with resubmission anticipated ahead of planned fire improvement works in spring 2027.
- Members noted updated CFSC membership arrangements following approval by the Charitable Funds Committee in June 2026.
- Members received updates regarding charitable funds expenditure planning to strengthen strategic investment, financial stewardship and alignment with charity priorities.
- Members noted the revised charity Evaluation Framework approved by the CFC to strengthen impact measurement, reporting and outcome assessment.
- Members reviewed outcomes from the second Making a Difference Fund round. Seven applications totalling £215,104 were considered by the CFC, with five approved and two deferred pending further assurance.
- Following discussion of several funding requests submitted to support International Nurses Day celebrations across Planned Care, members agreed

¹ There is a lack of confidence that any action in place is sufficient to address the issue satisfactorily and/or within the scope of the operational team or executive to resolve. Engagement, action or intervention required.

² There are areas of concern where assurance has been taken on actions in place but requires close monitoring. An early warning of an emerging and potentially serious concern.

³ There is confidence that actions are robust and will be sufficient to address the issue or generally operating effectively. Routine monitoring.

that requests linked to NHS professional awareness and appreciation days should not receive automatic approval and should instead be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure consistency and equity across the Health Board. Members also requested that feedback be provided to the Culture and Workforce Experience Team on the importance of adopting a strategic, Health Board-wide approach to staff recognition and appreciation. This was considered particularly important given the recent approval of charitable funding for the Staff Recognition and Appreciation Programme (CF03518, £36,056.67)) to ensure alignment between local funding requests and broader organisational initiatives.

Review of Risks

There are no key risks or areas of concern to bring to the CFC's attention.

Sharing of learning

- Members reflected on the digital applications deferred by the CFC in June 2026 and noted that the additional assurance requested presented an opportunity to strengthen consideration of digital governance, clinical informatics, alignment with Health Board digital strategies and the sustainability of ongoing revenue costs within future funding assessments. Members agreed to seek feedback from the Digital Director and explore options for greater digital representation within the CFSC to enhance the bid review process.

Recommendation

The Charitable Funds Committee is requested to **take assurance** from the items that the CFSC is providing assurance on.

Agenda, papers and minutes of the CFSC are available on request from Fundraising.HywelDda@wales.nhs.uk

APPENDIX 1

Summary of expenditure requests considered by the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee:

Meeting: 7 July 2026		
Item	Comments	Decision
CF03627 Replacement Fujifilm SonoSite MT ultrasound machine Glangwili General Hospital Emergency Department £26,783.75 VAT exempt	Request: Purchase of a replacement point-of-care ultrasound machine, including three transducers and a five-year warranty. The equipment will support bedside assessment of critically ill and injured patients, ultrasound-guided procedures, and timely emergency treatment. Required due to equipment failure and unavailable replacement parts. Patient benefit: The ultrasound machine will support rapid diagnosis of life-threatening conditions, improve the speed and accuracy of clinical decision-making, facilitate bedside trauma assessment, and enable earlier treatment of emergency patients. It will improve success rates for ultrasound-guided vascular access procedures, reduce patient discomfort associated with multiple cannulation attempts, minimise diagnostic delays, and contribute to safer, faster and more effective emergency care for over 55,000 annual ED attendances. Eligibility: Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance (when service plans are purchased with the equipment) for NHS patient care, education and research. Member comments: Assured that the request represents an appropriate charitable investment. That the ultrasound provides additionality through improved portability and functionality, has been successfully trialled, and includes a five-year warranty. The expenditure aligns with the wishes of the family who recently made a significant donation and were keen to see a tangible impact from their contribution. The department will capture and report on the benefits achieved. Confirmation received that no health board capital funding was available. Members noted the need for a more robust equipment replacement process to be flagged to the CFC.	Approved in principle subject to CCG and Statement of Need approval