

CHARITABLE FUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Date of last meetings: 17 September and 7 November 2024.

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

Alert¹ (may require discussion)

There are no matters to **alert** members of the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC) to.

Advise² (to monitor)

There are no matters to **advise** members of the CFC of.

Assure³ (to note)

The CFSC wish to **assure** members of the CFC of the following:

- At the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee (CFSC) meeting held on 17 September 2024, members considered and approved one expenditure request with a value of £4,200.00. Members also ratified one expenditure request with a value of £5,100.00 that had been approved via Chair's Actions on 23 August 2024. Further information on the expenditure requests can be found in Appendix 1.
- At the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee (CFSC) meeting held on 7 November 2024, members considered and approved four expenditure requests with a combined value of £52,685.23. Further information on the expenditure requests can be found in Appendix 1.
- In relation to request CF03005 (team building and wellbeing day for internationally educated nurses), this was considered and approved as a standalone request, subject to receipt of assurance from the Assistant Director of Nursing that the recommendations made by the CFSC in May 2024 regarding a previous funding request of the same nature had been considered and actioned.
- The Deputy Director of Allied Health Professions has been nominated by the Director of Allied Health Professions and Health Science to join the CFSC membership and attended their first meeting in November from September 2024. All vacancies within the membership have now been filled.

Review of Risks

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

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.

Sharing of learning

The CFSC wish to highlight that the learning from the assurance section above will ensure that:

- For future meetings, all funding requests must be presented by colleagues with a full understanding of the strategic context of the request, and its relevance to any previous recommendations made by the CFSC.

Recommendation

The Charitable Funds Committee is requested to **NOTE** the content of this report in respect of the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee's provision of assurance.

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: 17 September 2024		
Item	Comments	Decision
<p>CF03028</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology (year 1)</p> <p>PPH Medicines Management</p> <p>£4,200.00 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Request to support year 1 of a Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for an Oncology/Haematology Pharmacist based at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH). This will provide training in genomics, diagnostic imaging used to diagnose/monitor cancer, the pharmacology of chemotherapeutic agents and the practical health economics for cancer. This will enable the delivery of more pharmacist-led clinics for oncology and haematology patients. The small Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) advanced practice budget has been fully committed for 2024/25 and due to the significant patient benefits charitable funds are being sought, as part of the service's expenditure plan for Pharmacy charitable funds.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The service is seeing an annual growth in cancer activity of circa 14% due to new treatments being approved and delivered locally. To offer the best service to patients, plans are in place to develop more pharmacy and nurse prescribers locally. Pharmacist-led clinics are already helping to review cancer patients across Hywel Dda, where trained staff prescribe to manage side effects and take responsibility for the clinical management of ongoing treatment. This request will provide an additional member of the team with the underpinning knowledge to deliver more pharmacist-led clinics for oncology and haematology patients. It will provide more insight into the appropriateness of different regimens for patients and consider alternatives which may be more effective/safer for the patient. The qualification will also enable the staff member to cascade learning locally. It is also hoped that investing in staff education will improve staff retention rates and job satisfaction.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Higher award and academic studies for which significant benefit to the UHB can be quantified through training and development objectives.</p>	Approved
<p>CF03019</p> <p>MSc Acute Medicine (year 1)</p> <p>WGH Same Day Emergency Care</p> <p>£5,100.00 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Request to support year 1 of a Master of Science (MSc) in Acute Medicine for an Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP) from the Withybush Hospital (WGH) Same Day Emergency Care team. This will help the team member develop a systematic understanding of acute medicine and skills in critical appraisal, to apply this knowledge to clinical practice in an acute medical setting that will have direct patient benefit.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The Advanced Clinical Practitioner role (qualified nurse) works alongside the acute medical team and is often one of the most senior practitioners in the Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) environment. This request will help expand and consolidate the ACP's knowledge to provide improved and timely decision making in the assessment of those presenting with acute medical complaints. The training will aid the ACP with prompt implementation of management plans within the unit ensuring the more timely delivery of care and initiation of treatment plans through more autonomous decision making. This will in turn facilitate patient flow</p>	Ratified



<p>Approved via Chair's Actions on 23rd August 2024</p>	<p>and enhance patient experience as well as supporting the whole SDEC team to provide the right care at the right time. In the future, the SDEC service will expand where practitioners will be undertaking home visits to assist patients with their ongoing care. <u>Eligibility:</u> Higher award and academic studies for which significant benefit to the UHB can be quantified through training and development objectives.</p>	
<p>Meeting: 7 November 2024</p>		
Item	Comments	Decision
<p>CF03082 Christmas Expenditure 2024 £24,500 <i>Inclusive of VAT</i></p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Expenditure on items such as gifts for inpatients and decorations for inpatient and outpatient areas across Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDDUHB) over the 2024 festive period. There is a long-standing tradition that HDDUHB's charitable funds are used to support expenditure over the festive period to improve the experience for patients visiting or staying in hospital and for staff required to work in a healthcare setting over this period. This expenditure is in line with approved guidelines documented in the Charitable Funds Financial Administration and Governance Procedure (FP-420) as well as the charity's expenditure eligibility criteria. <u>Patient benefit:</u> The festive period is widely recognised as a time where people spend time with family and friends. For those too unwell to be at home during this time, being able to enjoy some festivity in hospital will make a big difference to their experience. Many staff members will also be working over the festive period so being able to enjoy decorations and provide a more positive cheerful environment to their patients will result in a more positive work experience. <u>Eligibility:</u> Items that offer additional patient comforts to make time spent in hospital more comfortable. Initiatives that promote staff wellbeing which demonstrate a clear improvement in the wellbeing of staff that translate to improved care to patients.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>CF03083 Various Stroke Rehabilitation Equipment BGH Unscheduled Care £23,049.49 <i>Inclusive of VAT</i></p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase a wide variety of specialist stroke rehabilitation equipment for Ystwyth Ward Bronglais Hospital (BGH). This will enable the delivery of the best level of care and up-to-date practice for patients resulting in the best possible outcomes for patients and their families. The new equipment will ensure equitable access to equipment of this nature across the health board. The Senior Finance Business Partner is aware of the request and any associated maintenance costs. <u>Patient benefit:</u> Stroke rehabilitation is an ever-evolving area of practice that requires regular review. The new equipment will allow enhanced delivery and improved quality of intensive stroke rehabilitation to a wider volume of patients that will enable improved longer term health outcomes. For example, the Blaze Pod training system will enable more dynamic balance assessments that challenge postural control and movement following stroke. The Locomotor folding rota stand will enable assessment and practice for car transfers. <u>Eligibility:</u> Items that offer additional patient comforts to make time spent in hospital more comfortable. Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	<p>Approved</p>



<p>CF03080</p> <p>Team Building and Wellbeing Day for Internationally Educated Nurses</p> <p>Overseas Liasion Nursing team, Corporate Nursing</p> <p>£1,135.74 <i>Inclusive of VAT</i></p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Delivery of one final team building and wellbeing day for an additional 37 internationally educated nurses (IENs) that will arrive in Hywel Dda before the end of 2024. The previous funding request approved in May 2024 (CF02898) did not reflect this additional round of recruitment that was made possible due to additional Welsh Government funding. The request is being made to ensure equity and that all cohorts of IENs can access the same support as per previous cohorts. This is the final funding request, as the recruitment of overseas nurses has now ended.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Delivering a group wellbeing day with their pastoral support (the Overseas Liasion Nurses) as part of the induction programme, helps promote wellbeing and relationship building within the IEN cohort and equips them with the tools necessary to cope with stress and to share positivity. This builds resilient nurses with coping mechanisms for stress, allowing them to be effective practitioners delivering empathetic patient care. The days are scheduled prior to the cohorts sitting their Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) exam. The recruitment of overseas nurses has been a success and has substantially reduced agency nurse costs across HDdUHB.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Initiatives that promote staff wellbeing which demonstrate a clear improvement in the wellbeing of staff that translates to improved care to patients.</p>	<p>Approved as a stand-alone request subject to receipt of assurance from the Assistant Director of Nursing that the CFSC's recommendations from May 2024 have been considered and actioned.</p>
<p>CF03075</p> <p>Tonic Surf Therapy Programme</p> <p>Specialist CAMHS</p> <p>£4,000 <i>Inclusive of VAT</i></p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Delivery of a surf therapy programme to 10 service users during August, September and October 2024. The programme provides structured surf instruction as an introduction to surf therapy and opportunities for participants to experience the joy and wellbeing of the marine environment. The programme has been delivered since 2018 and has been charitable funded in previous years apart from during 2022/23 when third sector commissioning funding supported the programme.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The surf therapy sessions are an effective intervention for young people with mental health problems. They have positive outcomes on clients including improvements in mood, reduction in thoughts of self-harm and suicidal ideation, and improvements in social anxiety and improved self-esteem. The project allows Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services(CAMHS) staff to intervene in the current mental health difficulties of clients to prevent further issues developing or continuing into adulthood.</p>	<p>Approved</p>