

## CHARITABLE FUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Date of last meetings: 2 July 2024

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

#### Alert<sup>1</sup> (may require discussion)

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

#### Advise<sup>2</sup> (to monitor)

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

#### Assure<sup>3</sup> (to note)

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

- At the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee (CFSC) meeting held on 2 July 2024, members considered and approved eight expenditure requests with a combined value of £168,889.39. Further information on the expenditure requests can be found in Appendix 1.
- In relation to request CF03005 (three electrocardiogram machines for the Emergency Department at Withybush Hospital), following the meeting, some members reflected on the nature of this request. Due to the urgent and business critical nature of the equipment as well as the fact that one ECG machine was a direct replacement, it was felt that it would be more appropriate for one ECG to be purchased from capital funds. A capital bid for one ECG machine was therefore submitted and approved. The charitable funding by the CFSC approved has purchased two ECG machines for the department (rather than the three approved). The two machines offer additionality to the minimum equipment requirements, supporting patient flow and improving the patient experience.
- The Interim Assistant Director of Public Health has been nominated by the Director of Public Health to join the CFSC membership from September 2024. The nomination from the Director of Allied Health Professions and Health Science is pending for a representative of the directorate to join the Sub-Committee due to a vacancy in the membership previously held by the former Assistant Director of Therapies & Health Sciences.
- A written process for the consideration of expenditure requests via Chair's Actions has been developed, aligned to the CFC's process. This process is

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

intended to document where decisions, which would normally be made by the CFSC, need to be taken between scheduled meetings, and it is not practicable to call a meeting of the CFSC. This would be by exception, with requests considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **Review of Risks**

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

### **Sharing of learning**

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

- No late papers will be accepted for future meetings, to ensure that all expenditure requests submitted for CFSC consideration are submitted to members for review seven days in advance of the meeting, in line with the Sub-Committee's terms of reference.

### **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](mailto:Fundraising.HywelDda@wales.nhs.uk)

## APPENDIX 1

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

Meeting: 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024		
Item	Comments	Decision
<p>CF02896</p> <p>Philips Intellivue patient monitors x 2</p> <p>Renal Dialysis Unit Glangwili Hospital</p> <p>£16,857.57 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of 2 x Philips Intellivue MX450 and X3 patient monitors. The monitors will be used to monitor vital signs and assist in treatment decisions being made by the medical team within the unit. They can also help identify early signs of patient deterioration. These are replacement monitors, funded from a legacy gift to the unit. Confirmation received that the equipment would be owned and maintained by Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB).</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Care for both chronic and acute renal patients will be enhanced using the new vital signs monitors. Due to the acuity of the unit, the monitors will enable improved assessment and ongoing care of unwell patients and will offer improved diagnostics for the clinical team. The unit is currently moving towards an increased acute kidney injury care package, to reduce the need for patients to travel outside of the HDdUHB area, and the specification of the new monitors would enable this level of assessment locally. The dual monitors will enable the smooth transfer of inpatients to and from a ward setting for treatment on the unit and will also support with long-term cardiac monitoring.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	Approved
<p>CF02942</p> <p>Radial EBUS processor</p> <p>PPH Respiratory Medicine</p> <p>£46,036.40 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of a Radial EBUS processor and associated probes and scopes. Radial EBUS (rEBUS) is an advanced diagnostic bronchoscopic technique which allows sampling of masses/nodules that are beyond the view of the standard scope. The equipment will allow for diagnosis of more peripheral lung masses that are too far out for standard bronchoscopy and too far in for CT guided biopsy where the risk of major complications is higher.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The equipment will be based at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) where the HDdUHB lung cancer service is delivered from. The new equipment will add a significant diagnostic modality to the service which is rapidly and equitably accessible to aid with the earlier diagnosis and achieve better outcomes for patients. The equipment will increase the speed to diagnosis of potential lung cancer for patients, which will mean earlier treatment. In addition, it is a much safer procedure reducing the risk of a collapsed lung or major bleeding.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	Approved



<p>CF02955</p> <p>Bladder Scanner</p> <p>Bronglais Hospital, Y Banwy</p> <p>£10,886.80 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of a bladder scanner to assess patients in a timely manner.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Patients on the ward can go into urinary retention at any time. Having a bladder scanner would mean that staff can assess patients in a timely manner and catheterise if necessary. Having a dedicated scanner would reduce the risk of cross contamination from borrowing equipment and prevent a delay in treatment resulting in more effective care.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>CF02969</p> <p>Bladder Scanner</p> <p>Ward 3 PPH</p> <p>£10,886.60 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of a bladder scanner. The ward is shortly having a new frailty unit and the scanner is required as all patients will require a bladder scan on admission. The unit is aimed at reducing patient deconditioning and ensuring that appropriate care is administered to frailty patients across PPH.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The bladder scanner will ensure that the new frailty unit can run efficiently and smoothly. It will ensure there are no unnecessary delays to patient care, enabling assessments and diagnosis that result in a prompt plan for discharge, thus improving patient flow. Due to the turnaround of patients, it will be used several times a day.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>CF02993</p> <p>Arjo Therapy Bath and Bath Chair</p> <p>Mynydd Mawr Rehabilitation Unit</p> <p>£14,608.72 Inclusive of VAT</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of a new therapy bath. The current bath is over 10 years old and has been condemned. As replacement parts are no longer being made, it cannot be repaired despite numerous attempted repairs. This is not considered to be a routine maintenance request as there is a wet room available on the ward for personal hygiene.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Access to a therapy bath will aid rehabilitation goals being met and will contribute to ease a range of movement in patients with mobility problems, soothing aching muscles and joints thus improving their experience. It will also have a positive impact on the mental health of service users, many of whom express their wish to be able to bathe. Bathing will also help maintain skin integrity for patients and prevent moisture associated pressure damage.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	<p>Approved subject to confirmation that the quote submitted is valid and has not expired</p>



<p>CF02994</p> <p>Fixed Birthing Pool</p> <p>BGH Gwenllian Ward</p> <p>£21,629.00 Inclusive of VAT</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Supply and installation of a fixed birthing pool in the obstetric led birth room. The ward currently uses an inflatable pool, designed with home birth in mind and to be a temporary fixture. The fixed pool is easier to use than the inflatable pool which requires manual emptying. A donation of £12,000 to contribute to this request has been received from the BGH League of Friends.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Water immersion for labour and birth is evidenced to reduce the length of labour, the need for pharmacological pain relief and birth intervention. It also has a considerable impact on women and birthing people's birthing experience. The fixed model selected is more comfortable and spacious than an inflatable pool, offering greater freedom of movement in the water. The entry steps create a safe and easy way to enter and exit the pool. The fully integrated under-water LED lights provide mood lighting and illuminate the water for assessment/examination purposes, eliminating the need to submerge torches and compromise infection control.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Furniture, fixtures and fittings for use in clinical areas by patients, visitors, relatives or staff that create more welcoming and comfortable surroundings.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>CF02998</p> <p>Staff room upgrade</p> <p>GGH Pharmacy</p> <p>£26,984.30 Inclusive of VAT</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Refurbishment of staff rest area. The area was not originally intended as a staff rest room and forms part of the former dispensary at Glangwili Hospital (GH) which has not been in use for over 30 years. During this time the team has grown from 20 members of staff to over 70 in the department. Due to the size of the space and number of staff, it is becoming increasingly difficult for staff to use this area for breaks and as a rest space. This space has been excluded from two recent upgrades within the department for financial reasons. This is not considered to be a routine maintenance request.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> The current facilities are having a negative impact on staff at a time where morale in the department is low. The improvements are part of a wider staff wellbeing plan for the department and will provide staff with an acceptable place for them to take a break and recharge which is vital to maintain morale. The project is part of an expenditure plan for the designated pharmacy funds.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Refurbishment works or furniture, fixtures and fittings for indoor and outdoor staff rest areas or accommodation, which would result in an improvement in staff welfare facilities where such enhancements would not normally be funded by NHS resources.</p>	<p>Approved subject to a detailed written breakdown of the contractor's quote</p>



<p>CF03005</p> <p>MAC VU360 electrocardiogram (ECG) machines x 3</p> <p>Withybush Hospital Emergency Department</p> <p>£21,000 VAT exempt</p>	<p><u>Request:</u> Purchase of three Electrocardiogram (ECG) machines. The machines are required to meet the growing demand for patients requiring an ECG when presenting at the department with atraumatic chest pain. The request is to purchase ex-demonstration machines that offer a significant saving (50% off list price). The department currently has two machines; one of which has recently been condemned and the other is currently being repaired.</p> <p><u>Patient benefit:</u> Chest pain is a very common presentation to the Emergency Department (ED) that sees between 100 and 130 patients a day. The ECG machines will enable prompt assessment to differentiate disease origin and severity and provide important information for both diagnosis and prognosis. The purchase of three machines will offer an enhanced complement of equipment. Due to the number of patients presenting with chest pain requiring an ECG, the new machines will reduce waiting times and offer an improved patient experience.</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Medical and surgical equipment and its maintenance for NHS patient care, education and research.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
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