

YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST CHARITIES

(CHARITY NUMBER 1114106)

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

Purpose

The Charity's objective is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The Charity ensures that all money gifted to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust is spent in accordance with the donors' wishes. Unrestricted donations are disbursed by the Charitable Funds Committee in accordance with the powers delegated to them by the Trust Board, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Charitable Funds Committee. Such funds are disbursed pursuant of staff welfare and on projects associated with the provision of Ambulance services.

Public benefit statement

The Trustee confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Trustee

The Trust Board of Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust is the corporate Trustee of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charities.

The Charitable Trustee is responsible to the Charity Commission with regard to the management of funds and is duty bound to ensure that all money is spent in accordance with the wishes of the donor and the objective of the charity.

The Trust Board members during the financial year were as follows:

D Cannings (Chairman)	D Whiting (Chief Executive)
B Senior	R Barnes
P Drake	I Brandwood (from 23 Sept '13)
E Mahmood (Charitable Funds Chair)	J Mark
E Bond	S Page
M Wareing	R Hobbs (appointed 9 th Dec '13)

J Nutton (NED, Designate – appointed 17 Oct '13)

Part year:

MJ Fox-Davis	(17 Jul - 8 Dec '13)
Paul Birkett- Wendas	(1 Apr – 30 Jun '13)
David Williams	(Acting Director of Operations, 1 st Jul – 16 th Jul '13)
N Cook	(1 Jul – 22 Sept '13)
S Moir	(1 Apr – 30 Jun '13)

Note; E Mahmood is the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and has signed the Financial Statements in her capacity as Chair at the time of the adoption of the Financial Statements by the Trustee.

Appointments to Corporate Trustee

The Chair and Non-Executive Directors are appointed through a selection process and have the skills and attributes to act as advocates for their communities and provide leadership for the NHS.

The Chief Executive is appointed by the Chair, Non-Executive Directors and a NHS Executive independent to the Trust. The Chair, Chief Executive and other Non-Executive Directors appoint the Executive Directors.

Related parties

During the year no Trustee or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the charity or received any remuneration or expenses funded by the charitable funds during the year.

Governance

The Trust supplemental deed of declaration was dated 14 December 2006 and combined the charitable trusts of the former NHS ambulance trusts which amalgamated to form the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The charitable Trustees' powers are set out in the Trustee Act 2011. This scheme allows the charitable Trustee to invest the assets of the charity in investments of any nature, as they think fit, subject to a provision to avoid speculative and hazardous investments.

The Trust Board has delegated the consideration of the activities of the charitable funds to the Audit Committee who receives a report as a standing agenda item.

Reserve's Policy -The Charitable Trustee are aware of their general legal duty to apply the income of the charity for its purposes within a reasonable period of receipt, and within that framework have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

General Funds – Unless there are future commitments generated by use of the funds, there is no requirement for a reserve to be built up to cover general expenditure.

Restricted Funds – If these are spent on Capital assets which will need replacing at the end of their life a reserve fund should be built up over the life of the asset in order that the asset can be replaced. Similarly if the restricted fund provided for a service which required to be

maintained and therefore created an on-going commitment, then a reserve fund should be built up to provide this future commitment.

Risk Management – Any risks are included in the Finance Department Risk Register which is reported through the Risk & Assurance Group and through to the Corporate Risk Register where appropriate.

Financial Activities

The YAS Charity supports activities which improve patients' experiences, staff welfare or public health. The Charitable Funds Committee allocates funds where requests benefit these areas that are not provided by NHS exchequer funds.

Fundraising – Funds have been raised this year from legacies, donations, the Pennies from Heaven scheme and investment income. A Fundraiser has been recruited in year, to create awareness of the Charity and increase income. A number of independent fundraisers have made donations to the Charity throughout the year and the Trustee thank them for their continuing support.

Uses of funds – The funds were used to enhance the health and wellbeing of the patients and public, through the purchase of medical equipment and a Community Medical Unit. The Trustee has approved the creation of a Benevolent Fund for existing and retired staff and their dependents, that are experiencing crisis or hardship.

Future Projects - During the year the Trustee has been working on developing future projects to form specific appeals which will generate their own fundraising. One project is a sponsored cycle event, Tour de YAS. It is envisaged that a Fundraiser will be lead on future this and future events.

Fundraising and Reserves Policy – A fundraising strategy has been developed this financial year, which identifies an amount to be held in reserves together with an Operational Plan of potential items of expenditure.

Statutory returns

The Financial Statements of the Charity were presented to the Charitable Funds Committee in October 2014. The returns were independently examined prior to presentation to the Committee members and submitted to the Charity Commission in October 2014. Copies of the Financial Statements are available from:

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