

DUDLEY GROUP NHS CHARITY
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
& SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019/20

FOREWORD

The Dudley Group NHS Charity (the Charity) has a Corporate Trustee: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

The Corporate Trustee presents the Charitable Funds Annual Report and Summary Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The Charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015. The Charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements include all the separately established funds for which The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the sole beneficiary.

The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board who served during the financial year were as follows:

Dame Yve Buckland DBE	Chairman (Non-Executive Director) started 20 May 2019
Diane Wake	Chief Executive (Executive Director)
Tom Jackson	Finance Director (Executive Director)
Karen Kelly	Chief Operating Officer (Executive Director)
Mary Sexton	Chief Nurse (Executive Director)
Julian Hobbs	Medical Director (Executive Director)
Adam Thomas	Chief Information Officer (Executive Director) started 26 August 2019
James Fleet	Chief People Office (Executive Director) started 19 March 2020
Richard Miner	Non-Executive Director
Julian Atkins	Non-Executive Director
Jonathan Hodgkin	Non-Executive Director
Catherine Holland	Non-Executive Director
Liz Hughes MBE	Non-Executive Director started 15 November 2019
Gary Crowe	Non-Executive Director started 1 July 2019
Ian James	Associate Non-Executive Director started 1 July 2019
Lowell Williams	Associate Non-Executive Director started 1 December 2019
Vijith Randeniya	Associate Non-Executive Director started 7 November 2019

Jenni Ord	Chairman (Non-Executive Director) Left 30 April 2019
Andrew McMenemy	Director of Workforce & Organisational Development went on secondment 1 January 2020

The Charitable Funds are registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1056979) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

CHARITY TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Reference and Administrative details

The Dudley Group NHS Charity, registered Charity Number 1056979, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on the 22 July 1996 as amended on 14 November 2011.

The Charity is constituted of 70 individual funds as at the 31 March 2020 (2018/19: 80) and the notes to the financial statements, as per the Financial Accounts 2019/20 distinguish the types of fund held and disclose separately all material funds.

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted and held and administered as funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 2006 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and these funds are held on trust by the corporate body.

Trustee

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 2011.

The NHS Foundation Trust Board devolved responsibility for the on-going management of funds to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the funds on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

The members of the Charitable Funds Committee who served during the financial year are as follows:

Diane Wake	Chief Executive (Executive Director)
Tom Jackson	Director of Finance & Information (Executive Director)
Julian Atkins	Non-Executive Director (Chair of the Committee)
Jonathan Hodgkin	Non-Executive Director
Richard Miner	Non-Executive Director

Principal Charitable Fund Advisers

The following officers of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust are the principal charitable fund advisers:

Diane Wake, Chief Executive, and Tom Jackson, Director of Finance, under a scheme of delegated authority as approved by the Corporate Trustee, have day-to-day responsibility for the management of the Charitable Fund and must personally approve, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, all expenditure over £5,000 with an upper limit of £50,000 using their delegated authority. All Executive Directors and the Deputy Director of Finance – Financial Reporting, under a scheme of delegated authority as approved by the Corporate Trustee, approve all expenditure up to £5,000.

Heather Taylor, Financial Services Manager, advised and reported on charitable funds, including strategy, in this financial year.

Lynn Hinton, Treasury Manager, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the charitable funds during the year.

Karen Phillips, Fundraising Manager, liaises with the wards and departments providing advice and support for the charity fundraising.

Principal Office for the Charity

Finance Department,
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A full set of financial statements can be downloaded from our website www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity or by contacting the Treasury Manager, on 01384 321121(direct line) or lynn.hinton@nhs.net

Principal Professional Advisers

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Independent Auditors

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust consists of Russells Hall Hospital (Acute Hospital), Corbett Outpatient Centre and Guest Outpatient Centre. The charitable funds are attributed in line with the Trust's Directorate structure. For example, charitable funds for Medicine include Medical Wards, Leukaemia, Chest Clinic, Diabetes, Rheumatology, Rehabilitation and Palliative care. The funds within Surgery include Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Ophthalmology, Surgical Wards, Breast Cancer Services, Audiology, Surgery and Theatres. Other funds are within Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Pathology, Critical Care, Neonatal Services, Cardiology, Gastro Intestinal Services, Renal Unit and Coronary Care. Adult Community Services include the District Nurse Teams Fund, Palliative Care, Audiology, and the Community Rehabilitation Fund (which includes Neurology).

The Charity fund was established with the Charity Commission using the model declaration of trust and all funds held on trust as at the date of registration were classified as unrestricted funds or classified as designated funds under the main Charity. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original funds are added to those fund balances within the existing Charity.

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund. By designating funds the key aim of the Trustee is to serve the NHS Trust for the public benefit, it respects the wishes of our generous donors to support patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients, visitors and staff. The Trustee have complied with their duty to have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, with due regard for funding decisions to demonstrate public benefit in the Charity's work.

Non-Executive Members of the Trust Board are appointed by the Trust Governors. Executive members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the NHS Foundation Trust Board. Members of the Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee are not individual trustee under Charity Law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

The newly appointed members of the Charitable Funds Committee are provided with an induction pack which provides information about the Charity, including the Charitable Funds Committee terms of reference, Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements, policies and minutes, and information about trusteeship, including Charity Commission booklet CC3, The Essential Trustee. The Chair gives new members of both the NHS Foundation Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee a briefing on the current policies and priorities for the charitable funds.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Fund. The Committee is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources.
- Provide support and guidance for usage of funds, whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income.
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities.
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the NHS Foundation Trust Board as Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations.
- Keep the Trust Board fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the Charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee was established in 2006/07 and reports to the Trust Board. The objectives of the committee are to control the management and administration of the Charity in accordance with the Charity's purposes and in line with the Charitable Funds Investment Policy. The committee will assist in the determination of the Charitable Funds Strategy ensuring that the Charity has all the hallmarks of an effective charity, as set out in the standards issued by the Charity Commission.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department, Trust Headquarters, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2HQ.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and considered.

Future levels of income

The charity is reliant on donations to allow it to support the Trust and its plans for the future. The Trustees mitigate the risk that income will fall by engaging with the Charity Fundraiser. Fundraising activity is regularly reviewed at the Charity Committee meetings to understand what worked well and what improvements may be needed.

Fall in investment returns

The most significant risk identified was a possible loss from a fall in the value of the investments and the level of reserves available to mitigate the impact of such losses. The charity committee review the investment returns at the quarterly meetings to ensure that both spending and financial commitments remain in line with available income.

An effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated in connection with the charitable funds as the Charity is managed under the Governance and internal controls that are in place for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. The current system of internal financial control provides reasonable assurance of the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records and the reliability of financial information.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The charities objectives are for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service, wholly or mainly for the service provided by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. The strategy of the Charity is to work in partnership with the Trust, ensuring the funds are used to best effect, by deciding upon the most beneficial way to use charitable funds with regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies and plans of the Trust.

Our mission statement is to enhance and further improve the high quality services provided by the Trust, providing additional comfort and benefit to its patients and staff, by focusing fund expenditure on areas not covered or fully supported by NHS funds.

The charity fundraiser continues to forge strong relationships with members of staff of the hospital and community donors and fundraisers. Without the support and co-operation of the wider community the effective contribution to the Trust would be much diminished.

In accordance with the objectives and strategy of the Charity, the Financial Services Manager and the Treasury Manager regularly liaise with Ward Managers and Department Heads to encourage the spending of their funds in accordance with the donor's wishes; by supporting research and procedures within the National Health Service, supporting capital developments and the purchase of medical equipment, provide training and development activities for clinical and other staff, to ensure public benefit.

The Leukaemia Appeal Fund, a separately registered Charity raises money specifically for the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

The Trust's Volunteer Service, managed by the Volunteer Co-ordinator, Jane Fleetwood provides a valuable service to patients, visitors and staff. For more information call 01384 456111 ext. 3420 or email jane.fleetwood@nhs.net

The Dudley Clinical Education Centre promotes and advances the study of science and medicine by supporting the professional education and development of Trust & Community staff and associated healthcare professionals. It supports key patients who are committed to further development of staff, by assisting in the training which empowers their contribution to specialist teams to improve the quality of care for all patients. For more information call 01384 321095 or email Barbara.white8@nhs.net

ANNUAL REVIEW: OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The key aim of the Trustees to provide public benefit is by helping patients, relatives, visitors and staff by:

- Funding medical research to understand the conditions affecting our patients so that we can help develop cures and therapies in the future.
- Enhance the care the Trust can offer through the purchase of new equipment and building improvements to deliver better facilities.
- Invest in staff to create a caring environment and improved treatment for our patients, families and visitors.
- Provide direct support to patients by way of information, networking support and better facilities.

The charity currently has six main appeals:

Dementia Appeal

Patients with dementia need to feel respected and valued for who they are now, as well as in the past. We aim to raise awareness, to help prepare and provide understanding for patients and families to face the challenges of the future.

Children's Appeal

To provide a comfortable, reassuring environment for the children and their families in the hospital, by providing a reassuring base during their care and treatment.

Cancer Appeal

Caring for the patient and their family adds comfort and care for our cancer patient, encompassing the well-being of patients, families and carers.

Baby Bereavement Appeal

To improve the facilities available to families who are adjusting to the death of their baby. The dedicated bereavement suite will be a calming, comfortable and private space with access to specialist equipment in a less clinical setting.

Children's Emergency Department Appeal

Helping us to change the way we treat our younger patients by making their experience the best it can be.

COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

Supporting Dudley Group staff, patients and volunteers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the year, the funds continued to support a wide range of charitable and health related activities benefiting both patients and staff. Charitable funds were used to purchase much needed medical equipment, such as:

- Vital signs monitors for various wards
- Nebulisers
- Digital Reminiscence Technology for dementia patients for various wards
- Patient Monitors for Ward C4
- Ventilators for Critical Care Unit
- Syringe Drivers & BP monitors for Adult Community Services
- Care chairs including bariatric patient care chairs for Critical Care Unit
- Baby Bed warmers & mattresses for the Neonatal Unit
- Diagnostic equipment for Audiology Community Services

The hospital wards receive many charitable fund donations. These are often used to benefit the staff and the patients, such as:

- Leaflets providing specific ward information to patients & visitors
- Patient manual reclining chairs in various wards
- Glideaway folding beds for patient relatives use
- Patient over bed tables, over chair tables & high back chairs
- DAB radios and TVs mainly for ward B2 and C3 (Forget Me Not Ward)
- LED sky lights for ward B5
- Hostess trolley for ward C4 – Georgina Unit
- Patient Turners
- Breast Pumps for the Neonatal Unit
- Baby bereavement room – refurbishment, furniture and facilities

The charitable funds also enable consultants, medical staff, nurses and allied health professionals to attend additional courses which will update them on the new ideas and modern techniques in their specialties.

These activities enable the Trustee to meet its strategic priorities of supporting the work of the Trust. The Trustee's review of future plans and strategic objectives have also been infused with the need to demonstrate public benefit and by the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trust Volunteer Service continues to provide support to patients, visitors and staff with duties such as ward/clinic hostess services, way finding, helpdesk assistance and chaplaincy.

The charitable funds have received legacies this year totalling £25,000. There were two significant legacies, the first was for £20,000 for the benefit of Corbett & Guest Outpatient Centres to purchase medical equipment (50% each) and the second was for £5,000 for Ward C4 Georgina Unit.

A Review of our Finances

The total value of the Charitable Funds as at 31 March 2020 was £1,876,000 (2018/19: £2,188,000). A decrease in the overall fund value of £312,000 which was mainly due to a decrease in donated and legacy income and more significantly the valuation of investments held at 31st March 2020 which has decreased by £174,000 due to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the worldwide stock markets.

The Charity continues to rely on donations, legacies and investment income as the main sources of income. Donations from individuals have decreased by £16,000; donations in memoriam have increased by £4,000, donations received in respect of the charity appeals have decreased by £39,000. Grant income decreased by £44,000 however, significant grant income last year of £50,000 was unusual. Legacies have decreased by £193,000 however, an exceptional level of income was received last year.

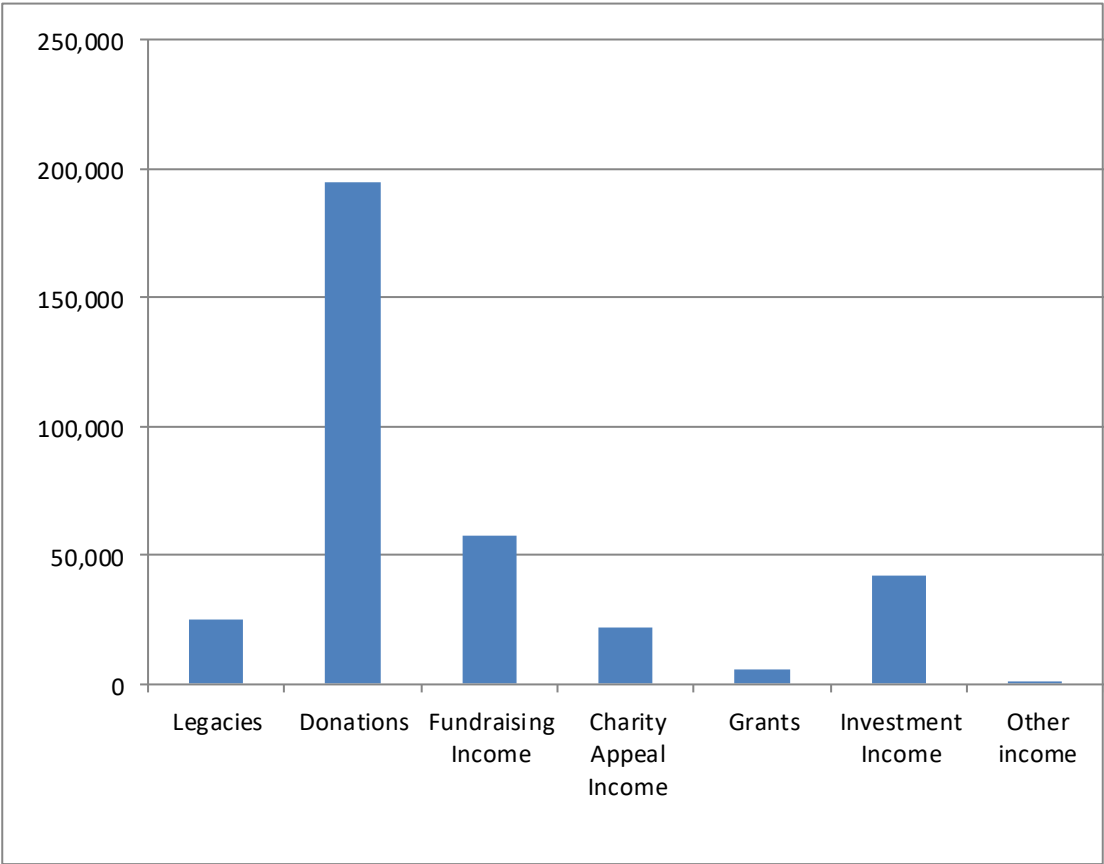
Investment Income decreased by £8,000, due to BlackRock converting all six remaining BlackRock Common Investment Funds to the Charity Authorised Investment fund structure with the approval of unitholders.

The distribution of 3 monthly interest cycle changed in December when the Charishare and Charinco funds were transferred to the new BLK Charities UK Equity ESG Fund and BLK Charities UK Bond Fund. The 3 month cycle now runs for the quarters ended June, September, December and March which resulted in a small value being received for the one month to synchronise the timings. BlackRock was unable to provide an estimate of interest earned for the period January to March 2020, so a prudent estimate was entered into the accounts.

The close of the 2019/20 financial year has been overshadowed by the Covid-19 outbreak which has had an effect upon the operation of the charity, mainly in respect of the impact on the Charity investments.

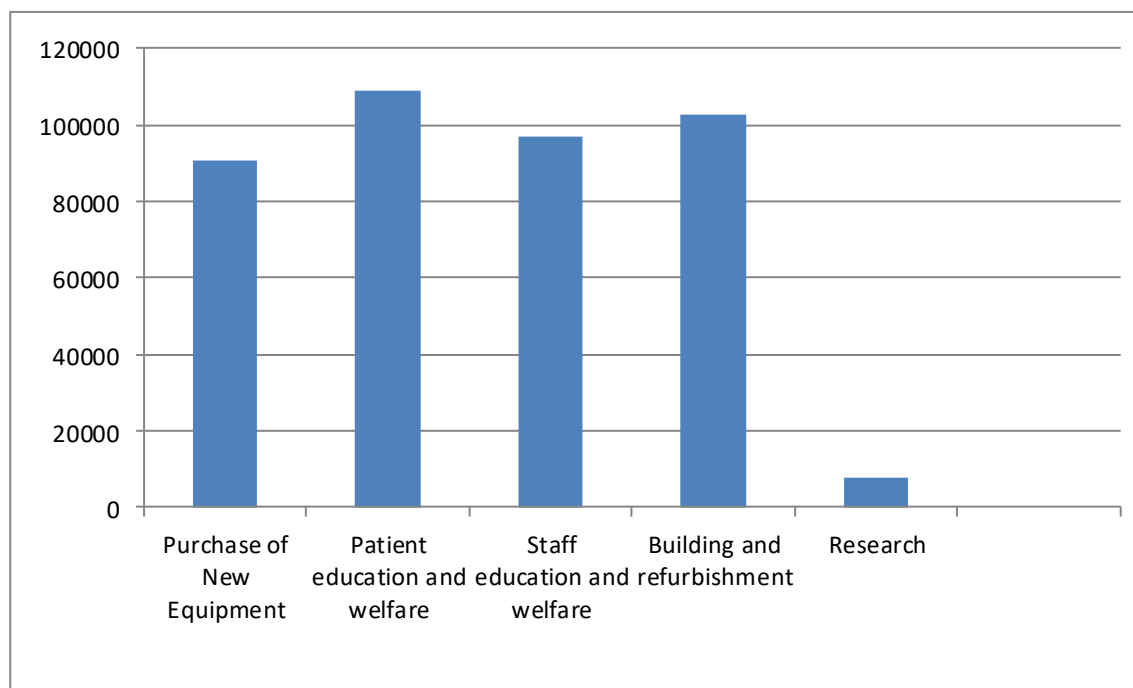
A recent valuation at 31st August 2020 showed that the value of BLK Charities UK Equity Fund was £1,012,240 an increase of £91,722 and the value of BLK Charities Bond Fund was £269,308 an increase of £3,194.

Where our money comes from



What we spent the money on

Of the total expenditure of £487,000 (2018/19 £527,000).expenditure on direct charitable activity was £408,000 (2018/19 £455,000) across a range of funds. Expenditure on raising funds was £79,000 (2018/19 £72,000), the increase due to the appointment of the fundraising apprentice in August 2019. There was an overall reduction of £40,000 on last year's expenditure.



Purchase of new equipment

The total amount spent was £91,000 (2018/19 £157,000) representing a vital and valuable contribution to enhancing the provision of clinical care. Purchases range from small items of equipment costing a few hundred pounds, to larger items costing thousands of pounds.

Staff education and welfare

Annual expenditure was £97,000 (2018/19 £100,000) of which £43,000 (2018/19 £33,000) was spent on external educational courses. An additional sum of £3,000 (2018/19 £6,000) was spent on travel expenses to allow attendance of these courses. A total of £51,000 (2018/19 £61,000) was spent on staff welfare, for example educational material such as medical books and journals, educational prizes and awards and non-medical equipment for the wards.

Patient education and welfare

Annual expenditure of £109,000 (2018/19 £122,000) included the purchase of furniture of £35,000 (2018/19 £26,000), for ward areas.

The sum of £3,000 (2018/19 £4,000) was spent in respect of patients and patient relatives information and education.

Other patient expenditure of £71,000 (2018/19 £92,000) includes items which help make the patient's stay in hospital more comfortable, such as gifts at Christmas, audio and TV equipment.

Research

The sum of £8,000 (2018/19 £12,000) was spent on rheumatology research projects.

Building and Refurbishment

The sum of £103,000 (2018/19 £64,000) was spent on installation and conversion work in respect of charity purchases. The main items of expenditure relate to the installation of power supply to the Baby Bereavement room of £7,000, installation of the LED Skylights on ward B5 of £1,000, Installation of electrics, aerials & TVs on Ward C3 of £10,000 and provision of new office and conversion of unused bathroom within ward C8 of £21,000, power & water supply to water coolers trust wide of £8,000.

EXPENDITURE POLICY

The Dudley Group General Fund receives donations and legacies where no particular preference as to its expenditure has been expressed by donors. Applications are received from various departments within the Hospital and the Community to purchase medical equipment or items which will improve and benefit the patients and staff at the Trust. Based on their knowledge of the Hospital, the Charitable Funds Committee agrees funding and encourages spending of the charity funds. Funding is provided to areas of the Trust that do not have available Designated Funds.

The Designated Funds are overseen by Clinical Directors, Clinical Service Leads and Matrons who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area. The recommendations are generally accepted and these funds can be spent at any time.

The Restricted Funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent for a particular charitable purpose or where legal restrictions have been imposed by the donor at the time their donation was made.

RESERVES POLICY

The reserves policy is incorporated within the Charity Investment Policy. This policy ensures that income not required for immediate use is invested to earn interest, whilst ensuring that money identified to meet expenditure plans is available as required.

The ratio of reserves held in the short term investment deposit fund is appropriate to the advice received by the external investment managers, based upon current commitment levels of known planned expenditure in the next financial year.

A review of the investment portfolio is undertaken by the Charity Funds Committee which includes the level of reserves held, on a quarterly basis.

The total value of the funds held at 31 March 2020 in the Santander Corporate and

Commercial Banking investment totals £500,000 with the balance of £241,000 held in the Government Banking Services Account. It is appropriate that the reserves remain at a level which will permit the timely realisation of long term investments, if required. Therefore the minimum reserve level is maintained at £250,000 and based upon current known commitments for future charitable expenditure and the funding required for the next financial year for financial services which maintain the financial aspect of the charity and the charity fundraiser.

The reserve level will be achieved by reinvesting income received from the investment portfolio and the excess of funds held in the Charitable Funds Government Banking Services account.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Charity requires the Clinical Directors, Clinical Service Leads and Matrons for each fund to provide expenditure plans for a one to three year programme. This is requested annually and plans are regularly reviewed and reported to the Charitable Funds Committee.

The role of the Clinical Directors, Clinical Service Leads and Matrons as charity fund budget managers is supported by the Charity Fundraising Co-ordinator.

INVESTMENTS

At the year-end, the sum of £1,186,000 (2018/19 £1,360,000) was held with BlackRock Investment Management Limited in BLK Charities UK Equity ESG Fund (previously Charishare Excluding Tobacco) and BLK Charities UK Bond Fund (previously Charinco).

BlackRock Investment Management Limited converted BlackRock Common Investment Funds, Charishare excluding tobacco and Charinco, to the Charity Authorised Investment fund structure with the approval of unitholders. This was actioned on 6 December 2019 with no change to the number of units held.

The charity's long term investments which mainly consist of UK equities have decreased in value by a total of £174,000 during the year 2018/19, due to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the worldwide stock markets.

The Trustee seeks to balance 'Ethical and socially responsible investment' and risk. Therefore, investment in companies engaged in the manufacture of tobacco products is not permitted.

The investment policy requires that all monies, apart from working capital, be invested in securities to maximise the overall return consistent with an acceptable level of risk. Fund Managers are appointed for an initial three year period and the tendering process follows the NHS Trust's regulations and ensures that the requirements of the Trustee Act 2000 are met.

The performance of the investments is continuously monitored and reported on a quarterly basis by BlackRock Investment Management Limited. The reports are disseminated to the Charitable Funds Committee at the scheduled quarterly meetings.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity will work with the Trust to equip NHS staff with the skills they need to enhance patient treatment and provide financial support for research and pilot new projects which will enhance patient care.

The charity will continue to provide additional equipment so that the service provided for patients and staff is enhanced.

The charity will also provide for other non-medical equipment which enhances the patients time when using the Trust facilities.

Future plans can be influenced by available resources with the Trust budgets, in that the resources required to maintain equipment purchases may exceed the benefit in obtaining the new equipment. The Trust has a policy for the purchase of equipment in that new purchases are consistent with equipment already in use, so that training can be consistent Trust wide for all staff.

In 2018/19 the Trust was awarded £20 million from the STP capital fund to radically redesign the emergency department and resuscitation area, to improve patient care and experience.

The charity launched a major Children's Emergency Department Appeal to raise £100,000 in conjunction with the STP capital funding. The appeal will pay special attention to the children's waiting area and consulting rooms, equipping them with sensory items for distraction, improving the environment where teenagers are treated and improving the relative's room and providing quiet areas for patients and their relatives.

The Charity has started to receive overwhelming support and generosity from our local community & NHS Charities Together in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The community are not only offering their time to support various schemes they are also fundraising for our benefit. The donations and grants received will be used to enhance the well-being of NHS Staff, volunteers and patients affected by COVID-19. The income could be used to fund well-being packs or gifts for staff and volunteers on wards or departments, such as food or meal deliveries and refreshments, wash kits, overnight stay kits, furniture for rest rooms, for example. To provide support for patients mental health through isolation with electronic communication devises so they can talk to family and friends.

The Corporate Trustee will decide the most appropriate benefit to staff, volunteers & patients as part of the Trust's COVID-19 response in 2020/21.

Funds Held On Trust Financial Statements 2019/20

Foreword

The Dudley Group NHS Charity Funds are registered with the Charity Commission, number 1056979 and include funds in respect of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. The Financial Statements have been submitted to the Charities Commission.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements in the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015.

The following pages are not the full financial statements but a summary of information relating to the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Cash Flow Statement. These statements have been checked for consistency with the externally audited financial statements by Independent Auditors Grant Thornton LLP and their report follows on page 18.

The financial statements are available from the Trust's Finance Department by writing to: Lynn Hinton, Finance Department, Trust Headquarters, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands. DY1 2HQ or email lynn.hinton@nhs.net or telephone 01384 321121.

Main Purpose of Funds Held On Trust

The main purpose of charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.



Signed

Date: 15th January 2021

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustee are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustee have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under that law the trustee must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustee are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Chairman 

Date 15th January 2021

Trustee 

Date 15th January 2021

Independent auditor's report to the corporate trustee of Dudley Group NHS Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Dudley Group NHS Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The impact of macro-economic uncertainties on our audit

Our audit of the financial statements requires us to obtain an understanding of all relevant uncertainties, including those arising as a consequence of the effects of macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid- 19 and Brexit. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the trustees and the related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the charity's future prospects and performance.

Covid-19 and Brexit are amongst the most significant economic events currently faced by the UK, and at the date of this report their effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty, with the full range of possible outcomes and their impacts unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to these uncertainties when assessing the charity's future prospects and performance.

However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a charity associated with these particular events.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the corporate trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the corporate trustee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In our evaluation of the corporate trustee's conclusion, we considered the risks associated with the charity's business, including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. We analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. In accordance with the above, we have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the charity will continue in operation.

Other information

The corporate trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's Annual Report, set out on pages 1 to 18 other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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In preparing the financial statements, the corporate trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the corporate trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

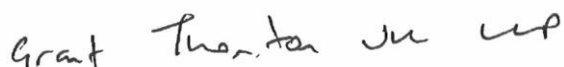
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Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report. Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's corporate trustee, as a body, in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's corporate trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its corporate trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants Birmingham
25 January 2021

Grant Thornton UK LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Dudley Group NHS Charity – 2019/20

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	2019/20 Total Funds £000	2018/19 Total Funds £000
Income from				
Donations and legacies	220	28	248	536
Investments	42	0	42	50
Charitable activities	56	2	58	76
Other	1	0	1	4
Total income	319	30	349	666
Expenditure on				
Raising funds	76	3	79	72
Charitable activities:				
Purchase of new equipment	81	10	91	157
Staff education and welfare	97	0	97	100
Patient education and welfare	80	29	109	122
Research	8	0	8	12
Building and refurbishment	95	8	103	64
Total expenditure	437	50	487	527
Net income/(expenditure)	(118)	(20)	(138)	139
Net Gains/(losses) on investments	(174)	0	(174)	44
Net income/(expenditure) after Gains/(losses) on investments	(292)	(20)	(312)	183
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in funds	(292)	(20)	(312)	183
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Unrestricted Funds brought forward	2,113	0	2,113	1,979
Total Restricted Funds brought forward	0	75	75	26
Total Funds carried forward	1,821	55	1,876	2,188

Dudley Group NHS Charity – 2019/20

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2020 £000	Total at 31 March 2019 £000
Non Current Assets				
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0
Investments	1,186	0	1,186	1,360
Debtors over 1 year	1	0	1	2
Total Fixed Assets	1,187	0	1,187	1,362
Current Assets				
Debtors	10	1	11	10
Cash and cash equivalents	687	54	741	848
Total Current Assets	697	55	752	858
Creditors falling due within one year	63	0	63	32
Net Current Assets	634	55	689	826
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	1,821	55	1,876	2,188
Creditors falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0
Total Net Assets	1,821	55	1,876	2,188
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted income funds	0	55	55	75
Unrestricted income funds	1,821	0	1,821	2,113
Total Funds	1,821	55	1,876	2,188

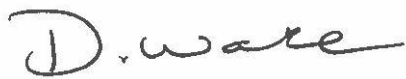
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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2019

	2019/20 Total Funds £000	2018/19 Total Funds £000
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(138)	139
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	0	0
Dividends and interest from investments	(42)	(50)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0	4
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	31	(9)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(149)</u>	<u>84</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(149)	84
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest from investments	<u>42</u>	<u>50</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	42	50
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>(107)</u>	<u>134</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	848	714
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	<u>741</u>	<u>848</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	241	348
Notice deposits	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>741</u>	<u>848</u>

THANK YOU!

The Corporate Trustee would like to express its appreciation of the support received from so many groups and individuals whose generous contributions are of enormous benefit to both patients and staff throughout our Trust.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wake".

Approved on behalf of the Corporate Trustee by Diane Wake, Chief Executive, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

DUDLEY GROUP NHS CHARITY

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
2019-20**

FOREWORD

The Dudley Group NHS Charity funds are registered with the Charity Commission, reference number 1056979 and include funds in respect of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008, Charities Act 2011 and the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Signed:



Date: 15th January 2021

Independent auditor's report to the corporate trustee of Dudley Group NHS Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Dudley Group NHS Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The impact of macro-economic uncertainties on our audit

Our audit of the financial statements requires us to obtain an understanding of all relevant uncertainties, including those arising as a consequence of the effects of macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the trustees and the related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the charity's future prospects and performance.

Covid-19 and Brexit are amongst the most significant economic events currently faced by the UK, and at the date of this report their effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty, with the full range of possible outcomes and their impacts unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to these uncertainties when assessing the charity's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a charity associated with these particular events.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the corporate trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the corporate trustee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In our evaluation of the corporate trustee's conclusion, we considered the risks associated with the charity's business, including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. We analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. In accordance with the above, we have nothing to report in these respects.

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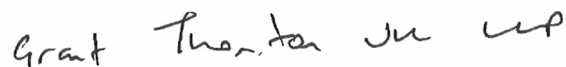
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