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Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

Board Committee Chair's Report

Meeting:	Charitable Funds Committee
Chair:	Waseem Zaffar, Non-Executive Director
Date:	3 rd August 2022
Present:	Members: Mr W Zaffar, Non-Executive Director (Chair), Mr R Beeken, Chief Executive, Mrs D McLannahan, Chief Finance Officer, Ms M Roberts, Chief Nurse, Ms R Wilkin, Director of Communications In attendance: Mr J Shah, Head of Trust Charity, Mr E Edmead, Major Grants Manager, Mr C Higgins, Associate Director of Finance, Mr D Conway, Associate Director of Corporate Governance Apologies: None

Key points of discussion

Draft annual report
 Draft annual accounts

Chair's opinion:

Reports and accounts read well and are well structured. Reports being prepared to be presented to Trust Board for December for approval from all trustees.

Substantial Assurance

- **2.** Charity finance report
 - Appointing an auditor for annual accounts
 - 22/23 P03 Finance Report
 - Summary cash flow forecast 22/23 26/27
 - Quarterly investment report (1st Apr 30th Jun 2022)
 - Updating of signatories for charity investments

Chair's opinion:

Committee agreed to appoint Crowe UK as auditor. The report indicated a deficit of £142K due to reduced income and expenditure variance. A YTD deficit of £37k had been planned. The Trust Charity currently had a YTD deficit of £353k. Committee will be receiving report from Brewin Dolphin soon to discuss charity investments.

Substantial Assurance

3. - Five year fundraising & business development plan

^{*} See below for assurance classification

Chair's opinion:

Committee approved updated five year fundraising and development plan. The plan had been co-produced by the charity team and charity finance team.



- 4. Midland Metropolitan University Hospital fundraising campaign progress
 - Campaign plan
 - Arts strategy notes from Arts Committee meeting 28 April 2022 & 14 July 2022
 - Arts strategy action log from Arts Committee meeting 14 July 2022

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Chair's opinion:

Significant funds had already been banked on the MMUH campaign and there were further funds pledged. Some large single donations had been welcomed recently.

Partial Assurance

- 5. Major grants progress report
 - Grant programme, live projects and pipeline

Chair's opinion:

The Youth Volunteer Champions programme was doing well. The SCORE programme had challenges but the new investment into staff would improve progress.

Substantial Assurance

The recommendation for operational staffing resources to ensure delivery on SCORE and Youth Volunteer Champions was agreed by the Committee.

6. Charitable funds policy review

Chair's opinion:

The Trust Charity paid for accommodation and subsistence in line with General Whitley Council rates of £55 per night. It was proposed and agreed to increase allowances for accommodation for training courses and conferences at the discretion of the Head of Trust Charity, where in some circumstances, individuals were paying the difference themselves.

Substantial Assurance

Positive highlights of note

- Brewin Dolphin would be invited to the November 2022 meeting to discuss investment performance in light of the uncertainties in the market.
- Despite challenges with the MMUH fundraising campaign, things were progressing well, particularly one-off donations received.
- The Youth Volunteer Champions programme was doing well. The SCORE programme had challenges but the new investment into staff would improve progress.
- Changes to the Charitable Funds Policy had been agreed regarding hotels and international travel.

Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board

• The risks attached to independence of the Charity would be discussed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee in September for discussion by CFC in November 2022.

Matters presented for information or noting:	
•	Charity report and accounts on course to be presented to Trust board for approval in December.
Decisions made:	
Actions agreed:	

Assurance classification

