

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Trust Board</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Charities Committee Update</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Standing Item</b>
<b>Sponsor:</b>	<b>Michael Earp, Chair of the Charities Committee</b>
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<b>Appendices</b>	<b>None</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	
To provide an update on the key issues discussed at the Charities Committee held on 10 October 2011.	
<b>Background</b>	
The report is prepared to inform the Trust Board on the salient issues discussed and agreed at the Charities Committee.	
<b>Business Undertaken</b>	
<p>1.1 The Director of Finance took the Committee through the Financial Report as at 31st August 2011. The Director of Finance informed the Committee that a flat (part of the bequeathed estate) has now been sold for £125,000. The sale is currently going through but the balance will be noted as an unrealised gain.</p> <p>1.2 The Head of Fundraising provided an update on the Forever Friend Appeal including confirming that there was £350,000 available to spend on the parents' accommodation, garden and memorial window for NICU. The Head of Fundraising outlined the Cancer Care Campaign Funding work plan and confirmed that progress was being made on the outline business case.</p> <p>1.3 An update from Friends of the RUH was provided including the financial position at yearend of 30<sup>th</sup> September with draft figures showing total gross income of over £62,000. It was confirmed that The Friends of the RUH currently had £69,000 committed to agreed projects.</p> <p>1.4 An update was provided on patient bed areas confirming that half of the products had already been ordered and were in place at the Trust but stated that the chairs were still being sourced. The Friends of the RUH expressed an interest in offering support to this project.</p> <p>1.5 A Presentation on Art at the Heart of the RUH was given. The Arts Co-ordinator confirmed that although the Arctic display has been the most successful display in terms of a talking point for patients and visitors, it hasn't been as successful in terms of selling art. Despite this, the Arts department is still on track to make money on commission.</p>	
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1.6 OPU activities plan proposal was presented. It was confirmed that the Dementia team were happy to support this project, although not financially support it.

1.7 Funding for the Research & Development Award 2011 was discussed, however concerns were expressed surrounding the tax liability that is likely to fall upon the Trust.

1.8 A proposal to fund simulation training to facilitate learning across the Trust from serious untoward incidents (SUI) adverse events and patient complaints was presented. However, it was decided that although the proposal would be of considerable benefit to the Trust, it was inappropriate to commit charitable funds a de facto revenue pressure.

1.9 It was confirmed that Roger Newton would assume the Chair of the Charities Committee in December.

#### **Key Risks and their impact on the Organisation**

None.

#### **Key Decisions**

The Committee approved the Christmas Charitable Expenditure Policy for Christmas 2011.

The Committee did not approve the Funding for the Research & Development Award 2011 additional funding.

#### **Exceptions and Challenges**

No other issues.

#### **Governance and Other Business**

No other issues.

#### **Future Business**

The Committee will review the Trust's Charities banking arrangements. In order to ensure the best interest rates are received.

#### **Recommendations**

The Trust Board is asked to note the report.