

Board of Directors
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Report Title:	Annual update: Sheffield Hospitals Charity (SHC)
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Vision and values:	<p>The nature of charitable fund applications is to improve the lives of the people we look after and improve the working lives of our staff. This, and the relationship between SHSC and the Charity, align with the following trust values -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We keep improving • We are inclusive • We work together • We are respectful and kind
Purpose:	The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the partnership between Sheffield Hospitals Charity (SHC) and Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS FT (SHSC), including an update on the balances of the funds held for SHSC.
Executive summary:	<p>SHSC partners with Sheffield Hospitals Charity, a local NHS charity that supports our Trust and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. In the last year we have worked on strengthening our collaboration and driving increased benefits for our service users and staff through this relationship.</p> <p>This report provides a summary of the actions and their impact and sets out the plans for the year ahead to continue in this direction.</p>

Which strategic objective does the item primarily contribute to:					
Effective Use of Resources	Yes	X	No		
Deliver Outstanding Care	Yes	X	No		
Great Place to Work	Yes	X	No		
Reduce inequalities	Yes	X	No		

What is the contribution to the delivery of standards, legal obligations and/or wider system and partnership working.
<p>This partnership enables the Trust to enhance standard NHS care, and to build reputation and stakeholder awareness in Sheffield. It does not generally impact on legal or regulatory standards.</p>

Board assurance framework (BAF) and corporate risk(s):	There are no BAF risks or corporate risks associated with this item.
Any background papers/items previously considered:	Previous annual report was received in July 2024.
Recommendation:	The Board of Directors are asked to receive the attached report for information and assurance .



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1. Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the partnership between Sheffield Hospitals Charity (SHC) and Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS FT (SHSC), including an update on the balances of the restricted funds held for SHSC.

2. Background to Sheffield Hospitals Charity

Sheffield Hospitals Charity (SHC) exists to support SHSC and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. The Charity's vision is *"Every person cared for and working in our hospitals, community teams and health and social care services is treated with compassion and has access to the best equipment and treatments in the best environments."* And its mission is *"We help Sheffield's hospitals, community teams and health and social care services to cover the costs that the NHS can't. By funding support for patients and staff, life-changing research and more, we enhance care from birth to the end of life and everything in between."*

SHC focuses its funding on four priorities which are closely aligned with the Trust's own priorities:

- Supporting patient centred experiences
- Supporting caring and cared for staff
- Reducing health inequalities in Sheffield
- Maximising technology, research and innovation

The key principle guiding SHC's grant making is that its funding should be additional to the core NHS funding provided to its beneficiary organisations, and the charitable funds cannot be used for items that should be covered by core NHS funding.

The Charity is led by a Chief Executive and a team of directors, and governance and oversight is provided by a board of trustees. SHSC is represented on the board of trustees by the Director of Strategy who has become a trustee director of the Charity this year.

3. Relationship with SHSC

Relationship management is led by the Director of Strategy, James Drury and Executive Assistant, Helen Walsh. Several other Trust employees are actively engaged in supporting the relationship with the Charity including the Communications, Finance and Procurement teams.

Activities undertaken to develop and maintain the relationship include:

- Webinars and internal communications campaigns to encourage SHSC staff to make good quality bids for charitable funds.

- Reminders to budget managers of services with restricted funds to encourage the use of charitable funds.
- Promotion of strategic 'funding calls' to generate bigger Trust-wide bids. For example, the recent 'caring and cared for staff' funding call received several significant bids curated by the People Directorate aligned to our workforce wellbeing agenda.
- Improved clarity of internal trust processes associated with making charitable bids and utilising funding.
- Frequent liaison with SHC to support SHSC colleagues to make high quality proposals.
- Liaison with SHC in respect of fundraising campaigns.
- Liaison with SHC to ensure grant holders provide an evaluation of their successful bid. This may involve SHSC Communications Team taking photographs (before, during and after).
- Showcasing the Trust's activities to SHC and advising SHC to shape their funding calls. For example, in relation to women's health inequalities, dementia, and staff wellbeing.

4. The funds

Sheffield Hospitals Charity holds charitable funds of considerable value. Some of these are unrestricted and can be used to support any of the charities aims in accordance with its strategic priorities. Other funds are restricted and can only be used by a particular Trust or service.

The restricted funds held for the benefit of SHSC at the end of Q4 2024/25 are:

<u>fund ref</u>	<u>Restricted fund name</u>	<u>closing balance for Q4</u>
800L	SHSC general restricted	£2,818.11
8592	Dovedale	£5,882.54
8591	G1 Grenoside	£1,477.22
8520	Psychology services	£6,886.27
8506	Chaplaincy Trust Fund – CHS	£141.59
8007	Dementia Involvement Project – SHINDIG	£1,041.50
8005	Woodland View	£7,524.38
8006	Sheffield Community Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service	£3,662.58
8003	Adult Acute Inpatient Wards	£2,518.20
4003	Head Injury Trust Fund Account	£394.70
8501	Mental Health – General Fund	£6,008.62
8000	Sheffield Health & Social Care – General Fund	£18,061.51
	TOTAL	£56,417.22

5. Grants made / impact of charitable funds in 2024/25

In the course of the last year SHSC teams have made the following successful bids to SHC.

Department/Ward	Description	£
Adult Mental Health - community	black dog outdoor hike	£1,600

Adult Mental Health - community	Artwork for areas around northlands	£240
Adult Mental Health - community	Artwork for areas around northlands	£264
Adult Mental Health - community	Sensory toys / sensory lighting for autistic adults	£494
Adult Mental Health - community	Maps & walking waiting rooms	£1,170
Adult Mental Health - community	MAAN Somali peer workers	£30,000 *
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Refurb of MCC corridor - art work	£2,457
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Table tennis for service users	£624
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Sensory boxes for service users	£1,285
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Artwork and frames for Tribunal and waiting room area	£650
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Bedding for discharged patient	£50
Adult Mental Health - inpatients	Gym equipment for Beech	£2,489
Brain Injury Service	garden furniture and planters	£577
Forensic	Forest close garden refurb	£4,800
Forensic	Wellbeing packs for patients hair	£452
Forensic	Greenhouse for garden area at Forest close	£2,867
Forensic	Wellness packs	£700
Forensic	Welcome packs for African/Caribbean users	£452
Forensic	cultural celebration days	£1,000
Learning Disabilities	Sensory boxes for speech language and occupational therapy	£643
Learning Disabilities	Life story book and sessions for adults with down syndrome	£986
Older Peoples Mental Health	SHINDIG event - Dementia involvement group	£439
Older Peoples Mental Health	staff event	£850
Older Peoples Mental Health	shindig event	£1,209
Older Peoples Mental Health	Entertainment at nursing homes	£120
Older Peoples Mental Health	Entertainment at nursing homes	£120
Older Peoples Mental Health	Christmas decorations for nursing home	£600
Older Peoples Mental Health	Christmas gifts	£250
Pharmacy	Planters, benches and artwork for staff area	£2,622

Shine Awards	Contribution to the SHSC shine award event.	£5,000 *
Therapy	Music equipment	£1,173
Therapy	Refurb within therapy spaces at MCC	£2,500
Therapy	Fitness sessions and equipment for patients	£2,338
		£71,022
Please note that sums marked with an * indicate that grants were received from the SHC unrestricted funds, not from funds which are restricted for a specific Trust or Service		

Thematically the grants set out above fit into the following categories:

themes	# grants	value
creative health	9	£10,147
dementia	3	£1,898
inclusivity	10	£35,962
physical activity	8	£16,465
staff wellbeing	3	£6,550
		£71,022

5.1 Examples

- An example of the creative health initiatives undertaken is the work carried out with the Pharmacy team to create an outdoor wellbeing space at the Michael Carlisle Centre

Before:



After:



- b. An example of the physical activity schemes is demonstrated by SHSC staff and activity group members in this video. ***Ctrl+Click** to follow the link*



and a greenhouse for the garden area at Forest Lodge:



6. Fundraising activities

In 2024/25 SHSC staff have taken part in activities to raise funds for SHC, much of which has been directed into the restricted funds above:

- SHSC colleagues undertook a '[Charathon](#)' around the Michael Carlisle Centre in December. Organised by the Communications team this event raised £500 which was directed towards the purchase of gym equipment for the use of service users at the Beech rehabilitation facility. Video of the equipment in use: https://youtu.be/P3ShN_p0bQ4.

- SHSC colleagues took part in '62K in October' which was part of SHC's annual programme of events, raising £150 for SHC general funds and promoting engagement with the Charity across the Trust.



7. The year ahead

- a. In addition to the grants listed above, in the last year SHSC and SHC have worked together on several strategic funding initiatives which are expected to yield results in 2025/26. These include:
 - Support for the Maple Ward refurbishment which will (subject to confirmation in June 2025) enable touch screen entertainment, communication and information systems in each bedroom, and an autism-friendly sensory de-escalation room.
 - Staff wellbeing. The Trust was successful in gaining support from SHC for four projects that will supplement our existing workforce wellbeing programme, which is part of our Great Place to Work strategic aim. The four projects are:
 - Development Days for Wellbeing Champions and establishment of local on-site Wellbeing Hubs for staff
 - Digital Inclusion & Empowerment Initiative: a peer-led and experts by experience approach to support staff who are digitally excluded
 - Health Coaching to facilitate the return to work after long-term sickness
 - 'In Reach', a pilot of tailored support for staff who are absent due to stress, anxiety and depression
 - Women's Health inequalities including perinatal mental health
- b. SHC will have several time-limited strategic funding calls throughout the year. We will encourage colleagues to make high quality bids for these opportunities. The next one will open in June and will be focused on Reducing Health Inequalities.
- c. Webinars for SHSC staff will continue throughout the year in order to promote the availability of charitable funds and how to apply for funding.
- d. Fundraising will continue throughout the year in conjunction with SHC and our Communications Team.

8. Recommendations

The Board is asked to receive this report, for **information** and **assurance**.