

Purpose of Report

This report is to provide assurance to the Grampian NHS Board regarding the effectiveness of the governance arrangements for the NHS Grampian Endowment Funds charity (the Fund) regarding:

- 1.1 The distribution and use of the funds in line with the charitable status and defined purpose of the fund;
- 1.2 Monitoring of investment performance;
- 1.3 Operational management of the charity including monitoring of income and expenditure in line with the charter and operating instructions; and
- 1.4 Timeous preparation and publication of audited Financial Statements and other regulatory returns.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances discussed by the Endowment Committee and Trustees.

Annual General Meeting 23 July 2021

1. Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by Trustees and had received an unqualified audit with no recommendations. Both the Trustees and Azets Audit Services welcomed the new format of the Annual Report.

2. Strategic Priorities

Trustees agreed that funds should be targeted, where permissible, to increase spend on preventative, early intervention, self-management and community based initiatives which are innovative and seek to address health inequalities. This would cover three domains of health and care services, staff wellbeing and research.

3. Consultations

Trustees approved a Research Review and also consultation on how funding from the Lasting Impact Fund, to be introduced in April 2022, would be prioritised.

4. Grant Applications

Trustees approved the introduction of advisors to review applications over £50,000 prior to determination by the Endowment Committee.

Endowment Committee 23 July 2021

1. Financial Update

There are no significant changes in the portfolio and current expenditure has been met from income.

2. Applications Approved

- Funding for a further two years of the PINE study (Parkinson's Incidence in the North East)
- Two years funding to support the delivery of the arts and environment programme for the Baird and ANCHOR project.
- Replacement furniture for Skene Ward patients relocating to Davan Ward.

Endowment Committee 24 September 2021

1. Financial Update

Again, no significant changes in the portfolio although it was noted that donations are substantially reduced from 2020 and from the norm in previous years. A fundraising strategy is being developed to address this.

2. NHS Charities Together (NHSCT)

The Stage 3 application for £352,000 focussed at recovery from Covid was approved for submission to NHSCT for consideration. The success of the application will be known by November 2021.

3. Applications Approved

- Funding for research into Fast Field-Cycling Imaging
- Funding for research into Staff Development
- Rehabilitation kitchen for Corgarff Ward at Royal Cornhill Hospital
- Approval to run a Grants Programme before the end of the year, similar to the 202 Grants Programme from which 47 community groups received awards.

It was noted that an Advisory Panel would be recruited and be available to review applications over £50,000 by 31 March 2022.

4. Staff Social £20

It was agreed to open the scheme for claims and to seek further legal advice about how Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) staff can be included.

Luan Grugeon
Chair of Trustees
Endowment Committee
28 September 2021

Attachments: Agenda of meeting of AGM of Trustees held on 23 July 2021
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