

Report from Chair of Charitable Funds Committee

Date of Committee 05 September 2025

Item	Summary of Item	Committee Assured	Further Work Required	Referral Elsewhere for Further Work	Recommendation to Board
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes from the meeting on 13 June 2025	Approved	None	n/a	n/a
Bids for Approval Wayfinding	Request for funding to support the development of a wayfinding strategy to improve wayfinding at the three main hospital sites	<p>Funding for initial research approved, after discussion on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of incorporating feedback from PLACE audits and including service users, particularly those with disabilities to ensure optimum accessibility - The need to align internal and external signage and terminology to reduce confusion for service users - Recognising of the need for robust preparatory work ahead of final plan - The need for a future-proofed and sustainable system that could adapt to short-notice changes - Measurement of improvements over time using clear performance metrics including numbers of complaints and impact on cost and time 	Once research completed, future requests for funding for the implementation of wayfinding should be aligned with Trust priorities	n/a	n/a
Bids for Approval Pharmacy Training	Update on previous paper requesting funds related to the Commonwealth Partnership for Antimicrobial Stewardship	Noted , recognising this provided further detail on a previous paper only	None	n/a	n/a

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Bids for Approval ED CT Scanner	Request for funds to support the cost of a new CT Scanner for the Emergency Department and 50% of installation costs	Approved , after discussion on the following: - Use of restructured v general funds - The importance of the Charity receiving recognition for the contribution to this project - Clear benefits including earlier acquisition of a higher specification scanner - Maintenance costs to be covered by the Trust (rather than the Charity)	Consider us of one-page concept statement for the Charity ahead of discussions through Trust governance structure	n/a	n/a
Bids for Approval Breastfeeding Pods	Request for funding to support a pilot of breast feeding pods at Stoke Mandeville and Wycombe Hospital	Approved , noting the benefits for colleagues and plans to ensure pods were fully accessible	None	n/a	n/a
Charitable Funds Activities & Financial Statements	Overview report highlighting the financial, operational and governance information related to Charity activities, including financial statements as at 30 June 2025, and a summary of open bids and legacies	Assured , noting the following: - Positive fundraising trends, effective management of legacies and improved reporting overall - Efforts to maximise Gift Aid recovery - Alternative donation opportunities available through analysis of available information	Further information on one-off v repeat donations Consider how best to spend charitable funds in line with Trust priorities Work underway to support additional resource for project work (recognising current underspend on staffing)	n/a	n/a
Portfolio Investment Report	Portfolio Investment Report from Cazenove detailing a summary of investments up to 30 June 2024	Assured , noting the performance and risk profile of the portfolio were within expectations with confidence in the long term and no reason to change the current approach	None	n/a	n/a

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Independent Charity Update	Update on the independent charity project including progress to date and next steps	Assured , noting the following: - The need for approval by the Charities Commission to proceed further, potential delays in this area but sufficient flexibility in the current programme plan - The need for effective management of TUPE processes with confirmation there was appropriate expertise within the organisation	None	n/a	To note progress
Any Other Business Evening with RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Winners	Event on 18 September with award winning local garden designers Catherine Gibbon and Jenny Donnelly Information provided re: availability of tickets	Noted , with all proceeds from the event going towards the Amersham Hospital gardens project	None	n/a	n/a
Any Other Business Funding of Festive & Colleague Appreciation Events	Discussion related to the potential to provide charitable funds for Christmas celebrations for colleagues	Discussed , with a focus on: - The Charity's overall commitment to support wellbeing events - The need to ensure equity across all colleagues, celebrations across the year and charitable funds The Committee did not approve the blanket funding of staff Christmas events	Communication to teams on the decision, rationale and aims of the Charity	n/a	n/a

Emerging Risks:

- None identified.