

## **Charitable Trust Funds Committee**

### **Committee Chair Report for Board Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The CTF Committee met on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The following is a summary of the areas considered at the meeting to update the Board. The formal record of the meeting remains the approved minutes.

#### **1. Summary of areas considered**

##### **CTF Funds**

Actual against planned expenditure shows that launch of encompass meant a slow start to spend this year but activity has since increased

Examples of expected spend:

- Installation of en-suite facilities in statutory care homes and equipment for the Acute Care at Home Team
- Extension of the special care baby unit at Daisy Hill
- Completion of a Dementia Garden and Bereavement Room in CAH

**Note:** The latter will bring the Trust into line with regional strategy – we are currently behind other Trusts in this area. A bid has been received by CTF and is being considered at the time of writing. Important to expedite this.

##### **Staff Support Fund**

- The planned modular extension of the Health Hub at Bannville House has stalled due to objection by Historic Buildings NI; it would have involved an on-site listed building
- A revised tender is due to be posted at the end of October
- The £5m allocated to the project has been ring fenced and invested meantime

## **Raising the profile of CTF benefits**

The added value of communications expertise on CTF is already evident. One example is the recent video (plus social media articles) shown in the Sunflower Lounge at STH to promote cancer therapy:

- Planned work will improve branding and general knowledge of CTF with better linkage to funded projects
- There will also be a 12 month multi-media campaign featuring in depth stories about 6 significant projects

## **Registration as Charity**

- Progress is being made and the detail including lines of responsibility will be brought forward for consideration by the Committee and Board in due course
- The recent training for Trustees has increased awareness about the implications of registration

## **Workplan**

Approved

### **2. Issues for escalation to Trust Board**

None

### **3. Action(s) requested/required of Trust Board**

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(Acting ) Chair CTF Committee. Date: 13 November 2025