Southern Health and Social Care Trust

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**Charitable Trust Funds Committee**

**Committee Chair Report for Board Meeting on 25 June 2026**

The CTF Committee met on 22 June 2026. 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

a) Mrs C Marks presented the draft Annual Report and Accounts, outlining the key financial including income of £563k, reflecting an increase from the previous year, with continued growth in donations and legacy income. Investment performance remained strong, with market value now significantly exceeding historical cost of investments.

b) Mrs A Rutherford presented the audit findings, confirming that an unqualified audit opinion had been recommended for the Charitable Trust Funds. She advised that no issues had been identified in relation to internal controls.

c) Directors presented the committee with proposals for spend for the incoming financial year 2026/207. The Committee welcomed the range of proposals and was encouraged by the increasing emphasis on direct patient benefit.

d) Mrs C Marks provided an update on the Staff Support Fund on behalf of colleagues. Members were advised that works are expected to commence following the summer period, with completion anticipated within the current financial year. The Committee welcomed the progress made and noted the importance of maintaining momentum to ensure delivery.

***e)*** The Chair presented the draft Annual Report of the Committee and noted that it reflected a positive year of activity, with continued progress in governance, financial stewardship, and utilisation of funds. Members expressed their satisfaction with the report and welcomed the clear direction for future development.

f) Ms L Esler presented the workplan for the year ahead, outlining a number of key priorities, including development of a SharePoint portal to support the application process, increased focus on communications and awareness, preparation for Charity Commission registration, and ongoing work to maximise utilisation of available funds.

## 2. Issues for escalation to Trust Board

The Committee considered whether any matters arising from the meeting required escalation to the Trust Board. While recognising the positive developments and strategic discussions, members agreed that there were no issues requiring formal escalation

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

The Board is asked to:

a) Note previous minutes of meeting held on 22 June 2026

Michele Corkey

Chair CTF Committee. Date: 25 June 2026