

## TRUST BOARD

<b>Title:</b>	<b>KEY MATTERS AND ESCALATIONS REPORT</b>
<b>Name of Committee:</b>	<b>Charitable Funds Committee</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Gary Tubb</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>

### Summary of key messages:

The following key reports were covered, providing a 'reasonable' level of assurance:

- Summary of Charitable Activities
- Fund Balances 2023-24

Key points to note include:

- The Trust was supporting all of its Staff Networks with each having a Grant of £5k to support their running costs, events and expenses for volunteer support.
- Recent Dreamdrops activity had been well supported and positively received.
- The 'Chair's Innovation Fund' would be reinstated.
- A consolidation of existing charitable funds provided a clearer oversight of where future projects could be targeted. Next steps would be to ensure that these funds were included within service plans to demonstrate how they were being used to support services.

### NHS Charities Together

- The latest guidance for grant applications was shared and discussed by the committee.  
Key points to note:
  - The new scheme provided an opportunity for the Trust to replenish or support service-based project proposals, with CCS Funds focussing on supporting those projects which didn't qualify for this scheme.
  - The structure of the guidance would be a useful tool in reviewing how best to utilise the Trust's charitable funds to stimulate applications for support going forward

### Escalation Points:

There were no points for escalation to the Board.

### Emerging Risks/Issues:

None

### Examples of Outstanding Practice or Innovation:

- Two apprentices had joined the Bedfordshire Children's Community service which was funded by Charitable Funds. They were already having a positive impact by supporting clinic receptions and service users. If successful, there was potential to provide similar support across other services

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