

Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity
Trustee's Annual Report 2007/08

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Pictured: Patient, Gwendoline Thomas, tries out one of the new air mattresses watched by Matron Rachel Rutter (far right) and members of the hip fracture team



£126,000 donation from Salem Chapel, Lye

Trustees of the Salem Chapel in Lye honoured a 120-year-old deed when they donated the £126,361 proceeds of the sale of the historic chapel to the Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity.

A large part of the donation has been used to fund specialist air mattresses for the hip fracture suite which gently manipulate a patient's position to prevent skin damage. Other purchases included medical equipment for many wards and departments to ensure quicker diagnosis, as well as the purchase of items such as chairs and TVs to provide a more pleasant stay for patients in hospital.

Foreword

The Corporate Trustee presents the Charitable Funds Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 have been prepared by

the Corporate Trustee in accordance with Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2005. The Charity's Report and Accounts include all the separately established funds for which The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust is the sole beneficiary.

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
The members of the NHS Trust Board who served during the financial year were as follows:



Alfred Edwards
Chairman
(Non-Executive Director)



Paul Farenden
Chief Executive
(Executive Director)



Ann Close
Nursing Director
(Executive Director)



Paul Assinder
Director of Finance & Information
(Executive Director)



Paul Harrison
Medical Director
(Executive Director)



Kathryn Williets
Non-Executive Director



David Badger
Non-Executive Director



Ann Becke
Non-Executive Director



David Wilton
Associate Non-Executive Director



Jonathon Fellows
Associate Non-Executive Director

Paul Brennan, Janine Clarke, Roger Callender – Non-Voting Trustees

Les Williams – Director of Corporate Development (Non-Voting Director) – left 25.01.08

The Charitable Funds are registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1056979) in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

(Back L to R) Liz Carver, Annette Willetts, Wendy Walford, Karen Edwards, Helen Hollis and (front) Karen Matthews are pictured with the Viking Aluminium Hoist bought with money raised by the Pain Relief Support Group.



Rheumatology department receives £4,000 donation

Staff in the A1 Rheumatology department are benefiting from using a Viking Aluminium Hoist worth nearly £4,000 thanks to a donation from the Pain Relief Support Group.

The sturdy hoist is used to lift people out of their beds and chairs which means it is safer for patients and the nurses.

Charity Trustees and Advisers

Reference and Administrative details

The Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity, registered Charity Number 1056979, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on the 22 July 1996. The charity is constituted of 101 individual funds (2007: 101) as at the 31 March 2008 and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of fund held and disclose separately all material funds.

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted and held and administered as funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and these funds are held on trust by the corporate body.

Trustee

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 1993.

The NHS Trust Board devolved responsibility for the on-going management of funds to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the funds on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. Prior to 2005/2006 this committee was previously known as the Investment Panel but was re formed in November 2005.

Principal Charitable Fund Advisers:

The following officers of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust are the principle charitable fund advisers:

Paul Farenden, Chief Executive and Paul Assinder, Director of Finance and Information under a scheme of delegated authority as approved by the Corporate Trustee, have day to day responsibility for the management of the Charitable Fund and must personally approve, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, all expenditure over £5,000 with an upper limit of £25,000 using their delegated authority. Paul Brennan, Operations Director under a scheme of delegated authority as approved by the Corporate Trustee, approves all expenditure up to £5,000.

Heather Taylor, Financial Services Manager, advised and reported on Charitable Funds including strategy, in this financial year.

Lynn Hinton, Treasury Manager, acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the charitable funds during the year.

Principal Officer for the Charity

Finance Department,
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*Matron Lesley Leddington and
Charge Nurse Hugh Davies
with the portable monitor*



Paycare charity donates £1595 for bedside monitor

The Ear Nose and Throat ward at Russells Hall Hospital were pleased to receive a portable bedside monitor thanks to a kind donation from the Paycare Charity Trust.

The state-of-the-art equipment provides comprehensive monitoring of vital signs in an easily transportable design.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's unrestricted fund was established using the model declaration of trust and all funds held on trust as at the date of registration were either part of the general (unrestricted) fund or registered as separate funds (restricted) under the main Charity. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original funds are added to those fund balances within the existing Charity.

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund. By designating funds the Trustee respects the wishes of our generous donors to benefit patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients and staff.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust consists of Russells Hall Hospital (Acute Hospital), Corbett Hospital and Guest Hospital (Outpatient centres). The charitable funds are attributed in line with the Trust's Directorate structure. For example charitable funds for medicine include medical wards, Leukaemia, Chest clinic, Diabetes and Rheumatology. The funds within surgery include Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Ophthalmology, surgical wards, Breast Cancer services, Surgery and Theatres. Other funds are within Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Pathology, Critical Care, Neonatal services, Cardiology, Gastro Intestinal services, Renal Unit and Coronary Care.

Non-Executive Members' of the Trust Board are appointed by the NHS Appointments Commission and Executive members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the NHS Trust Board. Associate Non Executives have been appointed by the Trust and will be confirmed by the Trust Governors on success of the Trusts Foundation Trust application. Members of the Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee are not individual trustees under Charity Law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

The newly appointed Trustees of the Charity are provided with an induction pack which provides information about the Charity, including the Charitable Funds Committee terms of reference, Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts,

policies and minutes, and information about trusteeship, including Charity Commission booklet CC3, The Essential Trustee. The Chair gives new members of both the NHS Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee a briefing on the current policies and priorities for the charitable funds.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Fund. The Committee is required to:

- **Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources.**
- **Provide support and guidance for usage of funds, whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income.**
- **Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities.**
- **Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the NHS Trust Board as Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations.**
- **Keep the Trust Board fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the charity.**

The Charitable Funds Working Group was established in 2006/07 and reports to the Charitable Funds Committee. The objectives of the working group are to control the management and administration of the charity in accordance with the Charity's purposes and in line with the Charitable Funds Investment Policy. The working group will assist in the determination of the Charitable Funds Strategy ensuring that the Charity has all the hallmarks of an effective charity, as set out in the standards issued by the Charity Commission.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department, Trust Headquarters, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2HQ.

*Staff from the Neonatal unit
receiving the donation*



Walkers raise money for the Neonatal unit

A 12-mile walk around Cannock Chase saw a group of friends raise £300 for the Neonatal unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

Joanne Robb, Kate Gough, Mal Walker, Paul Haines and Sue and Laura Baker decided to raise money for the unit after one of their colleagues had her baby at the Hospital.

“Thankfully mum and baby were fine, but so many are not and need the valuable support of the neonatal unit” said Joanne.

The donation was used towards the purchase of two resuscitation dolls to enable parents to practice resuscitation skills in case of complications once they are back home.

Risk Management

Risk Management

The risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and considered. The most significant risk identified was a possible loss from a fall in the value of the investments and the level of reserves available to mitigate the impact of such losses. These have been carefully considered and there are procedures in place to review the investment policy, investment returns and to ensure that both spending and firm financial commitments remain in line with income. An effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated in connection with the charitable funds, as the Charity is managed under the Governance and internal controls that are in place for The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust. The current system of internal financial control provides reasonable assurance of the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records and the reliability of financial information.

Partnership Working and Networks on behalf of Patients and Staff

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being Corporate Trustee of the Charity. By working in partnership with the Trust, the charitable funds are used to best effect. When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use charitable funds, the Corporate Trustee has regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies and plans of the Trust.

The Trust remains indebted to the work of the League of Friends who support Corbett Hospital Outpatient Centre, with the purchase of medical equipment.

The Arts Council has provided grants enabling the Trust to commission art work throughout the Hospitals for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff.

The Leukaemia Appeal Fund, a separately registered charity raises money specifically for the Georgina Unit, Russells Hall Hospital.

The Trust's Volunteer Service, managed by the Volunteer Coordinator provides a valuable service to patients, visitors and staff.

Objectives and Strategy

The Charity's objectives are as follows:

“For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service, wholly or mainly for the service provided by The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust”

A 'Mission Statement' has been approved by the Trustee in order to focus on our objectives:

“To enhance and further improve the high quality services provided by the Trust, providing additional comfort and benefit to its patients and staff, by focusing fund expenditure on areas not covered or fully supported by NHS funds”

Making our vision happen involves all our partners, the League of Friends, staff, patients, and the community. If you want to know more about how to become involved by becoming a volunteer please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 01384 456111 ext 3420 or via email to jane.fleetwood@dgoh.nhs.uk

To make a donation please contact the Finance Department on 01384 456111 ext 1215 or via email to lynn.hinton@dgoh.nhs.uk

*Margaret Jackson with the
Karimah belly dancers*



Middle East comes to Dudley

The Diabetes Resource Centre were treated to a belly dancing demonstration when a local troupe 'The Karimah Belly Dancers' visited the centre to present staff with a donation of over £320.

The money was raised through a variety concert held in memory of a friend who had suffered from diabetes.

Annual Review: Our Activities

The management structure of the Charitable Funds reflects the management structure of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust. Medical Service Heads and Matrons have day to day budget management for the funds within their specialty, to enable their funds to be utilised more effectively, in line with the Charity Commissions requirements.

During the year, the funds continued to support a wide range of charitable and health related activities benefiting both patients and staff. For example charitable funds were used to purchase much needed medical equipment, such as:

- **Intellivue MP30 Monitors – Georgina Unit**
- **Dialysis Chair – Renal Unit**
- **Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Monitoring System – Lung Function Unit**
- **Accutor Plus Monitors – various wards**
- **Symphony Breastpump – Neonatal Unit**
- **Various surgical and dressing trolleys – various wards**

The wards receive many charitable fund donations, these are often used to benefit the staff and the patients, for example:

Patient weighing scales
Patient bedside fans
Televisions for various wards
Hospital radio stereo headphones
Children's Ward artwork

The charitable funds also enable consultants, medical staff, nurses and allied professionals to attend additional courses, which will update them on the new ideas and modern techniques in their specialities.

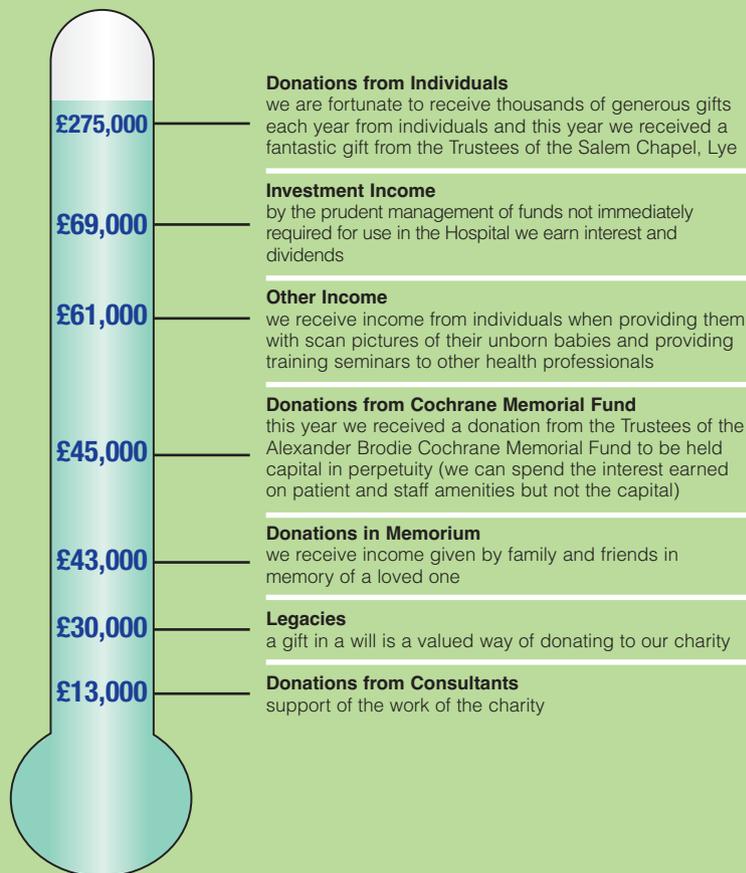
The Trust Volunteer Service continues to provide support to patients, visitors and staff, with duties such as ward/clinic hostess services, way finding, helpdesk assistance, hospital radio and chaplaincy.

The Trustees of The Alexander Brodie Cochrane Memorial Fund Charity number 211224 which was originally established for patients and staff at the Dudley Guest Hospital decided to transfer their funds to the Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity, with a proviso that £45,021.05 of the

funds transferred be held as capital in perpetuity. The capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes (patient and staff amenities) and cannot itself be spent. The total sum of £47,558.84 was received in July 2007.

A very generous donation of £126,361.52 was received from the Trustees of the Salem Chapel, Lye in October 2007. The church was dissolved and the proceeds from the sale of the church in 2003, was donated for the purchase of medical and surgical equipment.

Where our Money comes from



Donations from Individuals

we are fortunate to receive thousands of generous gifts each year from individuals and this year we received a fantastic gift from the Trustees of the Salem Chapel, Lye

Investment Income

by the prudent management of funds not immediately required for use in the Hospital we earn interest and dividends

Other Income

we receive income from individuals when providing them with scan pictures of their unborn babies and providing training seminars to other health professionals

Donations from Cochrane Memorial Fund

this year we received a donation from the Trustees of the Alexander Brodie Cochrane Memorial Fund to be held capital in perpetuity (we can spend the interest earned on patient and staff amenities but not the capital)

Donations in Memorium

we receive income given by family and friends in memory of a loved one

Legacies

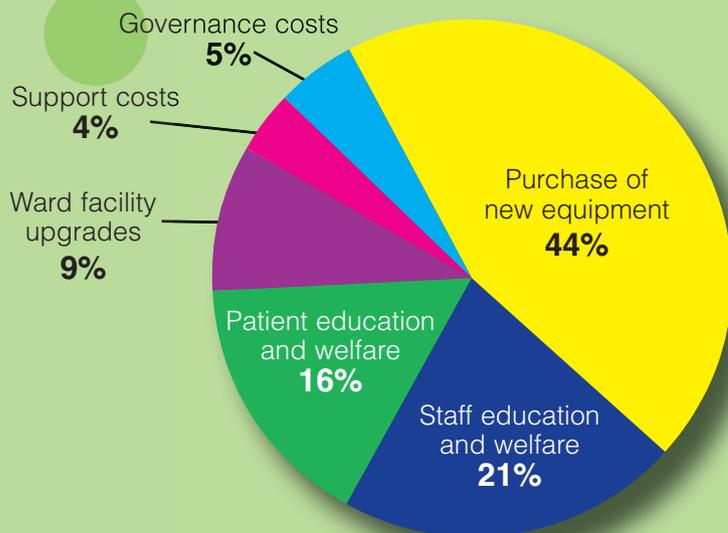
a gift in a will is a valued way of donating to our charity

Donations from Consultants

support of the work of the charity

Annual Review: Our Activities

Where the money went



Support costs.....	£17,000
Governance costs.....	£21,000

Charitable activities

Purchase of new equipment.....	£169,000
Staff education and welfare	£80,000
Patient education and welfare	£61,000
Contribution to NHS	£35,000
Research.....	£3,000

Total = £386,000

Expenditure Policy

The Dudley Group of Hospitals General Fund receives donations and legacies where no particular preference as to its expenditure has been expressed by donors. Applications are received from various departments within the Hospital to purchase medical equipment or items which will improve and benefit the patients and staff at the hospitals. Based on their knowledge of the Hospital and their contacts with The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, the Charitable Funds Committee agrees funding and encourages spending of the Charity funds. This is provided to areas of the Hospital that do not have available Designated Funds.

The restricted funds usually contain donations where a particular part of the Hospital or activity was nominated by the donor at the time their donation was made. The restricted funds are overseen by Medical Service Heads and Matrons who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area. The recommendations are generally accepted and these funds can be spent at any time.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is incorporated within the Charity Investment policy. This policy ensures that income not required for immediate use is invested to earn interest, whilst ensuring that money identified to meet expenditure plans is available as required.

The ratio of reserves held in the short term investment deposit fund is appropriate to the advice received by the external investment managers, based upon current commitment levels of known planned expenditure in the next financial year.

A review of the investment portfolio is undertaken by the Charity Funds Committee which includes the level of reserves held, on a quarterly basis.

The value of the deposit fund at 31 March 2008 is £497,453 and it is appropriate that the reserves remain at a level which will permit the timely realisation of long term investments, if required. Therefore the reserve level is being maintained between £350,000 and £400,000. This will be achieved by reinvesting income received from the investment portfolio which is forecast to be £37,561 in 2008/09 and the excess of funds held in the Charitable Funds Paymaster General Account.

Our Future Plans

Our Future Plans

The NHS constantly faces new challenges, and locally the Trust continues its development journey with its application to become an NHS Foundation Trust. With the continued introduction of new targets to improve standards and performance, the future direction of the Charity will be shaped by changes in the NHS. The reconfiguration of services and the plans for redesigning patient care to meet the needs of the future will influence the priorities for spending charitable funds.

The Trustee reviewed bids submitted by various wards and departments for the purchase of medical and surgical equipment from the Salem Chapel donation and for the purchase of items for patient and staff amenities from the excess of funds available from the Alexander Brodie Cochrane Memorial Fund. The bids are fully assessed in line with the strategic plans for The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust and in relation to the benefits to be gained by the patients and staff. The bid process has concluded and the authorised items are now being purchased.

The Trustee also reviews the spending priorities for each fund annually. With the role of the Medical Service Heads and Matrons as charity fund budget managers, it is expected that this will impact on the future spend plans of the Charity. This will be in support of the services they offer to their patients.

A Review of our Finances, Achievements and Performance

The total value of the Charitable Funds as at 31 March 2008 was £1.715 million (2007: £1.613 million). This was due to an excess of income over expenditure of £102,000.

The Charity continues to rely on donations, legacies and investment income as the main sources of income. Total incoming resources were up by an overall £17,000 of which £30,000 was due to an increase in Voluntary Income, £3,000 was an increase in Investment Income and £2,000 an increase in Activities Generating Income. Within the Voluntary Income, there are two significant donations from

the Salem Chapel, Lye and the Alexander Brodie Cochrane Memorial Fund, totalling £174,000 which if excluded shows an overall decrease of £69,000 in Voluntary Income (2007 £73,000 decrease).

The continuing decrease in individual donations is a concern to the Charity and the Marketing Group will identify methods in which to promote the Charity to the local community and general public, by attending Marketing seminars and networking with other Charities.

Of the total expenditure of £386,000 (2007: £406,000), expenditure on direct charitable activity was £365,000 across a range of funds.

Purchase of New Equipment and Building Refurbishment

The total amount spent on new equipment of £169,000 represents a vital and valuable contribution to enhancing the provision of clinical care. Purchases range from small items of equipment costing a hundred pounds, to larger items such as Intellivue MP30 Monitors for the Georgina Unit or an Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Monitoring System for the Lung Function Unit.

The sum of £9,000 was spent in respect of powered wheelchairs for patients that require assistance to integrate back into the community.

Staff Education and Welfare

Annual expenditure on Staff education and welfare was £80,000, of which £34,000 was spent on external educational courses. There was a total of £46,000 spent on staff welfare, for example educational material such as medical books and journals, educational prizes and awards, non medical equipment for the wards and salary payments in respect of the arts project co-ordinator.

Patient Education and Welfare

The Patient Welfare spend of £61,000 included the purchase of furniture of £12,000. This was a decrease on the previous years spend of £21,000.

Our Future Plans

The sum of £12,000 (2007: £23,000) was spent in respect of patients that require assistance to integrate back into the community.

Other patient expenditure of £37,000 includes items which help the patients stay in hospital feel more comfortable, such as Christmas, audio and TV equipment, art work in the children's ward area and the prayer tree situated by the prayer centre.

Performance Management

The Charity requires the Medical Service Heads and Matrons for each fund to provide expenditure plans for a one to three year programme. This is requested annually and plans are regularly reviewed and reported to the Charitable Funds Working Group.

Investments

At the year-end £1,041,961 was held with BlackRock Investment Management Ltd in Charishare Ex Tobacco and Charinco, with £497,453 held in the deposit fund. An additional investment of £45,021 was made to BlackRock in February 2008 in respect of the Cochrane Memorial Fund capital in perpetuity.

The ICI share holding of 1,088 shares was repaid to the Charity in January 2008 by Akzo Nobel N.V. by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985(as amended). The realised gain was £1,849.60.

The financial markets have been quite volatile during the second half of 2007/2008, the value of the holdings with BlackRock decreasing in value in year by £49,305, but it is anticipated that the long term investments which mainly consist of UK equities, will remain at the current level of £1,042,000 and the Capital in perpetuity at £45,000.

The Trustee seek to balance 'Ethical and socially responsible investment' and risk. Investment in the processing and/or manufacture of tobacco products is not permitted. Therefore, the aims of the funds held with BlackRock are:-

- Charishare Ex Tobacco (75% of holding) – The objective of Charishare Tobacco Restricted is primarily to achieve long-term capital growth. The fund invests predominantly in leading UK equities, with the exclusion of any investment in companies which have any turnover from the production of tobacco or tobacco products. The restriction also extends to companies which have more than 10 percent of their turnover from the sale or distribution of tobacco products.
- Charinco (25% of holding) – This fund aims to provide a high level of income from a professionally managed portfolio of fixed interest securities. It invests predominantly in UK Government (gilt edged) and corporate fixed interest securities.

The main charity investment fund percentage split offers a total projected income of £37,561. Charishare Tobacco Restricted Common Investment Fund Income of £23,672 and Charinco Common Investment Fund Income valued at £13,889. The Capital in perpetuity fund percentage split offers a total projected income of £1,639. Charishare Tobacco Restricted Common Investment Fund Income of £1,005 and Charinco Common Investment Fund Income valued at £634.

The investment policy requires that all monies, apart from working capital, be invested in securities to maximise the overall return consistent with an acceptable level of risk. Fund Managers are appointed for an initial three year period and the tendering process follows the NHS Trust's regulations and ensures that the requirements of the Trustee Act 2000 are met.

The performance of the investments is continuously monitored and reported on a quarterly basis by BlackRock Investment Management Limited. The reports are disseminated to the Charitable Funds Working Group at the scheduled quarterly meetings.

Funds Held on Trust Annual Accounts 2007/08

The accounts of the Funds Held on Trust by the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust

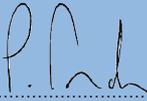
Foreword

These accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements in the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust charitable funds held on trust are registered with the Charity Commission and include funds in respect of The Dudley Group of Hospitals.

Main purpose of the Funds Held on Trust

The main purpose of charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust.

Signed: 

Date: 30th October 2008

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the funds held on trust and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements in the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005.
- establishing and monitoring a system of internal control.
- establishing arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 1993 to prepare accounts for each financial year and that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the funds held on trust, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

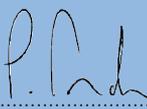
- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the Charities Act 1993.
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent.

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The trustees confirm that they have met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirements for preparing the accounts. The financial statements on pages 17 & 18 have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the trustees.

By Order of the Trustees

Chairman:  Date: 30th October 2008

Trustee:  Date: 30th October 2008

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustee of Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Funds

We have audited the financial statements ("the financial statements") of Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Funds for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Auditors

The responsibilities of the trustee for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Charity's Trustee as a body in accordance with Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made under section 44 of that Act and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustee's Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Trustee's Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Trustee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure and cash flows, for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Cornwall Court
19 Cornwall Street
Birmingham
B3 2DT

Signed: 
Date: 19th December 2008

- (a) The maintenance and integrity of the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Funds website is the responsibility of the Trustee; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- (b) Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	2007-08 Total Funds £000	2006-07 Total Funds £000
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary Income	3	358	45	406	376
Investment income	4	65	0	69	66
Activities generating income	7	4	0	11	9
Other Incoming resources	0	50	0	50	68
Total incoming resources	14	477	45	536	519
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Purchase of new equipment	4	165	0	169	185
Staff education and welfare	4	76	0	80	102
Patient education and welfare	2	59	0	61	55
Research	0	3	0	3	1
Contribution to NHS	26	9	0	35	27
Support costs	1	16	0	17	19
Sub total direct charitable expenditure	37	328	0	365	389
Governance costs	1	20	0	21	17
Total resources expended	38	348	0	386	406
Sub total: Net incoming resources before transfers and other recognised gains and losses	(24)	129	45	150	113
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses	(24)	129	45	150	113
<i>Other recognised gains and losses:</i>					
Realised and unrealised gains(losses) on investment assets	(4)	(44)	0	(48)	23
Net Movement in funds	(28)	85	45	102	136
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2007	146	1,467	0	1,613	1,477
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2008	118	1,552	45	1,715	1,613

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2008

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2008 £000	Total at 31 March 2007 £000
Fixed Assets					
Investments	73	969	45	1,087	1,097
Total Fixed Assets	<u>73</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>1,097</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	17	6	0	23	15
Short term investments and deposits	0	497	0	497	321
Cash at bank and in hand	29	111	0	140	199
Total Current Assets	<u>46</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>535</u>
Creditors falling due within one year	1	31	0	32	19
Net Current Assets	<u>45</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>516</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>118</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,613</u>
Creditors falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0
Total Net Assets	<u>118</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,613</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment Funds	0	0	45	45	0
Restricted income funds	0	1,552	0	1,552	1,467
Unrestricted income funds	118	0	0	118	146
Total Funds	<u>118</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,613</u>



Signed:

Date: 30th October 2008

Post Balance Sheet Event

The Charity's Fixed Asset investment value has decreased by £274,447 since the year end due to recent market volatility, but this will not have any impact on the spending plans of the Charity. The value of the investment at 31st October 2008 is £812,535.

What could my gift buy?

£1 could buy a set of colouring pens for the Children's areas.

£5 could buy hi fi headphones for patients restricted to bed.

£10 could buy a visitors chair.

£100 could send a nurse or therapist on a training course.

£500 could provide a set of patient information leaflets.

£1000 could provide a pulse Oximeter with probes.

£5000 could buy a patient hoist with scales attached.

£10,000 could buy a renal dialysis machine.

If you have a larger gift in mind, please contact us to discuss the major projects which are awaiting available funding.



If you would like to support us in our work please complete and return this form

I would like details of how to:

Support an existing fund

Organise my own fundraising event

Include Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity in my will

I would like to have a copy of the full set of accounts

Name:

Company:

Address:

Post Code:

Email Address:

I would like to make the following donation to Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity:

Please make cheques payable to Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity.

£

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more. For every pound you give to us, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue.

So just tick here. It's that simple.

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I know that I must pay an amount of income/capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the Charity reclaims on my donations in the tax year.

I would like the charity to treat all donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and all donations hereafter, as **GIFT AID DONATIONS**.

Signed:

Date:

Please return form to: Finance Department, The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, Trust Headquarters, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2HQ.

Thank You!

The Corporate Trustee would like to express its appreciation of the support received from so many groups and individuals whose generous contributions are of enormous benefit to both patients and staff throughout our hospitals.



Paul Farenden, Chief Executive,
The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust