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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	Sept	2020		31	August	2021

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Friends of Inch Hospital and Community SCIO
Other names charity is known by	The Friends
Registered charity number	SC009720
Charity's principal address	The Steading Knockenbaird Insch, Aberdeenshire Postcode AB52 6TN

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sheena Lonchay	Chairman	Resigned 17 May 2021	Members
2	Graham Matthews	Interim Chairman	Appointed 30 Nov 2020 – Became Interim Chairman following SL's resignation.	Members
3	Allison Grant	Vice Chairman		Members
4	Jane Reid	Membership Secy.		Members
5	Morris Tait		Appointed 30 Nov 2020	Members
6	Kerry Smith	Fundraiser		Members
7	Jenny Robertson	Fundraiser		Members
8	Alasdair McCallum			Members
9	Bryan Stuart			Members
10	Iain Fraser	Treasurer		Members
11	Rita Knight			Members
12	Alison McPherson			Members
13	Isobel Moir		Appointed 30 Nov 2020	Members
14	Julie McWilliam		Appointed 3 June 2021	Members
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

By election at AGM or co-option by Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Promoting, providing or assisting anything which will improve the general wellbeing, quality of care or environment of patients of Insch Hospital, Medical Practice and the local community, adding value to the health and social care services provided by the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Encouraging and maintaining the interest and involvement of the public in the wellbeing of the community by linking health and social care services with the local population.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Maintaining and developing the hospital and its grounds and related facilities.

Supporting social care services in cooperation with the statutory health and social care partnership and other voluntary organisations, and promotion of the public's involvement in the wellbeing of the community.

Due to the pandemic the Friends activities to organise fundraising events which entertain, educate and inform the community, raising funds to spend on the patients and facilities and community services have had to be curtailed.

Meetings with patients, staff, NHS officials, local politicians and media representatives to inform and promote our purposes have been much less frequent, again, due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Our financial year, from September 2020 for all of the year has seen the hospital remain closed to inpatients with staff relocated to other areas of the health service. The Friends have been highly active and vocal in dealing with AHSCP and NHSG in trying to get the hospital open. A campaign of banners at lots of locations has been highly supported plus there was an unexpected appearance on Remembrance Day of numerous silhouettes of WW1 soldiers. They were then relocated to the front garden at the hospital as a poignant reminder of how the hospital was funded and came into existence.

An IJB meeting approved the continued closure of the hospital as it was deemed to be unsafe but commissioned AHSCP to carry out a needs assessment of the health and social care needs of the Inch Practice area. The Friends had less than 24 hrs to comment on the initial survey questions and have had to meet frequently either on zoom or outside during the year to examine and comment on various matters relating to the Needs Assessment. The Friends provided several drop-in clinics to assist patients of the Practice understand the questions on the survey. We have engaged with local and national politicians over the continued closure of the hospital and have retained a consultant ex NHS and a Community Hospital background) to guide us through the procedure following on the Needs Assessment survey and to express our case for the reopening of the hospital or indeed whatever the future is to be for that building

The Friends' board individually all took part in focus sessions and as a group in the 1hr session set up for the Friends as a group response to the survey.

Away from the major activity of promoting the opening of the hospital we have welcomed the British Legion to commemorate 100 yrs of existence at a service and wreath laying at the hospital. We have improved and tidied the garden with the assistance of the Garioch Young Farmers (who have adopted Inch hospital as their project resulting in many fields displays of big bales loving Inch Hospital.) A base for a storage container has been built and a container ordered and we have held a variety of outdoor events for children during the school holidays

We look forward in 2022 to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the hospital.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

While income during the year has been less expenditure, the shortfall has been more than offset by appreciation in value of its investments. The savings have been accumulated to help fund a possible future replacement for the hospital which does not meet new building standards.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Other optional information

None

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Graeme Mathews	Iain Fraser
Full name(s)	Graham Matthews	Iain Fraser
Position (e.g. Chair)	Interim Chairman	Trustee
Date	1 December 2021	1 December 2021