

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	Sept	2021	To	31	August	2022

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

The Friends of Insch Hospital and Community SCIO
The Friends
SC009720
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	Graham Matthews	Interim Chairman		Members
2	Allison Grant	Vice Chairman		Members
3	Jane Reid	Membership Secy.		Members
4	Morris Tait			Members
5	Kerry Smith	Fundraiser		Members
6	Jenny Robertson	Fundraiser		Members
7	Alasdair McCallum			Members
8	Bryan Stuart			Members
9	Iain Fraser	Treasurer		Members
10	Rita Knight			Members
11	Alison McPherson			Members
12	Isobel Moir			Members
13	Julie McWilliam			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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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.

"2022 "has been a year of highs and lows , the highs of the Queens jubilee celebrations and the centenary of the Hospital contrasted with the lows of the Hospital remaining closed (and still is at the time of writing this in January 2023)The highs of a promise by the first minister to open the hospital and the lows of reality with that promise being ignored and indeed deprecated by those with it appears the final decision. The highs of designing a new 12 bed modular unit to be funded by the Friends and potentially in place by mid-2023 with the lows of financial obstacles in terms of the staffing and heating costs.

During the year to Sept the committee of the friends have met regularly in person when possible and I have to thank every member of the committee for their loyal attendance and contribution s both to the meetings and indeed to the tasks flowing from those meetings.

Achievements and performance

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

Following a comment by an ijb member about the representation of the community we encouraged members (its free) to join and were delighted to welcome a great increase in members. Surely there can be no doubting now of the Friends right to comment on the future of the hospital and health care in Insch. Whilst we've welcomed and accepted donations during the year, we have not actively fund raised awaiting the outcome of the proposed hospital opening / building rather than be a cash rich but asset poor organization. The function of the Friends is to assist the provision of Health care in Insch rather than collect funds for some far off and possibly unachievable project. I have no doubt whatsoever that should we prevail with our plans for a replacement hospital that the community will rally round and support funding initiatives.

Despite the hospital being closed the Friends and friends tidied the woodland garden and had it looking in great shape for the jubilee. Our Field became the centre of the attraction for the day with tea stalls, a pimms stall , burgers and of course the famed strawberry tents .Literally thousands of people attended . The event was designed to celebrate the jubilee as against being a major money spinner. It was designed to give something back to the people who have supported the Friends over the last 30 yrs by providing a local jubilee event. We hired in a marquee and made that available to community groups for the week of the jubilee. As will be seen in the accounts we more than broke even.

The centenary of the hospital in September meant another round of garden tidying and grass cutting and we welcomed 100's if not nearly a thousand folk to the centenary celebration. A centenary book was produced. On the day a march to the hospital led by pipers and veterans seemed to gather more and more folk as it rolled along . Following the original opening in 1922 we had speeches, the launch of the proposed modular unit and entertained everyone to tea and cake at the local Russell Institute. A vintage tractor run round Insch had great support.

The cycle Tour of Britain (Aberdeen stage) was seen as a great opportunity for media coverage and banners to open the hospital were erected on the stage which went through the Insch area in the hope of national recognition. However, on the day a howling wind and rain meant that the tv coverage of the stage was restricted so only the few that braced the elements to see the race appreciated the banners on the route.

Looking forward to 2023 it is hard to predict where we'll be by end of year. Will we have a functioning hospital in Insch a Hospital to my mind means inpatient beds. Who can tell? What I can tell though is that the enthusiasm amongst the committee for an open inpatient hospital in Insch to serve the community will not wane. We will meet as often as we need to promote the health care services in Insch. We will innovate. We will be in touch.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Overall, Friends reserves have fallen by £ 75k from £ 444k to £ 369k during the year;

1. Most of the drop has been the in our investments which have dropped, £ 63k from £ 327k to £ 264k, roughly in line with market. The hope is that if we do not need to realise the investments their values will recover.
2. Cash held has also fallen by £ 12k because of limited fund raising and exceptional Hospital Centenary and Queens commemoration costs of £ 9k.

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)		
Full name(s)	Graham Matthews	Iain Fraser
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chairman	Trustee
Date		