

THE CHARITABLE TRUSTS
FOR THE
UNITED BRISTOL HOSPITALS

Registered Charity Number 229945

Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 1999

Legal and Administrative Information

The Charitable Trustees are appointed by the Secretary of State for Health to receive and administer the charitable funds for the institutions, wards and departments of the United Bristol Hospitals and associated bodies.

The Charitable Trustees maintain a policy that any support provided must be capable of being sustained from charitable funds. It is not part of their responsibilities to subsidise the core services that are properly the responsibility of either the Healthcare NHS Trust or the University of Bristol.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Charitable Trustees in fulfilment of their responsibility is to nurture and use their funds to the best possible effect to assist and support the United Bristol Hospitals in improving facilities for patients and the working environment for staff, and to support research for the ultimate benefit of patients.

The Charitable Trustees work in close association with the United Bristol Healthcare Trust and with the medical faculties of the University of Bristol to the extent that their activities occur within the United Bristol Healthcare Trust.

The formal legal position is that the Charitable Trustees for the United Bristol Hospitals hold their funds on the trusts prescribed by S95 of the National Health Service Act 1977.

Mission Statement

The Charitable Trustees will consciously and visibly build and utilise a strong sense of team identity and commitment to their goals.

The aim of the organisation is to provide support to the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, and to the University of Bristol, in those areas relating to medicine and research and in improving conditions for staff and patients.

The Trustees and their staff believe that they should be people-orientated, recognising the valuable contribution made by individuals.

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Stockbrokers

Cazenove, London
Greig Middleton, Bristol

Land and property agents

Alder King, Bristol

Planning Consultants

MVM Planning Limited

Quantity Surveyors

A L Currie & Brown, Bristol

Architects

Atkins, Walters & Webster Limited

Rogers Design Associates

Consulting Engineers

Hastings Clements and Leach Limited

King Cathery Partnership

For the period of this report the Charitable Trustees for the United Bristol Hospitals appointed by the Secretary of State for Health were:

Professor Peter Wells DSc; FEng (term of office ended 30 September 1999) UBHT – Chief Physicist; Clinical Director Specialty Services; Scientific Advisor (Elected by his fellow Trustees as Chairman, in January 1998) **Professor Peter Wells** DSc; FEng (term of office ended 30 September 1999) UBHT – Chief Physicist; Clinical Director Specialty Services; Scientific Advisor (Elected by his fellow Trustees as Chairman, in January 1998) DSc; FEng (term of office ended 30 September 1999) UBHT – Chief Physicist; Clinical Director Specialty Services; Scientific Advisor (Elected by his fellow Trustees as Chairman, in January 1998) DSc; FEng (term of office ended 30 September 1999) UBHT – Chief Physicist; Clinical Director Specialty Services; Scientific Advisor (Elected by his fellow Trustees as Chairman, in January 1998)

Sir John Kingman **Sir John Kingman** FRS Vice Chancellor of the University of Bristol, a former Chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council and holds a number of directorships

Dr Trevor Thomas **Dr Trevor Thomas** FRCA (term of office ended 30 September 1999) A Consultant Anaesthetist of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, previously Chairman of the Hospital Medical Committee of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, Chairman of the Division of Anaesthesia and Clinical Director of Obstetric Anaesthesia and Operating Anaesthetic Services

Mr Roger Baird **Mr Roger Baird** BSc Hons Anatomy; ChM; FRCS (appointed in February 1999) Consultant Surgeon and former Medical Director of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust

Mr Robert Bryant Pearson **Mr Robert Bryant Pearson** FRICS (appointed in February 1999) Non-Executive Director of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust and Executive Vice-Chairman of Allied Surveyors plc

Mr Malcolm Hanney **Mr Malcolm Hanney** (appointed 14 October 1999) Non-Executive Director of Avon Health Authority and Co-Leader and Councillor of Bath and NE Somerset Council

Ms Julie Austin **Ms Julie Austin** (appointed 3 November 1999) Solicitor, Beachcroft Wansbroughs

The Charitable Trustees United States Foundation

The Foundation was set up in order that the Charitable Trustees could receive donations from America in a tax efficient way. Charitable Trustees for the United States Foundation for the period of the Report are:

Mr Bruce Komiske, USA

Mr Louis Fazzano, USA

Mr Daniel Wall, USA

Mr Robert Bryant Pearson, UK (President of the Foundation)

Dr Trevor Thomas, UK

Activities and Support

The support provided by the Charitable Trustees, from their General Purpose Funds has taken a number of forms during the year. A few examples are:

- The Charitable Trustees pay the running costs of the donated minibus which is used to take children from the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children on various trips and outings
- The Samaritan Fund provides assistance for those patients who have no other financial help, ie, for reimbursement of bus fares and the general alleviation of hardship
- Televisions on wards help patients while away the hours they have to spend in hospital
- An Annual Service of Remembrance is held for those children who have died on the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit during the year
- Office facilities and all administrative funding is provided by the Charitable Trustees, to enable the Grand Appeal for the new Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children to operate, thus contributing considerably to minimising the costs of the Appeal
- Support for rehabilitation for people recovering from episodes of mental illness. The responsibility for this has subsequently been transferred to the management of the Avon and Western Wiltshire Mental Healthcare NHS Trust.
- Funding to provide ward Christmas decorations, and to provide presents for patients unlucky enough to be in hospital during the Christmas period
- Support for chaplaincy services in the United Bristol Hospitals

In addition there have been numerous equipment purchases, and research projects undertaken, by individual wards and departments.

Upgrades and refurbishment Upgrades and refurbishment include:

- Central Delivery Suite – to provide facilities that are second to none for both mothers and babies at St Michael's Hospital
- Pharmacy Department – refurbishment of Pharmacy Reception area
- Providing access to the garden adjacent to the Outpatients/Reception area at the Bristol Eye Hospital for patient use.
- Day Room Ward 15 – redecoration and refurbishing of this room has provided a reassuring first impression to patients and their visitors

Support for staff Support for staff includes:

- UBHT Sports Club – an annual grant is made to the Sports Club which enables them, amongst other things, to purchase kit for their various teams. It also enables the Sports Club annual exchange with Nantes to continue to take place; all of the competitors doing Bristol proud often playing against bigger and more experienced opponents
- Bereavement Support Group
- Nursing Bursaries
- Staff Harassment Project
- Long Service Awards and Retirement Parties

Equipment includes:

- Cardiac catheter machine(which will continue to be leased for the next four years)
- Transport incubators for Neonatology
- Observation System for FSID Research Unit
- Humphrey Fields Analyser, Bristol Eye Hospital

Research and Training

- Medical Research Committee £300k
- Non Medical Research Committee £25k

Projects submitted to these committees for consideration are peer-reviewed and of extremely high quality. Of course, research is also carried out in other areas by various individual fund advisors. There are many examples of this, which include leukaemia, cot death syndrome etc.

The Bristol Medical Simulation Centre represents a major investment by the Charitable Trustees in the advanced training of medical and non-medical staff who have to deal with both routine and emergency situations. The training is geared specifically to the needs of a wide range of medical and healthcare professionals. At the time of writing this report the Bristol Medical Simulation Centre is the world leader in its field. It utilises the most advanced Human Patient Simulator and scenario software, lecture theatre and audio visual equipment. It is shortly to add to these extensive facilities with the acquisition of a Paediatric Simulator, which will increase the opportunities to train clinicians and others throughout the United Kingdom.

Finance Investments and Property

Investment Policy

The Charitable Trustees wish to maximise the income from retained funds by the prudent investment in property and quoted securities, taking into account available dividend and rental yield, and potential growth in the value of the investments.

All investments will be made on due consideration of the advice and recommendation of specialist property and investment advisors of the Trustees, subject to the investments meeting the ethical constraints which prohibit the investment in tobacco and other carcinogenic products.

Summary Financial Report

In 1998/99 the Charitable Trustees expended £3,498,000 compared with income of £2,783,000. The deficit, after adjusting for realised and unrealised gains on investments, shows a net outflow of funds of £793,000 and the balance of funds at the year end totalled £10,235,000 (1997/98 - £11,029,000).

Overall, the income for the year was maintained at levels achieved in earlier years at nearly £2.8m (1997/98 £4.3m) after allowing for the exceptional legacy of £1.3m received in the previous year. Donations and legacies totalled £2.3m and a further £0.5m was received from the investment activities of the Charitable Trustees.

Expenditure for the year decreased, and totalled £3.5m (1997/98 £4.3m). Of this sum, expenditure incurred on the provision of patients' and staff amenities was maintained at £1.0m, whilst expenditure on research slightly reduced by £0.1m to £1.5m. Expenditure on other services, which included grants to the United Bristol Healthcare Trust for upgrading of various facilities, management and administration was £1.0m (1997/98 £1.7m).

The Report and Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities (SORP).

A full copy of the Charitable Trustees' financial returns are available on request in writing, from the Director of Finance.

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What we do

Each year many hundreds of people give generously to show their appreciation for the care and treatment they have received from the United Bristol Healthcare Trust. The Charitable Trustees are appointed by the Secretary of State to receive and administer the donations and bequests made to the United Bristol Hospitals.

If any patients, or their relatives, wish to acknowledge the help they have received from the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, they can make a donation in the following ways:

- **To the General Fund** which the Charitable Trustees use to further medical research, provide items of equipment (medical and non-medical), or to improve the facilities within the hospitals; or
- **To any of the 550+ Special Purpose Funds** administered for various wards and departments throughout the United Bristol Healthcare Trust

Their donations, however small, are greatly appreciated and used by the Charitable Trustees to enhance those aspects of patient care which are not funded by the National Health Service.

Donations

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'The Charitable Trustees for the United Bristol Hospitals' and sent to:

The Clerk to the Trustees

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Legacies

Should they wish to make a bequest in their Will, any solicitor or trustee department of a bank can give advice on the appropriate wording of a Will; alternatively, they should telephone the Charitable Trustees' office for assistance:

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