

Annual General Meeting 14th June 2023

Treasurer's Report



Membership

After a two-year pause for the Covid Pandemic, the CHA restarted paid membership for organisations in 2022-2023. The membership fee was set at £200 for an NHS Trust and £100 for a (charitable) Friends organisation. Individual membership remains free.

In the first year of membership restart, some 7 Hospital Trusts became members, and 7 Friends organisations became members. In some instances Friends organisations have taken out membership on behalf of their specific community hospital. Membership development is ongoing in 2023-2024, and already since 1st April 2023 one more hospital and one more Friends organisation have joined the CHA.

Income & Expenditure Overview

It is apparent that membership income alone is unlikely to be able to support the valuable work of the CHA. However, the CHA has been fortunate, over the past two years to obtain funding for a **Q Community Research Project** (*which issued its final report at the end of 2022*) and a **Community Hospital Special Interest Group (SIG)**. With the CHA providing operational support and networking support for both projects, these funds have helped to supplement the membership income received. Much detailed information about both the Q research project and the SIG is available on the CHA website.

These project finances are handled separately from CHA ongoing operational expenditure. Project funding held in the CHA accounts is ringfenced for those projects, and we report back on that to the project funders. Apart from these projects, the CHA operational expenditure during 2022-2023 was £4300, and included provision of statutory accounts for Companies House, appropriate insurance for CHA activities, CHA website hosting and support, administrative work on membership and the production of regular newsletters. This expenditure only included a part year of administrative support, and (*at existing levels of activity*) CHA annualised operational expenditure is expected to be around £6000 per annum.

Financial Stability

The CHA holds some £11,000 ring-fenced for the **Community Hospital Special Interest Group (SIG)** support & development. These funds are **not** available for ordinary ongoing operation of the CHA, but are entrusted to us for work on the SIG.

However, by careful management of our expenditure during 2022-2023, and with progressive development of membership income, the CHA operational funds at the end of the 2022-2023 financial year (31 March 2023) stood at circa £7,000. which is satisfactory. The ongoing work to develop membership income during 2023-2024 is a high priority, and efforts to obtain supplementary funding for CHA related projects will also be important.

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CHA Treasurer.