

TRUST IN US

Wakefield Hospice Trusts, Foundations and Grants Newsletter: April 2022

Introduction

Welcome to Trust In Us 2022, celebrating the impact of grant funding over the last financial year.

Since the last edition, the hospice has started to open up again following the pandemic. Grant funding has been so helpful towards this, ensuring the continuity and development of services as well as enhancement of the physical environment.

Thank you to all the funders for their outstanding contributions in helping the hospice flourish in the face of the pandemic.

What follows is a summary of the impact funding has had this year. I hope you find it insightful and for those who have given so generously, also rewarding to know you have been a part of it.

We are privileged to have your support.

Emily Murphy, Trusts Fundraiser



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Core Developments

Supporting core services has been the priority over the pandemic. With fundraising events and initiatives stifled by lockdowns and restrictions, grant funding was paramount in subsidising affected income streams.

We're so grateful that funders shared this vision and have given so generously to ensure the continuity and development of valuable services.

Bereavement support for young people



Wakefield Hospice recognises that a life limiting diagnosis and a death affects the whole family. For children and young people this can be a very confusing, scary and lonely time.

Funding towards the family care and bereavement service has supported young people through a very traumatic time in their lives, helping them better understand their own feelings and participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.



Special thanks to the Nadezda Foundation. After an initial donation towards this service, they have recently confirmed an annual gift which will be hugely valuable in changing the lives of the children affected by bereavement.

Dementia Day Care



As part of its commitment to caring for people living with dementia, Wakefield Hospice offers a person-centred, dementia day care service.

Funding has supported its growth and a new 'out of hours' development to help people affected by 'Sundowning'. We believe this to be the first service of its kind that we know of, offered by a hospice in the UK.

Virtual Beds



Wakefield Hospice is delighted to have received over £32,000 in grants to progress a remote *Hospice at Home* programme; Virtual Beds.

Without the need for a referral, Virtual Beds operate in the same way as a hospice bed but

patients, families, carers and professionals can all access expert knowledge, advice, practical and emotional support through the 24/7 helpline (available 365 days a year). It is a very cost effective way of providing greater equity of access to hospice care to

- ⇒ Support loved ones and carers to maintain a patient's wish to die in their preferred place of residence/care
- ⇒ Support individual preferences, religious/cultural beliefs and needs
- ⇒ Provide continuity of care for those too poorly to transit for hospice admission
- ⇒ Enable patients to stay comfortably and safely in their own home

Thank you to all the charitable funders who have made this difference for the Wakefield community. Your support has funded 1104 hours, or 46 days of support

Music Therapy



Wakefield Hospice remains truly grateful for the continued support of the D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust.

Over the last three years, the trust has been instrumental in developing the service so more people can benefit, whilst funding a new hybrid working model to deliver the service safely online in response to the pandemic (and beyond).

Capital & Project Funding

A quick call for help



The inpatient unit (IPU) at Wakefield Hospice relies on a nurse call system whereby patients can quickly summon help by pressing a button or pulling a chord alerting healthcare staff via a pager system, allowing staff to respond immediately wherever they are in the building.

The current system is over 30 years old (installed when the hospice was built) and is now unreliable and costly. Pagers are regularly breaking and can no longer be repaired due to the system now being obsolete - there are currently eight working of the 20 needed. Replacements need to be sourced instead, which currently cost £375 each due to the age/availability of products. As a comparison, these would cost £43.50 each with the new system.

Thank You!



We're so grateful to the funders who have responded so positively to our 'quick call for help', moving us ever closer to the final project total.

LED the way to a brighter future

Thanks to four generous cash grants, Wakefield Hospice is a big step closer towards a brighter future.

Charitable funding has been sought to replace all incandescent light bulbs across the hospice building with light emitting diode (LED) alternatives. To date, the hospice has received a wonderful £18,000 in cash grants; half the total project amount.

Work is expected to start in spring 2022 and the new lighting system will impact over three main areas

Financial – providing a saving of £112,270 in five years – a significant contribution to funding essential core services

Environmental - reducing the hospice's carbon footprint for lighting from 99.8 to 42.0 tons/year

Health & Safety – providing a more comfortable environment for patients and improving efficiency and productivity of staff



Diversity



Wakefield Hospice currently has very little contact with people from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds. Figures show that admissions and attendances of minority group members within our community are disproportionate to their population – something the hospice is keen to address.

£30,000 funding was secured to launch a project designed at identifying and reducing/removing perceived barriers to hospice care. Work is ongoing, including the employment of a new community liaison post to reach out to, and connect with, leaders and critical friends within minority groups across the community.

What's IT all about?

We are so grateful to the Sir George Martin Trust for their continued support of Wakefield Hospice.



Their contribution this year has been fundamental in improving the operational efficiency of the hospice by financing the purchase of new laptops, to facilitate remote working and enabling moving to a cloud based server.

The move from a physical, costly server to a cloud based one, removes the need, and expense, of regularly needing to replace the on-site server (advised every 3-4years @ £16k+ each time) and improve reliability and efficiency of the hospice.

Breathlessness



Thank you so much to The Caron Keating Foundation for their wonderful support.

Their grant was used to support the vital work our physiotherapists provide to reduce the feeling of breathlessness for inpatients, including the gift of a handheld fan which can offer instant relief to patients. A cool draught of air cools the cheeks, nose and mouth and sends a message to the brain which reduces the feeling of breathlessness.

Deborah, says "when the attacks come on there is nothing better than that little fan". For infection control reasons, once a fan has been used by a patient, it cannot be re-used another patient, creating the need for a constant supply.

GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday 30 November, Wakefield Hospice took part in the annual global charity day #givingtuesday.

This year, donations were used towards the new Virtual Beds initiative.

On average, 75.5% of people who die in Wakefield need palliative care – that's around 2490 every year. Given the choice, 2/3 of these would prefer to die at home and Virtual Beds support this to happen.



Food Share

Wakefield Hospice remains grateful to the ongoing partnerships both directly or via the Neighbourly Foundation as part of the food share initiative.

Your donations have **saved the hospice thousands of pounds**, with the added bonus of reducing waste.

Patients, visitors, staff and volunteers also appreciate the greater variety it brings - we never really know what's coming through the door next!



Corporate Foundations

This year we've had continued success from corporate foundations and very much enjoyed working with them to help secure the funding and joining them to celebrate their success.

Arnold Clark



Wakefield Hospice was delighted to win £1000 in the Arnold Clark Community Fund, which funded 40 hours of nursing care, helping people like George who says

"Being in the hospice is a hundred times better than what I expected, with all the care and attention. When you're at home, the help is very good but you have to wait. Here you only have to wait a few seconds. You press a button and someone's there to help."

Jack's Supports

Wakefield Hospice was extremely grateful to Jack's Supermarkets for their a wonderful initiative, enabling charities to benefit from the sale of carrier bags.

After being chosen for an in-store vote, staff were thrilled to receive the news that the wonderful people of Wakefield had voted for the hospice as their favourite charity to benefit.

In total, the hospice has benefitted by £750 which has funded more talking products, helping to revolutionise patient-centred care and create lasting memories.



Gulf Petrol Stations



We were delighted to win £1000 AGAIN(!) from the Oomph Fuel Rewards; a national initiative in Gulf Petrol Stations which donates £1000 to ten good causes with the most votes.

Thank you to all the staff & customers at the Gulf petrol station, Ossett, who nominated and voted for us to receive this wonderful award.

Over the last few years, the hospice has received £4000 from the Ossett branch - just incredible!

Ardonagh Community Trust

After hearing that Amanda wanted to submit an application to the Ardonagh Community Trust (ACT) ~ an employee nomination scheme ~ we were delighted to work with her on the application and were overjoyed to be able to share the excitement when her application was successful.

Amanda's nomination resulted in nearly £5000 for the hospice to fund activities and equipment needed for the Caring Communities project.

Caring Communities will provide free, ongoing, education and support, delivered by highly skilled hospice staff, for keyworkers to address the increase in bereavement, loss and mental health issues across our community. Thank you Amanda.



Tesco; Bags of Help



Wakefield Hospice was honoured to be chosen for an in-store vote within Tesco stores across the district. The project with the most customer votes wins £1500, 2nd place £1000 and 3rd £500.

Once again, the wonderful people of Wakefield rallied for their hospice helping win the top spot and securing a wonderful £1500.

Whilst the hospice's in-care facility is for adults, the hospice recognises that a life-limiting diagnosis and ultimately death, affects the whole family and these funds will be used to support children and young people with bereavement difficulties.

B&Q Foundation

Thanks to an amazing grant from the B&Q Foundation, we were able to modernise all 40 taps across the inpatient unit (including patient bedrooms & en-suites, bathrooms, visitor toilets & kitchen area and family lounge), ensuring they are fit for purpose and improving infection control audit results and the patient experience.

Funding Round Up; extra - extra - read all about it

In addition to the amazing support that you've already read about, here are some other fantastic developments the hospice has been able to introduce this year thanks to grant funding.....

Reach & Wash: thanks to a grant from Persimmon Homes, the hospice was able to invest in our own reach and wash system, saving an estimated saving of £1000 per year on current window cleaning bills.

Made our beds: grateful thanks to the Sir Alec Blacks Charity for funding new bedding for all sixteen inpatient beds, ensuring the continued comfort for inpatients, whilst enhancing the home-from-home feel which is valued so much by people in need of hospice care.

Bags of Life: funding enabled this new venture for the hospice. 100 branded 'book bags' were produced to store and transfer personal data and documents relating to the care of the patient, as and when they are discharged to their regular place of care. Once gifted to a patient, the bag will be theirs to keep.



3 wheels: thank you to the Gay & Peter Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust for funding ten 3-wheel rollator frames to be used by the hospice's enablement team to reduce the risk of falls/injury to promote exercise and independence for patients.

Talk ain't cheap: thank you to the numerous funders who have enhanced the level of care that the hospice is able to provide through the funding of Talking Products over the year. As items are single use, funding is essential to ensure a constant supply. We're also extremely grateful to the supplier for their time and enthusiasm to work with the hospice is diversifying their use in to end of life care.

Driving away pain: syringe drivers provide continued comfort for patients, offering pain relief at a constant rate. We are very grateful to The Francis Winham Foundation for recognising the importance of this equipment and donating so generously to fund new items.

There's no limits (unrestricted): thank you to the many funders who gifted an unrestricted grant. These are hugely helpful in directing funds towards the current greatest need.

Every life touched by your generous funding is a life changed.

Thank you everyone for making this possible and for the difference you've made.



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