

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF EXMOUTH HOSPITAL

Chairman's Annual Newsletter 2018

Dear Friend

As our healthcare continues to evolve at some pace, the Trustees' intention is to continue to provide funds in furtherance of the League's objectives through requests received from the managers of hospital and community services and its own vision to ensure the health, wellbeing and comfort of patients and staff. These are listed below for last year and we were particularly pleased to support Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare's new project Hospiscare@Home, a service that complements the work of the hospital.

The Trustees were pleased that following the 'Your Future Care' consultation exercise, the Hospital retained 16 inpatient beds in Doris Heard Ward, which has recently had its bathrooms upgraded by the R D & E. However, the Trustees were disappointed by the R D & E NHS Foundation Trust's decision not to reopen Geoffrey Willoughby Ward to provide additional services and to hand it back to NHS Property Services. Following discussions with NHS Property Services, the Trustees were informed that no decision had been made on its future and it would be dependent on the outcome of the current planning of future healthcare provision in Devon.

We are having discussions with the R D & E NHS Foundation Trust and other key stakeholders to identify gaps in the healthcare provision for the area. It is hoped that this may result in under-used and closed areas of Exmouth Hospital being considered as suitable facilities for the provision of any additional services.

The Trustees continue to raise the profile of the League of Friends and the hospital to the local community. There are two display banners sited in the hospital and our new website www.ehlof.org is now live. The website will link with all the providers of healthcare services in the area and emphasize the key role that Exmouth Hospital plays in the healthcare of our community.

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Garden Party at the Hospital in July due to heavy rain. This year we are going to try something different and have a stall at the Exmouth Music Festival in May.

We would like to welcome two new Trustees, Mrs Betty Ford and Mrs Cathy Keep, who were recently co-opted.

Your support is very much appreciated and will help us continue to support the work of the staff and hospital in providing our community with high quality care.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely

David

David M Bassett
Chairman

Trustees of the League of Friends in addition to those Officers shown overleaf

Mrs M Prideaux, Mrs G Bassett, Mr B Bryant, Mrs D Bulger, Mr T Siddall, Mr D Smith, Mrs E Ford, Mrs C Keep.

Date for your Diary

A.G.M. - Thursday 10th May 2018, at 3 pm in the Dewdney Unit at Exmouth Hospital. Dr Helen Enright, Chairman of Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare, will speak about their new Hospiscare@Home service.

Equipment purchased and funds committed by the League of Friends in 2017

The League has made funds available for necessary equipment and expenses, including the following:

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| Donation to the cost of a new Ultrasound Machine | £ 6108.00 |
| Seated Scales | £ 612.00 |
| 3 Heavy Duty Picnic Tables | £ 1782.00 |
| 2 Electronic Under Mattress Pressure Pads | £ 1911.00 |
| 2 Sara Steady Stand Aids | £ 2136.00 |
| Ultra Gynae Plinth with stirrups for clinics in the Dewdney Unit | £ 2172.00 |
| Donation to Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare for Hospiscare@Home | £17500.00 |
| Vision Prints for Dementia Patients | £ 700.00 |
| <u>Annual Commitments:</u> | |
| Liquid Nitrogen for Cryosurgery | £ 3104.20 |
| Selection of daily newspapers for hospital patients | £ 1114.10 |
| Christmas Presents for Patients | £ 150.00 |