

# THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF EXMOUTH HOSPITAL

## Chairman's Annual Newsletter 2020

Dear Friend

As our NHS healthcare landscape continues to develop through the wider Devon Sustainability Transformation Partnership (STP) and the new WEB Primary Care Network, the Trustees continue to provide funds in furtherance of the Leagues 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.

The Trustees are fully committed to ensuring that the hospital is used to its full potential and as Chairman of the WEB Community Health & Wellbeing Board on which I represent the League of Friends, there is an ongoing dialogue with the RD & E as we work in partnership with them to ensure the healthcare needs of our community are met and areas of development identified. At a recent meeting the discussions focussed on the following five areas

- Theatre – there are currently no plans for changes at Exmouth. Further discussions are taking place with the new RD & E Medical Director.
- Diagnostics – Ultra Sound is being used for two/three days a week. The main problem with increased usage is a national shortage of Sonographers.
- Outpatient Clinics – whilst it was accepted that there was scope to increase the number of clinics, the planning for this was difficult in matching space to the availability of consultants. There had been an increase in clinics for Rheumatology and associated Poly clinics, Pediatrics and there are discussions taking place regarding the possibility of future Ophthalmology clinics.
- Geoffrey Willoughby Ward – there are ongoing discussions regarding the future use of the ward
- Oncology Suite – Discussions had taken place with the RD & E Oncology Senior Nurse and the CEO of Force regarding an outreach clinic at the Hospital. Following successful recruitment of specialist nurses the outreach clinic at Exmouth would be in a position to move forward.

Last year's major project of the provision of floral displays throughout the year in the garden outside Doris Heard Ward and its day room continues to provide pleasure and enjoyment to patients, visitors and staff.

Just to remind you the League of Friends has its own website which is [www.ehlof.org](http://www.ehlof.org).

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/Trustees shown overleaf

Mrs G Bassett, Mrs D Bulger, Mr T Siddall, Mr D Smith, Mrs E Ford, Mr D Williams

### Date for your Diary

**Coffee Morning – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am in the Dewdney Unit, Exmouth Hospital**  
**A.G.M. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at 3 pm at Littlemead Church, Littlemead Lane, Exmouth**

### Equipment purchased and funds committed by the League of Friends in 2019

2 x Sara Flex Standing Hoists	£2525
1 Pad + Apps	£1350
12 Adjustable High back Chairs	£1871
Fenwick Paediatric Couch for the MIU	£945
Celf 5 Assessment Tool for Speech Therapy	£768
Donation to New Ring & Ride Community Bus	£8000
<u>Annual Commitments:</u>	
Liquid Nitrogen for Cryosurgery	£4520
Garden Plants & Maintenance	£2445
Selection of daily newspapers for hospital patients	£1339
Christmas Presents for Patients	£150
Patient Wellbeing Activity Items & Meal Snacks	£510