

**AGENDA ITEM**

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**CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**

**COVID-19 CHARITABLE FUNDS UPDATE**

<b>Date of meeting</b>	10/11/2022
<b>FOI Status</b>	Open/Public
<b>If closed please indicate reason</b>	Not Applicable - Public Report
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<b>Report purpose</b>	FOR APPROVAL

**Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)**

<b>Committee/Group/Individuals</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
(Insert Name)	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Choose an item.

**ACRONYMS**

NHSCT	NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER
CTMUHB	CWM TAFF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
CFC	Charitable Funds Committee

**1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This report is to provide the Charitable Funds Committee with an update of the various sources of donations and funding that have been received in relation to Covid-19 and how these are being managed.

- 1.2 Since the start of the pandemic, the Charitable Funds have received a large number of donations in various forms including those direct from members of the public, businesses and organisations and grants from the NHS Charities Together (NHSCT) charity.
- 1.3 The majority of funding received can be used Health Board wide, but there have been a number of donations received which have been requested to be used at specific sites, these have been ring-fenced accordingly.
- 1.4 Whilst all the grants from NHSCT haven't been received to date, the following fund holders have been agreed:
- Stage 1 Urgent Response Grants – Assistant Director of Employee Experience and Wellbeing & Strategic Lead for Wellbeing and Employee Experience
  - Stage 2 Community Partnerships Grant – Director of Primary, Community & Mental Health
  - Stage 3 Recovery grants – Executive Director of Therapies and Health Science & Executive Director of People
  - Other “general” donations – CEO
- 1.5 To note the governance and control procedures for expenditure from the Covid-19 fund is the same as any other Charitable Fund.

## **2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)**

### **2.1 Covid-19 Funding received and expenditure**

As at the 30 September 2022 the following Covid-19 donations have been received, utilised, or committed for use:

	PCH £	POW £	RGH £	HB Wide £	NHSCT Stage 1 £	<b>Total £</b>
Received to date	26,763.17	6,301.73	1,814.60	124,376.54	168,100.00	<b>327,356.04</b>
Spent / Committed	(3,830.14)	(5,355.62)	(1,489.87)	(58,115.51)	(167,267.18)	<b>(236,058.32)</b>
Remaining balance	<b>22,933.03</b>	<b>946.11</b>	<b>324.73</b>	<b>66,261.03</b>	<b>832.82</b>	<b>91,297.72</b>

The above table shows that the Health Board continues to utilise or commit expenditure of the Covid-19 donations received to date. The NHSCT Stage 1 funding has now been substantially utilised and

a return has been provided to NHSCT highlighting the positive use of the funding, which includes:

- Funding the Vivup Counselling service
- Funding Murals/Art and Picnic benches to aid wellbeing of patients, staff and visitors.
- Wellbeing activities, including gift bags, fruit stalls and wellbeing days.

Other Health Board Wide Covid-19 donations have continued to be utilised and we continue to receive donations into this fund. Expenditure from this fund includes spend on fruit & veg stalls and memorial gardens.

There continues to be £23k of Covid-19 donations left unspent on PCH, we will engage with appropriate officers to put plans in place to utilise this funding.

## 2.2 **Future NHSCT funding**

As shown above, to date the Charitable Fund has only received the Stage 1 grant funding of £168,100 from NHSCT and there are a further 2 stages to be received:

Stage 2 – £198,347 – an initial application had been submitted and is being reviewed by NHSCT and responded. However, the initial application was completed by officers who are no longer with the organisation and this hasn't proceeded further. Senior officers have been contacted to review the initial application and will submit a revised final application before the next deadline date in January 2023.

Stage 3 – £286,000 – the initial submission for psychology posts (already approved at by the Exec Team and CFC) £205k has been agreed in principle by NHSCT, with comments made on the application for update. This has been re-submitted for final confirmation.

The submission by Workforce & Organisational Development was rejected at the first review as they didn't feel it met the criteria of the fund. However a new application has been submitted for £53k for the "Wellbeing support for staff giving evidence at the Covid-19 Public Inquiry".

As this is over £50k, the Charitable Fund Committee are required to approve the expenditure.



A relatively small remaining balance for £28k remains on the Stage 2 grant, we will await the outcome of the above reviews from NHSCT before deciding what to do with the remaining value.

Once the Stage 2 & 3 grants have been received, total funding from NHSCT in relation to Covid-19 will total £652,447.

### 3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The main risk on the Covid-19 funding is that the projects put forward for funding out of the Stage 2 and 3 NHSCT grants are deemed not applicable and are refused. There are further chances to adapt and change the applications, and there are many application dates to hit, so this risk is largely mitigated.
- 3.2 The Charity should also look to spend the money in a timely manner, and communication will be made across the Health Board to ensure that applicable applications are made for use of the Covid funding in line with the Charities objectives.
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to approve the use of Stage 2 grant funding (if approved by NHSCT) for the appointment of a 12 month fixed-term Staff Wellbeing Counsellor (Band 6), to provide support during the Covid-19 Public Inquiry - £52,507 including on-costs.

### 4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<b>Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications</b>	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
<b>Related Health and Care standard(s)</b>	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.</b>	No (Include further detail below)  Not required. No change or withdrawal of policy or services.
<b>Legal implications / impact</b>	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
<b>Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact</b>	Yes (Include further detail below)  The report provides detail of the funding and expenditure relating to Covid-19.
<b>Link to Strategic Goal</b>	Sustaining our Future



## 5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Charitable Funds Committee is recommended to:

- **NOTE** the Covid funding received to date and the allocations received by NHS Charities Together
- **NOTE** the increased level of use of the funds and expectations of the receipt and use of the NHSCT grant funding.
- **APPROVE** the use of NHSCT Stage 2 grant funding for Staff Wellbeing Counsellor