

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC
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Title	ELFT Charity Committee 21 April 2022 – Committee Chair’s Report
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Purpose of the report

To bring to the Board’s attention key issues and assurances discussed at the ELFT Charity Committee meetings held on 21 April 2022.

Key Messages

ELFT Charity Events

- Discussions held with the Trust’s People Participation Leads on raising the awareness of the Charity and how to improve the dissemination of information
- Initial focus on raising awareness on the Charity amongst staff and service users through localised events; funding opportunities to be shared across ELFT and should play a part in the messaging for future fundraising; separate events for businesses, particularly those that are working within the local community
- Opportunities to link in with Governors and members who are well connected to their communities.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIAs):

- EIAs ensure the funding decision-making processes are fair, and allows access to all protected groups and does not disadvantage any communities, covering both strategic and operational activities
- The current funding opportunities made available to services whilst in the transition phase of moving from Barts Charity to the new ELFT Charity
- 19 funds have been awarded to ELFT services ranging from £150 to £7,000 and totalling £38,175 including patient engagement activities, refurbishments for gardens and walking/football sessions
- Expecting more creative ideas in the pipeline, around tackling social isolation and improving employment opportunities; improving digital access requires more focus as none have been received to meet that particular aim.

ELFT Charity Update on Current Developments

- The application for charity status has now been confirmed by the Charities Commission and a Charity Registration number has been issued
- Since January 2022 there has been a significant increase from services on applying for additional funding for projects that benefit our service users as well as for information on the charity
- Further plans for promoting the charity in place building on the outcomes from recent bids; recent communications have generated many enquiries.

Grant Funding Request

A seed funding request for the Healthier Wealthier Families project which fits with the Trust’s ambition to be the first NHS Marmot Trust resulted in broad ranging discussions that included the need to ensure there are clear governance arrangements that supports such bids which do not necessarily meet the Charity’s three core priorities but supports the achievement of the overall Trust strategy.

Previous Minutes: The approved minutes of the previous Charity Committee meeting are available on request by Board Directors from the Director of Corporate Governance.