

THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Annual report 2015 – 2016

The aim of the Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery (FCS) is to benefit local people by “providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment at the Surgery which would not otherwise be provided out of statutory funds”.

In 2015-16, FCS’s expenditure was just over £5,000 of which three-quarters was for maintenance. Most of the maintenance expenditure was for the recalibration of the six blood pressure monitors FCS has provided in previous years. This recalibration is an NHS requirement. Of the approximately £1,500 spent on equipment, £1,000 was for replacement parts. Just two new pieces of equipment were purchased (an ear irrigator and a finger pulse oximeter) and both of these items replaced equipment previously provided by FCS.

To publicise the FCS, we provided regular articles in parish magazines as well as using our website and Facebook pages. In addition, FCS attended Chiddingfold Fete in June, with “Splat the Rat” to entertain while the Doctors and Surgery staff provided blood pressure readings and, as the Fete coincided with National Diabetes week, information from Diabetes UK. This combination attracted many visitors. In October we held a quiz with a fish-and-chip supper in the Village Hall, which also proved very popular.

There are currently several collection boxes distributed around Chiddingfold and Dunsfold, including at the two Surgeries. These, together with one-off and regular donations accounted for most of FCS’s income of over £10,000 in 2015-16. The balance was from the quiz evening and interest.

Overall, FCS’s expenditure exceeded its income by just over £5,000, leaving it with total funds of £32,000 at the end of the year. Even with holding £8,000 as reserve, its total funds are sufficient to meet its commitments for the year ahead.

In the year 2014/15 we provided a machine that analyses a blood sample to see whether the patient has a bacterial infection, which can be treated by antibiotics, or a viral infection, against which antibiotics are ineffective. This benefits patients by providing a fast, accurate diagnosis without waiting for blood test results to come back from the Royal Surrey and has been of great value. The FCS aims to respond quickly to any similar opportunity in the future to provide equipment that will improve the ability of our doctors to provide fast, effective treatment.