



THE FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Registered Charity No. 1080617

Annual Report 2019-2020

The year has of course been dominated by the aftermath of and recovery from the fire that destroyed the surgery in January 2019. The partnership and staff were having to adapt to temporary accommodation, deal with the insurance claim and organise the rebuilding as well as providing the usual first-class service to patients. We expected that items that belonged to the Friends would be covered by the insurance and there was little that we could do until the outcome of the claim was known. We did provide some items which were needed urgently but these were purchased in the last financial year. When the practice returned to the rebuilt premises in November 2019 the doctors asked us to supply a centrifuge, baby scales, cryotherapy equipment, and a CRP QuikRead the cost of which totalled £7,211 (as shown in the accounts) which we were happy to provide. (Further replacement expenditure has been made in 2020-21.)

In the weeks immediately following the fire donations totalling £22,468 were made of which £3,559 was received in this financial year.

Trustees are very conscious of the aims of the Charity which are to provide equipment and services that would not otherwise be provided and which will directly benefit the patients of the surgery. All the losses incurred by the Partnership, which is a commercial undertaking, were covered by insurance and the Charity has not contributed in any way to these or any other partnership need. As usual the Friends were present at Chiddingfold fete in June with doctors in attendance. Many members of the public had their blood pressure checked and in some cases were advised that further checks should be made. A large number of children enjoyed playing "Splat the Rat" and "Hook a Duck" and their efforts were rewarded with small prizes that had been donated. In February 2020 we held our annual quiz night in Chiddingfold Village Hall which was a most enjoyable evening and raised £1,915.

Total income for the year was £14,088 and expenditure was £8,125. At the year end the Charity held £31,165 on current account, £4,510 on deposit account and had £58,524 invested in the CCLA's COIF Charities Investment Fund. This investment provides valuable income to meet the cost of regular maintenance of equipment and purchase of related consumables. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its ongoing commitments.

No Trustees received any remuneration or payment for allowable expenses.