

**Trusts and
Foundations
Fundraiser
Report**

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**February 2024 -
January 2025**

Impact in numbers

February to December 2024



150

Applications sent to funders



500

Local groups and businesses contacted



230

Trusts /Foundations pipeline developed



£69,469

total income raised



400

bears from Build a Bear Foundation worth £8,000



7

Appeals supported for different services

Bring Light to the Beacon appeal



CAHMS were seeking to raise £25,000 to have a sensory room installed at the Beacon Unit, the Children and Adolescent mental health facility in Glenfield.

In the last 12 months, we have raised **£4,304** through Trusts and Foundations from Fleckney Parish Council, The Florence Turner Trust, The Maud Elkington Trust and the Bradgate Rotary Club.

**£4,304
raised**

The Beacon Appeal target has now been reached, with further support from corporate donations and individual fundraisers, and work on the room will be starting in 2025 (date tbc).

Let's Get Gardening appeal

**£20,750
raised**



Another appeal the Raising Health team has been working hard to support is the Let's Get Gardening appeal to raise £25,000 to have a therapeutic garden created at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit.

In the last 12 months, we have secured a number of generous donations for this project including the Himmat Tanna Trust, the Leicestershire & Rutland Masonic Foundation, Next Giving, The Maud Elkington Trust, One Stop Community Fund, the Florence Turner Trust, Clockwise Credit Union and the Schreier Foundation.

We are proud to share that we have reached the target and work will be starting in January 2025.

Sensory Spaces appeal

£1,200
raised



We have also secured funding from the ASDA Foundation in November to create a sensory space at the Valentine Centre, a facility for families and children.

This space will be used to help aid therapy through play to help young patients with developmental issues and sensory impairments improve their gross motor skills, communication skills and relaxation techniques.

Work on the room will be starting in 2025. We are awaiting the outcome of a number of other applications for other spaces.

Sports Equipment

Sport England and the National Lottery donated a generous £11,325, allowing us to purchase sports and fitness equipment for all 18 inpatients mental health wards at the Trust.

This funding will be used to purchase so many different pieces of equipment including tennis, football, badminton, table tennis, rounders, dance and yoga mats. These will enable our patients to keep active and moving during their stay to help them on their journey to recovery.

We are so proud to have been a part of this project - it will have a profound impact on both the patients and staff at the wards.

**£11,325
raised**



Flow Headsets



**£21,970
raised**

Following a successful pilot project LPT led on, using Flow Neuroscience headsets as an innovative alternative treatment to depression, we were asked to seek funding for more to be used by the Crisis Mental Health Service.

Whilst we await the outcome of other funding application, we have secured £21,970- to purchase 86 headsets for the crisis mental health team. This will allow the service to offer this innovative treatment method to patients with depression and further research the impact on suicide rates. These donations were provided by the E H Smith Charitable Trust, the Westfield Health Trust, the Morrisons Foundation and the Hobson Trust.

Breastfeeding Groups

Charity Link donated £200 towards our Breastfeeding Group in Rutland, enabling us to fund training for two peer support workers.

“The money we were given has helped fund training for two peer supporters for Rutland which is amazing as we had become really short on volunteers. The **new peer supporters** will be able to ensure our breastfeeding support group and online support can continue which is **vital** for new parents. The support these families received from the peer support is often what allows them to breastfeed for longer and/or get the specialist care they may need moving forwards. **Thank you!** ”

Cathy Harrison-Stone
Infant Feeding Peer Support Coordinator



LGBTQ+ Lanyards

Over the last few years, staff at LPT have been asking for LGBTQ+ lanyards to wear to show support members of this community. We obtained £900 from two foundations enabling us to purchase 1000 lanyards.

'Within the short time I spent and liaised with Raising Health, they have been incredibly proactive and able to reach the goal of receiving funds for LGBTQIA+ lanyards into place. We are so grateful to the work that the team have put in behind the scenes to allow myself and my colleagues to be able to wear these amazing lanyards that will not only support patients but also carers and staff in recognising a safe space.'

Apexa Patel

Engagement and Wellbeing Manager



Gifts in Kind

Bears

BUILD-A-BEAR
FOUNDATION 

As part of the Diana Children's Service 25th Anniversary celebrations, we were able to obtain a donation of 400 bears from the Build-A-Bear Foundation.

Each bear has a beautiful purple bow as pictured to the left, representing the colour of the Diana Service alongside the logo's of both the service and the charity.

Some of these bears have been handed out to the staff to celebrate the anniversary of the service.

They will also be provided to every patient receiving care by the Diana Service. We are so proud to be a part of this project and put a smile on the faces of young patients.



Gifts in Kind

Books



As part of our commitment to improving the care and experience for our patients, we sought out the **Read for Good Scheme**. This scheme offers a wide selection of books for children and young people in school and hospital settings to improve literacy and give a bit of magic through storytelling.

After applying to the scheme, we secured over 50 new and contemporary books and comics. The books for younger children went to the Diana Community Service and the older books and comics, went to the Beacon Unit where the patients were so excited they made a book nook!

We would like to thank you for the incredibly kind donation of books and comics for our young people. Being in hospital can be really difficult, and sometimes they need a low-stimulus area off the ward to spend some time distracted and engaged in other activities."

Sophie Lem

Ward Sister at the Beacon Unit



Gifts in Kind



Sensory Boxes

We were also successful for a donation from the Starlight Foundation, a national charity supporting children's play in healthcare. The foundation donated a large box of sensory equipment, toys and games to be used to help our children's services.



The box was filled with slimes, fidget and tactile toys, bubble wands, various light up toys, clay, loom bands, starlight teddy bears and much more. Half of the contents went to the Beacon Unit and the other half was given to the Children's Physiotherapy Team.

The feedback from the services has been really positive as the patients are enjoying using these items.



Upcoming projects



Adventure, Art and Music Therapy

We have had a number of requests from services to help fund different therapy sessions such as hiking or sailing trips as well as arts and crafts and music sessions. This type of therapy has been shown to have a significant impact on mental health patients.



Homeless Mental Health Service

The Homeless Mental Health Service have requested financial support for outreach events to help improve referral rates and reach local homeless service users as well as food and drink vouchers to give out to those most in need.



NHSCT Wellbeing Fund

I will support the bid writing process when the NHS Charities Together Wellbeing fund goes live later this year. This will involve working with LPT's health and wellbeing team to shape potential funding project ideas for the application.



Two Flagship Appeals

It is part of the Raising Health funding strategy that the LPT board will hold strategic discussions around where fundraising efforts are best placed and consequently two major flagship appeals will be agreed.

Are you a Trust or Foundation seeking to fund a project?

We're constantly develop meaningful projects in need of funding. If you represent a trust or foundation eager to support transformative charitable initiatives, we'd be thrilled to connect with you and make an impact together!

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