



## Leopardstown Park Hospital Foundation

### Annual Report 2020

CHY (Revenue) Number 16425

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20059132

The Leopardstown Park Hospital (LPH) Foundation's purpose is categorised under the Charities Regulator headings of:

- *Promotion of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering*
- *Welfare of those in need because of youth, ill health, age or disability*

The Foundation's objectives are the enhancement of care and support for residents, patients, clients and carers/families. It aims to receive donations and generate funding to support the provision of care and services within the Hospital and to promote the Hospital within the wider community.

To further these aims the Foundation has the power to:

(a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Foundation.

(b) To agree the disbursement of charitable funds in accordance with aims of the Foundation.

(c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Foundation.

In 2020, donors were exceptionally generous in terms of bequests and general donations. Fundraising income from established activities was significantly affected by restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation particularly appreciates some of our individual donors who provide regular donations and the continued donations from the bridge clubs while they were permitted to be active in 2020. The sales of the book *Leopardstown Park Hospital 1917-2017* continues to provide some

income.

The Foundation has been in a position therefore to continue its support for residents, patients, clients and carers/families, which was never as important in a year where national protocols limited access of visitors to the Hospital. Funding included:

- Activity coordinators to provide and coordinate a range of activities which included art, music and many other activities, based on the interests of residents.
- Specialised and adjustable tables which facilitated greater independence for residents in a range of activities, including mealtimes. Tables were trialed in advance by residents who made a strong recommendation for their purchase.
- Introduction of voice interactive Smart TVs across the Hospital to expand the available range and variety of media available to residents and to increase some residents' independence, e.g. for those whom do not have good hand/motor function allowing an ability to independently turn on/off TV, switch channels/ choose music etc..
- Individual Christmas presents for residents

In furtherance of the requirement to improve facilities for residents, patients and clients a decision was made in 2015 to ring fence €1m to support the future redevelopment of the Hospital. This large development is supported in the HSE Capital Plan and will result in the full replacement of all residential beds within the Hospital, improving the environment in line with modern healthcare and regulatory standards.

The Foundation completed the *Charities Governance Code Compliance Record Form* for the 2020 period and has identified a small number of areas for improvement to bring it into full compliance. Various actions have been identified and work is underway to complete same.