

UHL/UHN Boards in Common Paper K

Meeting title:	Boards of Directors of Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (KGH), Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) (University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group - UHN) and the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) Meeting together (Public)					
Date of the meeting:	9 April 2026					
Title:	Escalation Report from the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC): 20 February 2026 (item 5.1 Paper K)					
Report presented by:	Prof Tom Robinson, Non-Executive Director Chair					
Report written by:	Gill Belton, Corporate and Committee Services Officer					
Action – this paper is for:	Decision/Approval		UHL Assurance	x	Update	
Which Group Priorities does this link to	Transform patient care	x	Strengthen our culture		Deliver our financial plan	x
Where this report has been discussed previously	Not applicable.					

To your knowledge, does the report provide assurance or mitigate any significant risks? If yes, please detail which

The report provides assurance re: the appropriate spend and governance of charitable funds, and re: progress on fundraising activities.

Impact assessment

Not applicable.

Purpose of the Report

To provide assurance to the Trust Board as Corporate Trustee on the work of the UHL Charitable Funds Committee, and escalate any issues as required.

Recommendation

To receive the escalation report.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 9 APRIL 2026

1. Recommended Items

There were no recommended items from the Charitable Funds Committee meeting held on 20 February 2026.

2. Discussion Items

2.1 Finance and Governance Report

The Committee received a report, the contents of which were received and noted, which documented the financial position of Leicester Hospitals Charity as at 31 January 2026 including the position of the general purposes fund, compared to the previously agreed plan for the 2025/26 financial year.

Particular discussion took place regarding: (1) the areas in which the Charity was under-performing and the fact that these related to areas in which there had been staff vacancies (2) the timeline for fully implementing the new financial model, with significant progress expected over the new few weeks as the finance team returned to full staff capacity (3) the development of a shared language between fundraising and finance (i.e in respect of terms such as 'restricted', 'designated', 'undesignated' etc.) which would ensure clarity on the definition and application of funds and compliance with the Trust's Reserve Policy. The CFC NED Chair recommended having a 'service level agreement' style document for the Charity's overheads so there was clarity around this; the Director of Corporate and Legal Affairs confirmed that she and the Acting Head of Charity were working on such a document and would submit this to CFC in due course.

2.2 UK Charity Governance Code 2025 – Overview and Implications for Leicester Hospitals Charity

The CFC received a report documenting: (a) an overview of the UK Charity Governance Code 2025 (b) a summary of key changes from the previous version (c) an assessment of relevance for Leicester Hospitals Charity and (d) proposed proportionate next steps.

The Charitable Funds Committee: (1) noted the publication of the UK Charity Governance Code 2025 (2) agreed that Leicester Hospitals Charity would undertake a proportionate self-assessment against the eight governance principles during FY 2026/27 (3) supported the inclusion of a refreshed Governance Code statement within the Charity's Annual Report and (4) noted that trustee induction and governance documentation would be reviewed and updated accordingly.

3. Meeting Dates 2026

A series of potential meeting dates for the CFC meetings in 2026 were detailed for members' agreement. Members agreed to meet before Trust Board meetings wherever possible.

Subsequently, the dates for meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee in 2026 were confirmed as follows:

- Friday 10 April 2026
- Friday 12 June 2026
- Friday 7 August 2026
- Friday 9 October 2026
- Friday 4 December 2026
- Friday 5 February 2027