



The Christie Charitable Fund

Annual Report of the Trustees Consolidated Financial Statements

2015/16



Foreword

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2015/16. The Corporate Trustee presents The Christie Charitable Fund's Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2016.

The Charity has a corporate trustee: The Christie NHS Foundation Trust governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Acts 2011. The NHS Trust Board devolved responsibility for the on-going management of funds to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the funds on behalf of the corporate trustee.

Our Trustees

The members of the NHS Trust Board who served during the financial year were:

Kathryn Riddle

Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
(since October 2015)

Non-Executive Director (substantive from 13th May 2015, previously interim)

Chris Outram

Chairman of the Trust

Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
(until September 2015)

Roger Spencer Chief Executive

Joanne Fitzpatrick

Executive Director of
Finance and Business Development

Jackie Bird

Executive Director of Nursing and Quality

Mr Anthony Blower

Executive Medical Director - Internal
(part time from 2nd October 2015)

Professor Chris Harrison

Executive Medical Director - External
(since 1st February 2016)

Fiona Noden

Chief Operating Officer
(since 1st August 2015)

Jason Dawson

Interim Chief Operating Officer
(non-voting until 31st July 2015)

Neil Large

Non-Executive Director
(substantive from 15th July 2015, previously interim)

Kieran Walshe

Non-Executive Director
(from 1st July 2015)

Jane Maher

Non-Executive Director
(from 1st September 2015)

Robert Ainsworth

Non-Executive Director
(from 7th March 2016)

Dame Christine Beasley

Non-Executive Director
(interim until 30th June 2016)

Jayne Brown

Non-Executive Director
(interim until 30th June 2016)

Dr Ronald Stout

Non-Executive Director
(interim until 31st March 2016)

Joanne Fitzpatrick was the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting during the year.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the charity section of the finance department of The Christie NHS Foundation Trust.

Non-Executive Directors (including the Chair) are appointed to the NHS Trust Board in accordance with the Trust's constitution and by the Council of Governors. Executive Directors are appointed through an open competition panel and following the NHS Trust recruitment procedure. All trustees are required to meet the Fit and Proper Person Requirements 2014, a statutory requirement for all care providers registered with the Care Quality Commission to ensure the suitability of all directors and all those acting in an equivalent capacity. Trustees are also selected to provide a good mix of

appropriate professional skills. New trustees are provided with an induction pack including the governing documents, the Charity strategy, the Charity Annual Report and Financial Statements and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. As part of their induction programme, time is specifically allocated to meet with the principal officer and the director of fundraising.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 19 to the financial statements.

Senior charity managers are employed on the same terms and conditions as staff in the NHS (subject to Agenda for Change). Remuneration is reviewed annually and is increased in accordance with the nationally agreed increases for the respective pay scales.

Who we are

The Christie Charitable Fund is an independent registered charity (registered number 1049751) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and was entered on the register on 11th March 1996.

The Charity exists to raise funds and receive donations for the benefit of the patients of The Christie NHS Foundation Trust so that they can be offered access to leading treatments, outstanding care and the opportunity for the best outcomes.

The Christie charity raises money for a range of vital projects and initiatives focusing on four main areas: research, care and treatment, education and extra patient services. It delivers projects, equipment and improvements that are over and above what the NHS funds, enabling us to give our patients access to the best possible care, research and treatment possible. Without the support of our fantastic fundraisers we would not be able to give our patients and their families the level of care and support that we do.

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust treats more than 44,000 patients each year and has been delivering world-first breakthroughs for over 100 years. It has one of the world's largest radiotherapy departments and the UK's largest chemotherapy unit and brachytherapy service. It is ranked as one of the top 10 most technologically advanced cancer

centres in the world outside North America and is the largest single site cancer centre in Europe. It was the first UK centre to be officially accredited as a comprehensive cancer centre.



The Christie has long been a pioneer in clinical trials and research and without the pioneering work of the Trust, hospitals around the world would not be using breast cancer drugs such as Herceptin and Tamoxifen and more recently Ipilimumab for advanced melanoma as standard treatments today.

The Christie charity supports the development of cancer prevention, treatment, research and education through investment in staff, equipment, facilities and other support services. We do this by making grants to The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, and, occasionally, to other related bodies. (The University of Manchester and 'The Christie at' sites).

We work hard to make sure that the money donated to the Charity is spent where the hospital needs it most and we produce a separate Impact Report which gives more detail about how charitable income is spent and the difference it has made to our patients and their families.

Principal Office

The principal office for the Charity is:

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Role of the Charitable Funds Committee

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Fund. The Committee is required to:

Manage the affairs of The Christie Charitable Fund within the terms of its declaration of trust and appropriate legislation.

Ensure funding decisions are appropriate, consistent with the Charity and Trust objectives and provide added value and benefit to patients and staff of the Trust, above those afforded by the exchequer funds.

Implement, as appropriate, procedures and policies to ensure that accounting systems are robust, donations are received and accounted for as instructed and that expenditure is correctly recorded.

Approve the Annual Report and financial statements and ensure that all relevant information is disclosed.

Manage the investment of funds in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000, and, if necessary, appoint fund managers to act on its behalf.

The Charitable Funds Committee receives recommendations from the Trust Management Board regarding the priorities of the Trust. The Charity then considers

these recommendations against the objectives of the Charity and the funds available. The committee meets at least four times per year, usually March, June, September and December.

Applications to the Charity for funding have to demonstrate that they meet the Charity's objectives and have to clearly show a 'success' criteria. Our research, education and operational divisions all provide annual updates to the Charitable Funds Committee on specific projects. Feedback to donors and supporters is also crucial, therefore successful applicants provide updates through a wide variety of opportunities including the Charity newsletter 'Successes', quarterly 'Spotlight' seminars attended by both staff and supporters, regular 'thank-you' events and our annual Impact Report.



Grant making policy

The use of our funds is restricted by the governing document which established the Charity to purposes connected with the Trust and grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted funds – these funds comprise three elements:

The Cancer Appeal Fund which is constituted of gifts received by the Charity where no particular preference as to its expenditure has been expressed by donors. Annually, applications are invited from any member of the Trust and also any patient group working within the Trust. Applications in excess of £25k must be recommended by the Trust Management Board to the Charitable Funds Committee, thus ensuring that the application is within the strategy and priorities of the Trust. The Charitable Funds Committee then considers the applications against the Charity's objectives, priorities and uncommitted funds available.

The Cancer Research Fund comprises donations and legacies received by the Charity where the donor has given a preference for the use of the donation to be for research purposes, but not specified to a designated research fund. Applications for support from this fund are, in the first instance, submitted to The Christie Research Strategy Group which assesses the quality of the proposed research, its correlation with existing research priorities and the availability of other research funding streams. Recommendations are then made

to the Trust Management Board and, if approved, forwarded to the Charitable Funds Committee for consideration.

Designated (Earmarked) Funds contain donations where a particular part of the hospital or activity was nominated by the donor at the time their donation was made. Whilst their nomination is not binding on the trustee, the designated funds reflect these nominations. The designated funds are overseen by fund holders who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area. Fund holders have a delegated responsibility to approve up to £25k. Expenditure above this level requires recommendation from the Trust Management Board to the Charitable Funds Committee.



Our objects

In accordance with the Declaration of Trust dated 8th December 1995 the Charitable Fund's objects are as follows:

The trustees shall hold the trust fund upon trust to apply the income, and at their discretion so far as may be permissible, the capital for any charitable purpose or purposes in connection with The Christie NHS Foundation Trust which will further the investigation of the causes of cancer and the prevention, treatment, cure and defeat of cancer in all its forms.

The purpose of the Fund is therefore to support the development of cancer prevention, treatment, research and education through:

- Improving the patient and carer experience
- Facilitating high quality research programmes
- Encouraging and supporting innovation in the development of services
- Promoting and supporting the training and personal development of staff

The Charity achieves its purpose by funding expenditure on:

Equipment – high technology, modern equipment to support research and/or to provide higher quality diagnoses and better treatment outcomes than before

Staff – specialists who care for patients or undertake new pioneering roles

Innovation – pioneering research projects that can lead to clinical trials of new treatments

Education – training and developing the cancer researchers and specialists of the future will ensure that patients get the best possible care and treatment

Research – support for the research infrastructure to provide the best facilities for cancer researchers



The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Board reviews the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when establishing the terms of reference for the Charitable Funds Committee. This has also been reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee alongside the Charity's strategy and is considered each year when setting and reviewing the guidelines for fund holders, who are authorised to spend charitable funds. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.



What we have achieved

This year we have raised a record-breaking £15.9million and for that we need to say a big thank you to all our loyal, committed and dedicated supporters and fundraisers.

We are very fortunate to have more than 43,500 supporters with 6,600 giving a regular gift. Some 7,588 people took part in sporting events, and 355 local businesses fundraised on our behalf. More than 1,000 community events were held and 190 people left us a gift in their will.

We also know how important it is to be efficient and keep our fundraising costs low, with 86p in every pound raised going directly to benefit patients and their families. By raising this money and through careful management of our existing funds, The Christie Charitable Fund has been able to commit funds to The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in line with the Charity's aims and objectives and the following provides an insight into some of these activities:

To commit funds to provide patient services and care beyond that which would be affordable under NHS tariffs

The Charity is committed to ensuring our patients receive the very best care and treatment. Over £30k has been invested to support paediatric staff nurses who work as part of the ward nurse staffing team and as part of the multidisciplinary team. They ensure the physical, psychosocial, spiritual and cultural needs of young people are met, and support patients and carers throughout treatment with knowledge and sensitivity. They also support patients and carers throughout emotional and stressful events such as diagnosis, relapse, palliative care and death of a child or adolescent.



To ensure that Christie patients are served by the highest calibre staff by committing funds to enhance the education and development of Christie staff and develop The Christie as a place of learning

The Charity invests in the development of staff, both clinical and non-clinical, beyond what is provided through Health Education England, enabling staff to further develop their skills and knowledge. In this year, over £56k was invested in educational courses, and in addition some educational bursaries and scholarships were funded by the Charity, helping to shape the talent of the future.



The establishment of a prestigious School of Oncology International Scholarship Programme has enhanced the reputation of The Christie internationally and led to new relationships with clinicians and organisations from around the world. By investing over £73k The Christie has the ability to offer scholarships to exceptional candidates from developing economies

which helps to enhance the clinical service for our patients.

To invest in the capital programme and enhance the hospital environment

In June 2015 the state-of-the-art Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) facility for researchers opened. This is a partnership between The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Cancer Research UK and The University of Manchester. The Charity invested £2million to help provide the infrastructure to bring more world-class scientists to Manchester, boosting research and thus helping to bring improved treatments to patients faster. The MCRC aims to revolutionise the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, ultimately leading to better outcomes for patients.



Work also began in July 2015 on building the UK's first NHS high energy proton beam therapy (PBT) centre. The Charity has committed to invest capital of £5.6million in developing a dedicated research space

within this development. This will enable the team to undertake significant clinical, radiobiological and technical research. In this financial year, over £900k was spent on the project, which when completed in 2018 will improve the targeting of PBT to ensure improved outcomes for patients with difficult-to-treat tumours.



To invest funds to improve the quality and quantity of clinical research

Long-term cancer survival has doubled in the last 40 years thanks to research that has led to the development of new therapies and innovative ways to treat the disease. At The Christie around 600 clinical trials may be taking place at any time and this year saw more than 2,000 patients take part in a trial. The Trust has a solid track record in cancer research and in translating that research so that it actually benefits patients as quickly as possible and this is supported by the National Institute for Health Research, naming the Trust as one of the best hospitals providing opportunities for

patients to take part in clinical research studies.

In 2015/16 the Charity spent over £1.7million overall towards research, supporting early-phase clinical trials along with a number of posts as part of the academic investment plan, supporting the MCRC. The academic investment plan is an unprecedented global recruitment drive to bring up to 20 of the world's leading cancer experts and their teams to Manchester. The Charity provides pump-prime funding to enable these plans to be realised.

One such post is the Chair in Proton Therapy Physics. This post is responsible for developing a programme of international leading proton research and innovation to deliver direct patient benefits. This goes from basic research, through pre-clinical and translational research to clinical trials and offering patients increased choices. It also seeks to develop local and international proton research collaborations and train the next generation of researchers in this multidisciplinary and rapidly developing field.

Following on from this, the Charity has also part-funded a Chair in Radiotherapy Physics, leading cutting-edge radiotherapy research and shaping a team of researchers looking at how radiotherapy can be improved to deliver better patient outcomes.

Over £190k has been invested to support a number of clinical fellows, including a Clinical Fellow in Uro-oncology. Working with the radiotherapy related research group, this post is involved in studies aiming to make the delivery of radiotherapy to patients with bladder and prostate cancer safer and more effective. By supporting the experimental and early phase clinical research portfolio, this group will contribute to the increase in treatment choices available to Christie patients. In the long term, this work aims to translate into improved therapeutic outcomes through improved survival rates, and a reduction in the late effects of cancer treatments.

To improve the quality of the patient journey and hospital environment

The Christie prides itself in ensuring patients are at the heart of everything it does and that's why the Charity is committed to continually improving the patient experience. One of the ways this is done is through the delivery of a range of complementary therapies.

The Christie offers a range of award-winning complementary therapies free of charge to patients and their carers. These include massage, aromatherapy, hypnotherapy, acupuncture and reflexology to help patients through cancer treatment and to minimise the stress of living with cancer. Therapy sessions also help patients who wish to stop smoking or reduce their

alcohol intake before commencing chemotherapy treatment.



The complementary therapy service continues to be in demand with an increasing number of patients benefitting from the therapies each year.

Another way the Charity supports patients is through the provision of art therapy. This activity allows patients to express thoughts and feelings they may find difficult to put into words. It also helps patients relax and provides a positive distraction.

The art room at The Christie offers drop-in sessions with a trained art tutor and the sessions are tailored to suit each patient's needs and abilities. The Charity has provided £19k this year to fund this invaluable support service.



Our Teenage and Young Adult Unit (TYA) includes a fully equipped music room and facilitates twice weekly music sessions with a trained music therapist. Patients can take part in group sessions, learn to play an instrument or make a recording if they wish.

The Charity also invests in the most innovative and state-of-the-art equipment, and £82k has been invested in developing a research planning system to support a number of research projects as part of radiotherapy related research at The Christie. Smaller items of equipment have also been purchased, such as infusion pumps, used to accurately deliver fluids into a patient's bloodstream over a period of time. These fluids may be medication, electrolytes or blood.

In total the Charity has accounted for £5.6 million expenditure on grants to The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and The University of Manchester during this

financial year. This is detailed in note 6.5 to the financial statements. All funding is made in accordance with charity law, our constitution and the wishes and directions of our valuable donors.



How we have funded our work

The following figures are taken from the full financial statements which carry an unqualified audit report. This part of the trustees' annual report comments on key features of those statements. In this section we firstly explain how we raised the money and then how we spent it.

Incoming resources - £15.9 million Expenditure - £5.2 million

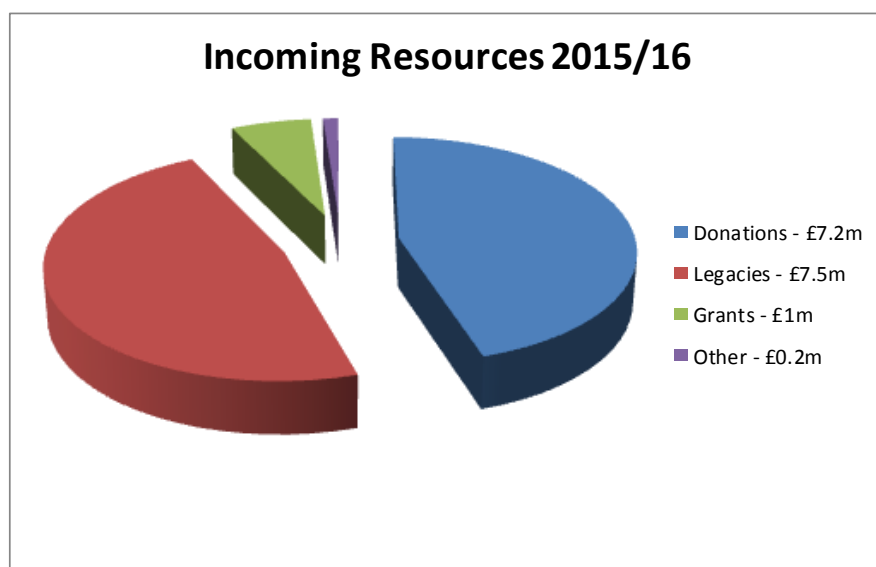
The strength of the Charity continues to lie in public fundraising, which sees proportionately larger numbers of donations of smaller amounts of money, and as such we value each and every one of our donors. A significant proportion of income continues to be received from legacies, which is testament to our approach to fundraising, which is focused on building strong long-term relationships with our supporters.

Incoming resources - £15.9 million

The statement of financial activities shows the total income for the year was £15.9million, an increase of £2.6 million against the previous year.

The target for the year was £14 million, so a significant overachievement of £1.9million. The main reason for this was due to exceptionally high legacy income this year.

The chart below gives a breakdown of our incoming resources:



Gifts generated from active fundraising raised £7.2million. Community groups and individuals raised funds through a variety of activities from cake sales, street collections, balls and ladies' lunches to name but a few. We have 33 groups in the local community spreading the word about the work at The Christie. A total of 7,588 people took part in our sporting activities which included runs, walks, skydives, bike rides, fire-walks and overseas challenges. Corporate fundraising ranged from staff fundraising to cause-related marketing. We had 355 corporate supporters this year.

Legacies totalled over £7.5 million, an increase of £2.6 million on the previous year. This year we received 190 legacies.

Charitable trusts donations totalled £981k. We are grateful to these organisations that have funded particular clinical projects or pieces of equipment. A total of 59 trusts and foundations have supported us with a donation.

The Charity fundraising team provide guidance, assistance and encouragement to all groups of supporters and organise a wide range of Christie branded fundraising events and activities.

An annual fundraising plan is presented to and approved by the Charitable Funds Committee, and the performance against this plan is monitored on a quarterly basis. The future forecasting model is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the planning process.



Expenditure - £5.2 million

The statement of financial activities shows the total expenditure for the year was £5.2million, a decrease of £12.6million against the previous year.

The table below details our expenditure:

The charity maintains its commitment to research with expenditure of £1.7million, an increase of £379k on the previous year. This is spent across a wide variety of projects supporting a varied range of specialist research staff.

Expenditure in year on new buildings of over £3million has contributed towards the MCRC facility and the PBT research space.

The decrease in provisions for grant awards of £2.8million is mainly due to the release of the provisions held for the new buildings which have been paid for in year. There have been no new major building commitments this year.

During the year the Charity continued to support a wide range of charitable activities benefitting patients, carers and staff.

The Charity operates a subsidiary trading company for the purpose of income generation for the Charity. In 2015/16 its turnover was £37k and £10k surplus was gifted to the Charity.

Expenditure 2015/16		
	£m	£m
Cost of Raising Funds		2.182
Charitable activities		
Clinical care	0.130	
Research	1.723	
Purchase of new equipment	0.168	
New buildings, refurbishment and major projects	3.019	
Other including staff and patient welfare	0.830	
Sub Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities		5.870
Increase / (decrease) in grant awards		(2.826)
Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities		3.044
Total Expenditure		5.226

Risk management

The major risks for the charity have been identified and considered. They have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The most significant risks are:

Local partnerships and competition

The Trust's strategy involves working in partnership with a range of national charities which affords the organisation obvious financial and reputational benefits. However, it does present a substantial risk to the Charity's positioning and existing market share, as these competitor charities increase their fundraising efforts in the local community to support their projects and consequently raise their profile across the region.

A comprehensive communications strategy is in place to ensure The Christie case for support is clear and effective and demonstrates the value the Charity makes to The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and our patients, and emphasises the part played in bringing partnership projects to fruition.

Legacy gifts

The largest proportion of Charity income comes from legacies and is on average over £5 million per year. Legacies continue to be a volatile and unpredictable source of income. The consistently low interest rates as well as other market forces have meant

that the average amount an individual may be able to leave in a legacy could decrease and therefore this could have an impact to the Charity's income.

To mitigate this a robust fundraising strategy is in place and is reviewed annually which ensures the Charity focus is on developing active fundraising to avoid reliance on one particular income stream. Income and expenditure are monitored in total and are compared with the approved plan on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.



Reputational risk

The reputation of the Charity is based primarily on its relationship with supporters, and also on the care, research and education provided by the hospital. To protect our reputation we have a proactive marketing and communications plan, and media coverage is monitored daily.

In addition the Charity has an ethical policy which protects the Charity from becoming involved with unsuitable partners, and provides assurances to our potential supporters that we are operating in an ethical manner. We also follow best practice guidance from the Charity Commission, Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Standards Board. When raising funds we also sign up to the Fundraising Standards Board scheme, the Fundraising Promise, and by doing so commit to maintaining high standards and complying with laws applicable to data protection, health and safety and the environment.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy has the objective of reserving sufficient funds to cover the known commitments of the Charity. The commitments comprise of all schemes approved by the Charitable Funds Committee.

The Charity does not commit to recurrent schemes. Some schemes may request funding for more than three years, however the Charity can only approve a commitment for three years expenditure, recognising that it will be asked to approve a further sum in the future, noting that this is without obligation. Where schemes run for more than three years they will be reviewed annually to allow a rolling three year commitment to be approved.

A progress report is provided as required. Until the annual review date, provision will be made to ensure sufficient funds are available to support a positive decision should further support be affirmed. The reserves policy requires that commitments are backed by liquid resources. The policy therefore protects the spending plans of the charity against both falls in fundraising income and investment values.

The commitments are reflected as creditors within the financial statements (noted in more detail as grant awards in the notes to the financial statements) and stand at £26.0million at 31st March 2016. This leaves uncommitted reserves of £26.3million as at 31st March 2016. However, a proportion of

the uncommitted funds are made up of earmarked funds which although not formally committed in an accounting sense have been designated for particular purposes within the Trust. The Charity reviews its levels of committed and uncommitted reserves on a quarterly basis.



Financial management

Under the Trustees Act 2000, the trustees are required to have a written investment policy. They are also required to be able to demonstrate that this policy is reviewed periodically, to ensure that charitable funds are being managed in the best interest of all connected parties. This responsibility is included in the terms of reference of the Charitable Funds Committee.



The Charity's cash management and investment strategies are intended to maintain the appropriate levels of long and short-term investments to ensure the on-going liquidity of the Charity, whilst maintaining a competitive rate of interest. The Charity will always ensure a fair balance of risk and return is achieved.

The Charity investment, cash and reserves policy was last reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2015 and is due for review in January 2018. The reserves policy has the objective of reserving sufficient funds to cover the known commitments of the Charity.

The Trust appoints independent auditors to complete an annual audit of the Charity financial statements. These are compiled in line with the Charity SORP (statement of recommended practice) and are submitted to Charitable Funds Committee for approval before they are submitted to the Charity Commission.

Why we need continuous support – our future plans

Whilst we have achieved a considerable amount thanks to the support of our loyal and committed donors, the Charity continues to have exciting and ambitious plans for the future. Work will continue to ensure our patients and their families receive the best care and treatment and that The Christie remains at the forefront of research advancements.

In 2016/17 we aim to raise £14million which will help us to continue our vital work.

We will continue to bring more of the world's leading cancer experts and their teams to Manchester as part of our academic investment plan, focusing particularly on the six identified themes:- lung cancer, radiation therapy, haematological oncology, women's cancer, melanoma and personalised/stratified cancer therapy.

We also plan to bring more state-of-the-art and innovative equipment to the Trust, including a revolutionary MR Linac Scanner. This piece of equipment will enable Christie experts to deliver more targeted, more personalised and more advanced radiotherapy for our patients.



The Charity will also aim to raise £5million for a capital development project to build an Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU). This development is needed to match demand for day-case medical procedures such as minor surgery and endoscopies, which is increasing.

Currently our facilities for patients coming to The Christie for day-case medical procedures are quite fragmented across the hospital site and this adversely impacts on patients. Through this development we will also have an opportunity to increase capacity to support our research aspirations and develop an integrated personalised medicine approach for patients. The IPU development therefore will enable us to deliver research that has life-changing potential for cancer patients.

The construction of the proton beam therapy centre will continue into next year and the Charity will continue to raise vital funds towards the capital cost of building and equipping the dedicated research space.

We will also be raising £584k to replace the existing patient entertainment system with a hospital wide, multi-media entertainment and information system. Our vision is that this will be a mobile 'in-flight' style infotainment service for both in-patients and out-patients.

As well as these specific projects the Charity will continue to support schemes that meet the overarching objectives.



Charity sector governance and partnerships

The Charity is regulated by the Charity Commission and is a member of the Fundraising Standards Board, the independent self-regulator for fundraising in the UK.

By being a member of the Fundraising Standards Board the Charity commits to follow the Code of Fundraising Practice set out by the Institute of Fundraising and to be held accountable for maintaining these professional standards. The Institute of Fundraising is also a source of guidance on best practice and changes to policies and developments within the sector.

In addition the Christie charity is one of over 250 NHS linked charities in England and Wales who are eligible to join the Association of the NHS Charities. As a member charity we have the opportunity to benchmark our fundraising activity with our peers, discuss matters of common concern and exchange information and experiences and to participate in conferences and seminars which offer support and education for our staff and trustees.

We utilise other publications in the third sector to benchmark ourselves including Fundratios, documentation from the Institute of Fundraising and the Charity Commission.



A big thank you

The trustees would like to pay tribute to all our supporters and donors for their invaluable support. We are eternally grateful. We would like to thank everyone who gives their time to raise funds and encourage the wider community to embrace The Christie charity.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who give up their time to support the Charity by assisting at events and helping out at the tea bar in the hospital which is funded by the Charity.

As a charity, our objective is to support and enhance the work of the Trust, and this would not be possible without the ongoing commitment and dedication of all our supporters. It is this continued passion, loyalty and enthusiasm that has made 2015/16 a truly outstanding year, and most importantly, has allowed us to continue our aim to improve the care, treatment and outcomes for patients and ultimately bring us a step closer to a future without cancer.

And whilst we have achieved a phenomenal amount thanks to our donors, this doesn't mean we can be complacent with our achievement and we always have big plans in the pipeline to further improve our services. All of these require your ongoing support.



What could your gift buy?

£1 - could pay for a stress star used in complementary therapy.

£10 - could buy a DVD for the Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Unit.

£30 - could pay for a subscription for the medical library.

£400 - could buy a high back armchair for a patient.

£1,000 - could cover the cost of art therapy sessions on the teenage and young adult unit for one month.

£5,000 - could cover the cost of a pilot research project.

£10,000 - could provide a dedicated therapist to support patients attending the palliative care clinic each week for a year.

£50,000 - could cover the cost of a research fellow, plus consumables for a year.

Signed:

Name: Kathryn Riddle (Chair of the
Charitable Funds Committee)

Date: