

## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have pleasure in reporting the financial results for the year 2016 which were extremely good at a time when markets have remained surprisingly strong after the unexpected EEC Referendum and Trump election results, and despite the weakness of Sterling and ceaseless immigration into Europe. They continue to perform well in 2017 regardless of the uncertainty of the outcome of negotiations between the UK and Europe; even the more recent confusion created by the hung Parliament following the General Election of a fortnight ago has not caused the markets to retreat significantly

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 the market value of the main investment portfolio, managed by Messrs. Adam & Co. of Edinburgh on behalf of the Robinson Board, was £2,825,451. This represents an increase of almost exactly 10% amounting to £256,548 with a total return of 12.4% when dividends and interest are taken into account and Investment Managers fees are deducted.

The capital valuations in the Hospital balance sheet at the lower of cost or market value at year end were as follows:-

	<b>Dec. 2016</b>	<b>Dec. 2015</b>
.	£'000	£'000
UK Government Stock etc.	386	352
Equities	1,348	1,237
Cash	48	98
Property	<u>448</u>	<u>448</u>
<b>Total Balance Sheet Valuations</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>2,135</b>

During the year income from dividends and interest amounted in total to £84,950, while the Newal Road property rentals generated £51,500. After adjustments this resulted in the dedicated free fund account held by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust increasing by £75,921 making a year end valuation of £1,261,137 which must be utilised within this campus, hopefully in the not too distant future.

As reported last year, the William Taggart Trust and the Thomas Henry Trust were amalgamated for administrative ease and for accounting and reporting purposes. The total market value of the investments applicable to the two Trusts was £570,634, which included £266,436 held in Charifund Units as well as £283,370 held in a portfolio of investments managed by Brewen Dolphin Securities with cash on deposit of £20,628. During 2016 the value of these Trusts increased by 14.5% amounting to £72,329. The Nancy Pullen Bequest and other generously donated funds which are invested in M & G Charifund Accumulative Units had a year end value of £117,433 which had increased by £12,992 representing 12.5%.

As reported last year, the late Wallace McNaul left his house in Union Street to the Robinson Board. Subsequently, the residue of his estate amounting to £9,067 was received and used in part towards the refurbishment of his former property which cost £18,491 plus £641 for rates and insurance. By the end of 2016, tenants had been found and £624, net of Agent's fees, had been received as rental income. In future, a full years rent should generate about £4,000 net of expenses.

All receipts and payments with regard to the Union Street property are recorded in the Hospital Association's Private Fund from which the generous bequest of £20,000, on behalf of the late Doctors Wilbur & Margaret Temple, held at the start of 2016 was used to enlarge and extend an existing Out-patients Clinic. As a result of all this exceptional expenditure the cash value of our Private Fund was reduced by some £25,000 to £28,275 at year end and this contained £13,819 to be used specifically for Palliative Care within the Robinson Hospital and included another hugh donation of £4,000 from Mr. D Boyle, Coleraine's Caring Caretaker. £500 was

spent on furniture for palliative care and the more traditional income from members subscriptions and interest amounted to £400.

Looking back to my first report as Treasurer of this Association in 2003, the aggregate value of all the Robinson Board's monetary investments was, in round figures, £2.35 million. The aggregate value of the financial assets reported this evening have grown to almost £5 million and with still more value accruing in the first half of 2017 this figure will have been surpassed as of this moment, which is impressive progress during a time of relatively low inflation.

However, it is regrettable that none of the major developments envisaged by this Board have come to fruition during those 14 years, although about a quarter of a million pounds was spent on various minor projects. Nevertheless, we take some comfort in the belief that these financial assets will help to safeguard this Hospital's long term future at a time when Government economies might threaten its existence.

Connor Taggart

Honorary Treasurer

21 June 2017

N.B. Members are reminded that they may inspect the accounting records for 2016 and in order to do so, written