

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2010

Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to report that the hospital's investments enjoyed a second year of recovery, following the unprecedented banking and financial crisis which occurred during the autumn of 2008.

The market value of the main investment portfolio, managed by Messrs. Adam & Company, on behalf of the Robinson Board, was £1,985,979 as at 31 December 2010. This represents an increase over the year of £213,943 which is just over 12% and means that the loss in value experienced during 2008 was fully recovered by the end of 2010.

Currently the financial markets and our portfolio are almost maintaining their year end values in spite of such adverse factors as European debt, earthquakes etc. and political turmoil in the Middle East, together with the consequent hike in the price of oil and other commodities. Hopefully the second half of 2011 will see upward market movement re-established.

As reported last year, the flow of investment income has diminished to about two-thirds of the pre-2008 level. During the year, income from dividends and interest amounted in total to £60,241 while the Newal Road property rentals generated £49,500. This resulted in the dedicated free fund account held by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust increasing by some £110,000, making the balance in this account £645,000 as at 31 December 2010.

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

	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2009
.	£'000	£'000
UK Government Stock etc	392	402
Equities	1,087	1,030
Cash	21	28
Property	<u>413</u>	<u>413</u>
Total Balance Sheet Valuations	1,913	1,873

In addition to the funds endowed by Samuel Robinson, two other trusts are held by the Hospital Board.

The William Taggart Trust, held partly on deposit and partly in Charifund Units, had a market value of £128,171 which was up from £118,334, an increase of 8.3%.

The Thomas Henry Trust which is held partly in a portfolio of investments, managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities, and partly in Charifund Units, increased by exactly 10% from £242,668 to £266,925.

The Hospital Association's Private Fund received income of £706 from subscriptions and interest giving a year end balance of £18,693.

In conclusion, I can report that the aggregate value of all the Hospital Funds together with the ring fenced balance held by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust now exceeds £3,000,000. We are anxious to see some of these funds directed towards further improvements of the facilities within the Robinson Hospital complex, as it is not this Board's objective to simply watch our assets accumulate.