

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2012

Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, this time last year there was some concern regarding the Hospital's investments as the markets were in retreat and the Euro crisis was at its height. Therefore it gives me pleasure to present the Financial Report for last year which, as you will hear, contains very positive results as the second half of 2012 proved to be much better than expected.

As at 31st December 2012 the market value of the main investment portfolio, managed by Messrs. Adam & Co. of Edinburgh on behalf of the Robinson Board, was £2,093,484. This represents an increase of 6.6% amounting to £130,307 with a total return of 9.5% when dividends and interest are taken into account.

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

	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011
	£'000	£'000
UK Government Stock etc.	342	350
Equities	1,133	1,060
Cash	96	71
Property	<u>413</u>	<u>413</u>
Total Balance Sheet Valuations	1,984	1,894

During the year income from dividends and interest amounted in total to £79,800, while the Newal Road property rentals generated £49,833. After adjustments this resulted in the dedicated free fund account held by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust increasing by almost £90,000 to £843,623 and in the regrettable absence of any current capital expenditure this will soon be approaching £1,000,000.

In addition to the funds endowed by Samuel Robinson, three other substantial funds are managed by the Board of this Hospital.

The William Taggart Trust, held partly on deposit and partly in Charifund Units, had a market value of £142,924 which was up from £129,206, an increase of 10.6%.

The Thomas Henry Trust, which is held partly in portfolio investments managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities and partly in Charifund Units, increased by 9.15% from £268,142 to £292,637.

During 2012 a generous bequest of £27,612 was received from the Estate of Mrs. Nancy Pullen and this was invested in M & G Charifund Units along with a £3,000 gift from Mrs. Margaret Allison. At the year end the value of this investment had increased by almost £4,000 to £34,481, representing a gain of 13% in less than 8 months.

The Hospital Association Private Fund received income from subscriptions of £496, giving a year end balance of £21,312, with interest from a 2 year fixed deposit amounting to £922 received after the year end.

All our investments continued to perform exceptionally well during 2013 until a month ago, when the markets, having almost reached their highest ever positions, fell back somewhat abruptly. At present there seems no reason to suppose that at least some of that fall cannot be recovered between now and the next year end which will give us another positive result.

Once again, regret must be expressed in so far as our considerable financial assets are not being utilised with regard to any of the several projects which this Board intends to progress in conjunction with the Northern Health & Social Care Trust. We must hope that the present well publicised uncertainties regarding the administration of health services in Northern Ireland are resolved and that progress will soon be achieved on this site.

Connor Taggart
Honorary Treasurer
26 June 2013

N.B. Members are reminded that they may inspect the accounting records for 2012 and in order to do so, written application should be submitted to the President.