

Little Hearts Matter

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Treasurer's Report

Introduction

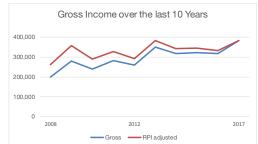
This set of abbreviated accounts for the financial year has been extracted from the full set of accounts which has been subject to an independent examination. Queries with regards to the document can be addressed to the Treasurer through the Little Hearts Matter (LHM) office or website. A copy of the full set of accounts, including the Independent Examiner's Report, can be provided upon request to the LHM office.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) shows a significant in flow of funds in 2017 (£33,626) and is split between both general and restricted funds. This outcome has arisen due to exceptional levels of income during the year combined with the prudence of the Charity to spend money where it will add the most value in support of the membership.

The gross income for LHM increased by 20% year on year and this has been reflected across all areas. Direct income from the membership increased significantly both as an absolute value (£60,000), but also as a proportion of the total income (66.1% in 2017 versus 60.6% in the previous year). LHM has always been an organisation close to its membership, and friends, and this level of donation and fundraising reflects the appreciation of the services provided.

The chart to the right shows the income growth over the last ten years on both an absolute cash (gross) basis in blue and then also on an alternative basis where there the effect of inflation has been taken into account (the red line). On the gross basis the income has increased by 91% over the ten years and taking into inflation into account, the growth has been 47%.



The costs for the year have increased by just 2% when compared to the previous year. This was mainly driven by the introduction of the new Workplace Pension arrangements which incurred set up fees and contributions of nearly £3,600. Other costs incurred have then varied as LHM tries to focus the services as required by the membership.

The Balance Sheet shows the financial position of the Charity as at 31 December 2017 and this remains strong with over £180,000 of net assets which is predominantly represented in cash. The increase in restricted funds is due to funds received for the new membership database and these will be spent over the next three years.

The Board of Trustees monitor the cash position closely to ensure that there are enough unrestricted funds to meet day-to-day demands. At 31 December 2017, the unrestricted cash position represents six months of funding compared to the budget set for 2018 which is at the upper end of the target range set by the Trustees of three to six months.

Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Year ended 31 December 2017 £		Year ended 31 December 2016 £	
Incoming resources				
Donations	98,795	25.7%	77,257	24.2%
Fundraising	154,878	40.3%	115,785	36.3%
Corporate/grant funders	113,359	29.5%	107,685	33.8%
Tax refunds	15,188	4.0%	12,420	3.9%
Other	1,690	0.4%	5,640	1.8%
Total income	383,910	100.0%	318,787	100.0%
Resources expended				
Cost of Generating Funds	18,222	5.2%	20,024	5.8%
Charitable activities:				
Staff costs	185,299	52.9%	182,405	52.9%
Rent and service charges	40,093	11.4%	41,966	12.2%
Open day	20,947	6.0%	21,216	6.1%
Travel and hotels	9,421	2.7%	9,291	2.7%
Printing/photocopying	8,833	2.5%	10,422	3.0%
IT support	7,709	2.2%	6,354	1.8%
Newsletter	5,918	1.7%	9,867	2.9%
Recruitment/agency staff	4,605	1.3%	2,079	0.6%
Activity weekends	4,368	1.2%	4,324	1.3%
Depreciation	3,851	1.1%	3,876	1.1%
Postage	3,478	1.0%	3,117	0.9%
Telephone	3,238	0.9%	2,852	0.8%
Public awareness campaigns	2,712	0.8%	3,078	0.9%
Training	2,643	0.8%	1,288	0.4%
Pension administration	2,515	0.7%	_	0.0%
Gifts	2,506	0.7%	1,736	0.5%
Bereavement events	2,444	0.7%	_	0.0%
Other	12,269	3.5%	11,580	3.4%
Governance costs	9,213	2.6%	9,629	2.8%
	350,284	100.0%	345,104	100.0%
Net income/(expenditure)	33,626		(26,317)	
Opening fund balance	148,572		174,889	
Closing fund balance	182,198		148,572	

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	31 December 2017	31 December 2016	
	£ £	£ £	
Tangible fixed assets	9,260	11,762	
Current assets:			
Debtors	6,834	7,968	
Cash	176,729	136,863	
	183,563	144,831	
Creditors:			
Amounts due within 1 year	(10,625)	(8,021)	
Net current assets	172,938	136,810	
Net Assets	182,198	148,572	
Analysed as:			
General funds	140,447	128,529	
Restricted funds	41,751	20,043	
	182,198	148,572	