

# **The UK Friends of the Shepherd's Hospice**

## **Annual Report of the charity for the year to 5 April 2020**

### **Name**

The name of the charity is "The UK Friends of the Shepherd's Hospice"

It is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with number 1113653

### **Trustees**

The following individuals served as trustees throughout the year:-

Jacqueline Anne Boulton

Ruth Elizabeth Cecil (Chair)

Michael Richard Hurton

Kathryn Ingham (Secretary)

Elizabeth Mary Rose

Peter Ronald Pegram Stokes (Treasurer)

Esther Dorothy Walker

### **Structure**

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a Deed of Trust executed on 5 January 2006 by the original trustees and amended by further Deeds on 8 August 2016 and 19 February 2019.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are

- (i) The promotion of the charitable purposes of the Shepherd's Hospice in Sierra Leone and
- (ii) The advancement of health by supporting the development of palliative care in Sierra Leone

The first objective has been met by making grants to the Hospice for specific purposes; including the remuneration of medical staff; and meeting some of the charges for care and drugs for poorer patients.

To meet the second objective the Trustees have agreed to meet part of the cost of a project being run by a British doctor designed to:

- increase the number of healthcare professionals in Sierra Leone trained in palliative care
- establish a network of PC healthcare workers who can help and support each other
- produce Sierra Leonean trainers in Palliative Care for ongoing training and development, who could help set up teams in other hospitals, and be involved in undergraduate training.

At the year end an initial week of training had been completed successfully before further work was halted by precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The charity has continued to provide the level of support to the Shepherd's Hospice which the trustees consider appropriate. The trustees believe that the new project to develop palliative care in Sierra Leone has got off to a good start.

## **Financial Matters**

Financial statements have been prepared for the year on an accruals basis.

The trustees aim to keep reserves which are sufficient, but not significantly more than sufficient, to enable the charity to continue its regular activities without sudden interruption; and to meet any foreseeable exceptional expenditure. The trustees believe that the reduction in the level of reserves during the year was consistent with this policy – but that further reduction would require corrective action and/or a revision of the policy.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by their authorised signatory



Ruth E Cecil  
16 June 2020