

PTHB Charity Newsletter October 2022

Official NHS Charity (reg no. 1057902) of the Powys Teaching Health Board. **PTHB Charity** was established with a simple goal: to improve the health and wellbeing of Powys.

A fond farewell and a warm welcome

This month we said goodbye to our Powys Teaching Health Board Chair of 8 years, Viv Harpwood, who retired from her post. For the past two years, Viv has also been the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and helping to steer the ambitious new direction of the Charity during this time. Viv recently recorded a farewell message for staff, which you can view below.

Thank you for everything and best of luck for the future Viv!

At the same time, we welcome our new Health Board and Charity Chair, Carl Cooper. Carl joins PTHB from the Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) and has also recently become Chair of the Powys Regional Partnership Board. We are very excited for the wealth of knowledge and experience that he will bring to the role.

Croeso Carl!

Fairwell message from Viv Harpwood



Health and Care Academy first campus opened

This month saw the official launch of the Powys Health & Care Academy's first campus based at Bronllys Hospital. The refurbished Basil Webb Hall was partially funded by PTHB Charity last year with a contribution of £235,000, along with grants from Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and further funding from Powys' Regional Partnership Board.

Health and Social Services Minister Eluned Morgan MS was present to preside over the opening which you see [here](#).



Using Gift Aid to give more

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a tax relief allowing UK charities to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer.

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How does it work?

As a UK taxpayer you will pay tax on your earnings, savings, or pensions. If you donate to a charity, this donation will come from money that you have already paid tax on. The Charity is then able to reclaim the tax back from the Government. It is important to note that this additional money goes to the Charity from the government, so it doesn't come out of your pocket.

All you have to do is opt in to make a Gift Aid donation when you donate. It's *that* simple.

Why should you claim gift aid?

By simply opting in to make a Gift Aid, it allows a little extra to go to your chosen Charity (25%!); it may not seem like a lot but even the smallest amounts can make the most difference.

If you wish to find out more about Gift Aid head to PTHB's website where we have some new guidance available (<https://pthb.nhs.wales/about-us/our-charity/>).



Calling all Health Board Staff... PTHB Charity is looking for thoughtful individuals who would like to become Charity Ambassadors!

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to become more involved in the Health Board's Charity as well as helping share exciting news and events which will benefit you and the colleagues in your team or service.



What does it mean to become a Charity Ambassador?

We are not asking for a big commitment from you, all we ask is you become a part of a small network of colleagues to help us share information across different services, sites, and staff groups.

You can be as involved as much or as little as you like, with opportunities to give advice to other staff members, helping to coordinate local events, helping services spend charitable funds

or just helping us raise awareness of PTHB Charity in the community.

If you're interested in becoming a Charity Ambassador or want to learn more, then email us at: PTHB.Charity@wales.nhs.uk



New funding for health and wellbeing projects

Don't miss out on our new resource for tracking health and wellbeing project funding opportunities available from other charities and third sector organisations.

In addition to the funding opportunities available through PTHB Charity, we will also be sharing opportunities for community groups, Health Board staff, and NHS services to apply for funding from other grant-giving charities. In the linked section on our Sharepoint site we've collated a list of external funding that may be relevant for health and wellbeing projects in Powys.

These funds could be utilised to in conjunction with PTHB Charity funding to match fund projects. PTHB applicants can also work with the PTHB Charity to apply for funding which is only made available to Registered Charities, but should discuss these with the Charity Manager well in advance of the closing date.

Head to our SharePoint Page to learn more: [Additional Funding Opportunities \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Or find us under the 'service areas' tab.

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