

ROH Orthopaedic Charity
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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees/Directors
on Tuesday 24th March, 2015
Research and Teaching Centre, Royal Orthopaedic Hospital

Present:

Mr. A. Gardner
Mr A. George
Mr. R. Grimer
Mr M. Herron
Mr C McBryde
Mr. A Patrick
Mr. P Patton
Prof. P.B. Pynsent
Mr S Richards
Mr. A.G Thompson
Miss A Weaver
Mr J.S. Wheatley (Chair)

Apologies. Dr A M Davies

Tribute to Mr Max Harrison

Mr Alistair Thompson paid tribute to Max Harrison who passed away on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at the age of 93

Max was a strong supporter of the Charity and of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, having been a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the hospital from 1958 until his retirement in 1985. He was renowned for his work on Perthes' Disease and published in many learned journals. He was a member of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital League of Friends and a founder member of the ROH Orthopaedic Charity. Representing the Charity, he was actively involved in the development of the Research and Teaching Centre and the MRI Centre at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. He left an enormous legacy to both the hospital and the Charity and is sadly missed by his fellow Trustees.

The Medical Staff Committee of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital has agreed that the lecture theatre in the Research and Teaching Centre be renamed the Max Harrison Lecture Theatre in his honour.

A celebration of his life is to take place in the Research and Teaching Centre at a date to be advised. This will take the form of a conference focusing on teaching for junior doctors. Mr. Alistair Thompson is involved in organising the event and will advise the Trustees of the date and further details in due course.

Welcome to Mr. R. J. Grimer

Mr. Wheatley welcomed Mr Grimer to his first meeting of the board of Trustees.

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2014 and matters arising.

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising were included in the agenda for today's meeting (24th March 2015)

1.1 Change of name and Registered Office of the Charity

Further discussion took place regarding the change of name and registered office of the Charity

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meeting in June 2015.

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2.3 Mr M. Herron. The Foot Surgery Atlas - £57,500

Mr Mark Herron had submitted an application to fund expansion of the Foot Surgery Atlas. The first edition of this on-line educational tool was developed and published by Mr Herron in 2007. The second edition is due to be published in March 2015, a joint project between the Audio-Visual Department of Birmingham City University and Mr Herron.

The editorial board consists of nine eminent foot and ankle surgeons from around the British Isles. The Atlas provides a 2,000 page online resource for foot and ankle surgery designed for consultants and trainees and covers the anatomy, treatment and surgical techniques with operation galleries, CPD questions and editorial articles. Over the nine years since publication of the first edition, the Atlas has proved to be ground breaking and is now averaging eighty to ninety thousand online 'hits' a month.

A detailed application with further information and costings was tabled at the meeting.

Mr Herron is seeking financial support to further expand both the size and usage of the Atlas amongst the medical community.

After giving a short summary of the project, Mr Herron left the Meeting. The remaining Trustees then went on to discuss the possibility of providing financial support.

The overall opinion was that it is an excellent project and the clinicians present highly commended it. However, there was concern about the Charity being involved with the project when it is linked to private practice (commercial companies). Whilst the academic content and value of the Foot Atlas was greatly appreciated and acknowledged, the trustees felt that they could only reconsider their decision if the project was divorced from any commercial organisations.

3. Any other business

No other matters for discussion.

4 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th June at 12.30p m.

81, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3HG

Thank you asking me to review this proposal. I think this is an excellent proposal in principle. It is not quite correct to say that existing triage services are without evidence. There is a body of evidence from Keele and other Centres to support the use of Start Back screening tool (a review of this group's thinking is ¹)

This has to be incorporated into this proposal as it is already widely accepted

The authors should consider material from the George Institute in Sydney (reviewed in brief.

<http://www.australianprescriber.com/magazine/34/5/article/1216.pdf>)

I think a measure of pain sensitivity is now essential.

In my view the interview system needs updating to take these ideas into account. There is probably significant capacity to refine and reduce the size of the interview as it stands. This will help to make it acceptable to a wide range of users and should be a key part of the proposal.

1 Foster N, et al. Sub-grouping patients with low back pain in primary care: Are we getting any better at it? *Manual Therapy* 2011;16(1) 3-8

Mr. Thomas had been provided with a copy of the report and had already implemented some of the recommendations

Additional income had been identified as £21,000 from the Freda Ashmore Memorial Fund and £20,000 from the Rheumatology Society.

The Trustees present agreed to fund the project less £41,000 available from other sources. Payment for the first year would be made in full and Mr Thomas would be asked to match the funding for subsequent years.

2.2 Mr. S Evans *Journal of Orthopaedic Practice*

Mr Scott Evans, Specialist Registrar, Birmingham Orthopaedic Training Programme, had submitted an application for £4,000 to support an on-line journal for trainees preparing for the FRCS Trauma and Orthopaedic examination. The project is a non-profit, open access, educational organisation aimed at providing and promoting educational resources through a website and a bi-annual journal publishing articles written by trainees, supervised by consultants and professors. Full details were tabled at the meeting.

The Trustees present felt the following questions needed to be answered before funding could be awarded

- 1 How will the website be sustained beyond the current interested parties?
- 2 Are there any additional annual costs?
- 3 Is a similar facility available elsewhere, i.e. have the applicants researched the existing forums?
- 4 What is the potential market for such a facility?

Mr Scott is to be asked to provide the above information and perhaps give a presentation to the

Mr. Wheatley had received an email from the ROH NHS Foundation Trust CEO, Jo Chambers, stating that plans to convert the topography room in the Research and Teaching Centre, which had been funded by the Charity, were no longer going ahead. The topography system, however, was to be moved to the outpatient department of the hospital as it was now viewed as a service rather than research project

There was, however, still concern regarding provision of accommodation within the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital to support the continuation of the ISIS II Anterior Chest Project

At a meeting of the Charity's Trustees on 31st January 2012, £190,000 was awarded to the ISIS II Anterior Chest Project. Mr. Gardner stated that preliminary work had already begun but it was incomplete. Mr. Gardner also stated that he had attended a meeting with Royal Orthopaedic Hospital's Research and Development Manager who categorically stated that the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital would not support any research sponsored by the Charity if the Charity withdrew funding for the ISIS II project.

Mr. George felt that legal advice should be sought on the matter in view of the uncertainty around the relationship between the Charity and NHS Foundation Trust

The Trustees present asked that the hospital's CEO be approached for assurance on

1. That appropriate accommodation is made available for the project to continue until its completion. Mr. Gardner and Dr. Berryman would be involved in determining suitable accommodation
2. A guarantee from the CEO that, as the Charity was funding Dr. Berryman's salary for a period of 2 years, she would be solely employed to undertake the specific project on ISIS II Anterior Chest and would not be deployed on any projects not funded by the Charity

It was agreed that the Charity would continue to fund the project dependent on the assurance from the hospital's CEO that the above criteria were met.

Mr. Wheatley to write to Mrs. J. Chambers regarding the above concerns

Action JW.

2 Applications for funding

2.1 Mr. A. Thomas: The development of a web-based system to utilise patient reported symptoms to triage and advise. Project cost £132,260

Application for funding this project was submitted to the meeting of Trustees on 17th November 2014. At that time it was agreed that the project should be peer reviewed. Mr. Jeremy Fairbank, Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford, was subsequently asked to review the project and reported as follows

6th December 2014 - JCT Fairbank, Consulting Spinal Surgeon, Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital

Comments on the proposal: The development of a web-based system to utilise patient reported symptoms to triage and advise. By A. M. C Thomas

Confusion had arisen over the Charity's name due to the fact that the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust had changed the name of its Charitable Funds to The ROH Charity. This name now appears on the NHS Trust's website.

At the meeting on 24th November 2014, Trustees were asked to put forward suggestions for a new name for the ROH Orthopaedic Charity to avoid confusion with the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's charity. The name preferred by all Trustees was The Birmingham Orthopaedic Charity. It was, therefore, resolved by all present at the meeting of 24th March 2015 that applications should be submitted to the Charity Commission and to Companies House to change the name of the Charity to The Birmingham Orthopaedic Charity.

It was also resolved that the unincorporated Charity (registered number 519902) should be wound up for ease of administration.

Miss Weaver informed the meeting that she has resigned from her post of Centre Manager to the Research and Teaching Centre and will be leaving the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital on 31st March 2015.

It would be difficult to carry on the Charity's work at the Hospital subsequent to her departure and alternative accommodation for the Charity's registered office had been sought. Miss Weaver had previously advised the Trustees of her decision and had discussed the matter with Mr John Wheatley (Chairman) and Prof. Paul Pynsent in a separate meeting. Mr Wheatley at that time had offered to accommodate the Charity's archive material in his offices at Droitwich. However, Mr Ronan Treacy, Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon, had later kindly offered space in a consulting suite at 81, Harborne Road, Edgbaston. The Trustees were asked their preferred option and it was agreed that the archives should be stored at 81, Harborne Road, Edgbaston. However, it was felt that the new registered office of the Charity should be at Mr Wheatley's offices in Droitwich, Worcestershire, in order that incoming mail could be dealt with promptly. It was, therefore, resolved by all trustees present that the new registered offices for the Charity should be:

CLARENDON HOUSE
14 ST ANDREW'S STREET
DROITWICH
WORCESTERSHIRE
WR9 8DY

Discussion took place regarding a broader reach of the Charity to those outside of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital who may benefit from the Charity's support. Suggestions were put forward to advertise the Charity by means of mail shot to orthopaedic surgeons within the region and to the British Orthopaedic Association, Royal Society of Medicine, lawyers etc. The sum of £5,000 had previously been awarded by the Trustees to update the Charity's website. This work has not yet been carried out. With the change of name and registered office, it is now essential that a website is developed. Miss Weaver suggested that Mr Simon Disney, Programmer and Web designer be approached to design the Charity's new website as he has the skills and knowledge of the Charity to enable him to carry out the work.

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1.2 ISIS II

Previous concerns regarding the continuation of topography following changes to the Research and Teaching Centre were discussed.



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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
ON CHANGE OF NAME**

Company Number 4411686

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that
under the Companies Act 2006:

THE ROH ORTHOPAEDIC CHARITY

a company incorporated as private limited by guarantee; having its
registered office situated in England and Wales; has changed its name to:

THE BIRMINGHAM ORTHOPAEDIC CHARITY

Given at Companies House on **6th July 2015**



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