

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL

EXISTING	PROPOSED (changes shown in bold)	EXPLANATION
1.The Name of the Association is “The League of Friends of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital”	1.The Name of the Association is “The League of Friends of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital ”	The existence of the League of Friends of the RSH (LoF) predates the building of the Princess Royal Hospital at Telford (PRH). Patients within the Trust are however served by both Hospitals. The Friends of PRH are no longer able to support PRH. The LoF wishes to do so.
2.DEFINITIONS: in this Constitution, e) The expression “RSH” refers to the healthcare facilities and operations provided by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Trust at its Shrewsbury sites or any successors thereof	2. DEFINITIONS: in this Constitution, e) The expression “ SaTH ” refers to the healthcare facilities and operations provided by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust at its Shrewsbury and Telford sites or any successors thereof	To enable LoF to support PRH the definition of the location of the facilities and operations has been extended to include Telford
3.OBJECTS AND POWERS (“Objects”) The Objects of The Friends shall be to relieve the needs of patients of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) who are sick, mentally and/or physically disabled, infirm or in need of assistance and generally	3.OBJECTS AND POWERS (“Objects”) The Objects of The Friends shall be to relieve the needs of patients of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (the Trust) who are sick, mentally and/or physically disabled, infirm, or in need of assistance, and generally	Reference to the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has been updated and consequential amendments made to reflect that and the change to 2e). A typo in 3b has been addressed.

<p>to support the charitable work of The SaTH Trust and its successors.</p> <p>a.To inform and educate the public in the needs of the patients of the RSH and to mobilise, encourage, foster and maintain the interest and support of the public</p> <p>b.To supplement the service provided by the RSH for the health, welfare and comfort of the patients therein, by the provision of services, facilities, buildings and equipment which may be required for the treatment of such patents, or for the efficient running of the hospital</p> <p>c.To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons or organisations whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise</p> <p>d.To take and accept gifts or property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for the Objects of the Friends</p> <p>e.To foster co-operation and communication between Friends, Local Authorities and Hospital Authorities</p> <p>f.To give and exchange information and advice and to promote education in all matters relating to hospitals and hospital management</p> <p>g.To publish, or contribute to the publication of, any papers, books, periodicals, reports or</p>	<p>to support the charitable work of the Trust and its successors.</p> <p>a.To inform and educate the public in the needs of the patients of SaTH and to mobilise, encourage, foster and maintain the interest and support of the public</p> <p>b.To supplement the service provided by SaTH for the health, welfare and comfort of the patients therein, by the provision of services, facilities, buildings and equipment which may be required for the treatment of such patients, or for the efficient running of SaTH</p> <p>c.To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons or organisations whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise</p> <p>d.To take and accept gifts or property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for the Objects of the Friends</p> <p>e.To foster co-operation and communication between Friends, Local Authorities and the Trust</p> <p>f.To give and exchange information and advice and to promote education in all matters relating to hospitals and hospital management</p> <p>g.To publish, or contribute to the publication of, any papers, books, periodicals, reports or</p>	
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<p>other documents</p> <p>h.To hold conferences, meetings, lectures, exhibitions and discussions</p> <p>i.To provide, or assist in the provision of, amenities in the RSH for patients, visitors and staff, including the provision and running of Friends' hospital shops and associated activities</p> <p>j.To recruit, and assist in the recruitment of, Friends' voluntary and paid workers</p> <p>k.To undertake and execute any charitable trust</p> <p>l.To assist with the establishment of new Friends branches and to give support to branch groups of The Friends</p> <p>m.To provide for the engagement of such professionals as may be necessary to accomplish any of the above Objects and to agree and provide for, their remuneration</p> <p>n.To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the above Objects and to monitor the use of The Friends' monies and resources</p>	<p>other documents</p> <p>h.To hold conferences, meetings, lectures, exhibitions and discussions</p> <p>i.To provide, or assist in the provision of, amenities in SaTH for patients, visitors and staff, including the provision and running of Friends' hospital shops and associated activities</p> <p>j.To recruit, and assist in the recruitment of, Friends' voluntary and paid workers</p> <p>k.To undertake and execute any charitable trust</p> <p>l.To assist with the establishment of new Friends branches and to give support to branch groups of The Friends</p> <p>m.To provide for the engagement of such professionals as may be necessary to accomplish any of the above Objects and to agree and provide for, their remuneration</p> <p>n.To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the above Objects and to monitor the use of The Friends' money and resources</p>	<p>Grammatical</p>
5.SUBSCRIPTIONS	5.SUBSCRIPTIONS	

<p>a.For members other than those awarded honorary membership, there shall be an initial annual subscription of £5 (Five Pounds) and £2 (Two Pounds) for senior citizens payable on January 1st each calendar year. The subscription for a Life Member shall be £25 (Twenty Five Pounds) and £15 (Fifteen Pounds) for a senior citizen.</p> <p>b.The Committee shall have the authority to alter the rate of subscriptions without reverting to a General Meeting of The Friends.</p>	<p>a.For members other than those awarded honorary membership, there shall be a subscription at a rate or rates determined at the Annual General Meeting of The Friends .</p> <p>b.The Committee shall have the authority to alter the rate of subscriptions without reverting to the Annual General Meeting of The Friends.</p>	<p>The existing provisions are no longer fit for purpose. The purpose of the proposed change is to enable the subscription rate to become a standing Agenda item at the AGM where there will be an opportunity for members to contribute their views.</p>
<p>6.OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE</p> <p>a.There shall be a committee and the business of The Friends shall be conducted and managed by The Committee who may exercise all such powers of The Friends and do on behalf of The Friends all such acts as may be lawfully exercised and done by The Friends and that are not by this Constitution required to be exercised or done by The Friends in General Meeting.</p> <p>b.The Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of The Friends and not less than fifteen nor more than twenty other persons. No person shall be a member of the Committee who is not a member of The Friends. Should a member of the Committee</p>	<p>6.OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE</p> <p>a.There shall be a committee and the business of The Friends shall be conducted and managed by The Committee who may exercise all such powers of The Friends and do on behalf of The Friends all such acts as may be lawfully exercised and done by The Friends and that are not by this Constitution required to be exercised or done by The Friends in a General Meeting.</p> <p>b.The Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of The Friends and not less than eleven nor more than fourteen other persons. No person shall be a member of the Committee who is not a member of The Friends. Should a member of the Committee</p>	<p>The current Committee believe that a Committee of 21 is too big for effective discussion and decision making. The current Committee believe 15 is a more appropriate size with a minimum size of 12.</p>

<p>fail to attend three consecutive meetings of The Committee then that person will automatically cease to be a member of The Committee unless there are extenuating circumstances with which The Committee agrees.</p> <p>c. At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting each year one third of the members for the time being of The Committee, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the nearest to one third shall retire from office.</p> <p>d. The members of The Committee to retire in each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became members of The Committee on the same day those to retire shall (unless they agree otherwise among themselves) be determined by lot.</p> <p>e. Retiring members of The Committee shall be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>f. The Committee shall elect a Chair to chair the meetings of The Committee and at any meeting of The Committee at which the Chair is not present they may elect one of their number to chair the meeting. The term of office of the Chair shall not exceed three consecutive years. The Committee may also</p>	<p>fail to attend three consecutive meetings of The Committee then that person will automatically cease to be a member of The Committee unless there are extenuating circumstances with which The Committee agrees.</p> <p>c. At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting each year one third of the members for the time being of The Committee, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the nearest to one third shall retire from office.</p> <p>d. The members of The Committee to retire in each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became members of The Committee on the same day those to retire shall (unless they agree otherwise among themselves) be determined by lot.</p> <p>e. Retiring members of The Committee shall be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>f. The Committee shall elect a Chair to chair the meetings of The Committee and at any meeting of The Committee at which the Chair is not present they may elect one of their number to chair the meeting. The term of office of the Chair shall not exceed three consecutive years unless the Committee agrees to extend the term of office. The</p>	<p>The additional words enable a Chair to remain in post after the 3 year term of office in circumstances approved by the Committee, eg the next Chair is not able to take up post immediately or the Charity is part way through a significant project/piece of work where continuity of leadership is vital</p>
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<p>elect a Vice-Chair.</p> <p>g. The Chairs of the Fundraising and Shops sub-committees will automatically sit on The Committee and have voting rights.</p> <p>h. The Committee shall appoint a Treasurer who shall become a member of The Committee and shall fix the period of his/her appointment. The Committee may at any time remove the Treasurer from office and appoint some other person in his/her place.</p> <p>i. The Committee may elect any member of the Friends to be a member of The Committee to fill any vacancy and to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting then next following.</p> <p>j. The Committee may from time to time elect to honorary membership such persons as it shall deem to have rendered exceptional service to the Friends.</p> <p>k. The Committee may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they see fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second, or casting vote. Any member of The Committee may, and the Secretary on the requisition of members shall, at any time</p>	<p>Committee may also elect a Vice-Chair.</p> <p>g. By a majority of votes The Committee shall appoint a Treasurer who shall become a member of The Committee and shall fix the period of his/her appointment. The Committee may at any time remove the Treasurer from office and appoint some other person in his/her place.</p> <p>h. The Committee may elect any member of the Friends to be a member of The Committee to fill any vacancy and to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting then next following.</p> <p>i. The Committee may from time to time elect to honorary membership such persons as it shall deem to have rendered exceptional service to the Friends.</p> <p>j. The Committee may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they see fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second, or casting vote. Any member of The Committee may, and the Secretary on the requisition of members shall, at any time summon a meeting of The Committee. At least four meetings of The Committee shall be</p>	<p>6 g. has been removed as not required and the subsequent sub clauses renumbered with any consequent clause reference updated. The basis upon which sub-committees are chaired is detailed in 6 o. (now 6 m). Under the terms of 6 m. Chairs of sub-committees must be members of The Committee. Newly numbered 6 g. The additional words provide clarification of how a Treasurer is appointed.</p>
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<p>summon a meeting of The Committee. At least four meetings of The Committee shall be held in each calendar year.</p> <p>l.The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of The Committee may from time to time be fixed by The Committee and unless so fixed shall be six.</p> <p>m.The continuing members of The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but if and for so long as their number is reduced below twelve, the continuing members of The Committee may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of The Committee or of summoning a General Meeting of The Friends and not for any other purpose.</p> <p>n.The Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of The Friends as it may think fit. All actions of such sub-committees shall be reported to, and confirmed by, The Committee as soon as possible and any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of its powers so delegated, conform to any regulation that may be imposed on it by The Committee.</p> <p>o.The sub-committee(s) shall elect a Chair of its meetings who shall be an existing member of the Committee and the provision of paragraph (k) of this section (except as to the</p>	<p>held in each calendar year.</p> <p>k.The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of The Committee may from time to time be fixed by The Committee and unless so fixed shall be six.</p> <p>l.The continuing members of The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but if and for so long as their number is reduced below eight, the continuing members of The Committee may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of The Committee or of summoning a General Meeting of The Friends and not for any other purpose.</p> <p>m.The Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of The Friends as it may think fit. All actions of such sub-committees shall be reported to, and confirmed by, The Committee as soon as possible and any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of its powers so delegated, conform to any regulation that may be imposed on it by The Committee.</p> <p>n.The sub-committee(s) shall elect a Chair of its meetings who shall be an existing member of The Committee and the provision of paragraph (j) of this section (except as to the</p>	<p>The reduction to eight from twelve is a reflection of the reduction in Committee size specified in 6 b</p>
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<p>number of meetings) shall apply mutatis mutandis to any sub-committee. In the event of the Chair of a sub-committee not being present, the members of the sub-committee shall elect one of their number (being a member of The Committee) to chair the meeting(s). In the event that a member of The Committee is not present at such meeting(s) the members of the sub-committee shall elect any one of their number and that person (or a deputy) shall be entitled to attend but not vote at the next meeting of The Committee.</p> <p>p.All acts done by any meeting of The Committee or of any sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of The Committee or of any sub-committee shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person, be valid as if such person had been duly appointed.</p> <p>q.The Committee shall appoint the Secretary who may (but need not) be a member of the Committee and shall fix the period of his/her appointment and his/her remuneration. The Committee may at any time remove the Secretary and appoint some other person in his/her place.</p>	<p>number of meetings) shall apply mutatis mutandis to any sub-committee. In the event of the Chair of a sub-committee not being present, the members of the sub-committee shall elect one of their number (being a member of The Committee) to chair the meeting(s). In the event that a member of The Committee is not present at such meeting(s) the members of the sub-committee shall elect any one of their number and that person (or a deputy) shall be entitled to attend but not vote at the next meeting of The Committee.</p> <p>o.All acts done by any meeting of The Committee or of any sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of The Committee or of any sub-committee shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person, be valid as if such person had been duly appointed.</p> <p>p.The Committee shall appoint the Secretary who may (but need not) be a member of the Committee and shall fix the period of his/her appointment and his/her remuneration. The Committee may at any time remove the Secretary and appoint some other person in his/her place.</p>	
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<p>8.ACCOUNTS</p> <p>These shall be prepared annually and laid before The Friends in General Meeting together with an audited Statement of Accounts and a report of The Friends' activities.</p>	<p>8.ACCOUNTS</p> <p>These shall be prepared annually and laid before the Friends at a General Meeting together with an audited Statement of Accounts and a report of The Friends' activities.</p>	<p>Grammatical</p>
<p>11.PROPERTY</p> <p>a.The moneys and property of The Friends not immediately required for the purposes of The Friends may be held or vested in such persons as The Committee may from time to time determine, and The Committee may appoint two or more persons, whether members of The Friends or not, to hold any such moneys or property upon trust for The Friends.</p> <p>b.Cheques drawn on behalf of The Friends, and payments by electronic means, shall be signed/ authorised by such persons as The Friends shall from time to time direct, subject to a minimum of two authorised signatories.</p>	<p>11.PROPERTY</p> <p>a.The money and property of The Friends not immediately required for the purposes of The Friends may be held or vested in such manner as The Committee may from time to time determine.</p> <p>b.Cheques drawn on behalf of The Friends, and payments by electronic means, shall be signed/ authorised by such persons as The Friends shall from time to time direct, subject to a minimum of two authorised signatories.</p>	<p>The existing provisions are no longer fit for purpose.</p>