

Annual Review

2007 - 2008

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CHAIRMAN

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In writing my final letter as Chairman it is good to know that 2007-2008 has been a very successful year for the charity.

After deciding to evaluate our services to the people of Northern Ireland, we made a number of changes on the recommendation of Dr. Roger Courtney, who carried out a detailed assessment of our work. The feedback from the clients and carers was very positive.

After extensive consultation and discussion the Board adopted a new structure under which there would be three Area Services Managers responsible for integrating local services in three defined areas covering the entire region.

We subsequently agreed an ambitious three-year strategic plan. Now that all of this is in place, it is time for me to hand over the Chair after more than a quarter of a century.

Congratulations to Professor Mahendra Varma, a former President of the Irish Cardiac Society - and Chairman of our very successful Fermanagh Support Group for 24 years - on his election as Chairman of NICHS. He brings many talents to our charity. Mrs Maureen Taggart MBE has been elected as Vice Chairman. She is Director of Human Resources &

Management Services at the NI Housing Executive. I would like to acknowledge the great contribution which has been made by James Caldwell FCA as a member of the Governance Board over a period of 8 years. I welcome to the Board Mrs Ann Burnett, who is Head of Human Resources in a large public sector organisation.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome new Council members:

Mrs Ann Burnett, Head of Human Resources

Mr Jim Cooper, former Trade Union Official

Dr Kevin Dynan, Consultant Stroke Physician

Dr Ken Fullerton, Consultant Stroke Physician

Dr Nigel Hart, GP

Mr Martin Mulholland, Lecturer in Department of Continuing Learning QUB

Mr Gearoid O'Caireallain Journalist and stroke client

I am sad to report the sudden death of Mr Eamon Kavanagh, a long standing Council member. His contribution will be sorely missed. Eamon always exuded joy and enthusiasm.

As always, many, many thanks to all our volunteers, who include Council members, Governance Board members, fundraising support groups and those who help provide our services to the community. Without this broad range of volunteers, none of our achievements would be possible.

Finally, I pay tribute to our Chief Executive and his team. There are few people in the province who have not heard of NI Chest Heart & Stroke and that is one of the many things Andrew has achieved. He was initially appointed to increase our income and improve our services to the people of Northern Ireland, and he has been hugely successful in both endeavours.

He is a hard act to beat. I count him among my many friends and I have reason to be grateful for all his advice over the years. I shall miss him, as I shall miss everyone at the charity who has helped make the last quarter century so memorable.

Yours sincerely

Roger Lowry OBE FRCP FRCPI

Dr Roger Lowry OBE FRCP FRCPI

A tribute by Professor MPS Varma, Chairman NICHS

Roger Lowry has been a dedicated volunteer with NICHS for almost 4 decades. His expertise in respiratory medicine has been a highly valuable resource to those involved in both research and services in the charity. In 1982 he saw the need to appoint a Director with extensive management training and experience to provide vibrant leadership to the charity.

He promoted to the Belfast Marathon Committee in 1982 the benefits of having a nominated charity which could raise a large amount of money for the charity and thus give the runners in the marathon a sense of team spirit. This was accepted by the Marathon Committee and NICHS was the nominated charity for the second Belfast City Marathon in May 1983. The magnificent sum of £25k was raised. Many other charities over the years have benefited from this event as a result of this visionary recommendation.

Roger Lowry has provided wise counsel both to the Board and to the Chief Executive over many years.

His firm hand on the tiller steered the charity through turbulent waters at numerous junctures in his 25 years in the Chair.

His personal courage and fortitude in recent years have been a source of inspiration to Governance Board members, the Chief Executive, staff and volunteers.

He has been an exemplary Chair and so it is with much trepidation that I now take on that role.

Chairman's letter

Professor MPS Varma PhD, FRCP (Glas), FRCPI, FESC, FACC



Andrew Dougal OBE FCIPR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Income

I am pleased to be able to report a highly successful year in terms of income to NICHHS. A budget deficit of £91k had been predicted. In fact we achieved a surplus of £662k, which is a remarkable result.

Legacy income was £445k higher than predicted - almost double the budgeted figure.

Poskitt Room

The first floor conference room was dedicated to the memory of the Poskitt family. Mr Frederick Poskitt left £1.1m to NICHHS in his Will. A plaque was unveiled by Lady Dunleath, Patron of NICHHS in memory of Frederick Poskitt, his wife Mary Dorothy and their son Dr Michael RJ Poskitt.

New Structure

We have seen big changes in the year under review in the way in which we structure our services to the people of Northern Ireland. We have a new Director

of Research and Advocacy, whose job will be to influence political and Health Service policy, oversee our research and encourage people to lead healthier lifestyles.

The previous post of Director of Health has now been re-named Director of Care and Secondary Prevention. The aim is to place greater emphasis on our support for people who have already been affected by chest, heart and stroke illnesses.

Core Functions

As a result of the restructuring, it was decided that we should concentrate on our core services. This means that the single Homecare Service has been transferred to Extra Care, an organisation which specialises in this work.

Highway to Health

Derek Sweetnam was appointed 10 years ago on a 1-year grant from the European Commission to promote Highway to Health walking routes. This very successful scheme now provides 113 routes across all of the local council areas. The councils will continue to maintain the routes.

Obesity

The DHSSPS has set up an Obesity Prevention Steering Group and has asked me to serve on this. Representatives from each Government Department along with individuals from other statutory bodies and voluntary agencies are also taking part.

Junk food advertising

I continue to put forward the view that Government must be much more conscientious in ensuring controls on the advertising and promotion of junk food to children. It is essential that the advertising of

all junk food is banned from all TV channels before the 9pm watershed. Government failure to do this is a gross dereliction of duty to the health of our young people.

Stroke Care Improvements

There have been major developments in stroke care during the year under review – and NI Chest, Heart and Stroke has contributed to the positive changes.

The Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey, was given a first-hand account of life after stroke when he met members of the NICHHS-supported Stroke Survivors Partnership Forum, which was set up in the Eastern Board area.

The members produced a report entitled "Stroke survivors: our stories, our words" and launched it at an event attended by Mr McGimpsey in September 2007. The report made 50 recommendations for improvement in stroke care in the Health Service.

The Stroke Service Development Team in the Eastern Board has supported the establishment of Service Improvement Groups in the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust. These groups are working to ensure that the best and most up-to-date stroke care is delivered in line with the needs of those affected.

While much has been achieved in recent months and years in the development of stroke care, much remains to be done. The Stroke Service Development Team, supported by NI Chest, Heart and Stroke, will play a key part in those future developments.

NI Assembly

In May 2007 Dr Michael Power and I spoke to members of the Health Committee of the NI Assembly to outline our thoughts about the current standards of care in relation to chest, heart and stroke illnesses. The Committee gave us a very sympathetic reception and agreed on the need to take urgent action on the development of stroke services, on the need for more support for carers and on the need for support for those with chronic chest conditions and those suffering from heart failure.

Along with representatives of Speechmatters, I was invited to make a presentation to the Health Committee on the final consultation in regard to the Stroke Strategy.

Scientific Research Grants Committee

The following resigned from the committee during the year under review:

Professor Deirdre Walsh, University of Ulster, Professor Alun Evans QUB and Dr Ivan Wiggam, Belfast City Hospital. We thank them for their service and welcome the following new members: Professor Raymond Tallis, former Head of Geriatric Medicine at Salford University who is also a published poet and philosopher; Professor Alison Halliday, who is a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at St George's University of London; Professor Roderick Hay, Chairman of the International Foundation for Dermatology, formerly Dean of the Medical Faculty at Queen's University Belfast; and Dr John Yarnell, Reader in Epidemiology and Public Health at QUB.

Grants Awarded

The following research grants have been agreed for funding with effect from August 2008.

DATE AWARDED	TITLE	LEAD RESEARCHER	INSTITUTION	START DATE	GRANT AWARDED
6/5/2008	Stepping out: Promoting self management for stroke survivors in the community	Dr Sheila Lennon	University of Ulster	Before Dec 2008	£40,168 over 18 months
6/5/2008	Evaluation of intracellular Pattern Recognition Receptors in Cystic Fibrosis Cells and methods to inhibit Activation of these Receptors	Prof. Clifford Taggart	Queen's University Belfast		£70,573 over 18 months
6/5/2008	The Feasibility of Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation in Acute Stroke Patients with Persistent Dyshagia at One Week Post Stroke - a Pilot Study	Carole McLaughlin	Belfast City Hospital, Speech & Language Therapy Department	Before Dec 2008	£20,750 over 12 months
6/5/2008	A Trial of Micronutrient Supplementation in Patients with Heart Failure	Dr Pascal McKeown	Queen's University Belfast Institute of Clinical Sciences	6/8/2008	£34,220 over 36 months
6/5/2008	The use of Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) and sputum eosinophilia to identify non-adherence in difficult to control asthma	Dr Liam Heaney	Regional Respiratory Centre, Belfast City Hospital		£100,859 over 24 months (Astma UK)
10/7/2008	Investigation of the protective effects of Keratinocyte growth factor in a model of acute lung injury after inhalation of lipopolysaccharide by health volunteers	Dr Danny McAuley	Microbiology Building Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast		£14,170
18/8/2008	Improved detection and treatment of anaerobic bacteria in non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis	Dr Michael Tunney	QUB School of Pharmacy Belfast		£60,992
					TOTAL £341,732

The Board has commissioned Dr Harold Harvey of the University of Ulster to undertake a health and safety assessment of NICHs premises in Belfast and Londonderry. He will also look at health and safety issues affecting those who work from home and the various locations where we provide our services and activities.

Staffing

I want to pay tribute to the achievements of Myrtle Neill, Director of Health, who has left NICHs. Myrtle, who played a key role over 9 years, was particularly successful in gaining grants from the Big Lottery Fund, which enabled us to launch pioneering new projects for the rehabilitation of stroke and heart patients as well as respiratory support groups more recently.

We also say farewell and thanks to John McCreary, who has served as Director of Corporate Services since June 2003. John was involved in overseeing the rebuilding of our headquarters at 21 Dublin Road and kept a very professional hold on the purse strings of the charity for the past five years. We wish him well in his new post with Barclay Communications

Roisin Murray was Human Resources Manager for a period of 2 years. She brought a highly professional approach to the practice of personnel management within NICHs. We wish her well in her new job with W5 at the Odyssey Complex.



Anne Madden
Director of Research &
Advocacy.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Anne Madden as Director of Research & Advocacy. Anne previously worked as a writer on the International Desk of the British Red Cross in London. She was previously Health Correspondent with the Irish News in Belfast.



Jillian Patchett
Director of Care & Secondary
Prevention

Jillian Patchett has been appointed Director of Care & Secondary Prevention. Jillian previously worked with the NHS Modernisation Agency in England and subsequently established and led the Service Improvement Unit at DHSSPS.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of three Area Services Managers:

Fiona Green, who will look after the Southern & South Eastern areas, has worked in the voluntary sector for 15 years, most recently with Victim Support and before that with Gingerbread

Russell Browne will be responsible for the Western area and for the North West office. He previously worked in a housing aid charity for young homeless people and was previously a public servant

Sinead McCormick will be looking after the Belfast and Northern areas. She previously worked as Senior Cardiac & Respiratory Services Co-Ordinator with NICHs and before joining us was an electro-physiologist in the Health Service.

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Myrtle Neill
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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Respiratory

NICHS has recruited five co-ordinators to run a new Respiratory Support Network for people suffering from COPD. The project - the first of its kind in Northern Ireland - is being supported for three years by the Big Lottery Fund. Respiratory specialists and those who use the service have welcomed it. A steering group comprising clients, carers, GPs, healthcare professionals and other voluntary agencies has been set up to advise.

Cardiac

We now support twenty one Cardiac Support Groups throughout the province, many of whom have been involved in the establishment of the Patients' Cardiac Forum and are currently engaged in the Northern Ireland Managed Clinical Network for Cardiac Care. This means that the people directly affected are able to influence Health Service policy in this area.

Stroke

We continue to support more than 2,000 stroke survivors and their carers in every area of Northern Ireland. The programme of activities has benefited from working in partnership with

health care Trusts, other voluntary agencies and community groups.

Stroke Family Support

This service continues to provide badly-needed support in every area. It helps 643 families in the Eastern Board, 371 in the Southern Board, 295 in the Northern Board and 105 in Omagh/Fermanagh.

We hope that in future Stroke Family Support Schemes will be funded by the Health Trusts in Newry & Mourne in the Southern Health & Social Care Trust, in Foyle in the Western Health & Social Care Trust and in East Antrim, which is part of the Northern Health & Social Care Trust.

Community stroke services are offered to 214 people in the Eastern area and 158 in the Southern area. In the Northern area 115 people benefit from the service, while the figure in the Western area is 112.

Young Stroke - Moving On

We run highly successful special projects for young stroke survivors in several areas. These help 53 people in the Eastern Board and 143 in the Southern Board. In the Western area a total of 107 people are involved in the young stroke and fitness zone.

We have successfully received mainstream funding for the three projects which were previously supported by the Big Lottery Fund. These programmes of support have been hugely successful. All of those who use the services have seen a dramatic improvement in their recovery, with some returning to work and others even becoming NICHS volunteers.

Carers Network

This very worthwhile support network continues to provide a helping hand to people who find themselves having to look after a loved one who has suffered a stroke. It offers a break from the routine of caring, information, social

opportunities and access to professional help where appropriate.

Health Promotion

This small but very professional team continues to provide a vital service to employers and members of the public in every area of Northern Ireland. In some cases our health screening has detected people who are actually in the process of having a heart attack – proof that it is a life-saving service. We are delighted that many companies continue to offer the service to their workforces at least once a year.



Health Test: Alison Irvine from NI Chest Heart & Stroke joins Marie Hughes, Winnie Johnston, Una McCaffrey and Stephen Lismore at a Health information day held at the Falls Leisure Centre.



"Congratulations to young stroke clients, Donna Higham and June Close who achieved 1st and 2nd place at Danescroft Regional RDA (Riding for the Disabled) Dressage Competition earlier this year. Included in the photograph are David Armstrong, Riding Instructor and Jessica Perry, Young Stroke Co-Ordinator"



Tracy Marshall
DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

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In my first report as Director of Fundraising it gives me pleasure to announce that this year, through the dedication of the fundraising staff and volunteers, the department has raised a staggering £1.7 million. This is not only an indication of the continued commitment of those who work so hard on our behalf, but is also a sign of the generosity of the people of Northern Ireland.

Community Appeals

This year, as with every year, committed and dedicated Fundraising Support Groups throughout Northern Ireland continued to make a substantial and significant contribution to our income. A total of £312k was raised through volunteer fundraising activities – an immense achievement. The dedication of all those who give up their spare time and money to support our vital work is inspiring.

One of the highlights of my first six months in the job has been visiting and getting to know the people involved. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for their continued hard work.

Corporate Giving

Corporate Giving continues to be a strong source of income.

Foyle Food Group

The Foyle Food Group and its staff have been toiling to raise funds for us, bringing in an impressive total of £20k. Our thanks to all the employees who took part in the many fundraising events, and, of course, to the company management.

Mid Ulster Vintage Tractor Association

Mid Ulster Vintage Tractor Association raised a magnificent £18,520. We would particularly like to thank the Dungannon and Armagh Fundraising Support Group for all the hard work which they invested in this.

Ulster Bank

Over £8k was donated by staff of Ulster Bank as a result of the Graduate Gala Ball which was held in September 2007. A further £2k was received from Ulster Bank Community Cash Back Award Scheme. We extend our gratitude to all involved.



The people of Fermanagh have raised a staggering £20,000 for the provision of stroke services in the county. The cheque was presented at the Annual Erne Hospital Ball. From left: Marie Kelly Stroke Co-Ordinator, Una Bourke Honorary Treasurer Fermanagh Branch, Professor Mahen Varma Chairman Fermanagh Branch, Andrew Dougal Chief Executive NI Chest Heart & Stroke, Brian McCluskey Area Appeals Co-Ordinator NI Chest Heart & Stroke



Anne Patterson, Chairperson and Cora Barras, Secretary of NICHs Dungannon Support Group receiving a cheque from members of the Mid Ulster Vintage Tractor Association



Staff of Ulster Bank enjoying the evening at their Graduate Gala Ball

Orchard County Vintage Vehicle

Orchard County Vintage Vehicle raised £1,750. We are indebted to Mr William Martin and family for their continuing commitment to the work of the charity and for all their hard work over the years.

NI Referees' Association

The NI Referees' Association presented us with a generous cheque for £8,370 in July 2007. The referees raised the money by organising collections, helped by volunteers, at various shopping centres, as well as donating a percentage of their match fees.

Barclay Communications

Barclay Communications adopted NICHS as its nominated charity for an evening at Down Royal Racecourse in June 2007. Over £5,600 was raised through envelope donations and an auction.



Adrian McCourt from Barclay Communications presenting a cheque to Lisa Shilliday, NICHS.

Toughglass Ltd.

Staff at Toughglass Ltd in Kilkeel donated £1,558 to our work.

Our corporate fundraising is a vital component of our overall income. We thank all the above-named organizations, as well as any others I have not mentioned because of space constraints, but whose efforts are equally appreciated.

General Fundraising

Mr William McCaffery from Lisnaskea undertook a sponsored slim to lose weight so that he could safely undergo a cardiac operation. He raised a huge sum - in excess of £13k. We want to thank Mr McCaffery and all those who were so generous in this venture.



Willie McCaffery who is taking part in a sponsored slim to raise funds for the NI Chest Heart & Stroke

Lottery Income

Total lottery income for the year amounted to £461,943. Much of this funding ended on 31 December 2007. However, Health Boards and Health Trusts have pledged to continue funding nearly all projects which were previously established with funding from the Big Lottery. This contributed to an increase in income from Health Service sources of £189,954.

We continue to develop new fundraising initiatives with a number of partners we have worked with in the past.

Donations in lieu of Flowers

As with every year, this area of fundraising continues to make a very significant contribution, with £262k being donated by families and friends who have lost loved ones. We can only express our sincere gratitude to those who think of our work at such a difficult time.



John McCreary BSc FCA
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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INCOMING RESOURCES



	£	%
1. LEGACIES	895,338	28.1%
2. DONATIONS	571,077	17.9%
3. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND	378,233	11.9%
4. DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS	261,954	8.2%
5. GRANTS & CONTRACTS	256,085	8.0%
6. SUPPORT GROUPS	311,511	9.8%
7. HEALTH SERVICES	101,336	3.2%
8. OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDING	249,944	7.8%
9. OTHER INCOME	71,697	2.2%
10. INVESTMENT INCOME	93,216	2.9%
TOTAL	3,190,391	100.0%

RESOURCES EXPENDED



	£	%
1. STROKE SERVICES	501,741	20.3%
2. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND PROJECTS	367,746	14.9%
3. FUNDRAISING & APPEALS	340,027	13.8%
4. RESEARCH	294,494	11.9%
5. CORPORATE SERVICES	211,436	8.6%
6. PRIMARY CARE	147,223	6.0%
7. ADVOCACY	167,632	6.8%
8. OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	259,533	10.5%
9. CARDIAC SERVICES	32,016	1.3%
10. DEPRECIATION	44,875	1.8%
11. RESPIRATORY SERVICES	63,275	2.6%
12. COUNSELLING & WELFARE	31,206	1.3%
13. GOVERNANCE COSTS	10,497	0.4%
TOTAL	2,471,701	100.0%

Our Members at 31st March 2008

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Dr WG Hastings CBE

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Prof P Nicholls

Mrs. Ann Burnett (w.e.f. 11/9/07)

Senior Management Team

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Mrs Myrtle Neill

Director of Corporate Services

Mr John McCreary

Director of Fundraising

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Ms G McMacken

Dr C Mulholland

Mr M Mulholland (New member)

Mr Denis Murray OBE

Prof P Nicholls

Mr Gearoid O'Caireallain (New member)

Mr H O'Kane

Dr J O'Kelly

Dr M Power

Dr J Purvis

Prof P Reilly

Mr G Roberts

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2008)

Dr Ivan Wiggam, Belfast City Hospital (resigned June
2008)

Dr John Yarnell, Queen's University Belfast

Dr Chin-Kuo Chang, University of Ulster, Coleraine

We are also very grateful to those who voluntarily assist in the post implementation evaluation of research projects.

Scientific Research Grants Committee members give a very considerable amount of time and expertise to contribute to the objective assessment of research grant applications. Independent peer reviewers also donate their time and expertise to provide objective assessments of proposed projects.

Volunteers and Staff who attended a Volunteer Recognition Event at Hillsborough Castle



From L to R - Andrew Dougal. - Evelyn Cobain, Fergie Cobain, Kathleen Lloyd - Newtownabbey Second Chance CardiacGroup, Raymond Buchanan, David Magill, Daphne Douglas, Valerie Saunders, Dorothy Lavery - Glengormley Support Group



From L to R - Valerie Saunders, Dymphna Campbell, Sue McGovern, Andrew Dougal, Sheila Lynch, Suzanne McPhillips, Anne Ferguson and Jean Wilson.



From L to R - Betty Dempster, Maureen Beggs, John McCroskery



From L to R - Kenneth Deane, Mary Jo Malone, Judith Kavooosi, Betty White, Betty Hamilton, Subshashini Parthasarathy



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