Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Feedback Report to Trust Board

Report from:	Report from Charitable Trust Funds Advisory Committee
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Date of Meeting:	20th January 2026

Purpose

To provide Trust Board with an update from the meetings of the Charitable Trust Funds Advisory Committee on 20th January 2026.

Strategic Objectives (select)

Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care	***Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience***	***Deliver value by optimising Resources***	***Nurture our people, enable our talent and build our Teams***	***Improve population Health and address health and social care inequalities***
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Summary of Committee Business

The following business was addressed and noted by CTFAC on 20th January:

- An income and expenditure update was presented, noting total income of £504k to 30 November 2025, representing 54% of 2024/25 income. Expenditure of £778k was noted and this is broadly in line with last year.
- 38 projects included within the 2025/26 Expenditure Plan, with only 1% uncommitted.
- Significant recent donations were noted, with acknowledgements confirmed.
- With respect to NHS Charities Together the Committee noted continued progress on Stages 2 and 3, with substantial staff engagement in Take 5 and resilience programmes. The Committee also noted the risk of losing momentum due to Mr Nelson's impending departure and the need to secure continuity.
- With respect to the DoH £3m project, the Committee noted that 95% of the fund is now committed (£3.123m) and there is a forecast underspend of £403k, leaving £585k requiring further allocation. The Committee also noted the ongoing oversight by the Project Group.
- The Committee noted the progress on the High Court Application with DLS support.
- 90 Charitable Trust Funds remain open and the CCNI registration will progress after completion of the High Court Stage. Belfast Trust's registration success was noted and the Committee were advised that learning will be shared.
- The Committee received and accepted an update on the NI Central Investment Fund share price increase to 1694.29p as of 30 November 2025.

- The Committee were informed of a reduction in administration charges by £4k from the previous year and the Committee also noted approval of the 2025/26 administration charge and the intention to review the fixed / variable cost approach post – High Court application.
- Progress on the 25/26 Communications Strategy was welcomed along with the positive activity across social media, web and media engagement with several actions ongoing into early 2026.
- The forthcoming departure of Non-Executive Director Mr George Platt was noted and it was indicated that his successor will join the Committee once appointed.

Reports Approved by the Committee
None

Items for Escalation to Trust Board
None