

Summary Information Return 2009 (Online)



Summary Information Return 2009 Of Aims, Activities and Achievements

This return is intended to comprise a Summary of key information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts and in other documents.

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ORGANISATION FOR THE RELIEF OF SUFFERING LIMITED

Charity Number: 506120

Submitted on 20 January 2010

This online version of the form shows the information you have entered through Annual Return 2009 Online and has been designed to make it easier for Charities to print.

This Summary Information Return was submitted online by MR SIMON PROFFITT on 20 January 2010. You do not need to send us a signed copy.

Question 1 - The Charity's Aims

What are your charity's aims?

To enhance the quality of life of patients with life-threatening, advanced or incurable diseases, including providing support for family members. LOROS contributes to the education and training of professionals and volunteers. It also has a commitment to research.

Question 2 - Who benefits?

Who benefits from the charities work?

Most of the patients have a malignant disease such as cancer. Patients are usually aged over 18 years. LOROS also accepts some patients with progressive neurological diseases, end-stage heart disease and renal or respiratory failure for whom curative treatment is no longer possible.

How do you respond to their needs and how do they influence the charity's developments?

A broad range of care is available depending upon the personal choice of patients (and family members) but it includes support for physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Question 3 - The Charity's Strategy

What are the key elements of your charity's medium to long term strategy?

Continue to provide high quality care for patients and their families across Leicestershire and Rutland.

Maintain income from a range of activities and from the NHS which is sufficient to fund the costs of care.

How does your charity measure the success of the strategy?

Feedback from patients and family members.

Level of clinical activity.

Reputation with the public and their resultant willingness to provide support both financially and in terms of volunteering time.

Reputation with the NHS for providing high quality palliative care resulting in its willingness to provide financial grants.

Having a sound financial position.

Feedback from the Care Quality Commission assessment and inspections.

Question 4 - The Charity's Objectives and Achievements

What were your charity's main annual objectives and were they achieved?

Objective	Achievement
Provision of high quality care	Yes
Appropriate occupancy levels for the in-patient unit	Yes
Appropriate utilisation of other care services	Yes
Sound financial position	Yes

Question 5 - The Charity's Income and Expenditure

What were your charity's most significant activities during the year and how much did you spend on them?

Charitable Activities	£ 000s
Hospice	6,219
Day Therapy	223
Other	71
Explanatory Comments	
Balance of expenditure of £2,503 comprised shop costs of £1,540, lottery costs of £537, fundraising costs of £400, depreciation of shop properties of £13 and investment management fees of £13.	

What were your charity's three main fundraising activities in the year and how much did each generate and cost?

Fundraising Activity	Income generated	Cost of Activity £ 000s
Light up a Life	57	13
Grand Raffle	65	15
Leicester Marathon	84	55
Explanatory Comments		
The charity has two wholly owned subsidiaries, LOROS Enterprises Ltd which carries out trade including through shops and LOROS Lotteries Ltd which conducts a lottery.		

Question 6 - The Charity's Financial Health

How would you describe your charity's financial health at the end of the period?

Sound - see Directors Report for YE 31 March 2009

Question 7 - The Next Year

How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium to long term strategy?

The charity is well established, has maintained a high reputation and is sound financially.

What are your charity's main objectives for next year?

Continue to provide high quality care

Maintain a sound financial position

Ensure that resources are deployed optimally

Maintain a sound relationship with the NHS

Question 8 - The Charity's Governance

How does the charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?

The Board of Trustees comprises an appropriate number of people with a relevant mix of skills and meets 6 times per annum.

The Chief Executive meets with senior management on a regular basis.

Processes are in place to ensure compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

The charity is inspected by the Care Quality Commission.

Further details on all the answers given in the Summary Information Return can be obtained from:

Directors Report for YE 31 March 2009.

DECLARATION

Your Summary Information Return was submitted online by MR SIMON PROFFITT on 20 January 2010, telephone number 0116 231 8420.

MR SIMON PROFFITT certified online that:

- the information provided was correct
- it had been or would be brought to the attention of all the trustees

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