

Trustees Annual Report
for the period

01/11/2016 to 31/10/2017

SPLIT Supporting Paediatric Liver and Intestinal Transplantation Charity No: 1111945

Objectives and Activities

The vision and purpose of the charity is to provide support to children and young people who have a serious liver disease or require/have had an Intestinal Transplant.

The Charity aims to achieve this by providing financial support to families. Enabling them to better manage hospital stays in specialist liver units which are often far from home.

SPLIT will also consider providing grants for specific medical equipment for individual children and their families in order to enable them to receive treatment in their local area and on the advice of their medical team. Consideration is also given to the provision of equipment in order to enable children to manage their difficult and invasive procedures.

Staff caring for these children are supported by the provision of Educational grants to enable them to further their skills and knowledge and to share information with colleagues working in the same field. This further benefits children within their care. Education grants are mainly awarded to those working within the specialist liver units but not exclusively. It is very beneficial to support the education of professionals who may care for children in their local area.

The Charity is committed to supporting research into liver and liver related Intestinal failure, by the provision of grants to enable small research projects.

SPLIT prides itself that it differs from other charities in that it will consider grants for young adults up to the age of twenty five provided their treatment started at a Paediatric Centre. Transition to Adult Services can be a very difficult time both for the young person and their family. Many of the resources available in Paediatric Services are not available in Adult hospitals, this at a time when increased support is paramount for an effective transition. Providing financial support and advice to young adults and their families at this time can lead to improved medical outcomes.

SPLIT's aim is to be flexible in its approach to grant applications and is always willing to consider any application from children and their families which will improve quality of life and support positive outcomes.

Grant making and other decisions are made at quorate trustee meetings.
Grant applications for the Family Fund are agreed as follows:

- Applications up to £300.00 agreed by two named trustees;
- Applications over £300.00 to be agreed by a quorate meeting of trustees

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Achievements and Performance

Through its Family Fund SPLIT has supported a number of application for grants from families in financial difficulty due to prolonged hospital admission often far from home. Whilst in hospital and at a time of great anxiety, families are facing the need to maintain two bases with costs associated with home and hospital. Families also need to consider the needs of the sick child's siblings. Financial support from SPLIT has reduced some of the financial hardship and worry experienced by parents.

The Charity has continued to provide a lump sum grant to the Liver Unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital. The purpose of the grant has been to provide individual and immediate grants of up to £50.00 for families attending the unit. Grants are given directly to families by the specialist nurses and family support staff at what is a time of crisis for that family. It is the immediacy of this support which is so helpful to families, at a time of financial crisis often precipitated by a sudden hospital admission to a specialist unit. The provision of the crisis fund better enables medical teams to provide care for children as it enables parents to focus on health needs without worry about immediate living costs.

A grant has also been made available to The Transition to Adult Services Team. This has provided immediate support for young people who are moving on to receive their care at an Adult Hospital. This grant is particularly useful in providing young adults with help with travel costs as this can be a barrier to attending hospital appointments. Grants have also been awarded to enable young adults to pay for their essential medication.

Increasing the awareness of the charity nationally has continued to be a priority. Trustees and charity volunteers have continued to visit Birmingham Children's Hospital to talk to families and medical professionals. The regular "Tea and Cakes" family support sessions have been very well received by families and the charity has received very positive feedback from ward staff. As a result of meeting families we have seen the beginnings of an increase in donations to the charity. This increase in donations will enable us to extend our support to all specialist units.

Financial Review

Review of the Charity's financial position:

At the end of the accounting year 31st October 2017 the charity's total assets stood at £

There were no liabilities.

Unrestricted Income Funds	£
Restricted Income Funds	£

The SPLIT General Fund is unrestricted:

This fund is used to support the administration costs of the Charity, Research Applications, Equipment grants and Education grants to individuals. This fund can also support other funds within the charity as is considered necessary by the trustees.

Restricted Funds

Family Fund £

This fund provides financial support for families in need and supports the provision of medical equipment for individual children when this is advised by specialist medical and surgical advisors.

Post Graduate Fund £

Provides financial support to enable the organisation of Post Graduate courses in order to promote the sharing of knowledge and experience.

Debbie Hart memorial Scholarship Fund £

Provides financial support for Allied Health Professional to travel to National or International meetings or to undertake Educational visits to further their education or advance their research interests.

Charles Tobey Fund £

Primarily for research, education and equipment. Donors have stipulated that other requests for funding can be considered if trustees are all in agreement.

Equipment Fund £

For the purchase of medical equipment.

Neurocognitive Study £

To further neurocognitive research interests

Reserve Policy

The Charity does not hold any reserves. This is because the administrative costs of the Charity are small and it has no debts. The Charity is committed to using its funds for the benefit of its applicants.

The Charity's principle source of funds has been from the fund raising efforts of families affected by childhood Liver Disease. SPLIT particularly wish to thank families who as well

as caring for their sick children have been able to support Split through their fund raising and donations.

Moving on SPLIT is developing a fund raising initiative driven by some of our new trustees. We have reached the end of the reporting period in a strong financial position. Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Structure Governance and Management

The Model Declaration of Trust for a Charitable Trust deeds were signed on 27th October 2005.

A new Governance model was agreed in 2011 implementing the policy and procedures manual.

The Charity is an unincorporated association.

Recruitment of Trustees

SPLIT believes that its Board of Trustees should be comprised of individuals that possess a range of skills and experiences. To that aim the trustees have selected individuals to serve on the Board who have experience and knowledge gained through working in specialist paediatric Liver Units both as medical doctors and allied medical staff. The trustees have also ensured that at least one Board member is a parent of a child who has had a liver transplant. Trustees may also have experience gained through previous Trusteeship and Board membership. In order to remain relevant the Board of Trustees must continually seek to refresh policies and procedures and to encompass new ideas. Therefore the organisation regularly recruits new members. New trustees can be recruited at anytime. New trustees are usually proposed and nominated by an existing trustee or Charity advisor. Proposed trustees are invited to present a CV and are asked to attend the next meeting. Decisions regarding trustee election are then made at the meeting following a period of discussion.

Charity Management

Trustees hold at least four minuted meetings each year. An open meeting is also held yearly which members of the public are invited to attend. Additional meetings can be held according to the needs of the charity and any trustee may call a meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: SPLIT Supporting Paediatric Liver and Intestinal Transplantation

Other name the charity uses: SPLIT

Registered charity number: 1111945

Charities principal address: Box No: 8
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Names of charity Trustees who manage the charity

Mr David Mayer	Chair
Mrs Cheralyn Clifford	Trustee
Mrs Monica Smith	Trustee
Dr Girish Gupte	Trustee
Mrs Sally Jerome	Trustee
Mrs Rachel Tobey	Truatee