

Guidance to Fundraisers during Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As a hospital charity we are following guidance from the Fundraising Regulator as well as Government guidelines. We are continuing to adapt our own fundraising activities and those of our fundraisers to ensure all funds are raised safely and appropriately.

With regard to fundraising for DCH Charity at this time, please note the following points:

- We are encouraging virtual fundraising wherever possible.
- Any fundraising events held on our behalf must conform to the current Government guidelines. As the fundraiser, it is your responsibility to ensure all fundraising activities and everyone involved in your event are protected and safe. We cannot benefit from any fundraising that has not followed these guidelines.
- We are not currently distributing merchandise for events, such as collection tins/buckets, as we do not want to cause any extra risks associated with handling cash; or the distribution of information leaflets or other merchandise.
- Please note that members of the DCH Charity Team are not able to attend any events or cheque presentations at this time or organise cheque or other presentations on the DCH site.

Here are the links to the latest Government and Fundraising COVID-19 related guidelines:

Government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Institute of Fundraising guidance: <https://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/guidance/key-iof-guidance/fundraising-during-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-fundraising-key-principles-guidance/?preview=true>

Fundraising Regulator guidance: <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/guidance/coronavirus>

If you are not able to follow our advice and the Government guidelines, we strongly suggest you postpone your event in light of the current COVID-19 circumstances and reschedule it for a time when it is safe and suitable.

We are very grateful for your support and appreciate this is a difficult situation. However, we must stress the importance of following Government guidelines to protect us all, which includes our hospital.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Dorset County Hospital Charity Team