

## Report to Trust Board

Date: 24 November 2010

Agenda item no 13

Title	Report from the Charitable Funds Committee
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Responsible Director	Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
Purpose	Ratification/ Assurance/Information

Action required	The Board, meeting as corporate trustee of the Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Fund, approve the accounting policies and adopt the accounts of the Charity following the external auditor's independent examination.
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### Executive Summary

Attached is a copy of the Annual Accounts of the Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Fund (registered charity number 1061003) for 2009/10, including details of the relevant accounting policies. The Board is the corporate trustee of the Charity and is asked to approve the accounting policies.

The accounts have been subject to an independent examination by the Audit Commission's Trust Practice and a clean opinion has been provided. The Board is asked to adopt the accounts and receive them, meeting as a general meeting of the Charity and agree to them being filed before the Charity Commission deadline (31 January 2011).

Relevant CQC standard/ NHS Constitution pledge	Principle 6 We will spend tax payers' money carefully.
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Link to strategy/plans	Careful stewardship of resources is a strategic principle
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### Impact assessment:

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| - quality            |   |
| - financial/business | Clean opinion from independent examination            |
| - equality/diversity | None  |
| - risk               |   |
| - legal/statutory    | Charity Commission filing deadline of 31 January 2011 |
| - sustainability     |   |

Previous consultation/decision/discussion/	N/A
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Date: 17 November 2010