

The Constitution of Cotswold Hospital Radio

OBJECTIVES

To relieve sickness, infirmity and old age among persons in selected hospitals and other institutions administered by the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, by providing a local broadcasting service for those institutions.

AIMS

Cotswold Hospital Radio – hereafter called “The Service” - is a voluntary community service organisation established to provide a tailored, patient focussed local radio broadcasting service to persons in selected hospitals and other institutions administered by the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

REGULATIONS

1. The Service shall operate to the permissions of the authorities and to any conditions, which the authorities may from time to time impose.
2. The Service shall comply with such regulations, status and other requirements laid down by law, as may from time to time apply to the service.
3. The affairs of the Service shall be monitored by Non-Executive Trustees.
 - a) Invitation to serve as a Non-Executive Trustee shall be by the Management Committee, ratified by the General Membership.
 - b) The Non-Executive Trustees shall meet twice a year to review the activities of the Service. The Chairman of the Management Committee shall make a report to the Non-Executive Trustees on those occasions. A statement of the accounts of the Service shall be presented at the second annual meeting.
 - c) The annual accounts of the Service, presented to the Annual General Meeting shall be subject to approval of the Non-Executive Trustees.
 - d) Minutes of the Management Committee Meetings shall be circulated to the Non-Executive Trustees
4. The routine business of the Service shall be conducted by an elected Board of Trustees, hereafter called the Management Committee. The following provisions shall apply to the Management Committee:
 - a) The Management Committee shall be elected from the Membership at the Annual General Meeting. The committee shall consist of the following:
 - i) Chair
 - ii) Secretary
 - iii) Treasurer
 - b) All three members of the Management Committee shall be voting members.
 - c) Frequency of committee meetings to be bimonthly or as required by the Management Committee and the minutes of its meetings shall be available to all members of the Service
 - d) A quorum for the Committee shall be two elected members.

- e) Proposals shall be adopted and resolutions passed by a simple majority of voting members present at a Management Committee Meeting.
- f) The Management Committee may co-opt any member to serve on the Committee and may form any sub-committee, the size and composition of which shall be at its discretion. Co-opted members to Management Committee will not have voting rights.
- g) The Management Committee and co-opted members can meet in person or via video link.

5. The Service's year shall be run from 1st January to 31st December and the Annual General Meeting shall normally be held during the month of April. The following provisions shall apply to the Annual General Meeting:

- a) Notice given of the Annual General Meeting shall be 21 clear days.
- b) A quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be 15 paid-up members or 30% of the paid-up memberships, whichever is the greater.
- c) Proposals shall be adopted and resolutions passed by a simple majority of voting members present.
- d) Only paid-up members shall be permitted to attend Annual General Meetings, to engage in the business of such meetings and to vote on issues at such meetings.
- e) The Treasurer shall present to Annual General Meetings a recently audited Statement of Accounts of the Service.
- f) The Annual General Meeting can be held in person or via video link.

6. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by 15 paid-up Members or 30% of the paid-up membership, whichever is the greater. A quorum for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be as for an Annual General Meeting. Notice to be given for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be 7 clear days. Other provisions applied to Extraordinary General Meetings shall be as for Annual General Meetings, as stated in paragraph 5c, 5d of this constitution.

7. Membership of the Service shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee. The following provisions apply to membership of the Service:

- a) An intending Member shall submit a formal application for membership.
- b) The Management Committee shall have the authority to refuse an application for membership and to terminate an existing membership where it considers that the interest of the Service requires such a course of action.
- c) Where the Management Committee has levied an annual membership subscription, failure to pay the subscription within sixty days of the due date (normally 1st January) shall render the member concerned liable to have their membership terminated.
- d) The minimum age for membership of the service shall normally be 18 years of age.
- e) The intending Member shall be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.
- f) All members are required to comply with the Code of Conduct of the Service

8. The Service shall exclude from its broadcasts all biased and selective material of a political, religious, racist, seditious or similar nature.

9. An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called where:

- a) The Management Committee feels unable to continue to conduct the business of the Service in accordance with its constitutional provisions, OR

b) A sufficient number of members of the Management Committee resign for it to be impossible to conduct the business of the Service in accordance with the constitutional provisions,

OR

c) It is proposed to enter a vote of no confidence in the Management Committee, OR

d) It is necessary for the General Meeting to ratify courses of action of decisions which cannot be held over until an Annual General Meeting

10. In the event of the General Membership deciding at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting to cease operation of the Service, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred or given to such other charitable institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Service as the members of the Service may determine, or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement for the final accounting period of the Service must be sent to the Commissioners.

11. This constitution shall not be altered or added to in any way, which would cause the Service to cease being a charitable enterprise or which would permit use of the funds of the Service for non-charitable purposes.

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