

Friends of the Royal Hospital Donor Charter

As a charity seeking donations from the public we the Friends of The Royal Hospital aim to comply with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public.

Our pledge is to treat all our donors with respect, honesty, and openness.

We commit to being accountable and transparent so that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in The Friends of the Royal Hospital.

We promise we will effectively apply your gifts to us for their intended purposes. We commit that you, our donors, and prospective donors will:

Be informed of the organisation's mission, and of the way the organisation intends to use donated resources.

Be informed of the identity of those serving on the organisation's governing board, and that the board will exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.

Have access to the organisation's most recent financial statements.

Be assured your gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given. Receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.

Be assured that information about your donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality.

Expect that all relationships with individuals representing the charity will be dealt with professionally.

Have easily available the agreed procedures for making and responding to complaints.

Have the opportunity for any names to be deleted from mailing lists and to be informed if the organisation intends to share the mailing lists with third parties.

Receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers to questions you might have of the organisation.

If or when a member of the public enquires about the employment standing of a fundraiser, they must receive an honest and open answer. The standing in this case relates to whether or not a fundraiser is a volunteer, a paid employee of the charitable organisation or a third-party agent working on behalf of the charity.

A form of words might be:

Volunteer: "I volunteer for The Friends of the Royal Hospital"

Employee: "I work for The Friends of the Royal Hospital"

Third Party Agent: "I work for ABC company and we have been engaged by The Friends of the Royal Hospital charity to raise funds for them"

What to do if you have feedback

If you do have a comment about any aspect of our work, you can contact friends of the Royal hospital in writing or by telephone. In the first instance, your comment will be dealt with by our Chairperson. Please give us as much information as possible and let us know how you would like us to respond, providing relevant contact details.

Write to:

The Chairperson, Friends of the Royal Hospital, The Royal Hospital Donnybrook, Bloomfield Ave, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. **Phone** 01-4971921 **Email** friends@rhd.ie

