



Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

During the current uncertain times of Covid the Kelly Family Charitable Trust has continued to fund charities in the prison sector, domestic and sexual abuse charities, and those offering early intervention. It was recognised that charities would, in some cases, find difficulties in carrying out their activities in the usual way due to contact restrictions, and in order to ensure that the grants were distributed to those who could use them best, the Grants Administrator conducted a survey amongst applicants as to what effect Covid has had on their activities. He reported to Trustees that he was impressed by the way that charities have shown flexibility in tailoring their services to cope with conditions during lockdown and the current fluctuating levels of infections, often by using social media to connect with clients.

Trustee meetings have been conducted via social media, and at the moment there are no plans to change this. The situation will be reviewed next year.

Trustees kept a close eye on the performance of the income stream of the charity from investments during this difficult period, but although there was a drop it was significantly less than that suffered by the UK equity market. The financial advisors for the Trust recommended that the grant distribution should be limited to around £50,000 per grant round. This averages out to around £4,000 per charity.

Applications dropped during the October/November grant round of the year from an average of 150 to 120, and significantly more during the March shortlisting to 99. This was notably from the prison sector, where the limitation of prison visits is impacting on the activities of the charities serving this sector. Fortunately, the Grants Administrator reported that the quality of applications was high and that he has had no problems in drawing up good quality shortlists for Trustees to consider. He has stopped his personal visits to charities for the moment and is operating through social media, which he has found to be satisfactory.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Jennifer Kelly, Chairman Of Trustees
8th September 2021