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Cc: roz@ [GRO-C] stansboy@ [GRO-C] matt gregory; jan@ [GRO-C]
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Subject: RE:

Thanks [GRO-B]

For going to the trouble of sending your email.

I'm sure all these points will come up at the meeting, as well as others.

Incidentally, in future could you email Jan Barlow, rather than myself. Now that we have a CEO again it is for her to pick up beneficiaries' emails. I'm sure she will keep me in the picture.

Best Wishes,

Roger

From: [GRO-B]
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Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2013 02:47:25 +0000

Hello Roger,

I would like to put my thoughts on the record ahead of the upcoming board meeting later today, as I feel that all involved should know how I feel, even if others are not prepared to say so for themselves.

To keep this short, I am of the opinion that the trust is very aware that it is grossly underfunded, and in the unwanted position of having to juggle funds to get by.

With this in mind I would like to suggest as a primary beneficiary that the reserve funds are used in such a way that the board of trustees can rest assured that they have done their best to fulfill the needs of the registrants of the trust. At present, I feel that the funds available are a "sitting duck" and that by NOT using them for their intended purpose, as given by previous DoH allocation, WILL set an extremely false economy and benchmark for future funding. Knowing that the reserves allocation should have been used before now is one thing, but to continue to hold onto the money is quite another. I can only hope that the trustees feel that they are having their hands tied and are being bullied into doing the will of Gov't, as I feel they are.

In my opinion, this is the beginning of the DoH cutting the funding year on year to the trust, because as it stands, nobody is making the case that the trust is actually falling short of the needs of its registrants.

As I understand it, the trust is awaiting a decision from the minister as to if it can use or distribute ANY of the current funds it holds, or a penalty could follow. This I feel is a blackmail situation and as so, should be met with robust defiance by the trust.

I believed it was the trust who set criteria for the use of funding. Have the DoH now changed the trust deeds and made the trustees redundant?

This is indeed a situation that has to be pursued, and I would be grateful if you would present my thoughts to the board so that they are in no doubt that I feel the funds should be spent as they see fit.

Thank you for your attention

[GRO-B]