



HSE Board Briefing

Subject: Donation of Medical Equipment and Supplies - Annual Report 2023
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Why is this information being brought to the Board's attention? It is a requirement of the HSE donations policy [effective January 2023] that a report is made annually to the board on the book value of HSE donations.
Is there an action by the Board required, if so please provide detail? Board members are asked to consider and note the total book value of donations by the HSE in 2023 which amounted to €98,092.50 .
Please indicate which of the Board's objectives this relates to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The development and implementing of an effective Corporate Governance Framework, incorporating clinical governance and a performance management and accountability system;▪ Developing a plan for building public trust and confidence in the HSE and the wider health service; X▪ Ensuring the HSE's full support for and implementation of the Government's programme of health reform as set out in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy;▪ Exercising effective budgetary management, including improving the value achieved with existing resources and securing target saving, with the objective of delivering the National Service Plan within Budget. X
Brief summary of link to Board objectives. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Donations Policy enables the HSE to contribute to the whole of government approach in Ireland's International Development Policy ('A Better World') by reaching "the furthest behind first".2. Repurposing surplus stock and decommissioned equipment and ambulances no longer in use contributes to our obligations in minimising waste, repurposing and contributing to the climate change agenda.3. Operating a donations programme is a priority objective in the HSE Service Plan 2023.4. Supporting government, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Health to respond to humanitarian crises such as Ukraine and Sudan. In 2023, the Donations Programme received funding from the Ukraine fund. This funding has been repeated in 2024 and provides security to plan and develop a long term, sustainable donations programme that meets the Board's objectives, i.e., improving climate change by minimising waste and repurposing items and being prepared to respond to a humanitarian crisis, where appropriate.5. Operating a donations programme is a priority objective in the HSE Service Plan 2024.

Background - provide context in order to ensure that the Board fully understand the issue.

1. The Board approved the HSE Donations Policy in January 2023. The policy requires that an annual report of donations is made to the HSE board and that any donations that exceed €2million book value in a calendar are brought to the Board for approval.
2. Many items have no book value as they have been used or have been written off. Decommissioned equipment and ambulances have zero book value. New surplus items have a book value and this is recorded for each donation. The book value for donations in 2023 was €98,092.50.
3. A separate commercial value is given to each donation, in accordance with international shipping requirements and to reflect the value of HSE and Ireland’s contribution. The commercial value for donations in 2023 was €2,480,109

Donations for 2023

Country	Ukraine	Sudan	Malawi	Totals
Containers and content	10 x 40ft containers of equipment, medical supplies and beds; 4 ambulances	3 x 40ft containers of equipment, medical supplies and beds	2 diathermy machines	13 x 40ft containers, 4 ambulances
Number of items	2,617,599	2,623,564	2	5,241,165
*Commercial value	€1,401,721.50	€1,074,387.50	€4,000.00	€2,480,109
Book value	€98,092.50	€0.00	€0.00	€98,092.50

Items have a commercial value of €2,408,109 *as noted above, decommissioned equipment and ambulances have zero book value however they are given a commercial value for the purpose of donation to reflect market value.

Highlight any implications that the Board should be made aware of in its consideration such as;

- **Current status**
For consideration
- **Budget**
There are no additional budgetary costs with this proposal
- **Resources**
Not applicable
- **Impact to delivery of services**
Not applicable
- **Social factors**
This will have a beneficial impact on the lives and health of people in low resource counties and contribute to better health for all
- **Technological factors**
Donated equipment is checked for suitability and provided with the necessary consumables for its immediate operation in the donated country.
- **Legal factors**
Not applicable

Conclusion

The HSE donated **5,241,165** items with a book value of **€98,092.50** in 2023. The commercial value was **€2,480,109**.

Recommendation

It is recommended that EMT members and thereafter ARC and the HSE Board consider and note the Annual Report on HSE Humanitarian Donations for 2023.