

BASICS Devon Annual Report 2022 - 2023

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30 Years of BASICS responding across Devon, setting foundations for the next 30 years.

From the Chairman – Simon Scott-Hayward

Our 30th year has been one of reflection for our trustees and our volunteers, while the COVID 19 pandemic is behind us it is important that we acknowledge the impact that it has had on many of us working in health care. Our trustees have used this time to gain feedback from numerous stakeholders developing our charity vision, mission and values – this will set the foundation for the next 30 years. I am enormously grateful for the time and dedication of all our trustee team.

Our Vision: BASICS Devon strives to be the county's leading volunteer pre-hospital immediate care charity, improve patient outcomes, relieve suffering and save lives.

Our Mission: Through a networked team of volunteers, we will improve patient outcomes and save lives through the delivery of emergency care and education across Devon and surrounding areas. Our key priorities will be:

- To respond to medical & trauma emergencies
- To provide education to our volunteers and to our communities
- To generate funds to achieve our vision.

Our Organisational Values

- Positive and respectful volunteering experience
- High quality and timely effective medical care in the community
- Unbureaucratic
- Be ambitious, remain realistic to enable safe and effective decision making.
- Collaborative and positive working relationships both internally and externally

Later in the report you will find a summary of our clinical activity however none of this would be possible without our fundraising volunteers. There are too many to mention but I would like to acknowledge the contribution from Conor Calby. He has developed an electronic dashboard system that is now used by all BASICS responders across the Southwest and further afield, championed paramedic and nurse responders supporting our community clinical volunteer program and in-between all that has created an asset management system for the charity.

That brings me to Dr Hillibrandt, I would like to personally thank him for his extraordinary contribution, without Dave many of us would not be here and the charity would be a very different place, thank you.

Dr David Hillebrandt – Retirement from BASICS responding on his 70th Birthday





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Dr David Hillebrandt has been a stalwart of BASICS in Devon for over 30 years, his dedicated support to his local community has been extraordinary. Although Dave will be stepping back from being an enhanced care responder Dave feels that he still has a lot to offer his community and BASICS. He will continue to support the charity in a new role as welfare officer and will attend cardiac arrest calls locally as community volunteer.

In 1978 Dave qualified, settling in General Practice in 1986 and becoming a GP partner in Holsworthy, a rural community in North Devon in 1988. The practice was co-located with the local Devon Ambulance Crew, a relationship which Dave found extremely useful for his interest in emergency medicine, and of course extremely useful for equipment restocking.

With his GP partners Dave introduced pre-hospital thrombolysis to their local community, the on-call Doctor carried this as part of their GP drug bag. Over the following years Dave supported the local ambulance service to implement pre-hospital thrombolysis to ambulance Paramedics in Devon, saving many lives.

In 1991 Dave set up Tamar and Torridge Immediate Care Scheme (TACTICS) with Dr Stephen Myers, they then joined with Plymouth Immediate Medical Support (PLIMS) in 2013 to create BASICS Devon.

Dave has responded day and night for the past 30 years, attending around 70 cases a year ranging from medical emergencies to major trauma. He has always gone the extra mile to do what's right for patients, despite the rural challenges and at times lack of funds.

About 14 years ago Dave had a long period of personal stay on intensive care, which paused his responding however, after recovery, or in fact as part of his recovery, he got back responding in his local community but also supported education, training, and fundraising. He is a valuable and energetic member of BASICS Devon, with an immeasurable amount of experience.

North Devon now has our highest number of Fete's and coffee mornings in support of BASICS Devon, many organised by the WI who like many in North Devon have a soft spot for Dave.

It is hard to talk about Dave and not make a mention about his contribution to Mountain Medicine in the UK and around the world. He was instrumental in setting up the UK Diploma of Mountain Medicine and has championed medical care in remote environments. He taught the Diploma for many years and has continued to improve knowledge and skills around mountain medicine, driven by his love of the alpine experience. He continues to climb, ski and more often than not can now be found in a kayak, somewhere in the world.

Dave was recognised at the National BASICS Conference where he receives the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for caring for his community, influencing medical advancement and all whilst being a stalwart of our amazing BASICS charity. Dave takes a step back from responding later this year as he moves to retirement, although his knowledge and skill will continue to be shared through coaching and some training sessions (we hope). Saying Thank You doesn't seem enough to Dave for what he has done for medicine, the community and our charity. We will be forever thankful that Dave has been such a driving force of our charity and we take this opportunity to say Thank You on behalf of all the people who's lives he has had an impact on over his lifetime.

2022/23 Achievements

- Purchased nine portable ultrasound units
- Recruitment of a number of experienced and enthusiastic clinicians
- Community roadshows and teaching sessions
- Worked with the University of Plymouth hosting three interns who have undertaken a variety of projects
- Monthly responder education and training sessions

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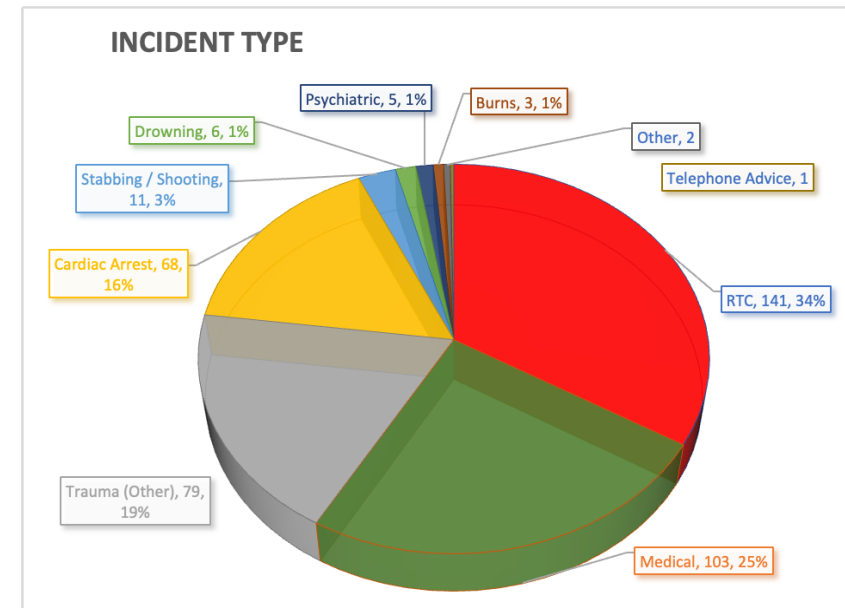
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- Digital asset register implemented.
- Medical students working with us on an equipment project and developing a BASICS medical student society with the University of Plymouth
- A number of our members received queen's medals
- Supported national BASICS conference with 11 members attending
- Wide consultation around charity future
- Mission Vision and values developed
- External consultant engaged to review charity and develop charity structure and strategy

Caring for Patients, January 2022 – December 2022

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| Number of Incidents | 419 | |
| Number of Made-to-Scenes | 363 | 87% |
| Number of Stand-Downs / Services Not Required | 56 | 13% |
| Number of First on Scenes | 162 | 39% |
| Incident Miles Travelled | 5070 | |
| Volunteer Responding Hours with Patients | 441.5hrs | |



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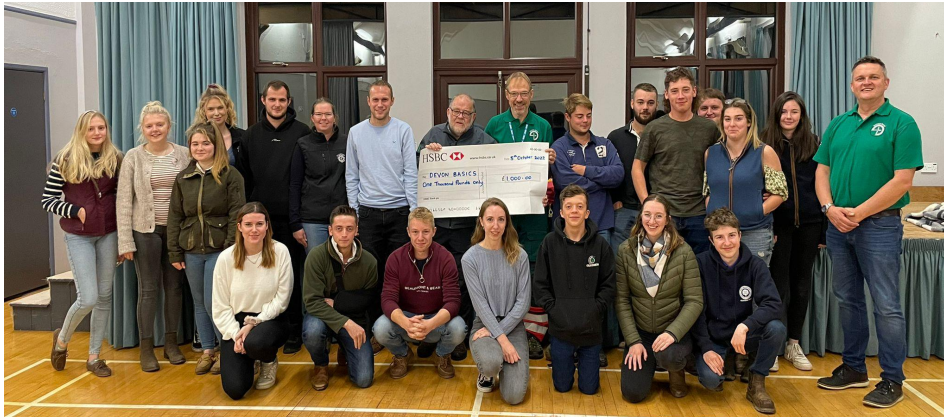


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Clawton Young Farmers

Tony's Morris for Medics;100 song challenge raised an amazing £1,500 with donations still coming in. We want to express our thanks for his dedication and commitment to this as well as his responding.

We attended several public events, North Devon Show and Plymouth Armed Forces Day, hosting two full days of Basic Life Support. Major awareness opportunities were had we were chosen as one of Exeter Chiefs' Charity's of the Year which raised an amazing £2,007.72. In Memory of fundraising is a prominent income stream for BASICS Devon and Make a Will and Legacy Giving should be set to be strong for 2023-2024. Individual Giving has increased, and collection cans continue to raise awareness in our communities.

NHS Charities Together funding continues to expand the team and make an impact on the Plymouth and West Devon communities, set to finish in August

this year. The Ballard Trust, The Plymouth Astor Trust and Persimmon Homes were generous this providing support.

The media have been supportive sharing our stories on BBC Radio Devon, Hits Radio, Plymouth Live, Devon Live, National online news in The Mirror.

2022/23 Summary of Financial Position

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| Income | Unrestricted Individual donations and grants including | £ 14337.46 |
| | Restricted grants and bids | £ 34094 |
| | Interest | £ 407.90 |
| Total Income | | £ 48839.36 |
| Expenditure | Responder costs, education and equipment | £ 53990.08 |
| | Scheme vehicle | £ 5056.00 |
| | Charity Admin | £ 15,786.00 |
| | Fundraising | £ 23458.35 |
| Total Expenditure | | £ 83985.79 |
| Current Account | | £29,651.13 |
| Reserve Account | | £183,265.11 |
| Closing Balance | | £212,916.24 |

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