



HAWTHORNE TRUST BENEVOLENCE POLICY

Hawthorne Trust Limited (“the Trust”) is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission under No: 209230 and carrying on the business of a care home not providing medicines or medical treatment at the above address. It offers patients who accept its terms and conditions Christian Science nursing care in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII Section 31 of The Manual of The Mother Church by Mary Baker Eddy. The following policy applies to patients seeking Christian Science nursing care provided by the Trust.

1. Each patient shall be responsible for the payment of the Trust’s charges.
2. In the case of a patient who is without sufficient financial means or resources to meet the cost of Christian Science nursing care in whole or in part, the patient may apply for a means-tested grant to The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care (“the Aid Fund”). The patient also agrees, or authorises the Trust on his or her behalf, to make and pursue all reasonable enquiries with a view to securing and accepting funding for his or her Christian Science nursing care from Government or Local Authority sources and/or any other charitable or other body, as the Trust may suggest or direct.
3. According to present policy, the Aid Fund may in its discretion meet any shortfall in the cost of care of the patient for up to five weeks from admission; for the following 5 weeks, up to 60% only of the cost of the shortfall will be available. The patient may apply to Hawthorne Trust Benevolent Fund to make up the difference on the following conditions:
 - a. A patient who has the means and/or an interest in property of any kind, agrees to repay or make provision for repayment to the Trust of all unpaid costs of care (if any) including any future care costs incurred by the patient.
 - b. If the patient owns or has any or any financial interest in a house flat or other real property, the patient agrees and will arrange for a legal charge for all amounts owed to or advanced by the Trust to be registered against that property in favour of the Trust. In the case of any unregistered interest, the patient will provide an equitable charge, in a form acceptable to the Trust.
 - c. The patient will, if required so to do, provide to the Trust an acknowledgment of all sums owed or which may become owed to the Trust, in a form acceptable to the Trust, which will include a direction to any agent/s, family member/s, attorney/s, executor/s, personal representative/s, or legal adviser/s appointed by the patient to pay or discharge from or out of the patient’s property (or estate as the case may be) all such sums.

Addendum

It is an important part of the above Policy that no patient shall be excluded from receiving Christian Science nursing care by virtue only of his or her lack of means or property.

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