



*Information, Counselling and
caring for those with Sickle Cell
Disorders and their families*

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The Sickle Cell Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Audited Financial Statements

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Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Sickle Cell Society present their annual report and audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, as well as the Society's Memorandum of Association (Constitution), and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These statements relate to the funds of the Society, its core activities, stakeholders, engagement and collaboration in research and development.

THE CONDITION

Sickle Cell Disorder (SCD) is an inherited blood condition that affects red blood cells, which are responsible for carrying oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. In individuals with SCD, the normally round and flexible red blood cells take on a crescent or sickle shape. These abnormally shaped cells are rigid, sticky, and prone to breaking easily, leading to anaemia. They also tend to clump together, blocking blood vessels and causing severe pain known as a "sickle cell crisis." These crises can last from a few hours to several weeks and often require hospitalisation for treatment with potent painkillers, although milder crises can sometimes be managed at home.

Over time, people with SCD may suffer from organ damage, affecting the liver, kidneys, lungs, heart, and spleen. These complications often lead to disabilities. While bone marrow transplants have shown promise as a treatment, they come with significant risks and complications and are not a simple cure.

Sickle Cell Disorder is one of the most common genetic conditions both in the UK and globally. In England, 1 in 77 babies tested is found to be a carrier of the sickle cell trait. Despite advances in NHS specialised services and clinical care, there remain significant challenges in service support, awareness, and understanding of the condition. This has been highlighted by recent peer reviews of NHS Sickle Cell Services and the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia All-Party Parliamentary Group's report, "No One's Listening" published in November 2021.

England has a national antenatal and newborn screening program for sickle cell disorder. All pregnant women are offered screening to determine if they carry the gene for SCD, with subsequent screening offered to the baby's father if the mother is a carrier. These screenings can present complex and difficult choices for parents, especially when there is a lack of understanding about the condition among both parents and healthcare professionals. Additionally, all newborn babies are tested for the sickle cell gene to ensure early diagnosis and management.

OUR CORPORATE STATUS

The Sickle Cell Society was founded in 1979 by a group of healthcare professionals, individuals and families affected by sickle cell disorder. The Society was later established under a Memorandum of Association with the objects and powers of a charitable company and has been governed under those Articles of Association, since 1993. Under those Articles, the Society is limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Each member of the Society is liable to contribute £1 towards the liabilities of the Society in the event of liquidation.

The Society's charity registration number is 1046631 and the company registration number is 2840865. The Head Office is located at 54 Station Road, London, NW10 4UA.

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OUR MISSION, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Charity's Memorandum of Association are:

- To provide relief for persons with sickle cell disorders.
- The relief of poverty among members of the immediate family of persons who are suffering or who, immediately before their death, suffered from sickle cell disorders.
- The provision of recreational activities for affected individuals and their families.
- The improvement of public information, assisting in research into the causes, treatment of the condition and dissemination of such information.

The aims of the Charity are to assist and enable people with sickle cell disorder to realise their full potential. In order to achieve this, the Society's resources are used to undertake the following activities:

1. Annual Children's holiday/Family Retreat and children's activities.
2. Health Education and Information services including:
 - Leaflets, exhibitions, books, audio visual materials, conferences, seminars, workshops and partnership networking
 - Website, e-mail newsletters, social media and communication activities
 - Patient and carer education days
 - Telephone helpline and information advice
3. Collaborating on medical and non-medical research on sickle cell with a wide range of stakeholders.
4. Assisting to influence statutory policy and programmes of the government, such as NHS Screening Programmes, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) developments and work of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.
5. Developing strategic collaborations and partnerships both nationally and internationally.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirements.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Society's aims outlined above continue to be met and satisfy the public benefit test by virtue of taking action to help people with sickle cell disorder and their families.

HOW WE ARE ORGANISED

The Memorandum of Association, as amended in 2013, allows a maximum of 10 individuals from the membership and externally, to be selected on to the Board of Trustees each year, to serve for up to 3 years. The Trustees of the Society are also the Directors of the Charity. In addition, a pool of Advisors and Patrons selected by the Board for their individual professional and community standing, strategically support the Trustees, volunteers and staff.

The Board meets monthly and sub-committees and ad-hoc working groups complement meetings.

The Chief Executive heads a small team of paid staff in addition to a pool of volunteers and is responsible with the Trustees for the strategic direction and for the day-to-day operational activities of the organisation. The Chief Executive reports to the Chair of the Board. The policy for setting the pay and remuneration of the Chief Executive and employees is set by the Board and benchmarked to equivalent sized charities.

Board development

The Board of 10 Trustees has 2 members with sickle cell disorder and 4 Trustees are also carers for family members with sickle cell. The Board undertook board development training during

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Board development (*continued*)

2023/2024. All new trustee appointments are open to members and non- members of the Society. All trustee recruitment is by advertisement and application. An interview panel organised by the Chair interviews all shortlisted applicants.

All new trustees undergo an induction programme including meetings with the Chair and Chief Executive. New Trustees are also provided with Charity Commission guidance and information for trustees together with a copy of the Nolan principles and code of conduct.

SUMMARY REVIEW OF 2023/24

This year has been another positive and transformative one for our charity, as we continue to make significant impacts for the sickle cell community. We're especially proud of this achievement given that the charity sector is still recovering from recent challenges, with fierce competition for attention and funds. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our staff, volunteers, Trustees, Patrons, donors, and supporters for their unwavering support.

A major highlight of the year was expanding the Children and Young Person's mentoring scheme across London and in the north of England. This expansion allows us to support more young people with sickle cell disorder (SCD). The guidance our mentors provide is crucial, helping each young person build a better quality of life for themselves, more equipped to manage their physical and mental health, and to find their place in the world.

We faced a setback with the revocation of Crizanlizumab, the first drug approved for sickle cell in 20 years. In January 2024, we learned the marketing authorisation had been revoked by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Despite this, we remain hopeful that new treatments being assessed by NICE will offer more options for the sickle cell community in the coming year.

Our commitment to ensuring the best possible care and support for everyone with sickle cell disorder from birth onwards continued strong. Our blood donation program significantly contributed to the ethnically matched blood stocks needed for people living with sickle cell disorder. More Black donors are needed because of a rise in demand for some rare blood subtypes that are more common in people of Black heritage. Closely matching the blood for people receiving multiple blood transfusions to manage their sickle cell disorder gives these patients the best possible treatment.

Our screening program supported families from the preconception stage, and worked with the NHS to ensure sickle cell screening test results are delivered sensitively and effectively.

In August 2023 we held our first in- person Family Retreat - for children with SCD and their families. This is an evolution of the Children's Holiday that we held in previous years, and a pilot to see if we could deliver more value to children with sickle cell if they came in their supportive family unit. The retreat was a tremendous success, and delivered a far larger and longer lasting impact than taking just the children away for a break. 29 families joined us from across the UK to a venue in Shropshire. Parents reported that the sense of support and belonging was incredibly positive. It was heartening to hear that the retreat boosted children's self-confidence and provided families with the strength to face the condition's challenges.

We remain dedicated to ensuring that people with sickle cell have access to the best care and support, and holding those in decision making positions to account. In November 2023, following on from the care failures highlighted in our 2021 report, 'No One's Listening', we took a deeper look at sickle cell nursing care in a new report called 'The difference between life and death'. Our findings showed the need for vastly more resources, training and support in this critical area of care, and highlighted that not only was no-one

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listening, but that lives were still being put at risk. We will continue to campaign for and implement the recommendations from these reports in the coming year.

We saw the benefits of the conversations around sickle cell disorder. We have continued to raise discussions with the sickle cell community and other stakeholders primarily to enable more awareness of the condition and funding towards improved services. It is clear that more people are talking about sickle cell, and seeking ways to get involved in action and in finding solutions. We have seen a huge sickle cell transformation programme take place in the NHS as a result, and more opportunities opening up.

We are proud of the progress we have made so far, and excited to see the impact of our ongoing efforts. Our dedication to transforming care and outcomes for individuals and families living with sickle cell disorder drives us to continually strive for excellence. We aim to make a lasting, positive difference in their lives.



Michele Salter
Chair



John James OBE
Chief Executive

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR 2023/2024

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

Collaborations are essential for our success, and by working with researchers, clinical experts, people with lived experience, and other key decision-makers, we can make significant impacts. Building strong relationships with stakeholders is crucial for connecting our work with partners globally.

Our most important stakeholders are the growing number of patients we represent. Sickle cell disorder is the UK's fastest-growing genetic condition, yet advancements in care and treatments have been slow. We collaborate with individuals living with the condition, their families, and patient groups to ensure their needs are central to our work.

We continued partnerships with organisations like Rare Disease UK, Genetic Alliance, the Anthony Nolan Trust, and the Specialised Healthcare Alliance. Our board members and staff serve on their committees, influencing their strategic directions.

Our collaboration with the NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme advanced, as we worked alongside the UK Thalassaemia Society on joint initiatives. We are incredibly proud of the work we have done over the years in this area, and whereas screening for sickle cell is widely available, there is still much work to do. Our work during the year centred around what the results mean to the people who receive them, how they receive results and obtain information and support, and increasing awareness amongst both clinicians, and the people who may carry the gene for sickle cell, and are planning to start a family.

We also partnered with numerous organisations, including the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), UK Forum on Haemoglobinopathies, National Voices, NHS Blood and Transplant, NHS Trusts, NHS England, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Association of Counsellors (STAC), and other related voluntary and statutory bodies.

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STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS (*continued*)

Additionally, we collaborated with various research and improvement organisations to enhance understanding of sickle cell. These collaborations included the National Haemoglobinopathies Panel (NHP) and their Health Coordinating Centres (HCCs), the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), NHS Boards, European Medicines Agency (EMA), NHS Blood and Transplant Clinical Trials Unit, University College London (UCL), Genomics England, and others.

As the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia (SCTAPPG), we continued to highlight key issues and advocate for change. The SCTAPPG works to raise awareness and prioritise sickle cell disorder and other haemoglobin disorders in political discussions.

Membership & Support Group Base

We have continued our free membership policy, and as of FY 23/24, our membership has grown to 3,005 members, from 2,891 in 2022/23.

We encourage people to join through our website, social media, and events. Members receive newsletters in print or electronic formats, along with regular e-news updates. Due to staff changes in our communications team, the timing of these mailings varied this year, and we aim to get back to a regular routine in the coming year.

We serve as the national umbrella organisation for over 40 independent support groups, voluntary organisations, and statutory centres across the UK. Our support base is also active on our social media channels.

Media & Communication

Our social media platforms saw continued growth in followers, fostering conversations and engagement around sickle cell news, campaigns and information. To better connect with young people, we launched on TikTok, in addition to our existing presence on Instagram, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn.

Our social media content included collaborations with partners and campaigns such as Jeans for Genes, NHSBT for blood genotyping, and the "I Am Number 17" campaign to highlight sickle cell as a rare genetic disorder.

We also worked with NHS England on a campaign to raise awareness of pre-payment certificates for prescriptions – to lower the cost of medication for people with sickle cell.

Our website attracted visitors from 208 countries and territories, all seeking information about sickle cell disorder. This highlights our global reach and solid reputation as a trusted source for sickle cell information.

Press and media coverage was strong, with new therapies capturing the attention of major national news outlets. This increased awareness of sickle cell, making it a topic more journalists and the general public are familiar with. We plan to build on this momentum in the coming year to further raise awareness.

Helpline and Information Service

We offered crucial support and advocacy to people with sickle cell and their families by phone and email. Our team also gave advice to educational and healthcare professionals and other stakeholders.

The knowledge, commitment, expertise and lived experience of sickle cell disorder across our full charity staff team supports the delivery of the advice and information we provide, and we obtain specialist advice from our panel of medical advisers, and other partners. This enables us to offer advice to people living with sickle cell on health, school/education, social care, housing, financial assistance, and more. This expertise supports not only

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Helpline and Information Service (*continued*)

our helpline, but also the website, and our attendance at face-to-face events; and informs the consultancy services we offer to larger organisations.

The advice line team regularly attend and have stalls with literature at community and organisational events, allowing us to engage directly with people living with sickle cell and gather feedback from people in the community, as well as large employers, on how we can best provide support to the community.

EDUCATION / INFORMATION AND AWARENESS

We observed the United Nations' nominated World Sickle Cell Day on June 19th with the theme "Celebrating Success." We highlighted progress in medical advances for individuals living with sickle cell, the improved standards of care since the "No One's Listening" report, and the event gave us a platform for our ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the condition.

On the day, we placed the spotlight on Priapism and launched an animated awareness video we developed in collaboration with experts at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, with the support of Boston Scientific. The video featured a young boy's story of his experience of priapism, an unwanted and painful penile erection, which is a medical emergency. The video addressed how teenagers might deal with this challenging situation. The campaign achieved widespread coverage, and won 3 Association of Medical Illustrators awards.

We also encouraged people to 'Wear Red for Sickle Cell' to get involved in a fun way, and crucially, to start conversations around sickle cell.

The day was an opportunity to take part in sickle cell events and reach people face to face. We also achieved widespread media coverage, with our Chief Executive appearing on BBC TV news on the day amongst the highlights.

We achieved broadcast coverage across the UK, working with Vertex, who organised a 'Radio Day' as a tool to generate coverage. The aim was to make listeners aware of sickle cell disorder and the findings of the "No One's Listening" Report.

We had a phenomenal result, with the many highlights including:

- Over 19 hours of airtime across 124 stations.
- The content reached 42,550,000 Prime Time listeners.
- Coverage on the Radio News Hub, who reach 117 member stations, including Jazz FM, Nation Radio Group and News Radio UK. They have a combined reach of 8,086,000 listeners.
- SKY News, who broadcast to 34,000,000 listeners.

Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme

In October 2023, we secured ongoing funding for the Screening Programme Project, jointly with the UK Thalassaemia Society (UKTS). We continue to work collaboratively to help ensure the screening service is underpinned by service user needs and addresses any inequalities that arise.

Key Project Achievements:

- A consultation with users of the screening pathway which culminated in the launch of a report '*It's in Our Genes: Service User Experiences and Feedback on the Communication of Screening Results for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia*' at a national conference on 18 April 2023 attended by 168 stakeholders
- Recording and dissemination of a 6-minute overview video of how the Sickle Cell Society / UKTS work with the Screening Programme to provide the service user voice

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Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme (continues)

- Successful submission of two abstracts on the '*It's in Our Genes*' report, resulting in workshop and poster presentations respectively at the London Maternity and Midwifery Festival 2024 and Brighton and Sussex Medical School's Anti-racism in Healthcare conference
- Contributing service user feedback and experiences to the NHS SCT Screening Programme review of their '*Protocol for Reporting newborn screening results for sickle cell disease and thalassaemia major to parents*' targeted at health professionals
- Contribution to the revised Sickle Cell Society leaflet '*Sickle Cell Disorder and Sickle Cell Trait*' to now include a separate a page on screening and preconception testing
- Raised awareness of sickle cell and screening in the media, at public talks and stalls, webinars and conferences.

Family Retreat 2023

From Friday 11th August to Sunday 13th August, 29 families from across the UK (everywhere from Newcastle to Bristol) who had one or more children with Sickle Cell, joined us for a family retreat at the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire for a busy weekend of sickle cell education, adventure activities, networking and fun.

We welcomed:

- 37 young people with Sickle Cell
- 19 siblings of young people with Sickle Cell
- 48 parents

This retreat was a pilot, and a departure from the previous 'children's holiday' format of taking only the children with sickle cell away for a break and some respite. This new format of taking the whole family unit away was a resounding success, which delivered a greater impact on the participants.

The families had a wonderful time and in feedback:

- Families told us that the best part was the children all meeting each other and playing together, and not feeling like their family was the odd one out.
- Some of them told us that this is the first time they'd felt like they had a true support network that they were able to call on.
- Some commented that this marked a real turning point for their child.
- Most importantly perhaps, many of the families reported that they no longer felt alone.

During the retreat, the families took part in the following activities:

Activity Blitz: Inflatable Challenge, Abseiling, Zip Trek, Archery, Challenge Course
Campfire
Yoga
Mindful Doodling
Fencing
Caving
Hand Massage and Relaxation
Sickle Cell Education
Mindfulness
Sickle Cell Q&A
Arts and Crafts
Team Challenge
Drama
Healthy Living
Sibling Mental Health and Wellbeing

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The Family Retreat 2023 (continued)

Disco
Family Mental Wellbeing
Parent Session with a Nurse Counsellor
Under 8's Play Sessions
Board Games

The highlight of the Retreat was the positive community that we created and the families knowing that they are not alone. We received some lovely feedback, some of which is shared below:

"My daughter really came out of her shell, she was a totally different child. She had such a lovely time and made some wonderful new friends who she has kept in contact with. She doesn't like talking about her condition but she was happy to talk to her new friends. For once she wasn't being pulled away from her friends to take medication as they all had to take their medication, so for the first time in 11 years she didn't feel like the odd one out."

"I am a single parent and don't have much of a support network, so it was so nice to be around other parents who I could get advice from and understand what it's like to have a child with sickle cell, I have met new friends and feel like I also now have a support network."

"The best bit was meeting other families just like us. It can often feel isolating as a parent but the retreat showed us we are not alone. "

"We have learnt a lot and met some wonderful people. We leave with more knowledge about sickle cell and also how to access support we didn't know was available."

"She doesn't like talking about sickle cell and finds it difficult to tell anyone she's in pain, she never says the words 'sickle cell' and doesn't even like me talking about it, but when we came home we had a very long talk and she really opened up about having sickle cell. She was so much more confident ... that's such a positive thing because I have been trying to get her to talk about sickle cell for years and she would just say she doesn't want to talk about it, but since the retreat and meeting so many other people who also have sickle cell she has opened up so much more."

PARLIAMENTARY & POLICY WORK

The Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia APPG

We are incredibly proud of the progress in improving care for people living with sickle cell disorder, since we released the 'No One's Listening' APPG report in November 2021. The Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia All-Party Parliamentary Group (SCTAPPG) aims to raise awareness and promote sickle cell disorder and other haemoglobin disorders on the political agenda. Accountability is achieved through the Group's Chair, Janet Daby MP. We work closely with the SCTAPPG through our work as secretariat, and with our Parliamentary & Policy Officer.

The Group's AGM was held on 12th June 2023 and attendees heard from Dr Dianne Addei, Senior Public Health Advisor for the National Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Programme.

Dr Addei's presentation provided a summary of the National Sickle Cell Healthcare Pathway Review, highlights included :

- The quality improvement programme created a timely opportunity to review the entire sickle cell pathway after the publishing of the 'No One's Listening' report.

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PARLIAMENTARY & POLICY WORK (*continued*)

- Sickle cell care extends beyond when patients present in A&E with a crisis – and includes multiple specialisms including screening, pregnancy, delivery, primary care, community services and end of life care.
- Conducting the pathway review included the involvement of lead clinicians, head of departments and the establishment of a Patient Advisory Group for co-production.
- The pathway review was finalised with 77 recommendations, grouped into 10 themes, and presented to the Executive of the NHS.
- Rapid attention was given to urgent care when patients present with a crisis. The focus recommendation was the ability of patients to access specialist care at these moments. This included;
 - Not only being seen by a haematologist but those who have knowledge of sickle cell.
 - Efficiency of pain relief.
 - Patient follow up after discharge.
- The pathway review data also highlighted that a large percentage of patients presented in hospital outside of standard working hours. The review would therefore look into providing 24/7 services.
- Nottingham University Hospitals Trust was presented as a case study for excellent care provision. The Trust utilised 'A&E Bypass' so that sickle cell patients went straight to specialist care when attending hospital.
- The pathway review would be running model pilots in London Metropolitan areas from September 2023. The vision for sickle cell hyper acute units would include one 24/7 unit per geographical area.
- The pathway review also analysed care plans and creating wider access to the documents. The proposal is to make patients' care plans digital, with a roll out scheduled over a few years. In the interim, the London area trials hope to fast-track sickle cell patients' care plans for digital transformation.
- An interim physical wallet card had been developed to flag sickle cell patients as a medical emergency with the NICE guidelines on the back. These cards would be sent to the Haemoglobinopathy Co-ordinating Centres.
- A long-term piece of work would be undertaken to review medication and prescription charges. This would include;
 - Pre-payment prescription certificate campaign.
 - NHS low income scheme.
- There would be efforts to flag genetic counselling for sickle cell patients and to educate healthcare practitioners.
- The team were working with NICE to review the sickle cell guidelines.
- There would be a stream of work to create care auditing processes to ensure accountability.
- London and Birmingham had prioritised the sickle cell pathway, so funding would be provided for the improvement of community services. This was also being rolled out in other regions.
- There were also efforts to prioritise sickle cell research.

Going forward, the SCT APPG is focused on ensuring the 'No One's Listening' report recommendations are progressed. Alongside this, the APPG will address longstanding policy issues beyond healthcare, such as housing, prescription charges, benefits, and employment.

We're pleased with the progress in various Trusts across the UK, particularly the National Sickle Cell Healthcare Pathway Review, which aims to reduce healthcare inequalities for sickle cell patients. As the report reaches more Trusts, we are receiving increasing requests to discuss its recommendations with hospital teams.

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GIVE BLOOD, SPREAD LOVE, ENGLAND

Give Blood, Spread Love (GBSL) works with Black African and Caribbean communities to raise awareness about sickle cell disorder. We explain why people with sickle cell need blood from donors of similar ethnic backgrounds and encourage people from these communities to become regular blood donors. We do this by hosting events with corporate organisations, community groups, sports and leisure agencies, and faith groups, where we share our key messages and calls to action.

Social media and online engagement are crucial for GBSL, helping us reach younger audiences and connect with thousands of people through accessible information on sickle cell, blood donation, and related topics.

Our volunteer team, the 'Give Blood Squad', includes blood donors, recipients, and those with personal connections to sickle cell. Their lived experiences bring authenticity to our campaigns.

Our social media presence continues to grow, with 1,699 followers on our Instagram account, @givebloodspreadlove. The account features educational content on sickle cell and blood donation, personal stories from our volunteers, and various messages and videos featuring influential community figures.

In October we were hosted by Amazon's Black Employee Network for their Black History Month event, where we shared our expertise and experiences of sickle cell and blood donation. We also registered new blood donors alongside NHSBT's Know Your Type Team.

In November, we launched a partnership with Saracens Rugby Club and Stone X Stadium. We were delighted to have their support, and for their commitment to raising awareness of sickle cell and the need for more black and mixed race donors. 10,000 fans got to see films about our work, read about us in the match day programme, and heard from our team who were interviewed at halftime on the pitch. They also pledged to donate £2k for every try scored at their match with Leicester Tigers: 4 tries were scored thanks to Maro Itoje and teammates.

Children and Young People Peer Mentoring

Our peer mentoring programme supports youths aged between 10 and 24. It enables them to meet with a 'peer' or other young person who like them live with sickle cell, and are also trained in mentoring. The programme aims to support young people to improve their understanding of their condition, and improve their emotional and social wellbeing. It provides support for young people going through the process of transition from paediatric to adult services, as well as support with navigating education and employment.

In previous years, the programme was only available in the City and Hackney areas of London. In March 2023, we received confirmation from North East London (NEL ICB) that they would fund the programme for another 12 months. A month later we also learned that we would receive two years of funding from all other London ICBs. So far, we have begun recruitment of Lead Mentors, Clinical Leads, and new mentors, as well as a Clinical Director for the programme.

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Children and Young People Peer Mentoring (*continued*)

In January 2024 we received the official news that we are one of only two winners for the Health Inequalities Targeted Call, a competitive process by NHS England, NHS Race and Health Observatory, supported by NHS Innovation Accelerator.

We won for our role as catalysts for transformative change in healthcare, and our innovative work in tackling health inequalities, and the Children and Young People's Peer Mentoring Programme was cited as an example of our work in this area. The accolade allowed us some funding to roll the peer mentoring programme out into the North West and Sheffield. We are excited by the promise this holds for young people living with sickle cell.

This is what some of our mentees said about the programme :

"Emotionally it has helped me gain confidence in myself-which in turn has helped me put myself out there."

"The programme has inspired me to learn more about SCD to create awareness in my university and hopefully the world soon."

"My mentor has been so helpful to me, through working together and talking regularly with my mentor I have gained a better understanding of my condition. Working with my mentor has enabled me to ask questions about my condition and question how to deal with the impact on my life."

Volunteer Coordinator - Sickle Cell Society

During the last financial year, good progress was made in relation to our volunteer programme following the recruitment of the volunteer coordination role which took place in June 2023. Headway was made in key areas such as helpline and information support, volunteer engagement, recruitment strategies, social media initiatives and collaborations with educational establishments and other charities. There were some challenges but overall, the direction of travel is positive. We received 30 new applicants and just under half of these were successfully onboarded and inducted as SCS volunteers.

Although the volunteer coordinator was in post for only seven months, there were significant achievements in volunteer coordination, successful recruitment, engagement, and collaborations. The ongoing commitment to improvement, collaboration, and community outreach remains unchanged and a new coordinator is being actively recruited.

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS

During the year the Society made funding applications towards core and restricted projects and initiated or nurtured relationships to help to continue to deliver services. The Society received income of £127,262 from corporate supporters.

See full list of unrestricted donations of £500 and over listed in note 15.

Black History Month

Black History Month is one of the most active and important months for the Sickle Cell Society. This is the time we see increased engagement across all areas of business.

During Black History Month (BHM) 2023, a remarkable £51,997 was raised in support the work of the SCS. This is an incredible achievement and a substantial increase from the £20,000 we received during BHM 2022 and the over £5,000 in BHM 2021.

Again, corporate donations have proved vital in ensuring that BHM is a success for the Sickle Cell Society, and continues to show great evidence that income during this special month can keep on increasing.

Contributing an amazing £19,708 was C. Hoare & Co, the UK's oldest privately-owned bank and once again Metro Bank employee raffle raised £5,500, a tremendous increase from the £2,976 they supported us with during BHM 2022.

It is worth noting that the key message delivered by the SCS to these donors was that of addressing inequities. In addition to this, most of the corporate donors that approached us in the first place, did so on the basis of being part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) initiatives.

CONTRACTS

During the year the Society received a total of £180,858 for contractual services:

The Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Outreach & Engagement Project is an NHS England formerly known as Public Health England (PHE) funded project in which the Sickle Cell Society works in partnership with the NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme and United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society. Total income for this financial year is £137,858.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Europe) Ltd, Sponsorship of Patient Education – All You Need to know about Gene Therapy and Transplantation of Sickle Cell. Total income of £15,000.

The Sickle Cell Society is collaborating with the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust to undertake a research project to find out more about sickle cell patients' experiences of using the ambulance services, including ambulance care, 999 and 111 calls. Total income received £10,000.

£10,000 from NHS England to support Sickle Cell Patient Advisory Group.

Terumo BCT contributed £8,000 during the year to support the Sickle Cell Society's Podcast.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The trustees and staff will continue to work together. We have successfully delivered our charity strategy for the three years up to 31 March 2024.

Our five strategic commitments for the next year 2024/2025 are;

1. Enabling Support Networks
2. Building effective partnerships
3. Achieving impact and sustainability with limited resources
4. Managing our stakeholders
5. Enabling resilient patients and communities

During 2024/2025 we will embark on an inclusive approach to revisit and refresh a new 3 year strategy, building on the good progress we have made as an organisation, remaining focussed on making a positive difference to the lives of those who live with sickle cell disorder and their families.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2023/2024 Annual Report and Accounts, my first report since taking up my trustee Treasurer role in April 2023. It has been great to witness at first hand, the excellent work of the charity. I am delighted that the Society has continued to make positive progress for the sickle cell community throughout 2023/24. This has been underpinned by sound financial management and governance.

It is a significant achievement that the financial year 2023/2024 is now the fourth consecutive year the Society has achieved a surplus.

We started the financial year with a deficit budget of £59,665, however, the Society ends the financial year with a surplus of £265,354 which is £325,019 better than planned. This was achieved through receipt of restricted funds of £301,527 and unrestricted income of £690,972. Our total income for 2023/24 is £992,499 with total expenditure of £727,145. I congratulate the Society's leadership team and our dedicated staff for this consistent and strong performance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our many generous donors, supporters and volunteers for their tremendous support throughout the year.

Our good performance financially has been matched by the progressive development of services. Many examples of service delivery for people and families are set out in this Annual report.

We look forward to 2024/25 with new aspirations to support the Sickle Cell Community. We hope we can count on you for your continued support.


Julia McLarty
Treasurer

Date: 30/09/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POLICIES

Investment Policy

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit, except for trading purposes. The Society sometimes needs to react very quickly to particular emergencies and has a policy of keeping any surplus funds in short-term deposits, which can be accessed readily. To ensure financial security, the Society needs to secure additional unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of the Sickle Cell Society have set a free reserves policy (which represents total unrestricted funds less tangible fixed assets) of maintaining a minimum of three months of the Society's total unrestricted expenditure which was £113,722 on 31 March 2024. This policy was met during the financial year to 31 March 2024, with year-end free reserves of £633,421 (2023 - £471,852), despite the difficulties encountered with securing grants. The Board updated the reserves policy during 2023/2024 to ensure that it is appropriate and aligned to the Society's financial performance, assessment of risk and future strategy.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review the major risks, which the Society faces on a regular basis and aim to maintain our free reserves at the levels stated in the above reserves policy. Combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, they aim to provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational risks that we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The main risk is the volatile (short term funding) financial environment in which the Society operates.

This volatility is compounded by the current political and economic climate, notably the economic circumstances resulting from the impacts of Brexit and COVID-19. This uncertainty is likely to continue: our focussed approach on strong financial management, good governance and review of our reserves policy will help us to mitigate this risk.

A fundraising strategy is in place to increase the levels of unrestricted income. The aim is to reverse the current unacceptably high grant-dependent "gearing" and increase the level of unrestricted income reserve, and continued improvement in financial performance.

Financial review

Income this year stands at £992,499 which is £218,902 better than the previous year's results. This has been achieved from restricted grant payments of £301,527 and £690,972 from unrestricted donations and contracts. The unrestricted donations consist of legacies, general fundraising, payroll giving, corporate, individuals, churches, schools, training and consultancy, gift aid and communities, bank interest and contract services.

During the year the unrestricted funds incurred a net income of £236,084 (2022/23: net income of £156,042).

The majority of grants coming into the Society remain under restricted funds to deliver the objectives of the Society. During the year the restricted funds experienced a surplus before transfers of £29,270 (2022/23: deficit of £26,633). The total restricted reserves at the end of the year were £346,480 (2022/23: £216,791).

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Trustees' report (*continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2024

FUNDRAISING STATEMENT

We would like to thank you, our dedicated supporters, for your commitment to our work. Your fundraising endeavours have provided the Sickle Cell Society with invaluable resources that enabled us to reach out to more and more people living with sickle cell. Without your help, we could not carry out with the crucial work we do. Thanks to you, we have been able to roll out new initiatives and expand existing ones that meet the daily changes and challenges experienced by people living with sickle cell.

The Sickle Cell Society is bound by the Code of Practice dictated by the Fundraising Regulator and abides by the ethical standards set by the Regulator. We pride ourselves, through our fundraising endeavours, of maintaining the highest standards possible in order to meet the regulations. Our approach has always been to safeguard those who are most vulnerable from inappropriate fundraising practices and conduct ourselves with the utmost professionalism.

We are acutely aware that fundraising is one of the key ways in which we interact with our supporters, donors and the general public. Therefore, our approach ensures that our fundraising practices and reputation are maintained at the highest level. We strive to be an approachable and professional organisation and thus, free membership to the Society includes opt-ins for contact with us and withdrawal from such consent can be easily requested by contacting us at info@sicklecellsociety.org.

We have a Fundraising Working Group that includes Trustee representation and reports on fundraising performance, policy and practice matters to the Board of Trustees. We believe this level of governance allows us to oversee compliance with the regulatory standards. We monitor our fundraising practices closely and can report that we have not received complaints in this regard during the last financial year. As a charity, we are committed to outstanding fundraising conduct and, we have amply achieved this aim.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your committed support.

Charity Governance Code

Sickle Cell Society recognises that good governance in a charity is fundamental to its success. The Sickle Cell Society and its Trustees are continually working towards the highest standard of governance, by reference to the principles and recommended practice of the Charity Governance Code and the Nolan Principles of Public Service.

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Trustees' report (*continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charity for the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the charity's website is the responsibility of the trustees. The trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

Provision of information to auditors

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Society's auditors are unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report the Trustees have taken advantage of the small company exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Trustees



Michele Salter
Chair

Date: 30/09/24

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Independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SICKLE CELL SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sickle Cell Society (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the trustees' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent auditor's report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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- We obtained an understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates to identify laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a direct effect on the financial statements. We obtained our understanding in this regard through discussions with management, industry research, application of cumulative audit knowledge and experience of the sector.
- We determined the principal laws and regulations relevant to the charitable company in this regard to be those arising from Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and relevant employee and tax legislation.
- We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the charitable company with those laws and regulations. These procedures included, but were not limited to enquiries of management and review of minutes.
- We also identified the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud. We considered, in addition to the non-rebuttable presumption of a risk of fraud arising from management override of controls, that there is judgement and estimation involved in the recognition of grant income. We have, for a sample of grant income, reviewed agreements to ensure that income, including accrued and deferred income, have been accounted for in accordance with the financial reporting framework.
- As in all of our audits, we addressed the risk of fraud arising from management override of controls by performing audit procedures which included, but were not limited to: the testing of journals; reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone, other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alastair Duke (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP
Statutory Auditor

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17 October 2024

The Sickle Cell Society
Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024
(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income:					
Voluntary Income	3	674,626	301,527	976,153	768,635
Investment income	4	16,346	-	16,346	4,962
Total income		690,972	301,527	992,499	773,597
Expenditure					
Costs of raising funds					
Fundraising costs	5	145,562	11,485	157,047	202,782
Charitable activities					
Campaign	5	138,101	102,380	240,481	201,403
Direct services group		114,295	71,940	186,235	114,128
Provision of information and advice		43,639	63,398	107,037	81,314
Children's Activities & Holiday		13,291	23,054	36,345	44,561
Total expenditure	5	454,888	272,257	727,145	644,188
Net income for the year before transfers		236,084	29,270	265,354	129,409
Transfer between funds		(100,419)	100,419	-	-
Net movement of funds in year		135,665	129,689	265,354	129,409
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	14	661,683	216,791	878,474	749,065
Total funds carried forward	14	797,348	346,480	1,143,828	878,474

The Society had no recognised gains or losses during the year other than those shown above. All the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 27 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet at 31 March 2024

<i>Company number 2840865</i>	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		154,894		180,800
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	10	176,913		158,406	
Cash and cash equivalents	12	1,028,962		706,464	
		<u>1,205,875</u>		<u>864,870</u>	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors	13	216,941		167,196	
Net current assets			<u>988,934</u>		<u>697,674</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,143,828</u>		<u>878,474</u>
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds	14		788,315		652,650
Designated Funds			9,033		9,033
Restricted funds	14		346,480		216,791
			<u>1,143,828</u>		<u>878,474</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 30/09/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee



Michele Salter

Trustee



Julia McLarty

The notes on pages 27 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash generated in operating activities	19		315,508		11,545
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest income		16,346		4,962	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(9,356)		(740)	
Net cash from investing activities			6,990		4,222
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year			322,498		15,767
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	12		706,464		690,697
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	12		1,028,962		706,464

The notes on pages 27 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sickle Cell Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no areas of critical estimate or significant judgement that affects the preparation of these financial statements.

Going Concern

The Board of Trustees have produced a forecast for the next 12 months from the date of the financial statement was authorised. The Society is actively applying for new grants and exploring new fundraising opportunities for the financial year 2023/2024. In parallel, we are also developing a new 3 year fundraising strategy for the organisation. The forward look forecast for the next 12 months shows that the Charity has sufficient funds and reserves to enable us to meet our obligations as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statement is authorised for issue. As such, the board is satisfied that the organisation has adequate resources to continue to operate for at least the next twelve months. For this reason, we continue to adopt the going concern basis for preparing these financial statements.

Stock

Stocks of publications and other material are shown at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations in kind are included in the accounts at market value.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (*continued*)

1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Deferred income

Income is only deferred when either the donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Society has unconditional entitlement.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% straight line
Leasehold Improvements	-	Shorter of ten years or lease term

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with the Society's fund raising activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the Society in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Allocation of Support and Governance costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Society on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in Note 5. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Society and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Society.

Operating leases

Assets held under lease arrangements where the title to the equipment remains with the lessor are classified as operating leases by the charity. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pension costs

The Society operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension costs charge represents contributions paid during the year. The pension scheme's assets are held separately from those of the society and are managed by independent fund managers, who alone are responsible for matters of investment policy and the actual payment of the pensions to the persons so entitled to it.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the Society without further specified purpose and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Society.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements
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Accounting policies (continued)

Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds earmarked by Trustees for a particular purpose.

Accounting Estimates and Key Judgements

In the process of applying the charity's accounting policies described in this note, judgements and estimates are made that have an effect on the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates made in the course of preparing the financial statements include the recognition of grant income and cost allocation for which the accounting policies have been noted above.

2 Legal status of the Society

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and has not share capital, domiciled in England and Wales, company registration number 2840865. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Society.

3 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies	493,768	-	493,768	482,791	-	482,791
Grants	-	301,527	301,527	-	136,963	136,963
Capital Income	-	-	-	-	23,965	23,965
NCIL – Brent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Income	180,858	-	180,858	124,916	-	124,916
	<u>674,626</u>	<u>301,527</u>	<u>976,153</u>	<u>607,707</u>	<u>160,928</u>	<u>768,635</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
Bank and COIF deposit interest	<u>16,346</u>	<u>4,962</u>

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5 Expenditure

	Direct costs £	Staff costs £	Support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of raising funds					
Fundraising costs	57,786	41,829	57,432	157,047	202,782
Charitable activities					
Campaign	32,840	119,698	87,943	240,481	201,403
Direct services group	78,833	39,297	68,105	186,235	114,128
Provision of information and advice	14,011	53,883	39,143	107,037	81,314
Children's Activities & Family Retreat	23,054	-	13,291	36,345	44,561
Total expenditure	206,524	254,707	265,914	727,145	644,188

Analysis of support costs

	Other Support Costs £	Office and IT costs £	Staff related costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities						
Fundraising costs	14,092	17,961	22,008	3,371	57,432	80,947
Campaign	21,578	27,503	33,700	5,162	87,943	80,397
Direct services group	16,711	21,299	26,098	3,997	68,105	45,558
Provision of information and advice	9,604	12,242	15,000	2,297	39,143	32,459
Children's Activities & Holiday	3,261	4,157	5,093	780	13,291	17,788
Total support costs	65,246	83,162	101,899	15,607	265,914	257,150

Total expenditure in the year to 31 March 2024 was £727,145 (2023: £644,188) of which £454,888 (2023: £456,627) was unrestricted and £272,257 (2023: £187,561) was restricted.

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6 Staff cost and numbers	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	311,664	260,334
Social security	27,103	24,022
Pension	17,839	16,765
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	356,606	301,121
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The average number of employees during the year was 13 (2023:11).

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum (2023: None).

No remuneration has been paid to the Trustees other than reimbursement for travel and accommodation to 3 trustees (£1,099), membership cost to Association of Chairs membership (£60), and DBS check and Refreshment for meetings (£167) totalling £1,326 (2023: £1,853).

The key management personnel of the Society comprise of the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Society are £55,283 salary and £5,799 NI, total - £61,082 (2023: £50,592).

7 Net Income for the year	2024 £	2023 £
Is stated after charging:		
Depreciation on owned assets	35,262	35,054
Auditors' remuneration (including VAT):		
- Audit fees	11,970	11,231
Equipment rental	-	5,637
Property Lease/Rent – 56 Station Road	9,600	9,600
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8 Taxation

The Society is a charity within the meaning of Para 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains with categories covered by chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes. No tax charge arose in the period.

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At beginning of year	200,772	68,991	269,763
Additions	-	9,356	9,356
Disposals		(19,880)	(19,880)
At end of the year	200,772	58,467	259,239
At beginning of year	36,372	52,591	88,963
Charge for the year	27,279	7,983	35,262
Disposal	-	(19,880)	(19,880)
At end of the year	63,651	40,694	104,345
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2024	137,121	17,773	154,894
As at 31 March 2023	164,400	16,400	180,800

All of the above assets were used for direct charitable purposes during the year.

10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants and Legacies receivable (note 11)	164,689	144,819
Prepayments	12,224	13,587
	176,913	158,406

11 Grants & Legacies receivable

	2024 £	2023 £
Mentoring Project	56,949	-
Public Health England (PHE)	-	20,819
Genomics England	-	74,000
Legacies	107,740	50,000
	164,689	144,819

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12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	15	338
NatWest Reserve Account	867,363	548,922
NatWest Current Account	100	100
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	160,650	153,202
Paypal	834	3,902
	<u>1,028,962</u>	<u>706,464</u>

13a Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	74,074	70,262
Accruals and deferred income	142,867	96,934
	<u>216,941</u>	<u>167,196</u>

13b Deferred Income Reconciliation

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance as at 1 April	27,995	53,952
Amount Released to Income	(27,995)	(53,952)
Amount Deferred in the year	92,249	27,995
	<u>92,249</u>	<u>27,995</u>
Balance as at 31 March		

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14 Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance 1 April	Movement in funds			Balance 31 March 2024
	2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Family Retreat / Children					
Holiday scheme	-	23,941	23,054	-	887
Jeans for Genes	-	3,000	15,287	12,287	-
Research	45,227	1,000	-	-	46,227
Helpline Worker	-	-	48,111	48,111	-
CLAHRC	2,995	-	-	-	2,995
APPG for Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia	-	14,000	27,224	13,224	-
Refurbishment Income	23,365	-	4,348	4,348	23,365
NHS England	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Mentoring Programme	-	137,697	72,228	-	65,469
Give Blood Spread Love	-	21,849	44,298	22,449	-
Nursing Workforce	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
Public Awareness					
Campaign – Priapism	68,704	-	300	-	68,404
Genomics England	74,000	-	17,407	-	56,593
Northwest England					
Children & Young People					
Peer Mentoring Project	-	80,040	-	-	80,040
Restricted funds	216,791	301,527	272,257	100,419	346,480
Unrestricted funds	652,650	690,972	454,888	(100,419)	788,315
General fund					
Designated Funds	9,033	-	-	-	9,033
Total funds	878,474	992,499	727,145	-	1,143,828

Designated funds currently stand at £9,033 no fund was released in 2023-24 financial year.

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of charitable funds – previous year

	Balance 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Movement in funds Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Children Holiday scheme	-	9,630	14,299	4,669	-
Jeans for Genes	11,580	-	11,580	-	-
Research	45,227	-	-	-	45,227
Helpline Worker	-	-	35,948	35,948	-
CLAHRC	2,995	-	-	-	2,995
London borough of Hackney	-	-	412	412	-
GMSN – Children's Activity	5,937	10,346	16,283	-	-
APPG for Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia	-	18,000	27,013	9,013	-
Refurbishment Income	-	23,965	600	-	23,365
Heritage Lottery fund	-	-	-	-	2,500
NHS England	2,500	-	-	-	-
Digital Marketing – Blood Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Mentoring Programme	7,060	-	18,027	10,967	-
Give Blood Spread Love	1,727	24,987	60,876	34,162	-
Public Awareness Campaign – Priapism	71,227	-	2,523	-	68,704
Genomics England	-	74,000	-	-	74,000
Restricted funds	148,253	160,928	187,561	95,171	216,791
Unrestricted funds	560,812	612,669	456,627	(64,204)	652,650
General fund					
Designated Funds	40,000	-	-	(30,967)	9,033
Total funds	749,065	773,597	644,188	-	878,474

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted Funds

The purpose of each of the restricted funds is as follows:

Annual Children's Holiday scheme/Family Retreat

On a yearly basis The Sickle Cell Society carried out a Children's holiday for young people with Sickle Cell, for the three years over the pandemic the holiday was held virtually. During the virtual holiday there was immense value in including parents and siblings in the experience. In 2023 the Sickle Cell Family Retreat was born. The Society carried out the first Family Retreat with a group of families with at least 1 child with Sickle Cell at the Pioneer Centre. £23,941 was received in 2023/24 towards this project.

Jeans for Genes Campaign

£3,000 received during 2023-24 financial to support the Volunteering Programme.

Research and Development

The Society is increasingly actively involved with research and development initiatives at different levels with the NHS, Academic Institutions and Industry. These funds will be used as a contribution to support our funding applications to fund Research and Development bursaries.

Helpline Worker

To provide dedicated telephone advice, information and support for people living with Sickle Cell Disorder, Carers and families. A transfer of £48,111 was made from the unrestricted funds in 2023/24 to carry out this service.

CLAHRC, LSHTM and Sickle Cell Society Collaborative Project

Following the work of the BUPA-funded 'Self Over Sickle' project which provides advice, support and testimonials for young adults around transition, this work will drive visibility of the person behind the sickle cell via an ad campaign in London and aim to build confidence of young adults with the condition via an online resource pack signposting services and techniques to enhance one's quality of life living with sickle cell.

Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia All-Party Parliamentary Group (SCTAPPG)

The SCTAPPG Project has continued to provide the secretariat of the SCTAPPG. Two restricted grants of £14,000 were awarded by Novartis - £8,000 and Vertex - £6,000 respectively. £13,224 was transferred from the unrestricted to help carry out this service.

Office Refurbishment

Phase 1 of the Sickle Cell Society Headquarters refurbishment has now been completed. We are currently seeking funding towards Phase 2 work.

Mentoring Project

Young Person's Mentoring Scheme aims to improve the health and wellbeing of young people living With sickle disorder which started with North East London ICB (NEL). The Society is pleased that we now have all the other 4 regions on board North West London (NWL), North Central London (NCL), South West London (SWL) and South East London a total of £137,697 was received during 2023/24 to carry out this service.

Give Blood Spread Love and Digital Marketing – Blood Donation

Digital Marketing – Blood Donation complement the Give Blood Spread Love programme which aims to increase the number of black people donating blood in areas beyond South London. Give Blood, Spread Love uses new media to build awareness, share facts, breakdown myths and direct people to sign up to the blood donation register online, and go a step further by asking peers to do the same.

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Public Awareness Campaign – Priapism

Public Healthcare Awareness Campaign (specifically of priapism targeting Healthcare professionals, young boys, men and parents). Funding was provided by Boston Scientific International to help to support this project.

London Borough of Hackney

The Society has been commissioned by the London Borough of Hackney to deliver a programme of community activities and engagement sessions for people living with SCD and their families, in the borough.

Genomics England

We have secured funding from Genomics England to appoint a new SCS/Genomics England Partnership role for 18 months, six months of which has already been completed. We plan to deliver a priority setting exercise for future genomics research into Sickle Cell Disorder.

Nursing Workforce

Sickle cell services have faced decades of underfunding and under-prioritisation, as outlined in the No One's Listening report published by the Sickle Cell Society and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia in 2021. This is reflected in the challenges facing the specialist sickle cell nursing workforce. This research project set out to capture the wide ranging role specialist sickle cell nurses perform, gain a more detailed understanding of the current level of specialist sickle cell nurse staffing, the impact this has on patients and clinicians, the reasons behind the workforce shortage, and what needs to happen to ensure there are sufficient numbers of specialist nurses to deliver a good standard of care to people with sickle cell disorder.

Children and Young Person Peer Mentoring Team

Children and Young People Peer Mentoring Scheme is a pilot scheme aim to improve health and wellbeing of children and young people in Northwest England - Manchester, Liverpool and Sheffield. £80,040 was received during 2023/24, however, we estimate the start date of this new project in the first quarter of next financial year.

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15 Unrestricted donations, legacies and fundraising - £500 & Over

Community & Challenge Event Fundraising (Just Giving)	55,827
Community & Challenge Event Fundraising (Blackbaud)	37,245
Imst.Cem.Crem.MGNT	26,000
Hoare & Co Bank	19,708
Leicester City Council - Lord Mayor	12,124
Bloomberg LP	12,008
Vitol Foundation	11,815
Capital Group Comp	9,500
Community Event Fundraising (CAF - ONLINE)	8,945
Enthuse.com	8,391
Cooley UK LLP	7,828
C.E.X Limited	7,598
Charitable Giving (inc Amazon Grant)	7,461
Facebook	6,161
Paypal	5,595
Metro Bank PLC	5,500
EMIL KUMAR EMIL KUMAR	5,202
Trees Cazenove Charitable Trust	5,000
Legacy of Ms Mavis Mills	5,000
UK Online Giving	4,178
The Oyster PTSHPL	3,354
West Cliff High School	3,221
HMP Frankland and Prison Services Charity Fund	2,000
Charities Trust	1,728
Citi Bank RE FIN UK Online Giving F	1,722
Amazon Core	1,595
Saracen's event - Tracy Collection	1,538
Lodge (The Grand Charity)	1,500
Mrs F B Laurence Charitable Trust	1,500
Event in memory of MC Skibadee	1,500
Beths Grammar School	1,411
E Cornelius EMC - Fundraising Event	1,240
Hurtwood House School	1,200
Memorial Tribute Fundraising (Much Loved)	1,198
Siemens Finance Ltd	1,064
Windrush Foundation - Aurthur Torrington (Colin Graham)	1,000
Toronto Dominion	1,000
Reynolds Porter	1,000
Tinu Williamson-Taylor	1,000
The Dewan Foundation Limited	1,000
First Give the Quest Academy	1,000
New Church of God	1,000
Veolia ES Southw ARK	812
Terumo BCT	667

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Unrestricted donations, legacies and fundraising - £500 & Over (continued)

Valero Energy Ltd	600
B A Leslie	600
In Memory of Lucreta La Pierre	550
The GDST-Bromley High School	539
Norbury School & Nursery	538
HMP Whitemoor	525
Elthorne Park High School	514
Winchmore School	509
Hartley Taylor - Dr R Kesse-Adu	500
Elite Golden Ladies Women UK	500
All Saints Catholic School	500
The Nile Valley Lodge NO 6306	500
Najeebullah Habibi	500

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	154,894	-	154,894
Current assets	859,395	346,480	1,205,875
Current liabilities	(216,941)	-	(216,941)
Net assets	797,348	346,480	1,143,828

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	180,800	-	180,800
Current assets	648,079	216,791	864,870
Current liabilities	(167,196)	-	(167,196)
Net assets	661,683	216,791	878,474

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17 Transfer between funds

During the year the Trustees agreed transfers of £100,419 (2023: £95,171) from unrestricted funds to make good the deficits on the restricted funds and as a requirement of part funding. Transfers were Jeans for Genes – Volunteer Project, Helpline Services, APPG for Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Project, Refurbishment Project and Give Blood Spread Love & Digital Marketing Projects. See note 14 for further breakdown.

18 Leasing commitments

The Society is committed to make the following minimum lease payments under operating leases for equipment:

	2024 £	2023 £
Commitments expiring:		
Within 1 year	15,152	14,268
Within 2 to 5 years	16,096	42,583
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	31,248	57,051
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19 Reconciliation of operating result to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net Movements in Funds	265,354	129,409
Depreciation	35,262	35,054
Interest income	(16,346)	(4,962)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(18,507)	(113,500)
(Increase)/Decrease in creditors	49,745	(34,456)
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Net cash generated from operating activities	315,508	11,545
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20 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions requiring disclosure in this financial year.