

South Central
Ambulance
Charity



ANNUAL REPORT

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SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE CHARITY

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Introduction

This annual report has been prepared in accordance with the following directions:

Charity Sorp (FRS102)

Charities Acts 2011

Registered Address

The principal address of the Charity is Unit 7 – 8 Talisman Business Centre, Talisman Road, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6HR

South Central Ambulance Charity raises funds to support South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS). All the monies raised by our Charity are used to fund services, projects and equipment that is not supplied by Government NHS funding. Without the money we raise people in our communities would have to wait longer for help which could affect their recovery. The Charity works across Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire as well as supporting our Patient Transport Services in Surrey and Sussex.

Trustee

The Trustee of the Charity is the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. The Directors of the Foundation Trust are also charged with the management of the Charity.

The Directors of the Charity were as follows:

Chairman and Non Executive Directors

Professor Sir Keith Willett CBE

Les Broude

Ian Green, OBE

Michael McEnaney

Sumit Biswas

Nigel Chapman

Dr Anne Stebbing

Dr Dhammika Perera

Executive Directors

David Eltringham

Aneel Pattni

Stuart Rees (Appointed 01/07/2023)

Paul Kempster

Professor Helen Young

Mike Murphy

Dr John Black

Melanie Saunders

Daryl Lutchmaya (Appointed 17/04/2023)

Craig Ellis (Appointed 18/12/2023)

Chief Executive SCAS FT

Chief Finance Officer

Interim Director of Finance

Chief Operating Officer

Chief Nurse & Executive Director of Patient Care

Chief Strategy Officer

Chief Medical Officer

Chief People Officer

Chief Governance Officer

Chief Digital Officer

Key Management Personnel

Vanessa Casey

Chief Executive Officer

Bankers to the Charity

Lloyds Bank PLC High Street, Winchester, Hants

Independent Auditors

Wenn Townsend, 30 St Giles' Oxford OX1 3LE

Funds Held

These arise primarily as a result of donations from members of the public, from those who have used the ambulance service, companies and other organisations. The main purpose for the use of these donations is for any charitable purposes relating to the general or any specific purposes of the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust (including for the benefit of both patients and staff) or to purposes relating to the health service.

In administering the funds of the Charity, the Trustees aim to provide public benefit in buying essential equipment, supporting the Community Responder Schemes and improving staff facilities and welfare.

Statement of Financial Activities

During the year, income of £1,598k (2022/23 £495k) was received and £847k (2022/23 £610k) was expended.

The balance carried forward for all funds totalled £1,156k (2022/23 £405k).

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Purpose

To support the work of South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) as it delivers exceptional care and improves positive outcomes for the people and patients in our local community.

Our Vision

Inspiring people to volunteer, donate or fundraise for us to ensure we are always here serving patients, their families and our wider communities when they need us.

Our Core Values

Our values are at the heart of everything we do. They are what drive us and we work tirelessly to uphold them in all we do, every day.

Community – working together as a dedicated community of volunteers, we take exceptional pride in the work we do and the difference we make to the lives of those we serve in our communities.

Care – Valuing everyone we work with and support, showing them compassion and empathy, and treating them with the dignity, kindness and respect they deserve.

Transformation – Utilising our professional, fully trained volunteers to have greater patient impact and enhance lives.

Innovation – Being at the forefront of trialling new initiatives for our volunteers to support the delivery of best practice patient care.



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Our Charity supports our community of volunteers who make a meaningful difference to the health, wellbeing and safety of their neighbours – those who live and work in the local areas we serve. Thanks to generous donations from our supporters, we help SCAS go further by providing programmes, training and services to support the crucial work of South Central Ambulance Service. This includes:

Providing equipment, uniform and training for our Volunteer Community Responders so they can deliver vital first-response care to the sick and injured.

Supporting the physical wellbeing and mental health of all our staff and volunteers.

Supporting our Patient Transport Volunteers, who convey patients to non-emergency medical appointments.

Delivering our volunteer strategy and creating new and fulfilling volunteer roles.



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FUNDRAISING STANDARDS INFORMATION

The Charity utilises a range of fundraising activities working alongside our Trust staff and volunteer colleagues. During the year the Charity has worked with Remarkable Partnerships to develop a corporate fundraising programme for the Charity. Remarkable has supported the Charity to generate new partnerships.

The Charity works closely with our volunteer community who raise funds on behalf of the Charity. Regular meetings with our volunteers; fundraising information and access to the Charity team for advice are all available. The Charity creates and provides materials and publicity for volunteer fundraising.

South Central Ambulance Charity is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and NHS Charities Together. As such, it conforms to the code of conduct set out by these organisations. The Charity strives to ensure that all supporters and donors are treated fairly and with respect. Our supporters enable the Charity to make a significant positive impact on patient and care and as such we aim to regularly update supporters on our work through our charity website www.scascharity.org.uk and our social media channels. We take care to thank individuals and organisations for their support and to protect individuals' privacy. Full details can be found in our privacy policy. We are aware of our responsibility in protecting vulnerable people when fundraising and have a vulnerable persons policy in place. We have a clear complaints policy in place. The day-to-day management of the Charity is delegated to the Chief Executive, Vanessa Casey. There were no complaints received relating to the Charity this year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Board confirms that it has paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Board ensures that all funds are used to best effect in the interest of the Trust's patients, staff and volunteers.



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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust Board delegates responsibility to the Charitable Funds Committee who ensure there is appropriate governance over the activities of the Charity and the stewardship of the Charity's assets. The Chief Strategy Officer and the SCAS Charity CEO, supported by senior management, are responsible for developing the Charity strategy and recommending it to the Charitable Funds Committee. It is then recommended to the Board for approval and implementation.

South Central Ambulance Charity was first constituted in 1995 for charitable services supporting the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the Two Shires Ambulance Service. This was amended in 2016 when the Trust became South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

The Charity has a single Corporate Trustee; the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Board. The Trust Board, as Corporate Trustee, is ultimately accountable for charitable funds donated to the Charity. The Corporate Trustee and individual Trustees of South Central Ambulance Service are responsible for controlling the management and administration of the Charity and have a collective responsibility for the Charity. Trustees perform their duties taking into account statutory rules, Charity Commission guidance and the Charity Governance Code.

The Trustees have been appointed under section 11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990. The members of the NHS Trust Board who served during the financial year as Trustees and on the date of the Financial Statements approval are listed in this Annual Report. The recruitment and induction of Executive Directors to the Board is undertaken in accordance with the policies of South Central Ambulance Service, which is also responsible for remuneration.

The Charitable Funds Committee of the SCAS Board meet on a quarterly basis. The Committee is chaired by a Non-Executive Director, Nigel Chapman and attended by other Non-Executive and Executive Directors. The Charity CEO, Head of Community Engagement and Training, Director of Strategy, Chief Financial Officer, Charity Finance Manager and the CFR Governor also attend these meetings. SCAS Governors are invited to attend as observers.

The Charity's risk register is reviewed at each meeting and the reserves policy and terms of reference are reviewed each year. The Committee also review and agree spending priorities, income generation targets and applications for internal grants to be made by the Charity. There is a scheme of delegation in place.

Vanessa Casey
Chief Executive



Nigel Chapman
Non-Executive Director
and Chair of the
Charitable Funds Committee

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Following some challenging years during and immediately after the pandemic, this year has seen the Charity increase its income with some areas of fundraising returning to or exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

We have increased our presence at events across our counties which has enabled us to increase our reach, build the supporter base for the Charity and raise the profile of our volunteers responding for the ambulance service.

The launch of the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) National Volunteer Strategy has given us opportunities to work nationally with other Ambulance Services, sharing good practice and develop policies and practises in common. We continue to work alongside other Ambulance Charities under the NHS Charities Together (NHSCT) umbrella and to benefit from the support and collaborative opportunities NHSCT is able to provide as well as the training and webinars we are able to access through our membership and our attendance at the NHSCT National Conference.

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SPRING 2024.’**

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Funding from NHS Charities Together enabled us to continue working with the SCAS Health and Wellbeing Team. Last year we began training in Sustaining Resilience at Work and the programme went live in November 2023. The programme is designed to support employees who may be experiencing occupational pressures or stress-related challenges that impact their mental health and wellbeing. Recognising the importance of fostering resilience. The programme aims to empower our staff with the tools and resources needed to navigate adversity and thrive in their roles. Since its launch in November, the programme has helped 27 employees with many more making enquiries about accessing the programme.

During the year we funded a health and wellbeing project coordinator role thanks to the NHS Charities Together mental health grant. The 12-month post supported staff working in our Patient Transport Services (PTS). As a result of this project the team have been able to identify cultural and management challenges in PTS that are negatively impacting both staff well-being and patient safety negatively. Action has been taken to address all these concerns to create a more positive and supportive working environment for all. We have also been able to improve communication with PTS staff to ensure critical information regarding health and wellbeing reaches all staff. This was achieved by developing a secure, alternative communication channel with access to a dedicated platform containing relevant updates and announcements.

The Charity has continued to provide drinks and snacks to staff experiencing handover delays at acute hospitals.



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OUR VOLUNTEERS

SCAS aims to excel in providing healthcare and allied health services to the communities it serves.

The Trust is committed to investing in its local areas to help build a better, more resilient society. We achieve this by investing in our communities through recruiting, training, and developing a diverse team of community-based volunteers who work side by side with our frontline staff to deliver care in medical emergencies.

SCAS currently has 725 active Community First Responders (CFRs) and Co-Responders utilising 460 primary medical response kits and usually responding within a three-mile radius of their location. They can also be deployed proactively to cover an area within SCAS in a response vehicle depending on where our clinical coordination centres need them the most. Together, our CFRs and Co-Responders from the military, police and fire and rescue services have attended 30,789 emergency 999 incidents for the Trust in 2023/24.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS	23,588
FIRE CO-RESPONDERS	3,023
MILITARY AND POLICE CO-RESPONDERS	4,178
TOTAL INCIDENTS	30,789*

* The total figure includes incidents where multiple responders were on scene to the same incident



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TRAINING FOR OUR VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS

Our Volunteer Responders are trained to respond to specific life-threatening emergencies where patients may be suffering from a cardiac arrest, chest pains, breathing difficulties or a stroke.

The ability of our Responders to be able to be at a patient's side to commence life-saving treatment, often within a few minutes, prior to our first ambulance response arriving, makes a positive impact on patient outcomes as well as the overall performance of the Trust. In the past twelve months, in terms of key Ambulance Quality Indicators, such as Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) in cardiac arrests, stroke care and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival to discharge have all been improved by our volunteers.

On joining the Trust our responders undertake a nationally recognised and accredited Level 3 Award in Ambulance First Responder on Scene. This is a five day course covering key modules to ensure they are both competent and confident in responding to patients. We continue to train our experienced responders to enable them to attend our non-injury falls and concern for welfare incidents. This group of responders are sent to calls which have been clinically assessed by paramedics, or nurses within our Clinical Coordination Centres and identified as patients who are non-injured and only has a requirement for moving and handling. They will also be deployed to silent alarm calls from care lines, where we need to respond but not necessarily with an emergency ambulance.



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IMPACT ON PATIENTS WITH NON-INJURY FALLS

From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, those trained attended **1,854** non-injury falls incidents and attended **810** 'concern for welfare' incidents.

This deployment model assists the Trust and patient by only sending a frontline resource, if necessary, and to enable their attendance we have 52 responder vehicles equipped to attend these lower acuity calls.

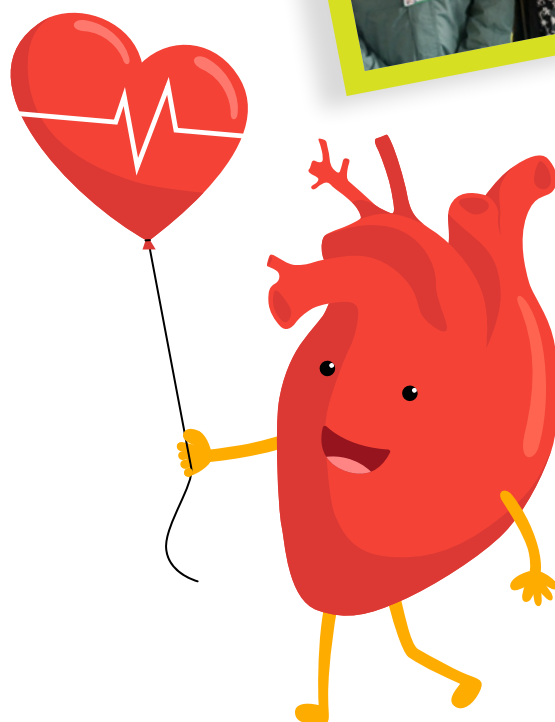
Research shows that elderly and frail patients who may have been at risk of having a long wait for an emergency ambulance response for a non-injury fall, will in some cases be able to be seen more quickly by our volunteer responders. This is particularly beneficial not just because it ensures more clinically crewed ambulances and rapid response cars are available for patients suffering life-threatening emergencies, but also because it is proven that the health of patients can deteriorate every hour that a frail and/or elderly patient is left on the floor without medical intervention. This work is being further supported by the ability for our responders being able to receive a video call from a clinician from within the control room to able to assist with a more in-depth patient assessment when required.

EQUIPMENT FOR OUR VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS

The Community Engagement Team work closely with our SCAS Charity to fundraise in order to supply our first responders with the kit and equipment they need when responding to emergency calls on behalf of SCAS.

The department also help to support local communities with growing the numbers of publicly accessible defibrillators (PADs), as well as providing familiarisation training to members of the public in how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and how to use a defibrillator.

During the year 2023-2024, our Volunteer Responders raised **£85,000** for the SCAS Charity which helps to keep them on the road.



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WIDENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SCAS

During the year we have also recruited into new volunteer roles and now have four volunteers dispatching CFRs from our South Clinical Coordination Centre.

Our Volunteer to Career programme, which brought this new role into the Trust has now been completed and given volunteers the opportunity to move into a paid role.

Within SCAS our Patient Experience Team have created new Patient Panels whose role is to discuss how SCAS can improve the services it provides. The patient panel members come from a diverse range of backgrounds and will help to develop policies that support patients through their own lived experience. Our Volunteer Manager has supported the team to recruit these new teams of volunteers.

We have continued to support our colleagues in Patient Transport and have recruited 14 new volunteer car drivers last year. This year we have been able to provide new winter jackets for all our car drivers.

In June we again celebrated Volunteers Week with a series of drop-in sessions across SCAS designed to show our appreciation for everything our volunteers do. We also used the week to showcase the wide range of volunteer activity people engage in when supporting the ambulance service. As always, we are extremely proud and grateful for every contribution this incredible group of people make.

This year we welcomed **225** new volunteers to our various volunteer programmes after advertising **89** different opportunities and receiving **261** applications for new roles.

VOLUNTEER STRATEGY

We continue to work through our five-year volunteer strategy and have made progress in many areas. We now have robust recruitment processes, all carried out through Assemble and the Charity's website. This has enabled people wishing to be volunteers to have easier access to all roles on offer in one place as well as streamlining the administrative processes for our staff, giving a smoother and quicker onboarding process.

Our Volunteer Manager now plays an integral part in AACE national volunteer meetings and we are able to input in to wider national surveys and initiatives such as the national volunteering strategy for ambulance services.

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AWARDS

Awards and Recognition is an important element of our Volunteering Strategy and this year we have focused on its development.

We made nominations into each of the local BBC Radio Make A Difference Awards, nominating our Responders within the Community Award. We were shortlisted and won the BBC 3 Counties Community Award. A large group of responders and staff attended the award ceremony to receive the trophy and certificate.



We also applied for the Pride of Reading Volunteer of the Year Award, and were announced as the winners in October. It was another opportunity to meet local people and talk about the amazing contribution our volunteers do and the work of the charity. The amount of publicity we received due to this award has had a massive impact on our recruitment within the Reading area.

We were shortlisted for Charity of the Year at the Thames Valley Awards Business & Community, although we were not successful on this occasion it gave us another opportunity to network with local businesses and raise the profile of all we do.



We held our first internal Volunteer Awards in January 2024. We had four categories and asked for staff to nominate volunteers for each of these categories. The ceremony was held online and over 100 volunteers and staff joined us to celebrate our nominees, runner ups and winners. The winners all received a Room to Reward Break, which gives them an opportunity to stay in a hotel of their choice anywhere in the UK. The volunteers were astonished by this prize and it is a partnership that the charity are grateful to be part of. We are looking forward to growing and developing the awards and integrating them with our Volunteer Conference.

Finally, Volunteer Responder Andy Long received an Oxfordshire High Sheriff Award, recognising his contribution to the Oxfordshire community. Andy attended the ceremony with his family and our Charity CEO.

Our CFRs continue to receive a number of Favourable Event Report Forms (FERFs) and compliments from patients which are shared with themselves, logged to their Assemble account and where possible highlighted in the Volunteer Newsletter.



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INCOME

Fundraising has performed well with an increased presence at events and engagement activities. This has been supported by a growing number of regular and payroll givers as the Charity becomes more firmly embedded across our community.

As always, an inspiring group of supporters took on their own challenges this year to raise funds.

Mill Ride Golf Club Ladies' Captain, Denise Hutchinson, chose our charity as her charity of the year. In April a golf day, BBQ buffet, prizegiving and auction at the club raised an amazing £11,122. Denmead WI responded to a member's request to raise money for the charity after hearing she had been transported to hospital appointments for radiotherapy treatment by one of our volunteer car drivers. The WI held several events during the year including their Christmas bazaar and raised £3,300. Sing Healthy Choir held a concert in aid of the Charity in December and raised £2,430 while the Lenborough Singers' performances of Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat raised £1,050.

Outrun an Ambulance participants – current CFRs, Team Klaxons – Laura Turner, Karen Ward, Jane Hood, Phil Kennedy and Tim L'Angellier raised £4,885 and former CFR, now an ECA with SCAS Stuart March and his dog Skye raised £506. Aime Irish took on her Outrun an Ambulance challenge in memory of her sister Chloe who passed away a month after her 40th birthday. Aime wanted to thank the SCAS team who tried everything they could when Chloe had a cardiac arrest. Aime raised a brilliant £1,083.



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Cyclist Tom Sargeant was the victim of a hit and run accident four years ago and since then has had a hard mental and physical rehabilitation. Now back on his bike to take on a new challenge raising £1,879 to thank those that helped him. CFR Alan Phillips took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks and raised £891 while the Sussex Serpents, staff from our Patient Transport Team, took on the Go Ape Tree Top Challenge raising £827.

Sarah Trumble and her partner Andy ran the Oxford Half Marathon in memory of Luis who passed away from a brain haemorrhage in 2022. They remember the volunteer CFR being first on scene to help. They raised £1,718 while Tim Pim ran the Henley half marathon and raised £707. CFR James Mackeddie challenged himself to walk 5 miles a day every day in January carrying his responder bag (14kg). To top that up he also completed 20 minutes of CPR compressions after each walk! Even a bout of Covid couldn't deter James who raised £1,380. Finally, Stuart Guest wanted to thank SCAS for the care they showed him when he had a heart attack in 2021. He took up running in 2022 as part of his rehab with his French Pointer, Pepé as his running companion. This March they completed the Cani-Trail UK Ultra Marathon and raised an amazing £1,608.



Our Summer event season was again a busy one with our CFRs providing first aid at a wide variety of events across our area. Our Charity and volunteer teams went along to events to raise awareness and to talk about our work. Thank you to all those who engaged with us and donated to the Charity.

We were delighted to attend the Wycombe Wanderers fixture against Reading FC in November following the on-pitch injury for Wycombe star player Luke Leahy. The signed team shirt donated by the Club was raffled and raised £451.

Without the support of legacy donations, we would be much poorer and this year we must say a special thank you to the Estate of the Late Patricia Pain whose gift will be transformative for the Charity, enabling a new internal grant programme to be set up to support our staff. This will make an important impact on the welfare, training and equipment support we are able to offer our staff and volunteers over the next 2-3 years. We are also extremely grateful for the legacy gifts received from the Late Mrs Margaret Garrett and the Late Mr George Curtis.

With additional support from the corporate world and grants from local parish councils the Charity has had a fantastic year.



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HOW WE SPENT OUR FUNDS

The Charity continues to fully fund our Volunteer First Responder programme but this year we have expanded into other areas of volunteering across the Trust and supported new areas of recruitment.

Our total expenditure was **£846,623** and included a continuation of restricted grant projects where funding was received in previous years.

Over **£400,000** went to fund equipment, vehicles and uniform for our responders. This included continuation of grant funding for new lifting cushions and raiser chairs, the replacement of twenty-five old defibs in use by CFRs, our annual volunteer conference and volunteer expenses. Our BASICs pre-hospital advanced care volunteers also received a grant to purchase a new volunteer responder vehicle.

We continue to support staff with refreshments during handover delays and supported our Clinical Team Educators at five stations across SCAS with training equipment to enable staff to use a 'live' Zoll in a simulated environment; to practice administering i-gel, endotracheal intubation and suction as well as chest trainers to practice chest decompressions.

The Charity was fortunate to receive a grant from NHS Charities Together to develop our own work, systems and training. We used this grant to undertake some additional database systems training, to improve our marketing and communications and to launch our first Charity Day which took place in April 2024. We also worked with consultants, Remarkable Partnerships to launch our corporate fundraising initiatives.

Our expenditure is carefully managed to ensure that we are able to fully fund our charitable objectives.

CENTRAL CHARITY COSTS

Our staff salaries represented **27%** of our overall expenditure.

The Charity has no directly employed staff, but six members of staff were employed by SCAS to work for the Charity. Costs of five of these employees are recharged to the Charity. One member of staff is directly funded by the Trust. Staff are paid on the same terms and conditions as other NHS employees. Remuneration of these employees is reviewed annually and increased in line with nationally agree increases in pay scales.

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CHARITY RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are defined by the Charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as 'that part of a Charity's unrestricted fund that is freely available to be spent on any of the Charity's purposes.'

It is important to maintain a sufficient, but not excessive level of reserves to allow us to meet our running costs, including the volunteer responder programme, and ensure continuity in our level of support for frontline services to patients in the event of a significant downturn in income or change in our financial circumstances.

The Charity's reserves policy states that funds equivalent to six months running costs of the Charity should be maintained to ensure normal operating activities can continue. In addition, funding to cover twelve months cost of our volunteer responder programme should be retained to ensure patient care is not impacted in the event of a reduction in income.

The target range expected for the Charity is between **£300-500,000**.

The current reserves position at the end of the 2023-2024 year is **£886,000**.

The reserve level is high this year due to the legacy received but an internal grant programme will be initiated next year to use some of these funds in the coming year to support staff grants.



RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and processes and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

An organisational risk register is reviewed quarterly at Charitable Fund Committee meetings. During the year, the Charity identified the following areas as those with the highest overall risk, after taking in to account the control measures and mitigation currently in place.

The impact of the Economic Downturn

As we turned the corner out of the COVID pandemic the impact of the economic downturn began to have an impact. The challenging economic climate and cost of living crisis left many with less disposable income and a need to cut back on non-essential expenditure. In mitigation we further developed our external communication to ensure understanding of the positive impact donations to our Charity have and how they directly support patient care. An unexpected unrestricted grant along with a growth in our community fundraising income ensure we were able to maintain income above budget. Clear direction was maintained through our new Charity strategy.

Building back our Reserves

With a higher than anticipated deficit at the end of the previous year, our reserves needed to build back up to reach the level agreed in our reserves policy. Our focus was on unrestricted income and growing corporate partnerships. Thanks also to a generous legacy donation we were able to end the year with increased reserves.

Financial Governance

The growth of the Charity and the fundraising methods now in use to raise funds has generated a more complex financial picture that requires increased governance and attention. The use of digital platforms and contactless payments along with restricted grants and donations created risk around our financial governance. An internal audit highlighted areas for review and notification of a significant legacy indicated the need for a full audit in light of end of year income being over £1m for the first time. New policies and procedures along with increased resource were needed to ensure full compliance and transparency around the Charity's finances. The mitigation put in place included the recruitment of a dedicated finance manager from December 2023 for the first time.

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The Charity will continue to align its plans with the Trust's strategic aims to support patient care.

We are proactive in the recruitment and support of our volunteer responders and work closely with the Community Engagement and Training Team from SCAS to review our responders' scope of practice to ensure their equipment, training and vehicles are in line with their agreed development approach. Next year will be the final year of the current lease period for our responder Dynamic Resource Vehicles (DRVs) and we will be reviewing our needs for the future alongside the cost of a new fleet.

Our Charity strategy identified six key strategic themes that will continue to shape the work of the charity over the next three years.

- **Value our Volunteers** – recognise the valuable contribution our volunteers bring to SCAS; to grow a more diverse range of volunteer roles and to ensure our volunteer programmes are accessible to all. A key aim of this is to achieve Investors in Volunteering by 2028.
- **First-Class Fundraising** – we will continue to engage in a professional fundraising programme that respects and recognises those in our communities who donate and support us.
- **Regional Corporate Partner of Choice** – to develop the green shoots of the corporate partnerships work and be recognised by local and regional corporates as a charity of choice.
- **Commercial Opportunities** – working alongside our Community Engagement and Training Team to consolidate and develop our first aid work to grow our reach and our income.
- **Recognise Success** – we will continue to reward, recognise and celebrate success including the role our volunteers play in supporting patient care and the role the Charity makes towards operational support and staff and volunteer wellbeing.
- **Partnership Work** – to work with our Comms team to deliver external stakeholder communications to demonstrate the added value the Charity brings to patient care and to develop partnership working outside of the Trust.

As always we are grateful to all those who have supported us and donated to the Charity during the year. 2023-2024 has been a successful year that has enabled that has enabled the Charity to extend its reach across our volunteers and staff.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



Nigel Chapman,
Chair, Charitable Funds Committee

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a member of the South Central Ambulance Charity Corporate Trustee, that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



Professor Sir Keith Willett CBE
Chairman

Date 28 November 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of the South Central Ambulance Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of South Central Ambulance Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 charity's affairs as at 31st 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page ..., the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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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:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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 is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

The financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023 were unaudited. An independent examination was performed which expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wenn Townsend (Statutory Auditor)
2024

30 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LE.

Wenn Townsend is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	2023-24 Total Funds £000	2022-23 Total Funds £000
Incoming resources					
Donations, Legacies and similar resources					
Donations	2	187	9	196	444
Legacies	2	1,182	1	1,183	–
Grants receivable:	2	21	89	110	–
Total Donations and Legacies		1,390	99	1,489	444
Operating Activities					
Investment income		33	–	33	–
Other	2	69	7	76	51
Total Operating Activities		102	7	109	51
Total incoming resources	2	1,492	106	1,598	495
Resources expended					
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives	3	(535)	(195)	(730)	(517)
Costs of generating funds	4	(117)	–	(117)	(93)
Total resources expended		(652)	(195)	(847)	(610)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before Transfers		840	(89)	751	(115)
Re-classification of Restricted Funds		4	(4)	–	–
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		840	(89)	751	(115)
Net movement in funds		844	(93)	751	(115)
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		42	363	405	520
Fund Balances brought forward at 31 March 2024		886	270	1,156	405

The notes at pages 28 to 35 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2024	Total at 31 March 2023
Current Assets					
Stock	6	–	–	–	29
Debtors	7	32	–	32	55
Investments and deposits	5	930	270	1,200	–
Cash at bank and in hand		123	–	123	497
Total Current Assets		1,085	270	1,355	581
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(199)	–	(199)	(176)
Net Current Assets		886	270	1,156	405
Total Assets		886	270	1,156	405
Total Net Assets		886	270	1,156	405
Funds of the Charity					
Income Funds:					
Restricted	9	–	270	270	363
Unrestricted		886	–	886	42
Total Funds		886	270	1,156	405

The notes at pages 28 to 35 form part of these financial statements

Signed:



Stuart Rees
Interim Chief Finance Officer

Date: 28.11.2024

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Total at 31 March 2024 £000	Total at 31 March 2023 £000
Cash generated from operations		
Net Incoming (outgoing) resources	751	(115)
Interest from Investments	(33)	–
Increase (decrease) in creditors	23	(3)
(Increase) decrease in debtors	23	(9)
(Increase) decrease in stock	29	3
Total Cash generated from operations	793	(124)
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Interest income	33	–
Purchase of tangible assets	–	–
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	33	–
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	826	(124)
Total cash and cash equivalents at start of the year	497	621
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,323	497

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015), (Charities SOPR (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Country of incorporation (England & Wales)

The principal address of the Charity is Unit 7 – 8 Talisman Business Centre, Talisman Road, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6HR

South Central Ambulance Charity raises funds to support South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS). All the monies raised by our Charity are used to fund services, projects and equipment that is not supplied by Government NHS funding. Without the money we raise people in our communities would have to wait longer for help which could affect their recovery. The Charity works across Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire as well as supporting our Patient Transport Services in Surrey and Sussex.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019 (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

1.2 Incoming Resources

a) All incoming resources are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as the following three factors can be met:

- i) entitlement – arises when a particular resource is receivable or the charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- ii) certainty - when there is reasonable certainty that the incoming resource will be received;
- iii) measurement - when the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b) Legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources once the receipt of the legacy becomes reasonably certain. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estates that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled.

1.3 Resources expended

The funds held on trust accounts are prepared in accordance with the accruals concept. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. The amount of which can be reliably measured or estimated" (after third party).

a) Cost of generating funds

The cost of generating funds are the costs associated with generating income for the funds held on trust.

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments, made to third parties (including NHS bodies) in the furtherance of the funds held on trust's charitable objectives.

c) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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1.4 Inventories

In prior periods stock was counted and recorded on the balance sheet at year end. Given the immaterial level of stock held and the speed at which the stocks are replenished, the Charity has changed its policy and expenses all purchase through the SoFA and no longer records items as in stock.

In previous years stocks were valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, cost being the purchase price on a first in, first out basis

1.5 Debtors and creditors

Receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable or payable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the future receipts or payment discounted at a market rate of interest

1.6 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.7 Structure of funds

Restricted:

These are funds that have a legal restriction (subject to a Trust) and must be spent for a specific purpose-details shown at notes 9.1 and 9.2.

Unrestricted:

Unless there is clear evidence of a Trust being created at the point of receipt, then the Charity Commission takes the view that donations should be classified as "unrestricted"

In practice most donations received by the Charity are from donors expressing a desire, wish or recommendation that the Charity will use it in a certain way. Such donations are normally allocated to designated funds within the Charity's Accounts for that purpose, but if the purpose cannot be fulfilled the Trustee's can apply the donations for a further purpose in furtherance of the Charity's objects, after taking all factors into consideration.

1.8 Short Term Investments

During the year surplus funds identified and CFC invested funds £1.2m

Current asset investments are short-term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

1.11 Post Balance Sheet Events

The charity does not have any Post Balance Sheet Events

1.12 IFRS Implications

With the introduction of IFRS in the NHS, these accounts will still continue to be submitted to the Charity Commission. However, under IFRS, as these charitable funds are under the control of the South Central Ambulance Service Foundation NHS Trust Board as Corporate Trustee, they may have to be consolidated within the Statutory reporting of the Trust subject to materiality considerations.

1.13 Key judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2. Details of Material Incoming Resources

2.1 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023-24 Funds £000	Total 2022-23 Funds £000
Donations and Legacies				
Donations received	187	9	196	188
Legacies received	1,182	1	1,183	18
Grants received	21	89	110	238
Sub-total	1,390	99	1,489	444
Other				
Gift Aid	2	–	2	–
Investment Income	33	–	33	–
One-Off Income	65	4	69	–
Merchandise Sales	2	3	5	–
Other	–	–	–	51
Sub-total	102	7	109	51
Total incoming resources	1,492	106	1,598	495

2.2 Grants Received and Material Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023-24 Funds £000	Total 2022-23 Funds £000
NHS Charities Together	–	50	50	213
Other	21	39	60	25
Total grants received	21	89	110	238

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3. Details of Resources Expended – Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives

3.1 Direct Costs of Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023-24 Funds £000	Total 2022-23 Funds £000
Direct Costs				
Equipment and vehicles	242	24	266	275
Grants and Projects 3.2	54	169	223	102
Future Qual Training	3	–	3	–
Volunteer Conference	8	–	8	–
Database costs	11	–	11	–
Fundraising Platform Fees	2	–	2	–
Sub-total	320	193	513	377
Support Costs				
Management Recharge Costs	143	–	143	106
Audit & Legal fees	9	–	9	–
Miscellaneous	63	2	65	34
Subtotal	215	2	217	140
Total Charitable Costs	535	195	730	517

Included within Equipment and vehicles are vehicle running costs, uniform costs, equipment purchases and telecommunications costs for the CFR's.

3.2 Grants

During the year £223k was spent on grants and projects (2022/23 £102k).

Included within this was:

£60k for the GoodSam license fee for the software application that is integrated with I/CAD project from the NHSCT Stage 2 Community Grants.

£38k Mental Health Courses and currently funding a 12mth fixed term Health & Wellbeing Project Coordinator funded by NHS Charities Together.

£22k for Volunteerr Co-ordinator funded by HEE.

£4k Mangar ELK Airflow

£7k Fridges at hospital sites with supply of snacks and refreshments

The remaining balance is made up of numerous low value grants

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4. Costs of Generating Funds

Costs of Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023-24 Funds £000	Total 2022-23 Funds £000
Promotional Goods & Event Costs	16	–	16	4
Leaflets & Promotion	2	–	2	5
Management Recharge – Fundraisers	96	–	96	82
Website	3	–	3	2
	117	–	117	93

Staff Costs

There are no staff costs as no staff (2022/23: nil) are employed directly by the Charity

Trustees remuneration/expenses

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any trustee in the current or preceding period

5. Analysis of Cash

5.1 Market value at 31 March

	Held in UK £000	Held outside UK £000	2023-24 total £000	2022-23 Total £000
Cash at bank	123	–	123	497
Cash equivalents on deposit	1,200	–	1,200	–
	1,323	–	1,323	497

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6 Inventories

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£000	£000
Uniforms	–	23
Clinical Equipment	–	6
Total Inventories	–	29

7 Analysis of Receivables

7.1 Amounts falling due within one year:	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£000	£000
Prepayments	8	40
Accrued income	–	4
Total receivables falling due within one year	24	11
Total receivables	32	55

8 Analysis of Payables

8.1 Amounts falling due within one year:	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£000	£000
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	187	174
Other payables	12	2
Total payables falling due within one year	199	176

The Amount due to subsidiary and associated undertaking is owed to South Central Ambulance Trust (SCAS). The Trust re-charges staff time spent on Charity business. Purchases are paid through the SCAS procurement system and re-charged. The above amount represents the monies due to SCAS for quarter 4 of 2023/24.

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9. Analysis of Funds

9.1 Restricted Funds

Funds	Balance 31 March 2023 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Transfers To Unrestricted Funds £000	Gains and Losses £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
0016 Berkshire CFR	5	–	–	(5)	–	–
0017 Buckinghamshire CFR	8	–	–	(7)	–	1
0018 Oxfordshire CFR	18	–	–	(18)	–	–
0020 West Hampshire CFR	2	–	–	(1)	–	1
0021 Central	329	–	–	(329)	–	–
0023 LGBT	1	(2)	0	–	–	1
0032 General Restricted	–	13	(6)	21	–	28
0033 SEN Grant	–	–	(3)	5	–	2
0034 High Wycombe Lions Donation	–	–	(3)	5	–	2
0036 Christopher Wren Lodge Donation	–	–	(3)	5	–	2
0037 NHSCT Ambulance Grant	–	–	(18)	68	–	50
0038 NHSCT Stage 2 Community Grants	–	13	(60)	105	–	58
0039 NHSE Winter Pressures Funding	–	–	(2)	17	–	15
0040 NHSE/I Volunteer Development	–	–	(10)	36	–	26
0041 NHSCT Stage 3 Mental Health Grant	–	49	(38)	34	–	45
0042 Volunteer to Career Grant	–	13	(22)	13	–	3
0043 SCAS BASICS	–	18	(11)	–	–	7
0044 Bannister Legacy	–	–	(1)	18	–	17
0045 NHSCT Development Grant	–	–	(16)	30	–	14
Total	363	106	(195)	(4)	–	270

General restricted

Small donations and grants given for specific pieces of equipment or geographical areas that are used to support those areas.

NHSCT Ambulance Grant

Grant awarded to support Community First Responders, Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest support and the Residential Homes project.

NHSCT Stage 2 Community Grants

Grants awarded for Community First Responders, Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest support, implementation of the GoodSam app and integration with the CAD and the Residential homes project

NHSE Volunteer Development Grant

Grant awarded to support welfare volunteers and volunteer development

NHSCT Mental Health Stage 3 Grant

Grant awarded to fund bereavement support for staff; Sustaining Resilience at work stress management programme and to fund a one year health and wellbeing coordinator for our patient transport services department.

Traditionally the Charity received only a few restricted grants or donations so these were managed within a single central or regional restricted fund. During and after the pandemic a number of significant restricted grants and donations have been received. In order to accurately manage and report on these grants and donations we have set up a new more detailed fund structure for restricted income. Income from previous grants and donations have been transferred to these new funds as detailed above.

South Central Ambulance Charity registered charity No 1049778 is part of South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS). SCAS is the NHS Ambulance Service for Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire as well as providing Patient Transport Services additionally across Surrey and Sussex.

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10 Operating Leases

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Not later than one year	94,731	82,189
Later than one and not later than five years	38,992	133,413
	133,723	215,603

11 Related Party Transactions

During the year none of the Trustees or members of key management or parties related to them have undertaken any transactions with the South Central Ambulance Charitable Trust. No expenses or remunerations have been paid to the Trustees