

# Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund

## Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2024



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**Interactive sensory machine:** Thanks to funding from The League of Friends of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, our Charity has been able to **support our dementia colleagues** with the purchase of an interactive sensory machine for use in the **Elderly Care Wards** at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.



# Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund ('the Charity') for the year ending 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## Trust Chair's report

As the Chair of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust ('the Trust'), I am pleased to welcome you to the Annual Report and Accounts for our Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Over the past twelve months, our Charity has continued to make a difference to the Trust by funding projects and activities to enhance patient, visitor and staff experience. On behalf of the Trust, I am sincerely grateful to all those who have supported our Charity during this time. Recognising the current economic climate in 2024 has continued to be challenging for many NHS charities, we are grateful for the generosity shown by individuals and organisations who collectively helped us raise £237,000. This generosity has enabled our Charity to fund a wide range of projects and enhance the services provided by the Trust and support projects that fall outside of the standard NHS provision.

Our Charity continues to strive to make a difference to our patients. In 2024 we continued to fund a nurse-led Enhanced Supportive Care Clinic at University Hospital Lewisham to support cancer patients. This clinic offered additional support to patients with incurable (but treatable) cancer at the point of diagnosis and was funded by a legacy donation from a member of our community. In addition, we purchased new scalp cooling caps for our chemotherapy suites to support those patients receiving chemotherapy to reduce their hair loss.

We also continued to enhance the experience of our youngest patients, their families and carers. In 2024, we purchased specialist equipment for premature babies, including phototherapy blankets to treat newborn babies with jaundice in our neonatal intensive care units. We also purchased 'Apnoea Monitors' to help monitor the respiratory function of babies in these

units, and comfortable armchairs for parents and carers who have babies being cared for at Queen Elizabeth Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

To support patients' physical rehabilitation, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital our Charity funded new physiotherapy equipment and radios for our elderly inpatients. At University Hospital Lewisham we purchased televisions for Intensive Care Unit patients

Thanks to funding from The League of Friends of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, our Charity support our dementia patients with the purchase of an interactive sensory machine for use in the elderly care wards at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.



We were also delighted to fund two new mobile phone charging units, funded thanks to the donations and support received during the NHS 75th birthday celebrations in 2023. These charging stations enable patients and visitors to charge their devices while waiting in the busy emergency departments at both our hospital sites. We are particularly pleased to have supported this initiative as these stations were purchased following a request from the Patient Experience team in response to feedback from patients and staff.

**Over the past twelve months, our Charity has continued to make a difference to the Trust by funding projects and activities to enhance patient, visitor and staff experience. On behalf of the Trust, I am sincerely grateful to all those who have supported our Charity during this time.**

As in previous years, our Charity has supported annual Trust memorial events including the 2024 "Forever and Always" service to remember colleagues we have lost in our community, as well as the "Forget-me-not" service to commemorate all children and babies who have died during pregnancy or during our care.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity our supporters in our community for their donations and grants. We are always humbled by those who leave a gift in their will for our Charity, as well as those who so generously support our Charity in memory of a loved one.

We are also grateful to NHS Charities Together for the development grant they awarded to our Charity, which is enabling us to continue to raise its visibility and profile.

In 2024 our Charity team delivered our most varied calendar of events to date including a Cutty Sark Rig climb, a skydive and the Big Half Marathon. We are grateful to those Trust colleagues and supporters who raised funds and supported Charity.

In November we launched a Christmas Toy appeal for the benefit of our young patients who spent the festive period in hospital, as well as a festive fundraising

raffle to enhance the children's outdoor play area at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We thank our colleagues and community for all their support and generous donations of toys and raffle prizes.

In addition, we are also grateful to all those who so generously donated to our neo-natal appeal to support the enhancement of the family areas in the neonatal intensive care unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Following the generous support of Trust partners, our Charity was once again able to contribute towards the Trust's annual Star Awards, which celebrated the achievements of our colleagues, volunteers and as well as our very own Charity champions. We have many exciting plans for the coming year and are currently building our programme of fundraising events and appeals for 2025. Amongst the first of these will be colleagues taking part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. We will also launch appeals to support our youngest patients in both Queen Elizabeth Hospital and University Hospital Lewisham.

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have served on the Charity's Committee during 2024, and on behalf of all Trustees, I would like to express our appreciation to my colleagues throughout the Trust for their continued dedication in caring for patients in our local communities.

Finally, on behalf of the many patients and staff who have benefited from the generosity of those that have supported the Charity, thank you for your continued support in helping our Charity make such a difference for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff. It is only with this support that the Charity can deliver its projects. On page 25 of this report, or on our website [www.lgtcharity.org.uk](http://www.lgtcharity.org.uk), you can find out more about our Charity as well as ways to donate and get involved in our important work.



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### **Mike Bell**

Trustee of the Charity and Chair of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

## Our purposes and activities

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund (the Charity) is an independent registered Charity (registered number 1050522). The Charity was established on 1 October 2013 under the Statutory Instrument Act 2013 No.2376.

The purpose of the Charity is to provide equipment and facilities, enhance the level of staff training and to promote research. It also aims to improve the environment of both patients and staff and to provide for expenditure on other charitable purposes that the Trust would otherwise be unable to provide from exchequer funds. By working with the Trust, the Charity assists patients from every walk of life. The Charity works with the Trust to enhance the experience of patients, carers, their families and our Trust colleagues.

In setting the Charity's key aims, the Charity has regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefits. The Trustees always ensure that its key aims are in line with its charitable objectives.

In administering the Charity, the Trustees are responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

By working with the Trust, the Charity enhances the experience of patients, carers, their families and also Trust staff for the public benefit.

## Achievements and performance in 2024

In 2024, our Charity has continued to build its foundations including delivering an engaging calendar of fundraising and profile building activities. Despite external factors having a continued effect on charitable giving, direct donations to the Charity totalled £237,000 during the 2024 period. This figure does not include generous in-kind gifts received from the community as part of the Christmas Appeal as well as a significant legacy the Charity has been notified of and is expected to receive in 2025.

In 2024, the Charity spent a total of £240,000 on charitable activities in four main areas:

**Enhancing patient experience with new equipment:** The Trust spent £51,000 on new equipment for patients and visitors. This included funding mobile phone charging stations in both the Trust's Emergency Departments. To enhance the care provided by Queen Elizabeth Hospital's physiotherapy department, the Charity purchased additional physio equipment. The Charity also funded cooling caps

to reduce hair loss for those patients undergoing chemotherapy. For the Trust's youngest patients, the Charity funded phototherapy blankets as well as Apnoea Monitors to help monitor the respiratory function of newborn babies. It also funded an Accuvein vein finder for the paediatric outpatient's department at the University Hospital Lewisham.

At Queen Elizabeth Hospital the Charity funded an interactive projection system for care of the elderly and dementia patients. This is making a huge difference; providing entertainment, distraction and stimulation to patients.

**Improving patient education and welfare:** The Charity spent £20,000 in 2024 on supporting patients' education and welfare. This included:

- Purchasing individual whiteboards to help disseminate information and act as a memory jog for elderly patients in wards, as well as colouring pencils and radios for dedicated craft activities and entertainment.
- Continued funding of a nurse-led Enhanced Supportive Care Clinic at University Hospital Lewisham.
- Funding equipment for the control and management of diabetes management for newly diagnosed patients.
- Funding grooming items at Queen Elizabeth Hospital to help staff and volunteers groom patients' hair in dedicated sessions.
- Purchasing of TVs for patients in the Intensive Care Unit at University Hospital Lewisham.
- Providing foam footballs and educational books to assist with paediatric patient physio as well as toys for our young patients.
- Supporting those families affected by a bereavement, with memory boxes.
- Installing comfortable armchairs for parents/carers with babies being cared in Queen Elizabeth Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.
- Buying garden equipment at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, to help patients and staff enjoy the hospital's outdoor space.
- The purchase of a portable ultrasound machine enabling the neurology team at University Hospital Lewisham to conduct bedside neuromuscular ultrasound. Thanks to this device patients now benefit both from enhanced diagnosis and treatment of these frequent complications of neurological diseases.



### Supporting staff to deliver the best possible care:

As sustained high demand for Trust services continues, the Charity continued its focus on activities supporting staff, spending £99,000 in this area during 2024. This included:

The Charity purchased pelvic floor models to support training for the Trust's Bladder, Bowel and Pelvic Health Service. The Charity also supported colleagues' attendance to dedicated diabetes conferences and training, funded by a dedicated restricted diabetes fund.

Our Charity was also the beneficiary of a Hate Crime – Community Outreach, Response, and Prevention Programme grant which is supporting colleagues build their capacity, knowledge and networks to appropriately support community members who are targeted by hate crime.

Once again the Charity supported the annual "Forever and Always" and "Forget-me-not" services held at the Trust, and contributed to a range of activities to support Trust staff including:

- Funding lunches for colleagues working on Christmas day.
- Festive Wellbeing Trolleys for all wards and departments at the Trust during December 2024.
- Thanks for the generous support from Trust partners, the Charity funded a **significant contribution towards the annual Trust 'Star Awards' event.**
- In 2024 the Trust's own NHS Choir has continued to support the Charity through paid public appearances, with its related costs being covered by these secured funds.
- Staff, support and governance costs: In 2024, the Charity spent £70,000 on support and governance costs.



**Cooling caps:** Thanks to donations, our Charity has been able to enhance patient care, by **purchasing new cooling caps** in the chemotherapy suites at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich and University Hospital Lewisham

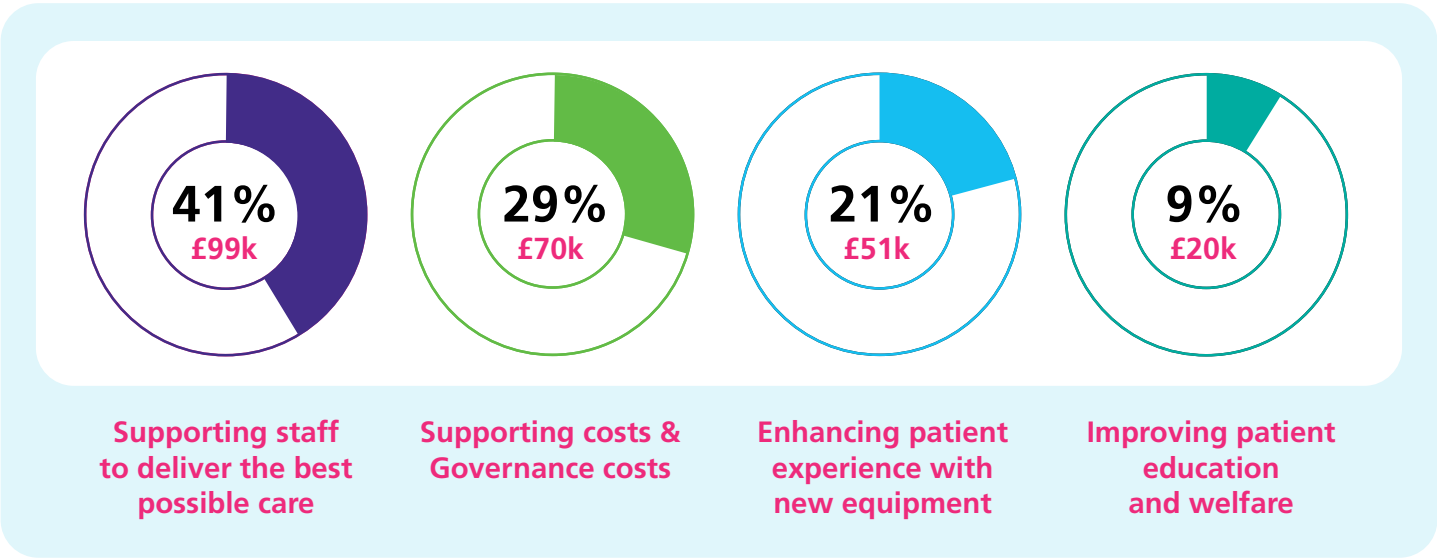
## Financial review

As a Charity, our aim is to make sure that every penny of your donation is spent to make the best possible impact to Trust staff and patients. It is only thanks to the generosity of the Charity's supporters that we are able to support the work to enhance the experience of staff, patients and the carers of patients at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

This part of the Trustees' Annual Report comments on key elements of the accounts. The following figures are taken from the Charity's accounts detailed within this annual report.

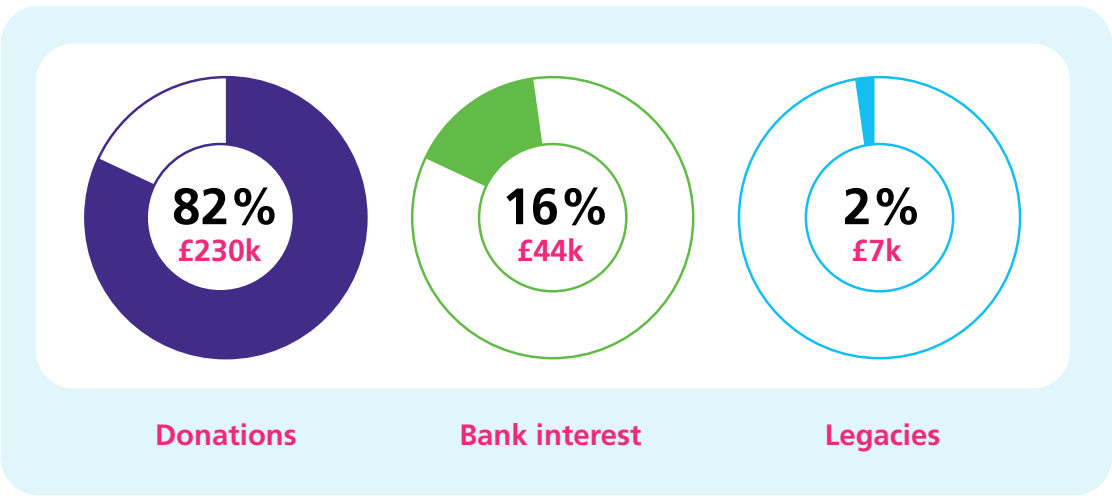
In 2024 we received income of £237,000 and spent £240,000 on charitable activities. During this period the Charity continued to focus expenditure on purchasing new equipment, patient education & welfare, and staff education and welfare.

## Expenditure



As shown in the diagram below, most of the Charity's income is provided by donations from members of the public.

## Income



## How we manage your donations

The Charity makes grants from both its unrestricted and restricted funds to enhance the experience of Trust patients and staff.

**Unrestricted funds:** are funds received by the Charity with no specific preference expressed by donors on how these monies should be spent. Staff are encouraged to apply for funding from this fund for projects in areas of the Trust that do not have a designated fund to help them. The application must be supported by the relevant Divisional Director of Operations and authorised by a Trustee.

**Restricted funds:** are funds established for a part of the Trust or a particular activity nominated for support by the donor. They are overseen by fund advisors who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within donor's wishes. Fund advisors' recommendations are generally accepted, and these funds can be spent at any time. Spending plans are requested from fund advisors with the aim to spend funds within a reasonable time period.

## Our plans for 2025:

We will continue to work with the Trust to ensure that donations make the biggest possible impact enhancing patient care over and above the core services funded by the NHS.

In 2025 we will continue to build on the Charity's events including runs, a skydive and a raffle, and activities to increase its fundraising potential including increasing tap to donate options as well as activities to increase its visibility on site and through digital platforms. Thanks to the development grant received from NHS Charities Together, we will launch a dedicated Free Wills Legacies campaign as well as increasing the visibility of the Charity on hospital sites through posters and banners. In 2025 the Charity will continue to develop engaging activities and communications for staff, supporters and our community. We are working with colleagues in the paediatrics teams to shape appeals to support our youngest patients, such as upgrading their outdoor play areas and multi-sensory rooms. We are also liaising with our Trust's development teams to explore ways the Charity can enhance the new clinical theatres currently being built at University Hospital Lewisham. We are also working with the Trust's estates team and Trust partners to supply a trolley with snack and food items to be available for patients to purchase at University Hospital Lewisham. We will also continue to support staff initiatives such as the Staff Star Awards.

Donations received will enable us to fund long-term projects to benefit the Trust's staff and patients. Projects already agreed include funding mobile phone charging units at University Hospital Lewisham's neonatal intensive care unit as well as supporting the cancer care teams with funding of the maintenance of cooling cap chemotherapy care equipment. In addition, we will also continue to support the enhancement of the family areas in the neonatal intensive care unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

We will continue to **work with the Trust** to ensure that donations make the biggest possible impact **enhancing patient care** over and above the core services funded by the NHS.

Your support makes these plans possible, so please do consider donating or getting involved with our Charity's work. Further details on how you can do this are provided on page 25.

## Reserves policy

The Charity has an agreed reserve policy as part of its plan to provide long-term support to the Trust.

The Trustees review the level of reserves on an annual basis. Based on the Charity's current level of activity, the Trustees agreed that the minimum level of unrestricted reserves held should be £100,000.

Throughout the year ended 31 December 2024, the level of reserves held by the Charity was significantly above the minimum level agreed by the Trustees.

## Investments policy

Given the current climate of limited investment returns, and high costs of running an investment portfolio, the Trustees decided that the Charity would not invest its funds in an investment portfolio either in the short or long-term foreseeable future.

## How we organise ourselves: reference and administrative details

### Charity number and address

Our registered Charity number is 1050522.

### The Charity's office is located at:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust  
University Hospital Lewisham  
Lewisham High Street  
London SE13 6LH



### Our advisers

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**The Royal Bank of Scotland**

Government Banking CST  
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### Our Trustees

**The Trustee of the Charitable Fund is the corporate body of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.**

The Board of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust act as Trustees of the Charity and are responsible for deciding policy and ensuring that it is implemented. Oversight of the Charity's agreed programme of activities is provided by the Charity Committee. This Committee is attended by the management of the Charity as well as a minimum of three Trustees of the Charity. The Charity Committee met twice in 2024.

### The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Name	Trust Job Title
Mike Bell	Trust Chair
Ben Travis	Trust Chief Executive Officer
Louise Crosby	Trust Chief Nurse
Meera Nair	Trust Chief People Officer
Spencer Prosser	Trust Chief Financial Officer
Dr Vanessa Purday	Trust Chief Medical Officer
Godfrey Allen	Non-Executive Director for the Trust
Harry Bright	Non-Executive Director for the Trust
Dr Navnit Chana	Non-Executive Director for the Trust
Steve James	Non-Executive Director for the Trust (to 31st May 2024)
Catherine Evans	Non-Executive Director for the Trust, from 1st May 2024
Anna King	Non-Executive Director for the Trust (from 1st January 2024)
Dr Pui-Ling Li	Non-Executive Director for the Trust

## Structure, governance and management

### Governing document

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### Governance and management

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Board act as Trustees for the Charity. The Charity is managed through the Charity Committee attended by the appointed committee Chair Harry Bright, at least two Trustees, the Chief of Staff and the Head of Charity and Volunteers.

The Trustees have delegated the oversight of the Charity to the Chief of Staff and the day-to-day responsibility of managing the Charity to the Head of Charity and Volunteers, with the Trust's Chief Financial Officer having responsibility for financial control. The Charity has adopted the internal controls of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

The administration and control of the individual accounts which constitute the Charity are delegated to members of the Trust's staff who are best placed to recognise needs (Charitable Fund Managers) and are in a relevant role (i.e. service managers, ward sisters/managers, clinical directors or other specialists). Charitable Fund Managers are directly accountable to the Trustees.

Every effort is made to ensure that administrative costs are kept to a minimum, meaning that more funds can be used for the purpose for which they were donated.

### Key management personnel remuneration

The Board of Trustees are the key management personnel of the Charity. The Trustees do not receive any pay, emoluments or other financial benefit from the Charity for their duties and they give their time freely. Trustees may claim travel expenses, although none were claimed in 2024.

The Head of Charity and Volunteers helps manage and grow the Charity's income and profile with the support of a dedicated Fundraising and Engagement Coordinator. Both roles are funded jointly by the Charity and the Trust.

### Risk management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and considered. They have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The Trustees are confident that reliance can be placed on the management arrangements in place which include independent examination to minimise any risk to the Charity.

The Charity has no investment assets so there is no associated risk with an investment portfolio. Procedures are in place to ensure that both spending and financial commitments remain in line with income. Governance of income and expenditure follows the Charities policy which was last updated on 31st October 2023.

### Related parties

As noted above, none of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Charity. All Trustees are required to declare any potential conflict of interests. No conflicts of interest were declared by Trustees that impacted upon the Charity in 2024.



**Physio equipment:** Our Charity was able to support the Physiotherapy Team at Queen Elizabeth Hospital with the purchase of dedicated equipment to enhance patient care.

# Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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). 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 the income and expenditure, 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;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable 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 to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (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 Trustee confirms to the best of its knowledge and belief it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

By order of the Board of Trustees.



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**Ben Travis**

Trustee



# Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Louise Hallsworth FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of Baxter & Co**

Lynwood House

Crofton Road

Orpington, BR8 6QE

Date: 13th March 2025

# Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note		2024		2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	107	130	237	198
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-
Investments`	4	13	31	44	38
Other Income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>236</b>
Expenditure on					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	(145)	(95)	(240)	(216)
Other Expenditure		-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(145)</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>(240)</b>	<b>(216)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(25)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(25)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	21	259	502	761	741
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>761</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

# Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note		2024		2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	12	26	11	37	33
Cash at bank and in hand	13	402	657	1059	901
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>428</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>934</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(194)	(100)	(294)	(173)
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>(194)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(294)</b>	<b>(173)</b>
<b>Net current assets/ (liabilities)</b>		<b>234</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>761</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	20	<b>234</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>761</b>
<b>The funds of the Charity</b>					
Restricted income funds			568	568	502
Unrestricted income funds		234		234	259
<b>Total Charity funds</b>		<b>234</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>761</b>

The notes at pages 14 to 24 form part of these accounts.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on [18-03-2025] and signed on behalf of the Charity.



**Ben Travis**  
Trustee



# Statement of cash flows for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		Total Funds £000	Total Funds £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	22	202	(125)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	4	(44)	(38)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		158	(163)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		158	(163)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		901	1,064
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements		-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	13	1,059	901

The notes at pages 14 to 24 form part of these accounts.

# Notes to the accounts

## 1. Accounting policies

### a) Basis of preparation

The Charity is a public benefit entity and the financial statements have been prepared in compliance 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities SORP (FRS102) and Charities Act 2011.

### b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as;

- There are no plans to dissolve the Charitable Fund;
- The Charitable Fund has sufficient funds to carry out its objectives and anticipates that it will continue to receive donations from the public; and
- There are no material uncertainties about the Charitable Fund's ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

### c) Income

All income is recognised once the Charitable Fund has entitlement to the funds, it is probable (more likely than not) that the income will be received and the monetary value of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to income then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be met until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year but deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

### d) Income from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

Receipt is probable when;

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy; and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charitable fund's control.
- If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

### e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charitable Fund; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

### f) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund; or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. The Charitable Fund has no endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in Note 20.

### g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met:

- There is a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

### h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include costs of administration and internal and external audit costs. Support costs are allocated across the charitable activity on the basis proportionate to average fund balance. The analysis of support costs is shown in Note 6.

### i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the Charitable Fund (see note 3).

### j) Fixed asset investments

The Charitable fund has no fixed asset investments.

### k) Tangible fixed assets

The Charity has no fixed assets such as land and buildings.

### l) Intangible fixed assets

The Charity has no intangible fixed assets.

### m) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered and are amounts owed to the Charity.

### n) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the Charitable Fund as they fall due.

### o) Creditors

Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due and are amounts owed by the Charitable Fund.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long-term creditors.

### p) Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement.

### q) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

## 2. Analysis of income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	107	123	230	145
Legacies	-	7	7	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>198</b>

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public including patients, their relatives, friends and family as well as staff and members of our community. Corporate donations are from companies. Legacies are gifts left by donors in their will.



### 3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Other income-grants	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 4. Analysis of investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank interest	13	31	44	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>

### 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Improving patient education and welfare	-	20	20	41
Supporting staff to deliver the best possible care	89	10	99	92
Enhancing patient experience with new equipment	-	51	51	13
Support costs (see note 6)	55	14	69	69
Governance costs (see note 6)	1	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>216</b>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £240k of which £145k was unrestricted and £95k was restricted (In 2023, the Charity spent £216k, of which £145k was unrestricted and £71k was restricted).

## 6. Analysis of governance and support costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Independent examination fees	1	-	1	1
<b>Governance Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Staff costs	50	13	63	64
Services provided by Trust	4	1	5	5
Other	1	-	1	-
<b>Support costs Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Charitable activities	56	14	70	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>

The Charitable Fund initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function which relate to the strategic and day-to-day management of the Charity. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are allocated across the charitable activity proportionate to the size of the fund.

## 7. Remuneration and benefits received by Trustees

The Charity's Trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or benefits for the work that they undertake as Trustees. They may claim reasonable expenses, although no expenses were claimed in 2024 (2023: nil).

## 8. Services provided by the Trust

Service costs relate to the Charitable Fund Manager employed by the Trust, of which the costs are charged to the Charity.

## 9. Analysis of Recharged staff costs

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Salaries and wages	50	51
Social security costs	6	6
Employer's pension contribution	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>

No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: nil). In recognition of the work carried out by the Charity Team on projects benefiting Trust staff and patients, a portion of their salary is recharged to the Trust. Charity staff costs reflect the portion funded by the Charity. Costs are allocated to unrestricted funds.

## 10. Staff numbers

The Charity has no employees, the Head of Charity and Volunteers and the Charity Fundraising and Engagement Coordinator are employees of the Trust and a portion of their salaries is recharged to the Charitable Fund.

## 11. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration of £1.3k (2023: £1k) related solely to the examination with no other additional work being undertaken.

## 12. Analysis of current debtors

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Debtors falling due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	20	-	20	31
Prepayments	-	3	3	-
Accrued income	6	8	14	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>



## 13. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
RBS	362	592	954	843
Co-op	40	65	105	58
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>901</b>

## 14. Analysis of liabilities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Creditors falling due within one year</b>				
Trade creditors	1	-	1	1
Accruals	193	100	293	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>173</b>

## 15. Related party transactions

The Charitable Fund spent £240k (2023: £216k) for the benefit of NHS patients and staff at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust which provides healthcare services for the benefit of NHS patients.

Members of the Trust Board are also the Trustees of the Charitable Fund. None of the Trustees or parties related to them has undertaken any transactions with the Charitable Fund or received any benefit from the Charity in payment or kind. The Trustees received no honoraria or emoluments in the year. No expenses were paid to Trustees.

During the year to 31 December 2024, the Charity was charged £5,000 for financial services provided by Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust prepares its accounts to 31 March every year and therefore at the time of reporting, the most recent audited figures for the Trust are for the year ended 31 March 2024.

<b>Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust</b> is a provider of healthcare services. Members of the Trust Board are also Trustees of the Charitable Fund. There were no audit qualifications that were relevant to this related party relationship.	Turnover of connected organisation	Net profit/(loss) for the connected organisation	Turnover of connected organisation	Net profit/(loss) for the connected organisation
	Year ended 31 March 2023 £000	Year ended 31 March 2023 £000	Year ended 31 March 2022 £000	Year ended 31 March 2022 £000
	829,529	(23,953)	778,910	(11,937)

# 16. Endowment funds

The Charity does not have any endowment funds.

# 17. Provisions and contingencies

The Charity has no provisions or contingent liabilities but has been notified of a legacy, expected to be received as an asset in 2025. The legacy, in the form of a property, is currently under legal review and under executor control as of the reporting date, and no reliable estimate of the asset value could be determined.

# 18. Capital commitments

The Charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2024 (2023: none).

# 19. Transfers between funds

The Charity made no transfers between funds.

# 20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£000	£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand	402	657	1,059
Other net current assets/liabilities	(168)	(89)	(257)
Total	234	568	802

## 21. Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance at 1/1/2024 £000	Incoming resources £000	Resources expended* £000	Transfers £000	Balance at 31/12/2024 £000
Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Choir	72	10	(10)	-	72
League of friends	-	80	(16)	-	64
Cancer Care at QEH	59	3	(18)	-	44
ITU-Trust wide	32	1	(1)	-	32
Hunnex	28	2	(1)	-	29
Children's Services	25	8	(7)	-	26
NHS Charities together	26	1	(2)	-	25
GIFT	23	1	-	-	24
Positive Outlook	21	1	-	-	22
Diabetic Study Fund	18	1	(1)	-	18
Other (61)	198	53	(39)	-	212
<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>568</b>

Name of Fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
NHS Choir	To support funding for the choir and the purchase of equipment across the hospital
Cancer Care at QEH	To support the Cancer Care Unit with funding for equipment and training as required
ITU-Trust wide	To support the department with funding for equipment and training as required
Hunnex	To support research and treatment of disorders of blood coagulation, financial assistance for the patients, any purpose relating to training and research in haematology
NHS Charities Together	Grant from NHS Charities Together to fund agreed projects
Childrens Services	To support the department with funding for equipment and training as required
GIFT	To support fertility
Positive Outlook	To support the GUM department with funding for equipment and training as required
Diabetic Study Fund	To support the department with funding for equipment and training as required
Innovation LGT Sexual Health	To support the work of the department with funding for equipment, training and travel as required

\*Resources expended includes governance costs

## b) Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1/1/2024 £000	Incoming resources £000	Resources expended £000	Transfers £000	Balance at 31/12/2024 £000
General Fund Lewisham and Greenwich	199	117	(133)	-	183
COVID-19	60	3	(12)	-	51
Total Unrestricted funds	259	120	(145)	-	234

Name of Fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
General Fund	Any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS
COVID-19	To support the Trust staff and patients during the COVID 19 pandemic

\*Resources expended includes governance costs

## 22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £000	2023 £000
Net movement in funds of financial activities	41	(138)

### Adjustments for:

Deduction bank interest shown in investments	44	4
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4)	43
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	121	257
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>166</b>

## 23. Post balance sheet events

There were no post balance sheet events.



# The Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charity makes a difference by funding projects and initiatives that enhance care and improve patient, visitor and staff experience.

Supporting projects that fall outside of standard NHS provision, **the Charity supports University Hospital Lewisham, Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich and the wider community the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust serves.**

Our Charity is proud to support the work of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, which provides a comprehensive range of high-quality hospital services to around one million people living across the London boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley.

## There are many ways you can support our Charity.

Find out more about our Charity, ways to get involved and how to donate by visiting our Charity's dedicated website:

[www.lgtcharity.org.uk](http://www.lgtcharity.org.uk)

Contact our Charity Team on [lg.charity@nhs.net](mailto:lg.charity@nhs.net) or **0208 3333082** to discuss any ideas, questions or queries you may have about supporting our Charity or its impact.

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**Mobile phone charging stations:** Our Charity funded **two new** mobile phone charging units, funded thanks to the donations and support received during the NHS 75th birthday celebrations. These charging stations **allow patients and visitors to charge their devices** while waiting in the busy emergency departments at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich and University Hospital Lewisham.

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