

Trustee Annual Report

**Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Charitable Fund and Other Related Charities**

Year ending 31 March 2024

1 Foreword

The Corporate Trustee presents the Charitable Funds Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The Charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements include all the separately established funds from which The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Wiltshire Health and Care are the beneficiaries.

The Charitable Funds are registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1050892) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

1.1 Reference and Administrative Details

The group Charity 'The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund', registered charity number 1050892, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on 22 November 1995. The group Charity has nine active charities linked to it as detailed in note 14 to the accounts (2022/23: nine); all the linked Charities were formed by registering a Special Trust Deed.

Charitable Funds received by the Charity are accepted, held and administered as funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the Health Service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, and these funds are held on trust by the Corporate Body.

1.2 Trustee

The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000, and the Charities Act 2011.

The NHS Foundation Trust Board devolved responsibility for the on-going management of funds to the Charitable Funds Committee. Minutes of the Charitable Funds Committee are presented to the full Trust Board in order to keep them informed of the decisions being made on their behalf.

The names of those who served as agents to the Corporate Trustee by being members of the Charitable Funds Committee during the financial year were:

Paul Lewis	Non-Executive Director & Chair
Andy Copestake	Non-Executive Director
Peter Hill	Non-Executive Director
Simon Wade	Chief Financial Officer
Claire Thompson	Chief Improvement & Partnerships Officer

1.3 Charitable Funds Advice to the Board

The Trust Board are advised by the Charitable Funds Committee on all matters relating to Charitable Funds. The Committee must approve all proposed expenditure over £5,000.

Rachel Hepworth (to Jul-23), Pippa Ross-Smith (to Jan-24) and Alan Millard (all as Interim Head of Financial Services) acted as the Principal Officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for Charitable Funds during the year.

1.4 Principal Office

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Management
The Great Western Hospital
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Wiltshire SN3 6BB

1.5 Principal Professional Advisers

Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
National Westminster Bank
Government Banking Service Branch
PO Box 2027, Parklands
De Havilland Way
Horwich, Bolton
BL6 4YU

Independent Examiners

Deloitte LLP
Bristol

Solicitors

Bevan Brittan LLP
Kings Orchard
1 Queens Street
Bristol
BS2 0HQ

2 Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's unrestricted fund was established using the model declaration of trust. The restricted funds were separately registered and linked under the parent group Charity. All funds held at the date of registration either formed part of the unrestricted or restricted funds. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original funds have been added to those fund balances within the existing charity.

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objectives of each fund and by designating funds, in this way the Trustee is able to: respect the wishes of the donors; to benefit patient care, and; advance the good health and welfare of both patients and staff. The charitable funds available for spending are held within the nine registered charities described in note 14 of the accounts. This includes funds managed on behalf of Wiltshire Health and Care LLP.

Non-Executive Members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board are appointed by the Governors, and Executive members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the NHS Foundation Trust Board. Core membership of the Charitable Funds Committee consists of the Trustee Chair, a Non-Executive Director appointed by the Trust Board, and the Chief Financial Officer. Members of the Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee are not individual Trustees under Charity Law, but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

The Trust undertakes induction training for newly appointed members of the Trust Board and Charitable Funds Committee. The induction involves a presentation and a pack of information which includes: copies of the governing documents of the charities; a copy of the latest Annual Report and Financial Statements; Policies and Procedures, and; the Charity Commission document 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know'.

The Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Funds. The Committee is required to:

- a Support the Board in its duty to ensure the Trust has the systems to effectively manage Charitable Funds.
- b Ensure the audit processes performed by both external and internal audit in the area of Charitable Funds effectively deal with the traditional requirements of:
 - True and accurate accounting records;
 - Safeguarding of assets;
 - Compliance with appropriate accounting policies, standards and Charity Law;
 - Detection of fraud and irregularities.
- c Recommend additional policies and procedures to the Board to comply with statutory changes.
- d Review annual financial statements and trustee report prior to submission to the Board.
- e Consider any other matters relating to charitable funds referred to it by the Board.
- f Receive advice from representatives of the other beneficiaries as to how their funds should be expended.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department located at The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Commonhead Offices, Marlborough Road, Swindon, SN3 6BB.

3 Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and assessed, with systems put in place to mitigate those risks. Any risks associated with the Charity are also included within the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's risk register.

The main risk currently faced by the Charity is associated with a potential fall in income due to a reduction in the number of people giving and the impact of the rising cost of living. The Charity's primary source of income comes from donations so any material changes to these levels could have a significant impact on operations. However, despite the persistence of difficult economic conditions in the UK, the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has published data in their UK Giving Report - March 2024 stating the total amount donated by the public has in fact risen by over a billion; from 12.7 billion in 2022 to 13.9 billion in 2023. And this increase is attributed to existing donors giving more on average, rather than an increase in the total number of individuals giving to charity.

The focus for Brighter Futures over 2024 is therefore to deepen engagement with its existing supporters so that gift regularity increases as well as increasing the average gift value. This approach will mitigate the risks associated with a reduction in the number of people supporting and poorer performing supporter recruitment activities.

In addition, the CAF report categorises a core of around one million people as 'Super Givers' supporting charities by donating, giving goods, sponsoring, volunteering and fundraising. These Super Givers are more than twice as likely to be women, and most are aged over 45. In order to further mitigate the risk of a potential reduction in income, concentrate fundraising efforts and improve data-led decision making, the Charity is investing in website development and a more robust supporter database. This work will include data cleansing and will enable improved donor data analysis to identify Brighter Future's own 'Super Givers'. The information will help the Fundraising Team to better understand supporter preferences, interests and propensity to give and to develop effective supporter journeys to deepen supporter engagement.

CAF's Super Givers are especially likely to have discovered a charity through personal experience (59%) or through friends and family (44%). They are also much more likely than average to have donated to set an example to others (25% compared to 9% average), to believe that we can all help to solve social problems (55% compared to 33% average), and to feel that they can make a difference (50% compared to 27% average). CAF's data shows local connection is a powerful motivator for giving for Super Givers. For local charities like Brighter Futures, developing those connections is key.

The Fundraising Team's focus in 2024 will also be to harness the power of social media to reconnect with those past 'Super Givers' who may have lapsed in order to reactivate their giving and will target local communities to create a local network of support. We will work with colleagues in the Communications Team to raise the profile of the Charity with Trust Members, staff and within the local community. As the Great Western Hospital Trust is a significant provider of employment in the region, the Charity has a sizable audience which has not yet been exhausted, offering significant potential and going some way to reduce the fundraising risk.

The Fundraising team continues to monitor the external environment and reports quarterly to the Charitable Funds Committee. The Charitable Funds Committee meetings have a focused agenda with risks assessed on each major topic area including Fundraising, Finance and Fund Management. An assurance report is provided to Trust Board following each meeting ensuring necessary oversight.

4 Partnership Working

The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Corporate Trustee. By working in partnership with the Trust and the other beneficiaries, namely Wiltshire Health and Care LLP, the Charitable Funds are used to best effect. When deciding upon the best use of the Charitable Funds, the Corporate Trustee takes into consideration the main activities, objectives, strategies and plans of the proposed beneficiary.

The funds held on behalf of Wiltshire Health and Care LLP are managed with their own approval process which is then ratified by the Great Western Hospitals Charity Committee, subject to funds being available.

Additionally, during the 2023/24 financial year a further £50,000 was transferred to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH), as agreed by both parties. This was the final part of appeal funding raised by the Charity on behalf of OUH to purchase key clinical equipment for use in their new Radiotherapy Centre built on the Great Western Hospital site. The major proportion of this value funded the purchase of a CT scanner to be used in the treatment of oncology patients.

5 Objectives and Strategy for the Public Benefit

The Charity's group fund has NHS aligned objectives as follows:

The Trustee shall hold the trust fund upon trust to apply the income, and at their discretion, so far as may be permissible, the capital, for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service (hereinafter referred to as "the objects").

The Charitable Funds Committee has agreed the following Strategic Aims:

- a To enhance the environment for staff and patients, in which health services can be delivered effectively.
- b To enable staff and carers caring for patients to benefit from education and facilities not normally available within the NHS resource envelope.

- c To donate additional equipment and staffing to the Trust and other beneficiaries over and above the NHS resource envelope.
- d To spend funds in accordance with Charity Commission best practice and in support of the Trust's and other beneficiaries' stated values and five-year vision.

These aims are used by the Charitable Funds Committee when deciding on the suitability of a proposed project and their fulfilment would not be possible without the support of patients, carers, staff, the local community, voluntary organisations, and local businesses of the Trust and Wiltshire Health and Care.

The trustee has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All Charities are also required by the Charity Commission to demonstrate how they pass the 'public benefit test'.

- There must be an identifiable benefit;
- The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The Charity's aims, objectives and activities are considered when cases are made for expenditure or when fundraising, to ensure that the patients, relatives and staff of the NHS Trust are benefited either directly or indirectly by the work of the Charity.

In general, spending directly benefits patients with the provision of new equipment, facilities and a better trained workforce, all of which contribute to enhanced care. Staff or relatives benefit from improved skills and facilities also enabling the delivery of better care.

6 Annual Review: Our Activities

Every year we are astounded by the generosity of our patients and their relatives, staff and members of the public who devote their time and effort to fundraise for our Hospital and Community Health Service. This generosity has enabled the purchase of new equipment and enhanced facilities which have directly benefitted both our patients and staff. In addition, this has enabled nursing, medical and support staff to attend courses and share new ideas leading to improved care. Grant funded purchases were varied and provided quality enhancements not normally available within the NHS resource envelope.

Donations that come into the Hospital are placed into a range of funds which are designated for specific areas of work or wards within the Trust, with some donations held in a General Fund. The Great Western Hospital General Fund is for the general benefit of patients and staff at the Great Western Hospital and as such has funded various initiatives and equipment purchases to support new service developments leading to improved practices and enhanced patient care.

The Charity benefits from a dedicated fundraising team to generate additional income across all funds, lead major fundraising appeals and meet the growing demands for funding. Total Charity income generated for the financial year 2023/24 was £994,000 (2022/23: £666,000) of which £115,000 was from grant funding (2022/23: £198,000). Notable restricted fundraising appeals include £123,000 raised for the Cancer Service Development Fund and £97,000 raised for the Way Forward Appeal. With an additional £120,000 of unrestricted funds generated for the Great Western Hospital General Fund.

A number of income streams have been used to generate funds including: corporate fundraising; applications to other Charitable Trusts and Foundations; a mix of both physical and virtual sponsored events; support from community fundraisers; mailing appeals, and; promoting legacies or donations in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an occasion. Specific fundraising events organised during 2023/24 included: a superhero-themed fun-run; charity abseil; a Christmas-themed fun-run; and, a Christmas raffle. These initiatives have

effectively raised the profile of the Charity and significantly contributed to the total incoming resources to 31 March 2024.

7 Grant Making Policy

Grants are awarded on a case-by-case basis, assessed on how well they support the strategic aims of the Charity, and in accordance with donor restrictions. The intended use of the grant must be cost-effective and enhance the service or facilities provided for staff and patients, beyond that which is normally provided, in order to improve standards of care and patient experience.

The Corporate Trustee operates a scheme of delegation through which all grants can only be awarded by those members with the necessary authority to do so. In cases where the grant is intended for employing staff or is above the predefined limit of five thousand pounds the award decision must be taken by the Charitable Funds Committee. In all other cases outside of these limits, the Fund Managers have delegated responsibility for the disbursements of funds.

Expenditure is closely monitored; no fund manager is able to expend funds without the request first being checked by the Finance Department who ensure that funds are available. Fund Managers are authorised by the committee to oversee the day-to-day management of such funds within these clearly defined spending limits. Income is also monitored to check whether the levels of income are as expected and if not, then spending plans are amended accordingly.

The majority of grants are made from the Charity's Restricted Funds. These comprise of two elements:

- a) The Registered Restricted General Funds of the Great Western Hospital and the Swindon and Wiltshire Community Areas: These contain gifts and donations, where the restriction is that the funds may be used principally for the benefit of patients and staff at the Great Western Hospital and within the wider Wiltshire community areas.
- b) Other Registered Restricted Funds: These funds have been donated to a particular speciality, ward or purpose. The surgical services fund is an example of such a fund. Fund managers that have been authorised by the committee, oversee the day-to-day management of such funds, within clearly defined spending limits.

All grants, with the exception of those related to the Wiltshire Community Health Charitable Funds, are made to Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with the Funds being administered by The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund. Grants relating to Wiltshire Community Health Charitable Funds are administered by a committee within Wiltshire Health and Care LLP and subsequently ratified by the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds Committee.

8 Reserves Policy

Free reserves, as defined by the Trustee, are part of the Charity's unrestricted funds available to utilise on activities for the benefit of the public in furtherance of the Charity's objectives, but not yet designated for a specific purpose. The total free reserves at 31 March 2024 was £304,000 compared with £162,000 for the year ending 31 March 2023 and there are no material commitments.

The Trustee believes reserves should be maintained at a minimum level around £57,000 based on an average of four months normal expenditure and the available cash balance. This is considered to be an appropriate timeframe in which to source alternative funding streams and the policy is reviewed regularly in light of any new opportunities. This level of

reserves meets the needs of the Charity and enables the Trustee to consider applications for funding as and when they arise.

Free reserves are higher than the identified minimum level, but the Charity has approved funding for various longer-term projects during the year which are designated but not spent as at 31 March 2024. The Corporate Trustee is aware that funds should be spent on charitable activities within a reasonable time period and, through the Charitable Funds Committee, ensures that funds are spent and not saved unless a fund manager has a specific purpose for which they wish to save and have received permission from the Committee to do so.

9 Future Plans

The charity enables the Great Western NHS Foundation Trust to realise patient benefit much sooner by: enhancing the environment for patients and staff in which health services can be delivered; enabling carers and staff caring for patients to benefit from education and facilities not normally available within the NHS budget, and; providing additional equipment and staffing to the Trust above the NHS funding envelope.

Our charity fundraising focuses on the strategic priorities of the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Key strategic priorities include integrating front door services and prioritising expansion land developments, re-procurement of Community Services, CQC improvements and performance, Electronic Patient Records and continuous improvement via the Trust's Improving Together programme.

The current strategic priority to integrate and expand services is known as the Way Forward Programme. This will create a hospital environment suitable for Swindon's growing and ageing population, now and well into the future. This programme of work, which started in December 2018, remains a key priority in 2024. It is focused on projects that, rather than creating a bigger version of the hospital we have today, will help to develop a more integrated, streamlined and efficient health care system in Swindon, providing an effective balance of urgent and longer-term care for our patients' best interests. The aim is to improve services and ensure the Trust can meet the growing demand created by Swindon and North Wiltshire's rapid population growth.

For Brighter Futures the major appeal to support the Way Forward Programme launched in October 2022 and remains our fundraising priority. The appeal target is to raise £1.6 million to support the urgent and emergency care services at the Great Western Hospital. Appeal funding will enable the creation of welcoming and calm environments in our new Emergency Department, due to open to the public in late August 2024, as well as the Children's Emergency Unit, due to open in October 2024.

10 A Review of our Finances, Achievements and Performance

The total net assets of the Charitable Funds as at 31 March 2024 were £1,272,000 compared with £948,000 as at 31 March 2023. Overall net assets increased by £324,000 due to overall net incoming resources of £324,000.

The Charity continues to rely on donations, legacies, grants and investment income as its main sources of income, representing 94.0% of total income in 2023/24 compared with 91.0% in 2022/23.

Of the £670,000 total expenditure in 2023/24, compared with £747,000 in 2022/23, charitable expenditure on direct charitable activity (including support costs) was £378,000 compared with £464,000 in 2022/23 and this was distributed over a number of categories of expenditure.

11 Purchase of New Equipment

The total donated expenditure on new equipment for the beneficiaries, excluding support costs, was £110,000 (£238,000 in 2022/23). This represents a considerable contribution to enhancing patient care.

Donated Expenditure on New Equipment	£'000
Radiotherapy CT machine	50
Salient contrast injector	16
Neonatal adjustable height cots	10
My Heart Support IT software	10
Point-of-care haemoglobin analyser	6
Breathing kit, masks & USB controllers	5
Electric breast pumps & trolley	4
Portable & wireless ultrasound	4
Other smaller electrical appliances	4
Other smaller fixtures & fittings	1
TOTAL	110

12 Patient Welfare

The total donated expenditure, excluding support costs, on patients' welfare was £89,000 (£42,000 in 2022/23).

Donated Expenditure on Patients	£'000
Children's 'Changing Places' bathroom	40
Cancer buddy coordinator	14
Music therapy sessions	9
ICU infographics panels	7
Paediatric waiting area play equipment	6
Mother & baby courtyard garden	4
Therapy items & activities	4
Physical rehabilitation items	2
Educational materials	1
Christmas gifts & hospitality	1
Dementia friendly signage	1
TOTAL	89

13 Staff Education and Welfare

The total donated expenditure on staff education and welfare, excluding support costs, was £101,000 (£125,000 in 2022/23).

Donated Expenditure on Staff	£'000
Staff recognition awards event	28
Volunteers future fund project	19
Fundraising development project	18
Training courses & learning events	17
Staff rest area items/improvements	8
Volunteers long service awards event	2
Staff 'thank you' items & gift vouchers	2
Educational materials & training aids	2
Fleece hoodies & cardigans	2
Team building activities & events	1
Hospitality & refreshments	1
Other smaller items	1
TOTAL	101

14 Research Grants

The Trust's Ethics Committee sanctions all expenditure on research and patient studies. The Charity also seeks advice from the Trust's Research and Innovation Department before any grants are made for these purposes. The total donated expenditure on Research, excluding support costs, was £20,000 (nil in 2022/23). This represented one grant awarded for research project enablement, of which two successful research project applications were subsequently supported.

15 Performance Management

The Charity requires Fund Managers to supply the Charitable Funds Committee with spending plans and, at each committee meeting, the Committee receive updates on individual fund balances which are closely scrutinised. The Committee will call before them any Fund Manager who they believe is not spending their funds in an appropriate manner and have the right to remove any Fund Manager they believe is not acting in the best interest of the Charity. In cases where Fund Managers have requested permission to save funds for a specific project, the Committee requires them to produce progress updates where appropriate.

The Charity does not employ any staff, but the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides accounting and administration services. The agreed fixed annual fee is recharged on a quarterly basis and this charge is included within expense on charitable activities.

In addition, from 2012 the Trust has employed an Associate Director of Fundraising who is responsible for raising the profile of the Charity and for identifying new revenue streams, as well as working with fund managers and other staff in the Trust on specific fundraising projects. The Associate Director of Fundraising reports to the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis. The Trust has also recruited additional fundraising team members to support the proposed fundraising projects going forward.

16 Investment Policy

The Corporate Trustee has determined the investment policy for the Charity with reference to Charity Commission guidance and in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000. The main objective is to achieve a balance between protecting the real value of capital funds and generating income, with a low to moderate level of risk tolerance.

Any identified surplus of uncommitted cash balance in the Charities account, not expected to be required in the shorter-term, is considered for investment. Based on the current cash

balance together with expenditure plans and commitments, this account provides both a preferential rate of return together with the required flexibility to meet current Charity needs compared to options for alternative investment. The Charity has a Government Banking Service (GBS) bank account to ensure the maximum level of safeguarding and balance protection.

When the level of surplus funds increases, these will be considered for either: short to medium-term deposit in higher interest accounts to maximise returns over appropriate fixed time periods, or; longer-term in a managed Charities investment portfolio with a significant focus on ethical investment categories with reduced volatility. This position is regularly monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee to ensure potential opportunities are maximised and investment policy is reviewed annually.

On behalf of staff and patients who have benefited from improved services due to the receipt of donations and legacies, the Corporate Trustee would like to thank all of those who have made charitable donations.

Approved on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee.....



Date 27 January 2025

Statement of Trustee responsibilities in respect of the Trustee annual report and the financial statements

Under the trust deed and rules of the charity and charity law, the trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustee has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of expenditure over income for that period.

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 trustee is required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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 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 is 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.

So far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware, and all the steps have been taken that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

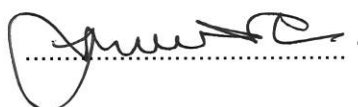
By Order of the Trustee

Chairperson



Date 27 January 2025

Charity Committee member



Date 27 January 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GREAT WESTERN HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUND AND OTHER RELATED CHARITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Charitable Fund and Other Related Charities ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 14.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

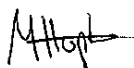
Independent examiner's statement

Since the company'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 because I am a member of the ICAEW, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.



Michelle Hopton, FCA
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Bristol, United Kingdom

28 January 2025

The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Charitable Fund and Other Related Charities

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £000	Restricted Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £000	Restricted Funds 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Income from							
Donations and Legacies	3 & 4	235	611	846	140	332	472
Other Grants Receivable		30	-	30	49	56	105
Other Trading activities		2	5	7	1	6	7
Income from Investments	10	4	56	60	1	27	28
Income from Charitable activities		8	43	51	14	40	54
Total Income		279	715	994	205	461	666
Expenditure on Raising funds		(57)	(235)	(292)	(56)	(227)	(283)
Expenditure on Charitable activities	6	(103)	(275)	(378)	(117)	(347)	(464)
Total Expenditure		(160)	(510)	(670)	(173)	(574)	(747)
Net income / (expenditure) before investments & transfers		119	205	324	32	(113)	(81)
Transfers between funds		23	(23)	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		142	182	324	32	(113)	(81)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Fwd		162	786	948	130	899	1,029
Total Funds Carried Fwd	14	304	968	1,272	162	786	948

Please refer to note 14 for detailed fund analysis.


Notes on pages 16 to 25 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £000	Restricted Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £000	Restricted Funds 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Current Assets							
Prepayments and debtors	11	183	11	194	102	53	155
Cash and cash equivalents	12	137	1,081	1,218	114	1,294	1,408
Total Current Assets		320	1,092	1,412	216	1,347	1,563
Creditors falling due within one year	13	(16)	(124)	(140)	(54)	(561)	(615)
Net Current Assets		304	968	1,272	162	786	948
Total Net Assets		304	968	1,272	162	786	948
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted Income Funds	14	304	-	304	162	-	162
Restricted Income Funds	14	-	968	968	-	786	786
Total Funds		304	968	1,272	162	786	948

Notes on pages 16 to 25 form part of these accounts

Signed: 

Name: JULIAN DIXFIELD

Date: 27 January 2025

**The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Charitable Fund and Other Related Charities**

Statement of Cash Flows for year ended 31 March 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided / (used) by operating activities	(250)	68
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest from investments	60	28
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(190)	96
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	1,408	1,312
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	1,218	1,408
 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	324	(81)
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest from investments	(60)	(28)
(Increase) in debtors	(39)	(38)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(475)	215
Net cash provided / (used) by operating activities	(250)	68
 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	1,218	1,408
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,218	1,408

Notes on pages 16 to 25 form part of these accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with exception of investments which are included at fair value, and the accounting policies have been consistently applied. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2019, and applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 14.

b Going concern

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. This is because the majority of expenditure is dependent on income and as cash reserves totalled £1,218k at year-end. As at 31st December 2024, cash levels have risen to £1,637k with this movement primarily due to the receipt of outstanding legacy income totalling £134,000 and an increase in creditors.

There are no material uncertainties for at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. There are no changes in accounting policy which affect the total retained funds at 31 March 2024 or 2023 or net expenditure for 2023/24.

c Funds structure

Restricted Funds are funds to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Unrestricted Funds comprise funds that the Trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. The Charity has one Unrestricted Fund being The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund.

All of the major funds are disclosed in note 14.

d Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that resources will be received and, the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- Voluntary Income: incoming resources generated from gifts, donations and any related gift aid, legacies given by the founders, patrons, supporters, the general public and businesses as well as gifts in kind and donated services and facilities.
- Investment Income: incoming resources from investment assets, including dividends and interest but excluding realised and unrealised investment gains and losses.

e Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or when receipt is probable; this will be once there has been a grant of probate, the executors have confirmed that there are sufficient assets in the estate after settling liabilities to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the Charity or have been met.

f Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Grant commitments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises which results in a payment being unavoidable.

Grants are only made to related or third-party NHS Bodies and non-NHS Bodies in furtherance of the Charitable objects of the Funds. A liability for such grants is recognised when approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee. The NHS Bodies have full knowledge of the plans of the Trustee, therefore a grant approval is taken to constitute a firm intention of payment, which has been communicated to the NHS Bodies, and so a liability is recognised.

Contractual arrangements are recognised as goods and services supplied.

g Irrecoverable VAT

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

h Allocation of administrative support and overhead costs

Charges included within governance, administrative support and overhead costs have been allocated on either:

- a direct basis and include banking fees and IT software maintenance charges, or;
- appropriately apportioned based on an estimate of recharged staff time (note 5).

Following allocation or apportionment, these costs are then divided across the different categories of Charitable activities in proportion to total spend (note 6).

i Expenditure on raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds includes all costs incurred by the Charity in order to raise funds for its charitable purposes. This comprises the costs of all fundraising activities and investment management fees.

Fundraising activities include: recharged departmental staff pay costs and expenses incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; organising fundraising events; inclusion in charity membership schemes; operating lotteries and raffles, and; advertising and marketing costs including those associated with direct mailing appeals.

j Expenditure on charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the Charity. These costs comprise an apportionment of governance, administrative support and overhead costs as shown in note 6.

k Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs incurred in the governance of the Charity. These costs include audit charges, legal advice and an apportionment of Committee members recharged pay costs. Governance costs are included within administrative support and overhead costs and are apportioned across the different categories of charitable activities in proportion to total spend (note 5 & 6).

l Fixed assets investments

Investments are stated at market value as at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

m Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and open market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value (or purchase date if later).

n Tax position

The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 10 Income Tax Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

o Cash flow statement

The Charity has prepared the Financial Statements under FRS 102 and provided a statement of cash flow.

p Estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are used to approximate values where exact data is not readily apparent. The underlying assumptions used for these approximations are based on relevant available data to achieve reasonable and prudent measurement, recognition and disclosure in the context of FRS 102. Actual results may differ due to uncertainty. There are currently no material estimates or judgements recognised in the financial statements.

2 Related Party Transactions

The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Wiltshire Health and Care are the beneficiaries of the Charity. The Charity provided funding to these bodies for approved expenditure made on behalf of the Charity. In addition, a final transfer was made to Oxford University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust related to appeal funding raised to purchase key clinical equipment for the new Radiotherapy Centre. The total amount was £50,000 in 2023/24 (£55,000 in 2022/23) as detailed in note 7.

During the year none of the members of the bodies Boards of Directors or key management staff or person(s) related to them have undertaken any material transactions with or been beneficiaries of the Charity. Neither the Corporate Trustee, nor any members of these organisations, have received honoraria, emoluments or expenses, and have not purchased Trustee indemnity insurance.

3 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £000	Restricted Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000
Donations from Individuals	36	155	191
Voluntary Organisations	1	36	37
Corporate Donations	2	36	38
Charitable Trusts	7	102	109
Total	46	329	375

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £000	Restricted Funds 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Donations from Individuals	34	128	162
Voluntary Organisations	-	29	29
Corporate Donations	3	27	30
Charitable Trusts	1	142	143
Total	38	326	364

4 Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £000	Restricted Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000	Benefit Area
An Individual	-	229	229	Radiology & Imaging Account
An Individual	81	-	81	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	3	50	53	GWH General / Cancer Services
An Individual	52	-	52	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	47	-	47	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	5	-	5	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	-	2	2	Palliative Care & A&E Account
An Individual	-	1	1	Urology Department Account
An Individual	1	-	1	Great Western Hospital General
Total	189	282	471	

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £000	Restricted Funds 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000	Benefit Area
An Individual	82	-	82	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	20	-	20	Great Western Hospital General
An Individual	-	3	3	Intensive Care Unit Account
An Individual	-	3	3	Great Western Hospital General
Total	102	6	108	

In addition, notifications have been received for a further two legacies with a total estimated value of £2,200,000. These have not been included in the legacy income balance as at the year ending 31 March 2024 as they were deemed not measurable or probable.

5 Allocation of Governance, Administrative Support and Overheads

	Purchase of new Equipment 2024 £000	Patients Welfare 2024 £000	Staff Education & Welfare 2024 £000	Research Grants 2024 £000	Total Allocated 2024 £000
Financial services	13	10	12	2	37
Governance costs	7	5	6	1	19
IT and other costs	1	-	1	-	2
Total	21	15	19	3	58

	Purchase of new Equipment 2023 £000	Patients Welfare 2023 £000	Staff Education & Welfare 2023 £000	Research Grants 2023 £000	Total Allocated 2023 £000
Financial services	22	4	11	-	37
Governance costs	12	2	6	-	20
IT and other costs	1	-	1	-	2
Total	35	6	18	-	59

6 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

The Charity made grants to Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Wiltshire Health and Care LLP in support of a range of charitable activities.

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £000	Restricted Funds 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000
Purchase of new equipment	-	110	110
Patients Welfare	29	60	89
Staff Education & Welfare	48	53	101
Research Grants	20	-	20
Governance & Support costs	6	52	58
Total	103	275	378

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £000	Restricted Funds 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Purchase of new equipment	61	177	238
Patients Welfare	-	42	42
Staff Education & Welfare	52	73	125
Research Grants	-	-	-
Governance & Support costs	4	55	59
Total	117	347	464

	Grant Funded Activity 2024 £000	Governance & Support costs 2024 £000	Total Funds 2024 £000
Purchase of new equipment	110	21	131
Patients Welfare	89	15	104
Staff Education & Welfare	101	19	120
Research Grants	20	3	23
Total	320	58	378

	Grant Funded Activity 2023 £000	Governance & Support costs 2023 £000	Total Funds 2023 £000
Purchase of new equipment	238	35	273
Patients Welfare	42	6	48
Staff Education & Welfare	125	18	143
Research Grants	-	-	-
Total	405	59	464

7 Analysis of Grants

All grants were made to Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Wiltshire Health and Care and Oxford University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with the funds being administered by The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund on behalf of others.

	Purchase of new equipment 2024 £000	Patients Welfare 2024 £000	Staff Education & Welfare 2024 £000	Research Grants 2024 £000	Total Grants 2024 £000
Great Western Hospitals NHS FT	60	87	101	20	268
Oxford University Hospital NHS FT	50	-	-	-	50
Wiltshire Health and Care	-	2	-	-	2
Governance & support costs	21	15	19	3	58
Total	131	104	120	23	378

	Purchase of new equipment 2023 £000	Patients Welfare 2023 £000	Staff Education & Welfare 2023 £000	Research Grants 2023 £000	Total Grants 2023 £000
Great Western Hospitals NHS FT	141	42	125	-	308
Oxford University Hospital NHS FT	55	-	-	-	55
Wiltshire Health and Care	42	-	-	-	42
Governance & support costs	35	6	18	-	59
Total	273	48	143	-	464

The Corporate Trustee operates a scheme of delegation through which all grant-funded activity is managed by Fund Managers, responsible for the day-to-day disbursements of those funds. The total cost of making grants is disclosed in the activity analysis on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities.

8 Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The Independent Examiner's remuneration was £7,040 in 2023/24 (£6,850 in 2022/23) and related solely to the independent examination in each financial year, no other work was undertaken.

9 Analysis of Staff Costs

	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
Salaries & wages	201	193
Social security costs	19	13
Pension costs	29	15
Total emoluments of staff	249	221
Ave number of staff per month	5.01	4.04

The analysis above represents amounts charged to the Charity for staff employed by the NHS Foundation Trust and work solely on behalf of the Charity. All staff are on standard NHS terms and conditions and are contracted to work with the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

10 Income from Investments

	2024 Total Held in UK £000	2023 Total Held in UK £000
Cash on Deposit: Bank Interest	60	28
Total	60	28

11 Prepayments and debtors

	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
Legacy income recognition	183	152
HMRC gift aid income	11	3
Total	194	155

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
NatWest Bank	1,218	1,408
Total	1,218	1,408

13 Creditors falling due within one year

Analysis of liabilities by organisation	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
Great Western Hospitals NHS FT	140	180
Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT	-	411
Global Media Group (Global Radio)	-	13
Central Swindon Parish Council	-	11
Total	140	615

The creditor accrual represents monies owed at the year-end by the Charity to the related parties: Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for costs incurred by the NHS Trust on behalf of the Charity in the furtherance of the Charity's objects.

14 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Adjusted Balance 31/03/23 £000	Incoming Resources (inc trnsf) £000	Resources Expended (inc trnsf) £000	Transfers between funds £000	Gains and Losses £000	Fund C'fwd 31/03/24 £000
1050892-1 General Unrestricted	162	279	(160)	23	-	304
1050892-2 Medical Services	123	41	(54)	-	-	110
1050892-3 Surgical Services	114	42	(67)	-	-	89
1050892-4 Women & Children's	93	59	(75)	-	-	77
1050892-7 Diagnostic Service	42	273	(50)	-	-	265
1050892-8 Research	39	8	(8)	-	-	39
1050892-9 Great Western General	129	269	(236)	(23)	-	139
1050892-13 Swindon Community	4	3	(2)	-	-	5
1050892-14 & 15 WCHS	242	20	(18)	-	-	244
Total	948	994	(670)	-	-	1,272

	Adjusted Balance 31/03/22 £000	Incoming Resources (inc trnsf) £000	Resources Expended (inc trnsf) £000	Transfers between funds £000	Gains and Losses £000	Fund C'fwd 31/03/23 £000
1050892-1 General Unrestricted	130	205	(173)	-	-	162
1050892-2 Medical Services	131	31	(38)	(1)	-	123
1050892-3 Surgical Services	149	54	(88)	(1)	-	114
1050892-4 Women & Children's	95	35	(38)	1	-	93
1050892-7 Diagnostic Service	41	25	(24)	-	-	42
1050892-8 Research	41	2	(4)	-	-	39
1050892-9 Great Western General	144	297	(312)	-	-	129
1050892-13 Swindon Community	7	7	(11)	1	-	4
1050892-14 & 15 WCHS	291	10	(59)	-	-	242
Total	1,029	666	(747)	-	-	948

Name of Fund	Description, Nature and Purpose of Fund
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	Unrestricted Fund, its purpose being any Charitable purpose(s) relating to the National Health Service.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Medical Services Charity	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support services such as Emergency, Cardiology, Care for the Elderly, Respiratory and Stroke Care.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Surgical Services Charity, Audiology, Ophthalmology and Urology	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support services such as Trauma and Orthopaedics, Theatre Recovery, Intensive Care, Anaesthetics, Pain Relief, Audiology, Ophthalmology and Urology.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Women and Children's Services Charity	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support services such as Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and the Special Care Baby Unit.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Diagnostic Services Charity	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support services such as Pharmacy, Haematology, Pathology, Outpatient Clinics and Radiology, which includes the Computerised Axial Tomography Scanner (CT), Bone Densitometer Scanner, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner (MRI), Breast Screening and General X-Ray.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Research Charity	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support research into Gastro-intestinal, Orthopaedics, Vascular Surgery, Cardiology, ENT and Diabetes.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, General Hospital Charity	Restricted Fund, its purpose being for any Charitable Purpose(s) relating to the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, principally but not exclusively for the Great Western Hospital General Purposes.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Swindon Community Charitable Fund	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support the Health Service wholly or mainly for the Services provided within the Swindon Community area.
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Wiltshire Community Health Services Charitable Fund	Restricted Fund, its purpose being to support the Health Service wholly or mainly for the Services provided within the wider Wiltshire Community Area.