

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS CHARITABLE FUND AND RELATED CHARITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1051570

Details

Other names	BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, BLACKPOOL, FYLDE & WYRE HOSPITALS CHARITABLE FUND AND OTHER RELATED CHARITIES, BLUE SKIES HOSPITALS FUND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-12-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SEE INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS

Activities: THE CHARITY UNDERPINS THE WORK OF THE NHS ON THE FYLDE COAST TO IMPROVE HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£940,927	£1,021,344	£858,414	5
2024-03-31	£1,305,863	£1,894,308	£938,832	6
2023-03-31	£1,076,648	£775,076	£1,527,276	4
2022-03-31	£480,320	£621,640	-	-
2021-03-31	£752,718	£1,024,223	£1,366,377	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST		2013-01-29

Linked charities

- BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS CHARITABLE FUND (1051570-1)
- ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-10)
- PATIENTS AMENITIES CHARITY (1051570-11)
- INTENSIVE CARE CHARITY (1051570-12)
- CANCER UNIT CHARITY (1051570-13)
- GASTROENTEROLOGY CHARITY (1051570-14)
- DIABETIC LIAISON CHARITY (1051570-15)
- MEDICAL RESEARCH CHARITY (1051570-16)
- PATHOLOGY DIRECTORATE CHARITY (1051570-17)
- ORTHOPAEDIC DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-18)
- OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-19)
- VICTORIA GENERAL PURPOSES CHARITY (1051570-2)
- THE MRI SCANNER AND IMAGING EQUIPMENT FUND (1051570-20)
- CHILD HEALTH DIRECTORATE CHARITY (1051570-21)
- CLIFTON HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-22)
- FLEETWOOD HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-23)
- CHS VICTORIA HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-24)
- LYTHAM HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-25)
- ROSSALL HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-26)
- SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-27)
- WESHAM PARK HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-28)
- DEVONSHIRE ROAD HOSPITAL FUND (1051570-29)
- PHARMACY DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-3)
- COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND (1051570-30)
- RHEUMATOLOGY FUND (1051570-31)
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE FUND (1051570-32)
- DERMATOLOGY FUND (1051570-33)
- RENAL DIALYSIS FUND (1051570-34)
- CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH FUND (1051570-35)
- YOUNGER DISABLED UNIT FUND (1051570-36)
- MENTAL HEALTH FUND (1051570-37)
- GENITO-URINARY MEDICINE FUND (1051570-38)
- CARDIOLOGY DIRECTORATE FUND (1051570-4)
- GERIATRIC DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-5)

- UROLOGY DEPARTMENT CHARITY (1051570-6)
- MATERNITY UNIT CHARITY (1051570-7)
- STAFF AMENITIES CHARITY (1051570-8)
- CHEST CLINIC CHARITY (1051570-9)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



YOUR LOCAL NHS CHARITY

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS CHARITABLE FUND AND RELATED CHARITIES

(Charity Commission Registration Number 1051570)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Objectives and Activities

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.

In partnership with Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust), this Charity enhances the provision of first-class patient care for public benefit. It supports the provision of healthcare, free at the point of need and cares for staff, patients, carers, and families by focusing on areas not covered, or fully supported, by central NHS funds. Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at the Trust. Its aim is to help the Trust become world-class in-patient care.

The Charity has the following objectives:

- To align grant-making with Charity and Trust priorities

Throughout 2024/25, we have maintained rigorous oversight to ensure that all approved grants reflect the strategic aims of both the Charity and the Trust. This has been achieved via quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings, ensuring alignment and accountability..

- To Strengthen engagement with Fund Advisors

We have continued to work closely with Fund Advisors, supporting them in making informed decisions regarding charitable expenditure. Advisors are encouraged to proactively identify opportunities to deploy charitable funds in ways that enhance patient care across their respective areas. Regular reviews ensure that fund stewardship remains with the most appropriate individuals.

- To ensure timely, compliant expenditure

All charitable expenditure arising from successful funding applications has been monitored by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund throughout 2024/25. This oversight ensures that spending is conducted efficiently and in accordance with Charity Commission guidance and internal governance standards.

- To grow unrestricted income through appeals, grants, and partnerships

This year, we have successfully secured funding through partners such as the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Our longstanding relationship with Beaverbrooks continues to flourish, with the company generously match-funding all staff-led fundraising efforts for Blue Skies.

- To promote Blue Skies as the Trust's primary fundraising arm

We have actively promoted Blue Skies Hospitals Fund both within the Trust and across the wider community. Our Ambassador Scheme, relaunched in 2023/24, now boasts over 50 dedicated individuals—both internal and external—who champion the Charity through social media, event organisation, and community outreach.

- To advance tax-efficient giving through Gift Aid and legacy fundraising

Legacy fundraising remains a key focus, supported by ongoing promotion via our magazine, solicitor visits, and a branded double-decker bus circulating the Fylde Coast. We also continue to encourage Gift Aid uptake by including forms in donor thank-you letters and featuring reminders in our publications. Funeral Directors are regularly engaged to promote In Memory donations.

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- To expand community fundraising and 'Charity of the Year' initiatives

Our community fundraising efforts have been bolstered by a growing team of Blue Skies volunteers who support our Community Fundraiser at events, festivals, and other public engagements. These activities help raise both awareness and funds for the Charity.

Plans for the future

In addition to the above, the Charity also aims to:

- Procuring advanced medical equipment to support rapid and accurate diagnosis.
- Enhancing patient, visitor, staff, and volunteer environments across Trust sites..
- Supporting the professional development of medical staff through targeted education and training initiatives.

Achievements and Performance

- The Charity exists to enhance the patient care provided by the Trust. In the main, this relates to supplementing core activity with patient benefits and comforts that would not ordinarily be afforded from public funds alone.

During 2024/25 the Charity has been able to purchase the following items:

- **EinsteinVision 3.0 Camera Unit for Cardiac Theatres**, enabling shorter operating times and better post-operative lung function thus faster recovery and reduced length of stay - £50k;
- **CytoSorb Therapy for Cardiac Theatres**, enabling timely treatment for those ACS patients awaiting urgent cardiac surgery who would otherwise need to wait a 5-7 day period - £36k;
- **Croyde Wall Bed for the Forget-Me-Not Suite**, enabling space for a delivery bed to be taken into the bereavement suite, alleviating the need for transfer to a delivery room on the unit - £29k;
- **New Seating for the Outpatients Department**, enhancing the environment for our patients and providing a comfortable space for them to sit whilst they wait - £27k;
- **20 Reclining Armchairs and 2 Sleeper Chairs for the Clifton Hospital**, enhance the patient's experience and rehabilitation whilst at Clifton Hospital, allowing our patients to sit comfortably, safely and mobilise more easily - £26k;
- **Q-NRG+ Metabolic Monitor for Critical Care Unit**, enabling direct measurement of energy expenditure, supporting the nutritional management of adult critical care patients - £23k; and
- **19 Croyde Recliner Chairs for Maternity (Ward D)**, enabling overnight visiting for patient's partners staying on the ward to rest more comfortably - £23k;

During 2024/25 the Charity also:

- Established a charity partnership with **Napthen's Solicitors**, who proudly sponsored our inaugural **Memory Walk**.
- Secured a strategic collaboration with **The Fylde Coast Groups of Lodges and Chapters** in support of our **Give a Gift Christmas Appeal**.
- Formed a partnership with **The Barking Bakery** to champion our **Walkies for Wards** initiative.
- Partnered with **The Floating Pontoon Company** to support our **Dragon Boat Festival**.
- Expanded our presence in the community through the launch of additional **pop-up charity shops** across the local area.
- Continued to promote our **Legacy Campaign** via a branded double-decker bus, which now travels daily along the Fylde Coast—serving as a highly visible and impactful mobile marketing tool.

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- Successfully opened our **second retail shop** within **Blackpool Victoria Hospital**, enhancing accessibility and engagement with staff, patients, and visitors.

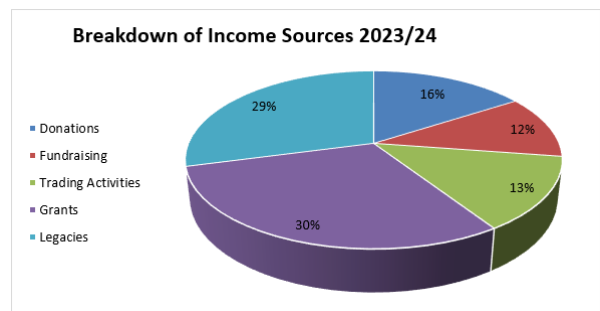
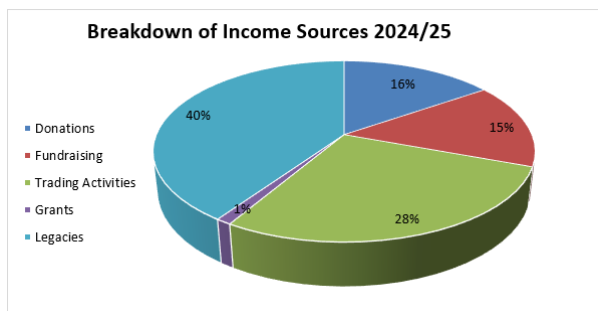
The Charity follows the Code of Fundraising Practice when undertaking fundraising activities, with particular focus being given to how to identify and protect vulnerable donors. The Charity pays a levy to the Fundraising Regulator each year and it is registered with the Fundraising Preference Service.

In 2024/25, the Charity received no formal complaints in relation to fundraising activities. Informal complaints were followed up and resolved with lessons learned being carried forward. Funds are raised by the Charity to support the hospital and our charitable objectives in a variety of ways as follows:

- Activities undertaken within the community;
- By applying for grant funding;
- By engaging with corporate partners;
- Through individual donations and legacy donations; and
- Through the Charity lottery and other activities such our retail shop and trolley service.

Financial Review

The Charity's reporting year runs from 1 April to 31 March. In the reporting year 2024/25, the Charity received donations, legacies, and grants totalling £509k (2023/24: £931k) fundraising and trading activities totalling £386k (2023/24: £308k) and Investment income totalling £46k (2023/24: £67k).



- The total expenditure was £1,022k (2023/24: £1,895k), with expenditure on charitable activities of £499k (2023/24: £1,449k), expenditure on raising funds of £488k (2023/24: £406k) and expenditure on governance costs of £35k. (2023/24: £41k).
- The net assets of the Charity held on 31 March 2025 were £858k (2023/24: £939k).
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reserves Policy

- The Charity receives income mainly from fundraised income and legacies which it is difficult to predict in advance when it will be received. It is therefore essential that the Charity can maintain a sufficient level of reserves to meet its commitments.
- The Reserves Policy states that unrestricted reserves are maintained at a level that enough money is set aside to cover costs if the Charity was to cease trading. The value of unrestricted reserves on 31 March 2025 was £498k (£485k on 31 March 2024) which included forecast cessation costs of £149k.

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- The Charity is fully committed to spending any surplus reserves in a timely and appropriate manner to meet the charitable objectives.
- It should be noted that the Charity's structure includes restricted funds, and this limits the Corporate Trustee's freedom to act to reduce the level of reserves.

Investment Policy

- The Charity identifies monies throughout the financial year that are not immediately required to fund expenditure and uses those monies to invest in short term deposits with Trust Board approved counter parties (for example, banks/building societies). The approved threshold for investments agreed by the Charitable Funds Committee is set at £2m. The level of funds available for investments in 2024/25 was below the agreed threshold therefore no investments were made during the year.

Analysis of Risk

- A general reduction in the level of donations has been identified as a risk, however, the risk is not considered significant as, generally, the Charity only spends up to the level of balances brought forward from previous years plus income received in the current year after allowing for existing commitments, rather than planning developments based upon anticipated income. Irrespective of the limited nature of the risk, the Committee monitors trends in donations at its quarterly meetings, which aims to highlight any potential problem area at an early stage.
- The Risk Register for the Charity was updated and reviewed during the year. The Corporate Trustee will continue to review these risks and ensure that these are adequately mitigated.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities) is registered with the Charity Commission and the funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.
- Management of the Trust's Charity is officially delegated to a committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Committee. The Committee usually meets quarterly and monitors all aspects of the
- Charity's activities. The membership of the Committee is detailed in the "Reference and Administrative Details for 2024/25" section.
- New Charity trustees are appointed and inducted on Charity specific governance requirements by virtue of their membership of the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors.
- In its role as representative of the Corporate Trustee, the Committee has taken into consideration the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- Day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by the Fundraising Department of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the initial point of contact (and Charity Commission correspondent) is the Trust's Head of Financial Services.
- On behalf of Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities), the Charitable Funds Committee:

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- Ensures that income and expenditure levels comply with the terms of the relevant funds and the stated policies of the Trust;
- Continues to review the charitable funds application process to ensure that all applications have been through the appropriate Trust approval processes and charitable funds are subsequently applied effectively for patient benefit. All applications for funding are scrutinised to ensure all correct procedures have been applied according to Charity policy and that applications are only approved if they meet the objectives of the Charity;
- Monitors and updates where appropriate any policy relating to raising or spending money from Blue Skies Hospitals Fund. The Charitable Funds policy is regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice and Charity Commission guidelines; and
- Monitors the scheme of delegation and follows robust processes to ensure that charitable funds are effectively managed and that funds are allocated with due regard to public benefit and the wishes of our donors.
- The Corporate Trustee continues to meet following quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings for updates on how charitable funds are being spent and that the Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund spending is in accordance with the four spending priorities set out in the Charitable Funds Policy and in accordance with donor wishes.
- The Charity sits beneath the Trust and the Trust is considered the sole related party of the Charity. Any related party transactions between the Foundation Trust and the Charity are disclosed in the financial statements.
- To provide assurance that appropriate standards of management and governance are maintained an independent advisory body has been commissioned to undertake a review. The resultant recommendations will be overseen by the Trust's Audit Committee.
- As at the 31 March 2025, the Charity comprised of 38 individual funds, and these are listed on our summary registration on the Charity Commission website (www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Where there is a balance at the end of the period, these are disclosed in Note 12.
- 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. These funds are held on trust by the Corporate Trustee body.
- The use of our funds is restricted by the Charity's governing document, which established the Charity for purposes to benefit NHS patients. All grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted funds. These funds comprise:

Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

This fund is constituted of gifts received by the Charity, where donors have expressed no preference for its expenditure. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising and the Head of Financial Services up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee makes decisions based on the contents of the paperwork submitted and, if required, will ask the applicant to make a presentation at a committee meeting. The

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Corporate Trustee agrees areas of focus to enable the Charitable Funds Committee to prioritise funding accordingly.

Restricted and Designated Funds

These funds usually contain donations when the donor nominates a particular activity, ward, or department of the Trust at the time of their donation. Donations made to restricted funds are binding on the Corporate Trustee, and those made to designated funds are not binding on the Corporate Trustee. The delegated Fund Advisors, who make recommendations on how to spend the money within their area, oversee the funds. Once these recommendations are agreed the funds can be spent at any time. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising and the Head of Financial Services up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

- The Charity is a member of the Association of NHS Charities, whose main objective is to enhance the standing and work of all NHS Charities. Representatives from the Charity can attend training, events and meetings organised by the Association and benefit from the shared experience of the Association's member charities.
- The Charity is also registered as a member with the Fundraising Regulator. Registered organisations help promote best practice, defend the sector, and demonstrate compliance with the law and it also opens up fundraising opportunities.

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Reference and Administrative Details for 2024/25

- The Charity's registered name is 'Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities' and its registered number is 1051570.
- The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.
- The Charity's correspondence address and official correspondent during 2024/25:

Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services) until 31.10.2024
 Mrs Holly Hughes (Deputy Head of Financial Services) from 01.11.2024 to 15.12.2024
 Miss Jayne McElhinney (Head of Financial Services) from 16.12.2024
 Home 7,
 Blackpool Victoria Hospital,
 Whinney Heys Road,
 Blackpool,
 FY3 8NR
 Email address: bfw.h.blueskies@nhs.net

- The Charity's Corporate Trustee is Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was established on 1 December 2007. The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board serve as members of the Charity Corporate Trustee. Members who served during the financial year 2024/25 and to the date of signing this report were as follows:

James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director) Trust Chair
 Fergus Singleton (Non-Executive Director & Charitable Funds Chair)
 Patricia Armstrong-Child (Chief Executive Officer) until 11.04.2024
 Maggie Oldham (Chief Executive Officer) interim from 12.04.2024, substantive from 04.10.2024
 Saba Sadiq (Chief Finance Officer) until 12.11.2024
 Tim Bennett (Interim Chief Finance Officer) from 13.11.2024 to 30.04.2025
 Andrew Harrison from 01.05.2025
 Katy Coope (Chief People Officer)
 Steven Christian (Deputy CEO / Executive Director of Strategy & Transformation) until 24.02.2025
 Catherine McDonald (Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Chief Strategy Officer) from 27.01.2025
 Bridget Lees (Chief Nurse, AHP and Midwifery Officer) until 06.06.24, returning 01.04.25
 Marie Forshaw (Interim Chief Nurse) from 07.06.2024 until 31.01.2025
 Nasha Ellahi (Interim Chief Nurse) from 01.02.2025 until 31.03.2025
 Chris Barben (Chief Medical Director) until 13-06-2025
 Neil Hartley-Smith (Chief Medical Director) from 14-06-2025
 Shelley Wright (Joint Executive Director of Communications) until 29.11.2024
 Janet Parr previously Barnsley (Chief Operating Officer)
 Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director)
 Fiona Poxon (Non-Executive Director)
 Andrew Roach (Non-Executive Director)
 Tracy Hopkins (Non-Executive Director) from 01.08.2024
 Naeed Khan (Non-Executive Director) from 01.08.2024
 Nicholas Hardiker (Non-Executive Director) from 01.08.2024
 Paul McKeivitt (Non-Executive Director) from 03.02.2025
 Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance) until 07-07-2025

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- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee during 2024/25 were:

Fergus Singleton (Non-Executive Director & Charitable Funds Chair)
Steven Christian (Deputy CEO / Executive Director of Strategy & Transformation) until 24.02.2025
Bridget Lees (Chief Nurse, AHP and Midwifery Officer) until 06.06.24, returning 01.04.25
Catherine McDonald (Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Chief Strategy Officer) from 27.01.2025
Saba Sadiq (Chief Finance Officer) until 12.11.2024
Mr Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director)
Chris Barben (Chief Medical Director)
Nadia Khan (Non-Executive Director) from 01.08.2024
Janet Parr previously Barnsley (Chief Operating Officer)
Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)

Others currently serving:

Steve Barrow (Deputy Director of Finance) until 31.10.2024
Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services until 31.10.2024
Holly Hughes (Deputy Head of Financial Services) from 01.11.2024
Kila Redfearn (Head of Charity)
Nicci Hayes (Charity Bids and Legacies Officer)
Neil Bramhall (Procurement Capital Buyer)
Gaynor Jones (Corporate Governance Officer)
Lauren Kavanagh (Corporate Governance Officer)
Nigel Stout (Procurement (OneLSC))
Claire Woodward (Assistant Technical Accountant)

- The Charity's External Auditor during 2024/25 was:

Rawcliffe & Co
Unit 1 Barons Court
Graceways
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 5GP

- The Charity's Bankers during 2024/25 were:

Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
36 St Andrew's Square
Edinburgh
EH2 2YB

- The Charity's Solicitor during 2024/25 was:

Hempsons Solicitors
Portland Tower
Portland Street
Manchester
M1 3LF

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Trustee's Responsibilities Statement

The Corporate Trustee (i.e. the Foundation Trust) is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Corporate Trustee 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.

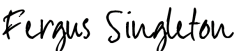
In preparing these financial statements, the Corporate Trustee is required to:

- 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, comprising FRS102, 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 Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate 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.


By Order of the Corporate Trustee

Signed by:

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Date: 19 November 2025

Chairman, Fergus Singleton

Charitable Funds Committee

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Date: 19 November 2025

Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Harrison

NHS Foundation Trust Board

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard..

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities (continued)****Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 10), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities (continued)**

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including relevant legislation such as the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining

an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 1 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures

which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustee and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities (continued)

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Kirsten Shearer FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Rawcliffe & Co Limited, Statutory Auditor

Unit 1 Barons Court
Graceways
Whitehills Business Park
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 5GP

Date: 19 November 2025

Rawcliffe & Co Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies	2	320	189	509	320	611	931
Fundraising and Trading	2	321	65	386	230	78	308
Investment Income	8	26	20	46	40	27	67
Total incoming resources		667	274	941	590	716	1,306
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds	3.1	369	119	488	306	100	406
<i>Charitable activities:</i>							
Purchase of medical equipment		42	131	173	495	412	907
Purchase of non-medical items		185	69	254	112	60	172
Patient welfare		6	27	33	8	21	29
Staff education and welfare		3	3	6	5	12	17
Estate management		29	4	33	128	196	324
Governance costs	3.2	20	15	35	25	16	41
Total expenditure		654	368	1,022	1,078	817	1,895
Net movement in funds		13	(95)	(81)	(488)	(101)	(589)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 April		485	454	939	973	555	1,528
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		498	360	858	485	454	939

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities

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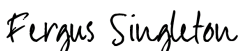
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
		£000	£000
Current assets:			
Stock	4	23	25
Debtors	5	79	68
Cash at bank and in hand	9	788	1,038
Total current assets		890	1,131
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	32	192
Net current assets		858	939
Total net assets		858	939
The funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	360	454
Unrestricted income funds	12	498	485
Total Charity funds		858	939

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

The Charitable Funds Committee and Corporate Trustee approved the financial statements.

The financial statement were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 19 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Date: 19 November 2025

Mr Fergus Singleton
 Non-Executive Director
 Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</i>		
Net income / (expenses) as per the SOFA	(81)	(589)
<i>Adjusted for:</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(11)	5
(Increase) / decrease in stock	2	(22)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(160)	28
Net cash generated / (used in) from operating activities	<u>(250)</u>	<u>(578)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(250)	(578)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,038	1,616
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>788</u></u>	<u><u>1,038</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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General Information

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007. The funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.

Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The registered office is given on page 8.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 published in October 2019.

1.2 Going concern

The 2024/25 financial statements for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities have been prepared on a going concern basis. An assessment has been made based on the next 12 months forecasted income and charitable activities and it concluded that the Charity will continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's financial statements.

The Charity seeks to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover foreseeable committed expenditure in the event of reductions in income as per the Reserves Policy.

1.3 Public Benefit

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is considered a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

- entitlement – arises when a particular resource is receivable, or the Charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- certainty – when there is reasonable certainty that the incoming resource will be received; and

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- measurement – when the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (ii) Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources when the executor of the estate has determined that a payment can be made following the agreement of the estate's accounts, or on notification by the executors that payment will be made.
- (iii) General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.
- (iv) Income from Government and other grants is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- (v) None of the incoming resources reported in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown net of expenditure.
- (vi) Donated goods that were gifted in kind during the year has been valued at their estimated market value (fair value) at the time of receipt, recognizing them as both income and equivalent expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Most activities of the Charity are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category.

(i) Charitable activities

The total resources expended are in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

(ii) Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income include costs of the Fundraising Department including the full cost of the Head of Fundraising and fundraising office support staff. Other fundraising costs include promoting the Charity, travel expenses, costs incurred during fundraising events and the day to day running expenses.

(iii) Governance costs

Governance costs include the cost of finance function support £12,500 (2023/24 £12,500) and administration charge for overheads (equivalent to 1% of aggregate balances).

1.6 Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the financial statements as a restricted or designated fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

1.7 Assets

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The Charity holds no fixed tangible or intangible assets or fixed asset investments.

Stock is measured at the lower of the cost and net realisable value.

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Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts (the amount the Charity anticipates it will receive from a debt).

Cash is held in the Charity's bank account.

1.8 Liabilities

The Charity holds no long-term creditors or provisions. Furthermore, it holds no loans (bank or otherwise) and does not have an overdraft.

Trade creditors falling due within one year relate to amounts owed to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or an external supplier. Creditors are recognised based on point of receipt of goods or services.

The Charity does not own any fixed assets, therefore has no capital commitments.

1.9 Investment income

The Charity does not hold any investments. Investment income is derived from interest earned on funds held in the Charity's bank account. Income is accounted for in the period in which it is received and apportioned between funds based on the average of the opening and closing fund balance.

1.10 Pensions

For staff recharged to the Charity via the payroll of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, employee pension contributions are subject to the terms and conditions of the NHS Pension Scheme as operated by the Trust (see the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2024/25 for further details).

1.11 Analysis of support costs and overheads

Support costs and overheads are apportioned between funds on an allocation basis based on the reserve year-end final balance.

1.12 Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no post balance sheet events to report.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The Charity's Non-Primary Purpose Trading exceeds the HMRC Small Trading Exemption in relation to Income Tax and on trading profits are subject to tax.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2025****2. Income (excluding Investment Income)**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024/25	Total funds 2023/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	78	60	138	197
Fundraising	71	65	136	142
Trading Activities	250	0	250	166
Grants	0	10	10	373
Legacies	242	119	361	361
Total	641	254	895	1,239

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

3. Expenditure**3.1 Raising Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024/25	Total funds 2023/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	118	92	210	202
Other fundraising costs	217	0	217	157
Trading activities costs	34	27	61	27
Total	369	119	488	406

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2025****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.2 Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024/25	Total funds 2023/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Audit fee	5	4	9	9
Bank Charges	2	1	3	4
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHSFT Service Charges:				
Finance Support	7	6	13	13
Administration Charge	6	4	10	15
Total	20	15	35	41

The support costs including governance costs, are apportioned to each charitable fund by using a yearly average fund balance. Based on this method £17k is apportioned to Raising Funds and £18k to charitable activities.

3.3 Staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any staff (2023/24: nil). Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust employs one Head of Charity, one Community Fundraiser, one Communications Officer, one Legacies and Bids Officer, one Retail and Office Manager and one Office and Retail Administrator.

In 2024/25, the Charity indirectly employed 5.80 WTE (2023/24: 6.25 WTE).

The cost of staff included in fundraising costs employed by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and charged to the Charity are:

	2024/25	2023/24
	£000	£000
Salaries and Wages	193	204
Social Security Costs	19	20
Employer's Pension contributions	26	24
Total	238	248

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3. Expenditure (continued)

3.3 Staff costs (continued)

	2024/25	2023/24
	£000	£000
Employer's pension scheme contribution for highest paid staff member	9	8

	2024/25	2023/24
	Number	Number
Number of staff to whom benefits are accruing under the NHS Pension Scheme	6	7

Staff emoluments for the year fell within the following bandings

Salary bands of £5,000:	2024/25	2023/24
	Number	Number
5 - 10	-	1
10 - 15	-	1
15 - 20	-	-
20 - 25	1	3
25 - 30	4	2
30 - 35	-	-
50 - 55	-	-
55 - 60	-	1
60 - 65	1	0

There is 1 (2023/24: none) employee with emoluments above £60,000.

No members of the body that comprises the Corporate Trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

4. Stock

The Charity holds an inventory of goods purchased for resale in the charity shop of £23k (2023/24: £25k).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2025****5. Debtors**

	Total funds 2024/25 £000	Total funds 2023/24 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	79	68
Total	79	68

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024/25 £000	Total funds 2023/24 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Audit fee	9	10
Non audit services	1	0
Income Tax	5	1
Other creditors	17	181
Total	32	192

7. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the 2024/25 financial statements was £9K (2023/24: £10K). In addition, fees of £1K (2023/24: included within the total above) were charged for the preparation and submission of the annual Tax Return. The Tax Return fees are included within trading activities costs.

8. Investment income

	Total funds 2024/25 £000	Total funds 2023/24 £000
Interest on cash held in bank account	46	67
Total	46	67

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9. Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2024/25 £000	Total funds 2023/24 £000
Government Banking Service	787	1,038
Cash in hand	1	-
Total	<u>788</u>	<u>1,038</u>

10. Commitments

On 31 March 2025, the Charity had total commitments of £75k which had been approved by the Charitable Funds Committee (2023/24: £140k).

11. Related party transactions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is managed by the Corporate Trustee which is also the Board of Directors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and which is the sole beneficiary of the Charity. During the year, none of the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity.

During 2024/25 no members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board has received any payment from the Charity, including for reimbursement of expenses incurred (2023/24: None).

The Charity made revenue payments to the NHS Foundation Trust relating to governance costs and various other items of expenditure initially incurred by the NHS Foundation Trust and subsequently recharged to the Charity.

During 2024/25 the Charity made reimbursements to the Trust of £1,060k (2023/24: £1,819k).

The balance owed by the Charity to the NHS Foundation Trust on 31 March 2025 was £5k (31 March 2024: £62k).

The Charity is owed by the NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2025 £5k (31 March 2024: £2k).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2025****12. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

Fund Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fund Balances 2024/25	Fund Balances 2023/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designated Funds				
Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund	498	-	498	485
Community and Other Funds	-	15	15	1
Medical Research Fund	-	1	1	-
Staff Amenities Fund	-	7	7	8
Specialist Medicine Fund	-	3	3	4
Outpatients Fund	-	-	-	1
Cardiac Directorate Fund	-	7	7	103
Cancer Services Fund	-	236	236	205
The MRI Scanner and Imaging Equipment Fund	-	45	45	50
Emergency and Critical Care Fund	-	8	8	15
Women and Children's Fund	-	25	25	45
Clinical Support Fund	-	-	-	-
Specialist Surgery Fund	-	5	5	-
Bereavement Fund	-	8	8	22
Total Funds	498	360	858	939

The Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund has general objectives for any charitable purpose relating to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The objectives of all restricted funds are designated in their title.

The governance costs have been apportioned as a percentage of each restricted fund's balance sheet share of the Charity's end of year balance.

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Objectives and Activities

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.

In partnership with Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust), this Charity enhances the provision of first-class patient care for public benefit. It supports the provision of healthcare, free at the point of need and cares for staff, patients, carers, and families by focusing on areas not covered, or fully supported, by central NHS funds. Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at the Trust. Its aim is to help the Trust become world-class in-patient care.

The Charity has the following objectives:

- To ensure that grant making activities are in line with the priorities of the Charity and the Trust.

Monitoring has continued throughout 2023/24 to ensure that grants approved meet the objectives of the Charity through quarterly meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Corporate Trustee meetings which follow.

- To continue to engage with the Fund Advisors, ensuring they are making sound decisions when authorising charitable expenditure and encouraging them to proactively identify opportunities to utilise charitable funds to enhance patient care in their areas.

We continue to review the Fund Advisors to ensure the funds remain the responsibility of the most appropriate individuals and that they continue to make sound decisions concerning the expenditure of those funds.

- To monitor all expenditure from charitable funds is conducted in a timely and efficient manner and that all expenditure aligns with Charity governance and best practice as determined by the Charity Commission.

Throughout 2023/24, all expenditure following a successful funding application was monitored by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, to ensure compliance with Charity governance and best practice.

- To increase unrestricted monies through appeals, grant applications and corporate partnerships.

During this financial year we have secured grants through NHS Charities Together & Rosemere. We have an excellent relationship with Beaverbrooks who match fund anything that their staff raise for Blue Skies.

- To continue to promote Blue Skies Hospitals Fund as the primary fundraising vehicle for the Trust both internally and externally by proactively engaging with patients, staff, and volunteers as well as businesses, groups, schools, members of the community and the local media.

In 2023/24 we relaunched our Ambassador Scheme and now have over 40 Ambassadors that champion the charity daily. We have both internal and external Ambassadors that do everything from promotion on social media, to putting on events on our behalf.

- To actively promote tax effective giving through Gift Aid and Legacy fundraising.
We continue to promote Legacy Fundraising through our magazine and visiting solicitors and have a regular advert on the back of a double decker bus which travels up and down the Fylde Coast. If we receive a donation that we do not have gift aid authorisation for, the follow up thank you letter contains

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a form that the donor can send back, should they be eligible for Gift Aid, this is also promoted through our magazine. We continue to visit Funeral Directors to encourage further In Memory donations through funerals.

- To continue to recruit and support community fundraisers and 'Charity of the Year' to maximise brand awareness and funds raised for the Charity.

We now have several Blue Skies volunteers, supporting our Community Fundraiser, who are able to help out at events, festivals etc.

Plans for the future

In addition to the above, the Charity also aims to:

- Procure the latest medical equipment to diagnose patients rapidly and accurately.
- Improve the environments where patients and visitors are cared for and where staff and volunteers are located.
- Enhance the abilities of medical staff through education and training.

Achievements and Performance

- The Charity exists to enhance the patient care provided by the Trust. In the main, this relates to supplementing core activity with patient benefits and comforts that would not ordinarily be afforded from public funds alone.

During 2023/24 the Charity has been able to purchase the following items:

- **Aquilion Prime SP CT Scanner for the Emergency village**, enabling direct access to a CT scanner will streamline pathways for many patients requiring a time critical diagnosis - £415k;
- **Genexus Purification System for Molecular Pathology**, enabling the department to perform a greater range of tests as part of the Trusts lung cancer testing service - £260k;
- **Remodelling works for Rosemere House**, allowing patients from across the region to have chemotherapy for haematological cancers in the house rather than being on the ward - £136k;
- **2 Flouroskan InSight FD Mini C-Arms for Orthopaedics**, enabling complex traumas cases to receive a timely treatment plan with improved precision and minimalised radiation - £99k;
- **Flexible Endoscopy Scopeguide for the Endoscopy Unit**, enabling enhancement of patient procedures, optimising comfort, ultimately leading to a timelier cancer diagnosis - £42k;
- **MiraQ Cardiac System for Cardiac Theatres**, providing surgeons with intraoperative guidance during CABG surgeries, thus improving patient experience as well as outcomes - £39k; and
- **Paxman Scalp Cooling System for the Haematology and Oncology Day Unit**, to enhance patient support and primarily minimise hair loss during chemotherapy - £18k.

During 2023/24 the Charity also:

- Secured a charity partnership with Barton Grange, who sold our charity Christmas Bells
- Secured a charity partnership with The Sandcastle Waterpark for our Give a Gift Christmas Appeal
- Secured a week for a pop-up Charity Shop in the local area
- Continued its Legacy Campaign with a 'wrapped' double decker bus with legacy information which now travels daily up and down the Fylde Coast, making great mobile marketing; and
- Went live with our first vending machine within the hospital, with more to follow
- Held a NHS 75th Anniversary Ball in Lytham

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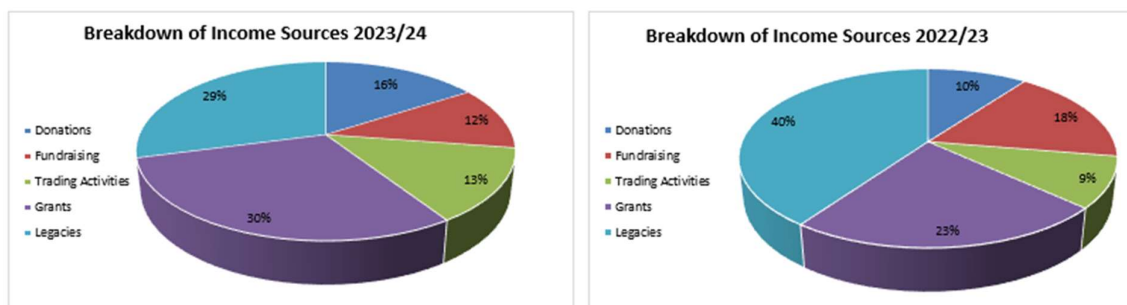
The Charity follows the Code of Fundraising Practice when undertaking fundraising activities, with particular focus being given to how to identify and protect vulnerable donors. The Charity pays a levy to the Fundraising Regulator each year and it is registered with the Fundraising Preference Service.

In 2023/24, the Charity received no formal complaints in relation to fundraising activities. Informal complaints were followed up and resolved with lessons learned being carried forward. Funds are raised by the Charity to support the hospital and our charitable objectives in a variety of ways as follows:

- Activities undertaken within the community;
- By applying for grant funding;
- By engaging with corporate partners;
- Through individual donations and legacy donations; and
- Through the Charity lottery and other activities such our retail shop and trolley service.

Financial Review

The Charity's reporting year runs from 1 April to 31 March. In the reporting year 2023/24, the Charity received donations, legacies, and grants totalling £931k (2022/23: £846k) fundraising and trading activities totalling £308k (2022/23: £201k) and Investment income totalling £67k (2022/23: £30k).



- The total expenditure was £1,895k (2022/23: £775k), with expenditure on charitable activities of £1,449k (2022/23: £419k), expenditure on raising funds of £406k (2022/23: £311k) and expenditure on governance costs of £41k. (2022/23: £45k).
- The net assets of the Charity held on 31 March 2024 were £939k (2022/23: £1,528k).
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reserves Policy

- The Charity receives income mainly from fundraised income and legacies which it is difficult to predict in advance when it will be received. It is therefore essential that the Charity can maintain a sufficient level of reserves to meet its commitments.
- The Reserves Policy states that unrestricted reserves are maintained at a level that enough money is set aside to cover costs if the Charity was to cease trading. The value of unrestricted reserves on 31 March 2024 was £485k (£973k on 31 March 2023) which included forecast cessation costs of £122k.

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- The Charity is fully committed to spending any surplus reserves in a timely and appropriate manner to meet the charitable objectives.
- It should be noted that the Charity's structure includes restricted funds, and this limits the Corporate Trustee's freedom to act to reduce the level of reserves.

Investment Policy

- The Charity identifies monies throughout the financial year that are not immediately required to fund expenditure and uses those monies to invest in short term deposits with Trust Board approved counter parties (for example, banks/building societies). The approved threshold for investments agreed by the Charitable Funds Committee is set at £2m. The level of funds available for investments in 2023/24 was below the agreed threshold therefore no investments were made during the year.

Analysis of Risk

- A general reduction in the level of donations has been identified as a risk, however, the risk is not considered significant as, generally, the Charity only spends up to the level of balances brought forward from previous years plus income received in the current year after allowing for existing commitments, rather than planning developments based upon anticipated income. Irrespective of the limited nature of the risk, the Committee monitors trends in donations at its quarterly meetings, which aims to highlight any potential problem area at an early stage.
- The Risk Register for the Charity was updated and reviewed during the year. The Corporate Trustee will continue to review these risks and ensure that these are adequately mitigated.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities) is registered with the Charity Commission and the funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.
- Management of the Trust's Charity is officially delegated to a committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Committee. The Committee usually meets quarterly and monitors all aspects of the
- Charity's activities. The membership of the Committee is detailed in the "Reference and Administrative Details for 2023/24" section.
- New Charity trustees are appointed and inducted on Charity specific governance requirements by virtue of their membership of the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors.
- In its role as representative of the Corporate Trustee, the Committee has taken into consideration the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- Day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by the Fundraising Department of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the initial point of contact (and Charity Commission correspondent) is the Trust's Head of Financial Services.
- On behalf of Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities), the Charitable Funds Committee:
 - Ensures that income and expenditure levels comply with the terms of the relevant funds and the stated policies of the Trust;

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- Continues to review the charitable funds application process to ensure that all applications have been through the appropriate Trust approval processes and charitable funds are subsequently applied effectively for patient benefit. All applications for funding are scrutinised to ensure all correct procedures have been applied according to Charity policy and that applications are only approved if they meet the objectives of the Charity;
- Monitors and updates where appropriate any policy relating to raising or spending money from Blue Skies Hospitals Fund. The Charitable Funds policy is regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice and Charity Commission guidelines; and
- Monitors the scheme of delegation and follows robust processes to ensure that charitable funds are effectively managed and that funds are allocated with due regard to public benefit and the wishes of our donors.
- The Corporate Trustee continues to meet following quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings for updates on how charitable funds are being spent and that the Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund spending is in accordance with the four spending priorities set out in the Charitable Funds Policy and in accordance with donor wishes.
- The Charity sits beneath the Trust and the Trust is considered the sole related party of the Charity. Any related party transactions between the Foundation Trust and the Charity are disclosed in the financial statements.
- To provide assurance that appropriate standards of management and governance are maintained an independent advisory body has been commissioned to undertake a review. The resultant recommendations will be overseen by the Trust's Audit Committee.
- As at the 31 March 2024, the Charity comprised of 38 individual funds, and these are listed on our summary registration on the Charity Commission website (www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Where there is a balance at the end of the period, these are disclosed in Note 12.
- 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. These funds are held on trust by the Corporate Trustee body.
- The use of our funds is restricted by the Charity's governing document, which established the Charity for purposes to benefit NHS patients. All grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted funds. These funds comprise:

Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

This fund is constituted of gifts received by the Charity, where donors have expressed no preference for its expenditure. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising and the Head of Financial Services up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee makes decisions based on the contents of the paperwork submitted and, if required, will ask the applicant to make a presentation at a committee meeting. The Corporate Trustee agrees areas of focus to enable the Charitable Funds Committee to prioritise funding accordingly.

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Restricted and Designated Funds

These funds usually contain donations when the donor nominates a particular activity, ward, or department of the Trust at the time of their donation. Donations made to restricted funds are binding on the Corporate Trustee, and those made to designated funds are not binding on the Corporate Trustee. The delegated Fund Advisors, who make recommendations on how to spend the money within their area, oversee the funds. Once these recommendations are agreed the funds can be spent at any time. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising and the Head of Financial Services up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

- The Charity is a member of the Association of NHS Charities, whose main objective is to enhance the standing and work of all NHS Charities. Representatives from the Charity can attend training, events and meetings organised by the Association and benefit from the shared experience of the Association's member charities.
- The Charity is also registered as a member with the Fundraising Regulator. Registered organisations help promote best practice, defend the sector, and demonstrate compliance with the law and it also opens up fundraising opportunities.

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Reference and Administrative Details for 2023/24

- The Charity's registered name is 'Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities' and its registered number is 1051570.
- The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.
- The Charity's correspondence address and official correspondent during 2023/24:

Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services)
Home 7,
Blackpool Victoria Hospital,
Whinney Heys Road,
Blackpool,
FY3 8NR
Email address: bfw.h.blueskies@nhs.net

- The Charity's Corporate Trustee is Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was established on 1 December 2007. The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board serve as members of the Charity Corporate Trustee. Members who served during the financial year 2023/24 and to the date of signing this report were as follows:

Steve Fogg (Chairman) until 15.11.2023
James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director) Interim Trust Chair from 16.11.2023
Fergus Singleton (Non-Executive Director & Charitable Funds Chairman from 1.08.2023)
Patricia Armstrong-Child (Chief Executive)
Feroz Patel (Director of Finance) until 11.06.2023
Mark Brearley (Interim Director of Finance) from 16.06.23 to 01.02.24
Calum Pallister (Interim Director of Finance) from 19.02.24 to 14.03.24
Saba Sadiq (Executive Director of Finance) from 15.03.2024
Catherine (Louise) Ludgrove (Director of People and Culture) until 31.10.2023
Katy Coope (Executive Director of People and Culture) from 01.11.2023
Natalie Hudson (Chief Operating Officer) until 05.05.2023
Steven Christian Deputy CEO (Chief Operating Officer/ Director of Strategy & Transformation)
Bridget Lees (Chief Nurse)
Chris Barben (Medical Director)
Shelley Wright (Joint Executive Director of Communications)
Janet Barnsley (Director of Integrated Care)
Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)
Robby Ryan (Non-Executive Director) until 29.02.2024
Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director)
Fiona Poxon, (Non-Executive Director)
Andrew Roach (Non-Executive Director)
Sue McKenna (Non-Executive Director) until 31.03.2024
Mark Beaton (Non-Executive Director) until 14.11.2023
Carl Fitzsimons (Non-Executive Director) until 31.08.2023

- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee during 2023/24 were:

Robby Ryan (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director) until 31.07.2023
Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director) Interim Trust Chair from 16.11.2023
Fergus Singleton (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director) from 01.08.2023

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Feroz Patel (Executive Director of Finance) until 11.06.2023
Mark Brearley (Interim Director of Finance) from 16.06.23 to 01.02.24
Calum Pallister (Interim Director of Finance) from 19.02.24 to 14.03.24
Saba Sadiq (Executive Director of Finance) from 15.03.2024
Janet Barnsley (Director of Integrated Care)
Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)
Mr Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director)

Others currently serving:

Steve Barrow (Deputy Director of Finance)
Jonathan Rutter (Interim Head of Financial Services) until 10.09.2023
Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services from 11.09.2023)
Kila Redfearn (Head of Charity)

- The Charity's External Auditor during 2023/24 was:

Rawcliffe & Co
Unit 1 Barons Court
Graceways
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 5GP

- The Charity's Bankers during 2023/24 were:

Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
36 St Andrew's Square
Edinburgh
EH2 2YB

- The Charity's Solicitor during 2023/24 was:

Hempsons Solicitors
Portland Tower
Portland Street
Manchester
M1 3LF

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Trustee's Responsibilities Statement

The Corporate Trustee (i.e. the Foundation Trust) is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Corporate Trustee 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.

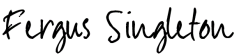
In preparing these financial statements, the Corporate Trustee is required to:

- 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, comprising FRS102, 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 Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate 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.

By Order of the Corporate Trustee

Signed by:

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Date: 06 November 2024

Chairman, Fergus Singleton

Charitable Funds Committee

Signed by:

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Date: 06 November 2024

Finance Director, Tim Bennett

NHS Foundation Trust Board

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund And Related Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we

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identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 10), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including relevant legislation such as the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and

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- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 1 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustee and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

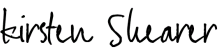
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Kirsten Shearer FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Rawcliffe & Co Limited, Statutory Auditor

Unit 1 Barons Court
Graceways
Whitehills Business Park
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 5GP

Date: 06 November 2024
Rawcliffe & Co Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023/24	Unrestricted Funds 2023/24	Restricted Funds 2022/23	Total Funds 2022/23
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies	2	320	611	931	503	343	846
Fundraising and Trading	2	230	78	308	165	36	201
Investment Income	8	40	27	67	18	12	30
Total incoming resources		590	716	1,306	686	391	1,077
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds	3.1	306	100	406	225	86	311
<i>Charitable activities:</i>							
Purchase of medical equipment		495	412	907	99	127	226
Purchase of non-medical items		112	60	172	73	46	119
Patient welfare		8	21	29	7	17	24
Staff education and welfare		5	12	17	4	-	4
Estate management		128	196	324	13	33	46
Governance costs	3.2	25	16	41	28	17	45
Total expenditure		1,078	817	1,895	449	326	775
Net movement in funds		(488)	(101)	(589)	237	65	302
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 April		973	555	1,528	736	490	1,226
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		485	454	939	973	555	1,528

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

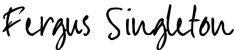
	Note	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
		£000	£000
Current assets:			
Stock	4	25	3
Debtors	5	68	73
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,038	1,616
Total current assets		1,131	1,692
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	192	164
Net current assets		939	1,528
Total net assets		939	1,528
The funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	454	555
Unrestricted income funds	12	485	973
Total Charity funds		939	1,528

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

The Charitable Funds Committee and Corporate Trustee approved the financial statements.

The financial statement were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 06 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:


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Date: 06 November 2024

Mr Fergus Singleton
Non-Executive Director
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24 £000	2022/23 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</i>		
Net income / (expenses) as per the SOFA	(589)	302
<i>Adjusted for:</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	5	(23)
(Increase) / decrease in stock	(22)	(1)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	28	(12)
Net cash generated / (used in) from operating activities	<u>(578)</u>	<u>266</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(578)	266
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,616	1,350
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,038</u>	<u>1,616</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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General Information

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007. The funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.

Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The registered office is given on page 8.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 published in October 2019.

1.2 Going concern

The 2023/24 financial statements for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities have been prepared on a going concern basis. An assessment has been made based on the next 12 months forecasted income and charitable activities and it concluded that the Charity will continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's financial statements.

The Charity seeks to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover foreseeable committed expenditure in the event of reductions in income as per the Reserves Policy.

1.3 Public Benefit

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is considered a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

- entitlement – arises when a particular resource is receivable, or the Charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- certainty – when there is reasonable certainty that the incoming resource will be received; and

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- measurement – when the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (ii) Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources when the executor of the estate has determined that a payment can be made following the agreement of the estate's accounts, or on notification by the executors that payment will be made.
- (iii) General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.
- (iv) Income from Government and other grants is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- (v) None of the incoming resources reported in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown net of expenditure.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Most activities of the Charity are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category.

- (i) Charitable activities

The total resources expended are in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

- (ii) Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income include costs of the Fundraising Department including the full cost of the Head of Fundraising and fundraising office support staff. Other fundraising costs include promoting the Charity, travel expenses, costs incurred during fundraising events and the day to day running expenses.

- (iii) Governance costs

Governance costs include the cost of finance function support £12,500 (2022/23 £12,500) and administration charge for overheads (equivalent to 1% of aggregate balances).

1.6 Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the financial statements as a restricted or designated fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

1.7 Assets

The Charity holds no fixed tangible or intangible assets or fixed asset investments.

Stock is measured at the lower of the cost and net realisable value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2024**

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts (the amount the Charity anticipates it will receive from a debt).

Cash is held in the Charity's bank account.

1.8 Liabilities

The Charity holds no long-term creditors or provisions. Furthermore, it holds no loans (bank or otherwise) and does not have an overdraft.

Trade creditors falling due within one year relate to amounts owed to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or an external supplier. Creditors are recognised based on point of receipt of goods or services.

The Charity does not own any fixed assets, therefore has no capital commitments.

1.9 Investment income

The Charity does not hold any investments. Investment income is derived from interest earned on funds held in the Charity's bank account. Income is accounted for in the period in which it is received and apportioned between funds based on the average of the opening and closing fund balance.

1.10 Pensions

For staff recharged to the Charity via the payroll of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, employee pension contributions are subject to the terms and conditions of the NHS Pension Scheme as operated by the Trust (see the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2023/24 for further details).

1.11 Analysis of support costs and overheads

Support costs and overheads are apportioned between funds on an allocation basis based on the reserve year-end final balance.

1.12 Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no post balance sheet events to report.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The Charity's Non-Primary Purpose Trading exceeds the HMRC Small Trading Exemption in relation to Income Tax and on trading profits are subject to tax.

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023/24	Total funds 2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	79	118	197	117
Fundraising	64	78	142	116
Trading Activities	166	0	166	85
Grants	33	340	373	266
Legacies	208	153	361	463
Total	550	689	1,239	1,047

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

3. Expenditure**3.1 Raising Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023/24	Total funds 2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	121	81	201	179
Other fundraising costs	28	19	47	47
Trading activities costs	157	0	157	85
Total	306	100	406	311

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2024****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.2 Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023/24	Total funds 2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Audit fee	6	3	9	13
Bank Charges	2	2	4	3
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHSFT Service Charges:				
Finance Support	8	5	13	13
Administration Charge	9	6	15	16
Total	25	16	41	45

The support costs including governance costs, are apportioned to each charitable fund by using a yearly average fund balance. Based on this method £10k is apportioned to Raising Funds and £31k to charitable activities.

3.3 Staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any staff (2022/23: nil). Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust employs one Head of Charity, one Community Fundraiser, one Communications Officer, one Legacies and Bids Officer, one Retail and Office Manager, one Office and Retail Administrator and one Internal Community Fundraiser.

In 2023/24, the Charity indirectly employed 6.25 WTE (2022/23: 4.31 WTE).

The cost of staff included in fundraising costs employed by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and charged to the Charity are:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£000	£000
Salaries and Wages	204	161
Social Security Costs	20	16
Employer's Pension contributions	24	20
Total	248	197

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	2023/24	2022/23
	£000	£000
Employer's pension scheme contribution for highest paid staff member	8	7
	2023/24	2022/23
	Number	Number
Number of staff to whom benefits are accruing under the NHS Pension Scheme	7	5
Staff emoluments for the year fell within the following bandings		
Salary bands of £5,000:	2023/24	2022/23
	Number	Number
5 - 10	1	-
10 - 15	1	1
15 - 20	-	1
20 - 25	3	2
25 - 30	2	-
30 - 35	-	1
50 - 55	-	1
55 - 60	1	-

There are no (2022/23: none) employees with emoluments above £60,000.

No members of the body that comprises the Corporate Trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

4. Stock

The Charity holds an inventory of goods purchased for resale in the charity shop of £25k (2022/23: £3k).

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	Total funds 2023/24 £000	Total funds 2022/23 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	68	73
Total	68	73

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2023/24 £000	Total funds 2022/23 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Audit fee	10	13
Income Tax	1	-
Other creditors	182	151
Total	192	164

7. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the 2023/24 financial statements was £10k (2022/23: £13k). Fees relate to the 2023/24 audit and the preparation and submission of annual Tax Return. The annual Tax Return charge is included in trading activities costs.

8. Investment income

	Total funds 2023/24 £000	Total funds 2022/23 £000
Interest on cash held in bank account	67	30
Total	67	30

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2024****9. Cash at bank and in hand**

	Total funds 31 March 2024 £000	Total funds 31 March 2023 £000
Government Banking Service	1,038	1,616
Cash in hand	-	-
Total	<u>1,038</u>	<u>1,616</u>

10. Commitments

On 31 March 2024, the Charity had total commitments of £140k which had been approved by the Charitable Funds Committee (2022/23: £714k).

11. Related party transactions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is managed by the Corporate Trustee which is also the Board of Directors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and which is the sole beneficiary of the Charity. During the year, none of the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity.

During 2023/24 no members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board has received any payment from the Charity, including for reimbursement of expenses incurred (2022/23: None).

The Charity made revenue payments to the NHS Foundation Trust relating to governance costs and various other items of expenditure initially incurred by the NHS Foundation Trust and subsequently recharged to the Charity.

During 2023/24 the Charity made reimbursements to the Trust of £1,819k (2022/23: £726k).

The balance owed by the Charity to the NHS Foundation Trust on 31 March 2024 was £62k (31 March 2023: £141k).

The Charity is owed by the NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2024 £2k (31 March 2023: £0).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2024****12. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

Fund Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fund Balances 2023/24	Fund Balances 2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designated Funds				
Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund	485	-	485	973
Community and Other Funds	-	1	1	-
Medical Research Fund	-	-	-	17
Staff Amenities Fund	-	8	8	11
Specialist Medicine Fund	-	4	4	5
Outpatients Fund	-	1	1	-
Cardiac Directorate Fund	-	103	103	179
Cancer Services Fund	-	205	205	205
The MRI Scanner and Imaging Equipment Fund	-	50	50	18
Emergency and Critical Care Fund	-	15	15	7
Women and Children's Fund	-	45	45	43
Clinical Support Fund	-	-	-	-
Specialist Surgery Fund	-	-	-	43
Bereavement Fund	-	22	22	26
Total Funds	485	454	939	1,528

The Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund has general objectives for any charitable purpose relating to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The objectives of all restricted funds are designated in their title.

The governance costs have been apportioned as a percentage of each restricted fund's balance sheet share of the Charity's end of year balance.

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Objectives and Activities

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.

In partnership with Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust), this Charity enhances the provision of first-class patient care for public benefit. It supports the provision of healthcare, free at the point of need and cares for staff, patients, carers, and families by focusing on areas not covered, or fully supported, by central NHS funds. Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at the Trust. Its aim is to help the Trust become world-class in-patient care.

The Charity has the following objectives:

- To ensure that grant making activities are in line with the priorities of the Charity and the Trust.

Monitoring has continued throughout 2022/23 to ensure that grants approved meet the objectives of the Charity through quarterly meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Corporate Trustee meetings which follow.

- To continue to engage with the Fund Advisors, ensuring they are making sound decisions when authorising charitable expenditure and encouraging them to proactively identify opportunities to utilise charitable funds to enhance patient care in their areas.

We continue to review the Fund Advisors to ensure the funds remain the responsibility of the most appropriate individuals and that they continue to make sound decisions concerning the expenditure of those funds.

- To monitor all expenditure from charitable funds is conducted in a timely and efficient manner and that all expenditure aligns with Charity governance and best practice as determined by the Charity Commission.

Throughout 2022/23, all expenditure following a successful funding application was monitored by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, to ensure compliance with Charity governance and best practice.

- To increase unrestricted monies through appeals, grant applications and corporate partnerships.

During this financial year we have secured grants through NHS Charities Together, HSBC & Rosemere. We had another successful Christmas 'Give a Fiver' appeal and obtained match funding from one of our corporate partners.

- To continue to promote Blue Skies Hospitals Fund as the primary fundraising vehicle for the Trust both internally and externally by proactively engaging with patients, staff, and volunteers as well as businesses, groups, schools, members of the community and the local media.

In 2022/23 we applied for a grant from NHS Charities Together to fund an Internal Community Fundraiser for 12 months with the aim to increase staff engagement. This grant was successful, and the post was filled in June 2023.

- To actively promote tax effective giving through Gift Aid and Legacy fundraising.

We continue to promote Legacy Fundraising through our magazine and visiting solicitors and have a regular advert on the back of a double decker bus which travels up and down the Fylde Coast. If we

receive a donation that we do not have gift aid authorisation for, the follow up thank you letter contains a form that the donor can send back, should they be eligible for Gift Aid, this is also promoted through our magazine. We have also started visiting Funeral Directors to encourage further In Memory donations through funerals.

- To continue to recruit and support community fundraisers, Charity of the Year partnerships and Blue Skies Ambassadors to maximise brand awareness and funds raised for the Charity.

We now have several Blue Skies volunteers, supporting our Community Fundraiser, who are able to help out at events, festivals etc. We were Charity of the Year for a golfing association and have recruited several internal and external ambassadors, who are now spreading the word about the good work we do.

Plans for the future

In addition to the above, the Charity also aims to:

- Procure the latest medical equipment to diagnose patients rapidly and accurately.
- Develop medical research breakthroughs that will benefit future patients.
- Improve the environments where patients and visitors are cared for and where staff and volunteers are located.
- Enhance the abilities of medical staff through education and training.

Achievements and Performance

- The Charity exists to enhance the patient care provided by the Trust. In the main, this relates to supplementing core activity with patient benefits and comforts that would not ordinarily be afforded from public funds alone.

During 2022/23 the Charity has been able to purchase the following items:

- **3 HemoSphere Advanced Monitoring Units for Cardiac Theatres**, to allow continuous cardiac output monitoring and deliver the best possible patient care to our patients - £85,251;
- **Digital skylights for 3 patient rooms and 2 communal areas within the Critical Care Unit**, to enhance and soften the clinical environment accessed by our patients - £33,118;
- **Sensititre - Microbroth Dilution Platform for Microbiology** to improve patient care outcomes and effectively combat antimicrobial resistance - £32,198;
- **5 RITA Systems for Clifton Hospital**, a form of cognitive therapy designed to help calm, stimulate, and reduce anxiety in patients during their stay in hospital - £30,000;
- **Flow Cytometer for Microbiology** to provide more accuracy and less variation in the reading, interpretation and reporting of CSF cell counting during the critical hours of diagnosis - £25,000;
- **7 CADD Pumps for the Haematology unit**, the pumps will enable patients to receive treatment whilst at home therefore reducing the patient's length of stay in hospital - £18,536; and
- **2 RITA Systems for the Cardiac Centre**, interactive systems that provide a range of activities that can help keep patients in bed if necessary, provide stimulation and aid relaxation - £13,200.

During 2022/23 the Charity also:

- Set up new events, including 'Bonkers Bingo', which was so successful it has been made into an event that happens twice a year;
- Held an abseil, climbing down the Maternity Unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital;

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- Secured a new sponsor for the charity for 2 years;
- Continued its Legacy Campaign with a 'wrapped' double decker bus with legacy information which now travels daily up and down the Fylde Coast, making great mobile marketing; and
- Secured Lytham Festival once again, to become charity partner for one of the nights.

The Charity follows the Code of Fundraising Practice when undertaking fundraising activities, with particular focus being given to how to identify and protect vulnerable donors. The Charity pays a levy to the Fundraising Regulator each year and it is registered with the Fundraising Preference Service.

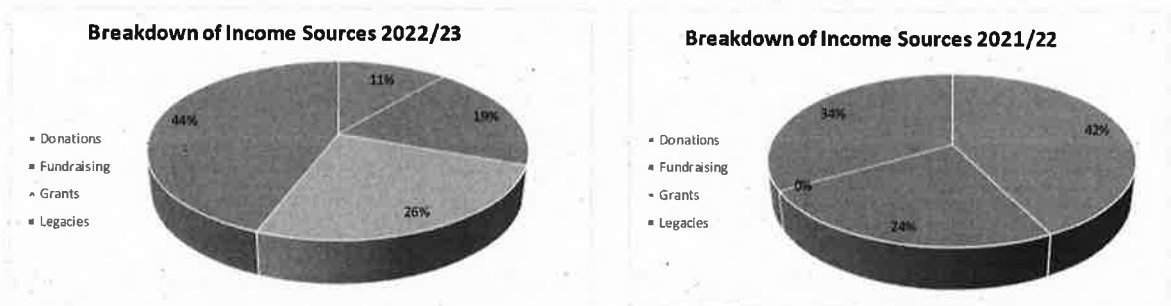
In 2022/23, the Charity received no formal complaints in relation to fundraising activities. Informal complaints were followed up and resolved with lessons learned being carried forward. Funds are raised by the Charity to support the hospital and our charitable objectives in a variety of ways as follows:

- Activities undertaken within the community;
- By applying for grant funding;
- By engaging with corporate partners;
- Through individual donations and legacy donations; and
- Through the Charity lottery and other activities such our retail shop and trolley service.

Financial Review

The Charity's reporting year runs from 1 April to 31 March. In the reporting year 2022/23, the Charity received donations, legacies and grants totalling £1,047k (£480k in 2021/22) and Investment income totalling £30k (£1k in 2021/22). The removal of Covid restrictions has allowed more fundraising events to take place and raising awareness around the Charity's work. The increase in income is mainly due to donations and legacy which has increased by £481k since 2021/22.

- The net assets of the Charity held on 31 March 2023 were £1,528k (2021/22 £1,226k).
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.
- Of the total expenditure of £775k (2021/22 £621k), expenditure on charitable activities was £504k (2021/22 £380k) and expenditure on raising funds was £226k (2021/22 £200k).



Reserves Policy

- The Charity receives income mainly from fundraised income and legacies which it is difficult to predict in advance when it will be received. It is therefore essential that the Charity can maintain a sufficient level of reserves to meet its commitments.
- The Reserves Policy states that free (unrestricted) reserves are maintained at a level that enough money is set aside to cover costs if the Charity was to cease trading. The value of free reserves on 31 March 2023 was £973k (£736k on 31 March 2022) and forecast cessation cost was £121.6k.
- The Charity is fully committed to spending any surplus reserves in a timely and appropriate manner to meet the charitable objectives.
- It should be noted that the Charity's structure includes restricted funds, and this limits the Corporate Trustee's freedom to act to reduce the level of reserves.

Investment Policy

- The Charity identifies monies throughout the financial year that are not immediately required to fund expenditure and uses those monies to invest in short term deposits with Trust Board approved counter parties (for example, banks/building societies). The approved threshold for investments agreed by the Charitable Funds Committee is set at £2m. The level of funds available for investments in 2022/23 was below the agreed threshold therefore no investments were made during the year.

Analysis of Risk

- A general reduction in the level of donations has been identified as a risk, however, the risk is not considered significant as, generally, the Charity only spends up to the level of balances brought forward from previous years plus income received in the current year after allowing for existing commitments, rather than planning developments based upon anticipated income. Irrespective of the limited nature of the risk, the Committee monitors trends in donations at its quarterly meetings, which aims to highlight any potential problem area at an early stage.
- The Risk Register for the Charity was updated and reviewed during the year. The Corporate Trustee will continue to review these risks and ensure that these are adequately mitigated.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities) is registered with the Charity Commission and the funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.
- Management of the Trust's Charity is officially delegated to a committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Committee. The Committee usually meets quarterly and monitors all aspects of the Charity's activities. The membership of the Committee is detailed in the "Reference and Administrative Details for 2022/23" section.
- New Charity trustees are appointed and inducted on Charity specific governance requirements by virtue of their membership of the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors.

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- In its role as representative of the Corporate Trustee, the Committee has taken into consideration the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- Day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by the Fundraising Department of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the initial point of contact (and Charity Commission correspondent) is the Trust's Head of Financial Services.
- On behalf of Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities), the Charitable Funds Committee:
 - Ensures that income and expenditure levels comply with the terms of the relevant funds and the stated policies of the Trust;
 - Continues to review the charitable funds application process to ensure that all applications have been through the appropriate Trust approval processes and charitable funds are subsequently applied effectively for patient benefit. All applications for funding are scrutinised to ensure all correct procedures have been applied according to Charity policy and that applications are only approved if they meet the objectives of the Charity;
 - Monitors and updates where appropriate any policy relating to raising or spending money from Blue Skies Hospitals Fund. The Charitable Funds policy is regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice and Charity Commission guidelines; and
 - Monitors the scheme of delegation and follows robust processes to ensure that charitable funds are effectively managed and that funds are allocated with due regard to public benefit and the wishes of our donors.
- The Corporate Trustee continues to meet following quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings for updates on how charitable funds are being spent and that the Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund spending is in accordance with the four spending priorities set out in the Charitable Funds Policy and in accordance with donor wishes.
- The Charity sits beneath the Trust and the Trust is considered the sole related party of the Charity. Any related party transactions between the Foundation Trust and the Charity are disclosed in the financial statements.
- To provide assurance that appropriate standards of management and governance are maintained an independent advisory body has been commissioned to undertake a review. The resultant recommendations will be overseen by the Trust's Audit Committee.
- As at the 31 March 2023, the Charity comprised of 37 individual funds and these are listed on our summary registration on the Charity Commission website (www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Where there is a balance at the end of the period, these are disclosed in Note 12.
- 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. These funds are held on trust by the Corporate Trustee body.
- The use of our funds is restricted by the Charity's governing document, which established the Charity for purposes to benefit NHS patients. All grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted funds. These funds comprise:

Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

This fund is constituted of gifts received by the Charity, where donors have expressed no particular preference for its expenditure. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee makes decisions based on the contents of the paperwork submitted and, if required, will ask the applicant to make a presentation at a committee meeting. The Corporate Trustee agrees areas of focus to enable the Charitable Funds Committee to prioritise funding accordingly.

Restricted and Designated Funds

These funds usually contain donations when the donor nominates a particular activity, ward, or department of the Trust at the time of their donation. Donations made to restricted funds are binding on the Corporate Trustee, and those made to designated funds are not binding on the Corporate Trustee. The delegated Fund Advisors, who make recommendations on how to spend the money within their area, oversee the funds. Once these recommendations are agreed the funds can be spent at any time. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising up to £1,000, Executive Director of Finance between £1,000 and £5,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £5,000.

- The Charity is a member of the Association of NHS Charities, whose main objective is to enhance the standing and work of all NHS Charities. Representatives from the Charity can attend training, events and meetings organised by the Association and benefit from the shared experience of the Association's member charities.
- The Charity is also registered as a member with the Fundraising Regulator. Registered organisations help promote best practice, defend the sector, and demonstrate compliance with the law and it also opens up fundraising opportunities.

Reference and Administrative Details for 2022/23

- The Charity's registered name is 'Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities' and its registered number is 1051570.
- The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007.
- The Charity's correspondence address and official correspondent during 2022/23:

Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services) until 31 October 2022
Mr Jonathan Rutter (Interim Head of Financial Services) from 1 November 2022
Home 7,
Blackpool Victoria Hospital,
Whinney Heys Road,
Blackpool,
FY3 8NR
Email address: bfw.h.blueskies@nhs.net

- The Charity's Corporate Trustee is Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was established on 1 December 2007. The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board serve as members of the Charity Corporate Trustee. Members who served during the financial year 2022/23 and to the date of signing this report were as follows:

Mr Steve Fogg (Chairman)
Mrs Patricia Armstrong-Child (Chief Executive)
Mr Steven Christian (Deputy Chief Executive) from 7 June 2022
Mr Feroz Patel (Director of Finance)
Mrs Shelley Wright (Joint Executive Director of Communications)
Mrs Catherine (Louise) Ludgrove (Executive Director of People and Culture)
Mrs Natalie Hudson (Chief Operating Officer)
Mrs Janet Barnsley (Director of Integrated Care and Performance)
Mrs Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)
Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing) until 14 March 2023
Mr Mark Cullinan (Non-Executive Director & Chairman of Charitable Funds) until 30 June 2022
Mr Robby Ryan (Non-Executive Director & Charitable Funds Chairman) from 1 July 2022
Dr Jim Gardner (Medical Director) until 31 May 2022
Dr Chris Barben (Medical Director) from 16 May 2022
Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director)

- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee during 2022/23 were:

Mr Mark Cullinan (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director) until 30 June 2022

Mr Robby Ryan (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director) from 1 July 2022 to 31 July 2023

Mr Fergus Singleton (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director) from 1 August 2023

Mr Feroz Patel (Executive Director of Finance)

Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services)

Served to 31 October 2022

Mr Jonathan Rutter (Interim Head of Financial Services)
Served from 1 November 2022

Others currently serving:

Feroz Patel (Director of Finance)
Mr Steve Barrow (Deputy Director of Finance)
Mrs Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)
Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing) until 14 March 2023
Mr Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director)
Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director)
Mrs Kila Redfearn (Head of Charity)

- The Charity's External Auditor during 2022/23 was:

Deloitte LLP
One Trinity Gardens
Broad Chare
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 2HF

- The Charity's Bankers during 2022/23 were:

Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
36 St Andrew's Square
Edinburgh
EH2 2YB

- The Charity's Solicitor during 2022/23 was:

Hempsons Solicitors
Portland Tower
Portland Street
Manchester
M1 3LF

Trustee's Responsibilities Statement

The Corporate Trustee (i.e. the Foundation Trust) is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Corporate Trustee 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 Corporate 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, comprising FRS102, 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 Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate 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.

By Order of the Corporate Trustee



Date 23/11/2023

Chairman, Fergus Singleton

Charitable Funds Committee



Date: 23/11/23

Chairman, Robert Ryan

Charitable Funds Committee



Date: 23/11/23

Executive Director of Finance,

NHS Foundation Trust Board

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities

Report on the audit of the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (the 'Charity'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial activities;
- the balance sheet;
- the cash flow statement;
- the statement of accounting policies; and
- the related notes 1 to 12.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the [group and of the parent] charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in

the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

We considered the nature of the Charity's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, being the UK Charities Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Commission) regulations.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following area, and our procedures performed to address it are described below:

- We pinpointed the risk of fraud through material misstatement to the risk of completeness of legacy income, particularly legacies notified but not yet received. In addressing this risk, we performed detailed testing of legacy income through testing a sample of items selected from post year end legacy income and tracing it through to the official receipts or other source documentation to determine the correct period of recognition.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicola Wright

Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom
13 December 2023

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

Statement of Financial Activities**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**Statement of Financial
Activities for the year ended
31st March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022/23	Unrestricted funds 2021/22	Restricted funds 2021/22	Total funds 2021/22
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	503	343	846	199	166	365
Fundraising	2	165	36	201	80	35	115
Investment income	8	18	12	30	-	1	1
Total incoming resources		686	391	1,077	279	202	481
Expenditure on:							
Fundraising	3.1	140	86	226	119	81	200
<i>Charitable activities:</i>							
Purchase of medical equipment		99	127	226	66	83	149
Purchase of non medical items		158	46	204	121	67	188
Patient welfare		7	17	24	1	6	7
Staff education and welfare		4	-	4	16	20	36
Estate management		13	33	46	-	-	-
Governance costs	3.2	28	17	45	24	17	41
Total expenditure		449	326	775	347	274	621
Net movement in funds		237	65	302	(68)	(72)	(140)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 April		736	490	1,226	804	562	1,366
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		973	555	1,528	736	490	1,226

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
		£000	£000
Current assets:			
Stock	4	3	2
Debtors	5	73	50
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,616	1,350
Total current assets		1,692	1,402
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	164	176
Net current assets		1,528	1,226
Total net assets		1,528	1,226
The funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	555	490
Unrestricted income funds	12	973	736
Total Charity funds		1,528	1,226

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The Charitable Funds Committee and Corporate Trustee approved the financial statements.

The financial statement were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 01 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Date: 23/11/23

Mr Robert Ryan
Non-Executive Director
Previous Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee



Date: 23/11/2023

Mr Fergus Singleton
Non-Executive Director
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</i>		
Net income / (expenses) as per the SOFA	302	(140)
<i>Adjusted for:</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(23)	(50)
(Increase) / decrease in stock	(1)	(2)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(12)	115
Net cash generated / (used in) from operating activities	<u>266</u>	<u>(77)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	266	(77)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,350	1,427
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,616</u>	<u>1,350</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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General Information

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, in 2007. The funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.

Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The registered office is given on page 8.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 published in October 2019.

1.2 Going concern

The 2022/23 financial statements for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities have been prepared on a going concern basis. An assessment has been made based on the next 12 months forecasted income and charitable activities and it concluded that the Charity will continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's financial statements.

The Charity is dependent on discretionary income, therefore does not forecast cash flows but instead undertakes regular reviews of income and expenditure to manage cash balances and ensure the Charity continues as a going concern.

The Charity seeks to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover foreseeable committed expenditure in the event of reductions in income as per the Reserves Policy.

1.3 Public Benefit

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is considered a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

- entitlement – arises when a particular resource is receivable, or the Charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- certainty – when there is reasonable certainty that the incoming resource will be received; and

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- measurement – when the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (ii) Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources when the executor of the estate has determined that a payment can be made following the agreement of the estate's accounts, or on notification by the executors that payment will be made.
- (iii) General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.
- (iv) Income from Government and other grants is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- (v) None of the incoming resources reported in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown net of expenditure.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Most activities of the Charity are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category.

(i) Charitable activities

The total resources expended are in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

(ii) Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income include costs of the Fundraising Department including the full cost of the Head of Fundraising and fundraising office support staff. Other fundraising costs include promoting the Charity, travel expenses, costs incurred during fundraising events and the day to day running expenses.

(iii) Governance costs

Governance costs include the cost of finance function support £12,500 (2021/22 £12,500) and administration charge for overheads (equivalent to 1% of aggregate balances).

1.6 Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the financial statements as a restricted or designated fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

1.7 Assets

The Charity holds no fixed tangible or intangible assets or fixed asset investments.

Stock is measured at the lower of the cost and net realisable value.

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Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts (the amount the Charity anticipates it will receive from a debt).

Cash is held in the Charity's bank account.

1.8 Liabilities

The Charity holds no long-term creditors or provisions. Furthermore, it holds no loans (bank or otherwise) and does not have an overdraft.

Trade creditors falling due within one year relate to amounts owed to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or an external supplier. Creditors are recognised based on point of receipt of goods or services.

The Charity does not own any fixed assets, therefore has no capital commitments.

1.9 Investment income

The Charity does not hold any investments. Investment income is derived from interest earned on funds held in the Charity's bank account. Income is accounted for in the period in which it is received and apportioned between funds based on the average of the opening and closing fund balance.

1.10 Pensions

For staff recharged to the Charity via the payroll of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, employee pension contributions are subject to the terms and conditions of the NHS Pension Scheme as operated by the Trust (see the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2022/23 for further details).

1.11 Analysis of support costs and overheads

All support costs and overheads are included in miscellaneous costs (see note 3). Support costs and overheads are apportioned between funds on an allocation basis based on the reserve year-end final balance.

1.12 Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no post balance sheet events to report.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****2. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022/23	Total funds 2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	31	86	117	204
Fundraising	165	36	201	115
Grants	162	104	266	-
Legacies	310	153	463	161
Total	668	379	1,047	480

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

3. Expenditure**3.1 Fundraising**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022/23	Total funds 2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	111	68	179	151
Other fundraising costs	29	18	47	49
Total	140	86	226	200

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.2 Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022/23	Total funds 2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Audit fee	8	5	13	12
Bank charges	2	1	3	3
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHSFT Service Charges:				
Finance Support	8	5	13	12
Administration Charge	10	6	16	14
Total	28	17	45	41

The support costs including governance costs, are apportioned to each charitable fund by using a yearly average fund balance. Based on this method £18k is apportioned to fundraising costs and £26k to charitable activities.

3.3 Staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any staff (2021/22: nil). Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust employs one Head of Charity, one Community Fundraiser, one Communications Officer, one Legacies and Bids Officer, one Retail and Office Manager and one Apprentice Administrator.

In 2022/23, the Charity indirectly employed 4.31 WTE (2021/22 3.78 WTE).

The cost of staff included in fundraising costs employed by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and charged to the Charity are:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Salaries and Wages	161	123
Social Security Costs	16	12
Employer's Pension contributions	20	16
Total	197	151

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.3 Staff costs (continued)**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£000	£000
Employer's pension scheme contribution for highest paid staff member	7	7

	2022/23	2021/22
	Number	Number
Number of staff to whom benefits are accruing under the NHS Pension Scheme	5	4

Staff emoluments for the year fell within the following bandings

Salary bands of £5,000:	2022/23	2021/22
	Number	Number
10 - 15	1	1
15 - 20	1	1
20 - 25	2	1
25 - 30	-	1
30 - 35	1	-
45 - 50	-	1
50 - 55	1	-

There are no (2021/22: none) employees with emoluments above £60,000.

No members of the body that comprises the Corporate Trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

4. Stock

The Charity holds an inventory of goods purchased for resale in the charity shop of £3k (2021/22: £2k).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****5. Debtors**

	Total funds 2022/23 £000	Total funds 2021/22 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	73	50
Total	73	50

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2022/23 £000	Total funds 2021/22 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Audit fee	13	12
Other creditors	151	164
Total	164	176

7. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the 2022/23 financial statements was £12,600 (2021/22: £12,000). All fees related solely to the audit, with no other additional work undertaken in relation to the Charity. Amounts stated are inclusive of VAT.

8. Investment income

	Total funds 2022/23 £000	Total funds 2021/22 £000
Interest on cash held in bank account	30	1

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****9. Cash at bank and in hand**

	Total funds 31 March 2023 £000	Total funds 31 March 2022 £000
Government Banking Service	1,616	1,350
Cash in hand	-	-
Total	1,616	1,350

10. Commitments

On 31 March 2023, the Charity had total commitments of £714,391 which had been approved by the Charitable Funds Committee (2021/22: £149,340).

11. Related party transactions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is managed by the Corporate Trustee which is also the Board of Directors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and which is the sole beneficiary of the Charity. During the year, none of the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity.

During 2022/23 no members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board has received any payment from the Charity, including for reimbursement of expenses incurred (2021/22: None).

The Charity made revenue payments to the NHS Foundation Trust relating to governance costs and various other items of expenditure initially incurred by the NHS Foundation Trust and subsequently recharged to the Charity.

During 2022/23 the Charity made reimbursements to the Trust of £726,006 (2021/22 £484,992).

The balance owed by the Charity to the NHS Foundation Trust on 31 March 2023 was £140,988 (31 March 2022: £112,136).

The Charity is owed by the NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2023 £0 (31 March 2022: £0).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2023****12. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

Fund Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fund Balances 2022/23	Fund Balances 2021/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designated Funds				
Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund	973	-	973	736
Community and Other Funds	-	-	-	1
Medical Research Fund	-	17	17	19
Staff Amenities Fund	-	11	11	5
Specialist Medicine Fund	-	5	5	6
Cardiac Directorate Fund	-	179	179	145
Cancer Services Fund	-	205	205	156
The MRI Scanner and Imaging Equipment Fund	-	18	18	21
Emergency and Critical Care Fund	-	7	7	31
Women and Children's Fund	-	44	43	41
Clinical Support Fund	-	-	-	2
Specialist Surgery Fund	-	43	43	50
Bereavement Fund	-	26	26	13
Total Funds	973	555	1,528	1,226

The Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund has general objectives for any charitable purpose relating to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The objectives of all restricted funds are designated in their title.

The governance costs have been apportioned as a percentage of each restricted fund's balance sheet share of the Charity's end of year balance.

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Objectives and Activities

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007.

In partnership with Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust), this Charity enhances the provision of first-class patient care for public benefit. It supports the provision of healthcare, free at the point of need and cares for staff, patients, carers and families by focusing on areas not covered, or fully supported, by central NHS funds. Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at the Trust. Its aim is to help the Trust become world class in patient care.

The Charity has the following objectives:

- To ensure that grant making activities are in line with the priorities of the Charity and the Trust.

Monitoring has continued throughout 2021/22 to ensure that grants approved meet the objectives of the Charity through quarterly meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Corporate Trustee meetings which follow.

- To continue to engage with the Fund Advisors, ensuring they are making sound decisions when authorising charitable expenditure and encouraging them to proactively identify opportunities to utilise charitable funds to enhance patient care in their areas.

We continue to review the Fund Advisors to ensure the funds remain the responsibility of the most appropriate individuals and that they continue to make sound decisions concerning the expenditure of those funds.

- To monitor all expenditure from charitable funds is conducted in a timely and efficient manner and that all expenditure aligns with Charity governance and best practice as determined by the Charity Commission.

Throughout 2021/22, all expenditure following a successful funding application was monitored by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, to ensure compliance with Charity governance and best practice.

- To increase unrestricted monies through appeals, grant applications and corporate partnerships.

During this financial year we have again secured grants through NHS Charities Together. We had another successful Christmas 'Give a Fiver' appeal and obtained match funding from one of our corporate partners.

- To continue to promote Blue Skies Hospitals Fund as the primary fundraising vehicle for the Trust both internally and externally by proactively engaging with patients, staff and volunteers as well as businesses, groups, schools, members of the community and the local media.

Once children were allowed back into school, we reintroduced our Young Fundraiser Scheme to enable children to start working through our Tiny Fundraiser, Junior Fundraiser and Teen Raiser certificates. We have engaged and presented to the BBLG (Blackpool Business Leadership Group) as well as local networking groups throughout the Fylde Coast. We continued to support staff throughout the pandemic.

- To actively promote tax effective giving through Gift Aid and Legacy fundraising.

We continue to promote Legacy Fundraising and have a regular advert in a free magazine, given out to all local supermarkets up and down the Fylde Coast, as well as promoting this through our magazine. If we receive a donation that we do not have gift aid authorisation for, the follow up thank you letter contains a form that the donor can send back, should they be eligible for Gift Aid, this is also promoted through our magazine.

- To continue to recruit and support community fundraisers, Charity of the Year partnerships and Blue Skies Ambassadors to maximise brand awareness and funds raised for the Charity.

We now have a number of Blue Skies volunteers, supporting our Community Fundraiser, who are able to help out at events, festivals etc. We were charity of the year for two different golfing associations and are looking at a few ambassadors to come on board with us in 2022/23.

Plans for the future

In addition to the above, the Charity also aims to:

- Procure the latest medical equipment to diagnose patients rapidly and accurately.
- Develop medical research breakthroughs that will benefit future patients.
- Improve the environments where patients and visitors are cared for and where staff and volunteers are located.
- Enhance the abilities of medical staff through education and training.

Achievements and Performance

- The Charity exists to enhance the patient care provided by the Trust. In the main, this relates to supplementing core activity with patient benefits and comforts that would not ordinarily be afforded from public funds alone.

During 2021/22 the Charity has been able to purchase the following items:

- **Patient Recliner Chairs for the Oncology Day Unit** to allow the patients to sit comfortably when receiving treatment - £11,251.
- **RITA Systems for Scheduled Care**, these are interactive systems provide a range of activities that can help to keep the patients in bed if necessary, provide stimulation and also help with relaxation - £49,999.
- **16 Recliner Chairs for the Care of the Elderly Wards (23, 24, 25, 26)** to encourage the patients of the Care of the Elderly Wards to get up and out of bed - £16,804.
- **Interactive, Audio Sensory Machines for the Children's Ward**, for children with special educational needs and distraction therapy on the ward and clinic - £14,988.
- **Murals for the Side Rooms in the Haematology Ward** to provide a better environment for the patients on the ward, some of whom spend a long period of time there - £12,000.
- **34 Custom Printed White Information Boards for Various Wards** to improve the appearance of the wards whilst providing information to patients and staff - £21,612.
- **1,000 About Me Boards for Patient Bedsides** to share important information about the patients to the staff - £29,100.

Covid 19 impacts on future plans

Within the financial year 2021/22 our ability to operate fundraising activity was affected again, however, we did turn to some virtual events which were relatively successful. We did manage to run our annual Elf Run in late November 2021.

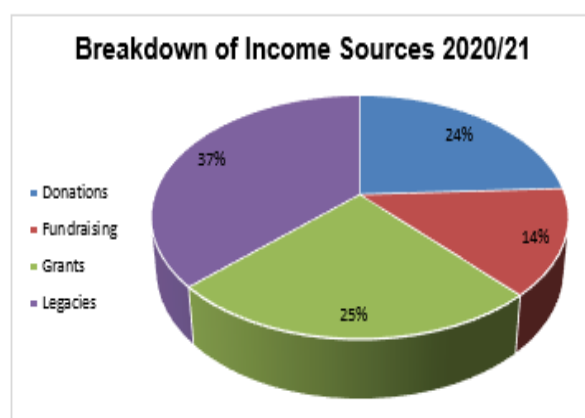
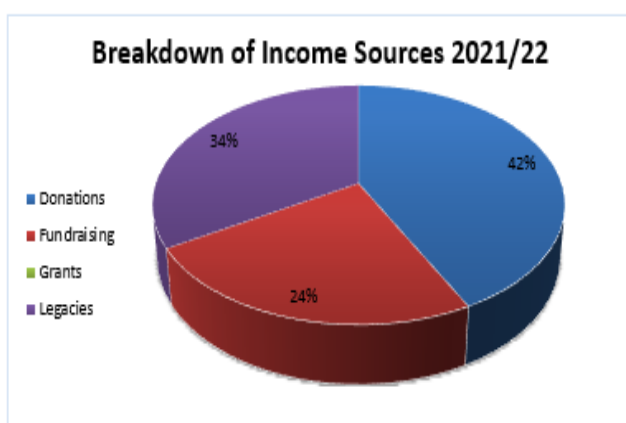
In 2022/23 we will continue do a combination of actual and virtual events, as this seems to suit donors (offering them a choice).

During 2021/22 the Charity also:

- Set up a Blue Skies football team, that has a biannual tournament but has also played against other local charities.
- Continued its Legacy Campaign and 'wrapped' a double decker bus with legacy information which now travels daily up and down the Fylde Coast, making great mobile marketing.
- Got involved in a spectacular weekend of events including a royal variety style show and a celebrity charity dinner in aid of our late patron Bobby Ball.

Financial Review

- The Charity's reporting year runs from 1 April to 31 March. In the reporting year 2021/22, the Charity received donations, legacies and grants totalling £480k (£753k in 2020/21). The proportion of people who donated to NHS and public health charities fell within this year.
- The net assets of the Charity held on 31 March 2022 were £1,226k (2020/21 £1,366k).
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.
- Of the total expenditure of £621k (2020/21 £1,025k), expenditure on charitable activities was £380k (2020/21 £773k) and expenditure on raising funds was £200k (2020/21 £210k).



Reserves Policy

- The Charity receives income mainly from fundraised income and legacies which it is difficult to predict in advance when it will be received. It is therefore essential that the Charity can maintain a sufficient level of reserves to meet its commitments.
- The Reserves Policy states that free (unrestricted) reserves are maintained at a level that enough money is set aside to cover costs if the Charity was to cease trading. The value of free reserves on 31 March 2022 was £736k (£804k on 31 March 2021) and forecast cessation cost was £119.8k.
- The Charity is fully committed to spending any surplus reserves in a timely and appropriate manner to meet the charitable objectives.
- It should be noted that the Charity's structure includes restricted funds, and this limits the Corporate Trustee's freedom to act to reduce the level of reserves.

Investment Policy

- There has been no change to the investment policy during the financial year. The Charity identifies monies throughout the financial year that are not immediately required to fund expenditure and uses those monies to invest in short term deposits with Trust Board approved counter parties (for example, banks/building societies). However, no investment was made during the year due to the low rate of return in the market.

Analysis of Risk

- The Charity only spends up to the level of balances brought forward from previous years plus income received in the current year after allowing for existing commitments, rather than planning developments based upon anticipated income. Irrespective of the limited nature of the risk, the Committee monitors trends in donations at its quarterly meetings, which aims to highlight any potential problem area at an early stage.
- The Risk Register for the Charity was updated and reviewed during the year. The Charitable Funds Committee undertook a review of the major risks to which both the Charity and Fundraising Department were exposed during 2021/22. The Corporate Trustee will continue to review these risks and ensure that these are adequately mitigated.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities) is registered with the Charity Commission and the funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.
- Management of the Trust's Charity is officially delegated to a committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Committee. The Committee usually meets quarterly and monitors all aspects of the Charity's activities. The membership of the Committee is detailed in the "Reference and Administrative Details for 2021/22" section.
- New Charity trustees are appointed and inducted on Charity specific governance requirements by virtue of their membership of the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors.

- In its role as representative of the Corporate Trustee, the Committee has taken into consideration the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- Day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by the Fundraising Department of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the initial point of contact (and Charity Commission correspondent) is the Trust's Head of Financial Services.
- On behalf of Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities), the Charitable Funds Committee:
 - Ensures that income and expenditure levels comply with the terms of the relevant funds and the stated policies of the Trust.
 - Continues to review the charitable funds application process to ensure that all applications have been through the appropriate Trust approval processes and charitable funds are subsequently applied effectively for patient benefit. All applications for funding are scrutinised to ensure all correct procedures have been applied accordingly to Charity policy and that applications are only approved if they meet the objectives of the Charity.
 - Monitors and updates where appropriate any policy relating to raising or spending money from Blue Skies Hospitals Fund. The Charitable Funds policy is regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice and Charity Commission guidelines.
 - Monitors the scheme of delegation and follows robust processes to ensure that charitable funds are effectively managed and that funds are allocated with due regard to public benefit and the wishes of our donors.
- The Corporate Trustee continues to meet following quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings for updates on how charitable funds are being spent and that the Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund spending is in accordance with the four spending priorities set out in the Charitable Funds Policy and in accordance with donor wishes.
- The Charity sits beneath the Trust and the Trust is considered the sole related party of the Charity. Any related party transactions between the Foundation Trust and the Charity are disclosed in the financial statements.
- To provide assurance that appropriate standards of management and governance are maintained an independent advisory body has been commissioned to undertake a review. The resultant recommendations will be overseen by the Trust's Audit Committee.
- As at the 31 March 2022, the Charity comprised of 37 individual funds and these are listed on our summary registration on the Charity Commission website (www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Where there is a balance at the end of the period, these are disclosed in Note 12.
- 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. These funds are held on trust by the Corporate Trustee body.
- The use of our funds is restricted by the Charity's governing document, which established the Charity for purposes to benefit NHS patients. All grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted funds. These funds comprise:

Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

This fund is constituted of gifts received by the Charity, where donors have expressed no particular preference for its expenditure. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising up to £10,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £10,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee makes decisions based on the contents of the paperwork submitted and, if required, will ask the applicant to make a presentation at a Committee meeting. The Corporate Trustee agrees areas of focus to enable the Charitable Funds Committee to prioritise funding accordingly.

Restricted and Designated Funds

These funds usually contain donations when the donor nominates a particular activity, ward or department of the Trust at the time of their donation. Donations made to restricted funds are binding on the Corporate Trustee, and those made to designated funds are not binding on the Corporate Trustee. The delegated Fund Advisors, who make recommendations on how to spend the money within their area, oversee the funds. Once these recommendations are agreed the funds can be spent at any time. Applications are received by the Charitable Funds Committee for approval of expenditure of more than £10,000.

- The Corporate Trustee has implemented a formal scheme of delegation, whereby Fund Advisors (senior managers or clinicians who oversee the day-to-day management of the fund) are authorised to approve expenditure up to £10,000 from restricted funds. Expenditure over £10,000 is approved by the Charitable Funds Committee and all applications for funding of more than £50,000 are approved by the Corporate Trustee.
- The Charity is a member of the Association of NHS Charities, whose main objective is to enhance the standing and work of all NHS Charities. Representatives from the Charity can attend training, events and meetings organised by the Association and benefit from the shared experience of the Association's member charities.
- The Charity is also registered as a member with the Fundraising Regulator. Registered organisations help promote best practice, defend the sector and demonstrate compliance with the law and it also opens up fundraising opportunities.

Reference and Administrative Details for 2021/22

- The Charity's registered name is 'Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities' and its registered number is 1051570.
- The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007.
- The Charity's correspondence address and official correspondent during 2021/22:

Mr Paul Cunday (Associate Director of Finance – Operational Finance) until 30 November 2021
Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services) from 1 December 2021
Home 7,
Blackpool Victoria Hospital,
Whinney Heys Road,
Blackpool,
FY3 8NR
Email address: bfw.h.blueskies@nhs.net

- The Charity's Corporate Trustee is Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was established on 1 December 2007. The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board serve as members of the Charity Corporate Trustee. Members who served during the financial year 2021/22 and to the date of signing this report were as follows:

Mr Steve Fogg (Chairman)
Mr Kevin McGee (Chief Executive) until 13 September 2021
Mrs Patricia Armstrong-Child (Chief Executive) from 20 September 2021
Prof. Nicki Latham (Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Strategic Partnerships) until 20 December 2021
Mr Feroz Patel (Director of Finance)
Mrs Shelley Wright (Joint Executive Director of Communications)
Mrs Catherine (Louise) Ludgrove (Executive Director of People and Culture) from 7 February 2022
Mrs Natalie Hudson (Chief Operating Officer)
Mrs Janet Barnsley (Director of Integrated Care and Performance)
Mrs Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance) from 14 March 2022
Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing)
Mr Kevin Moynes (Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development) until 31 January 2022
Mr Mark Cullinan (Non-Executive Director & Chairman of Charitable Funds)
Dr Sheena Bedi (Non-Executive Director) until 31 August 2021
Mr Keith Case (Non-Executive Director) until 31 January 2022
Dr Jim Gardner (Non-Executive Director)
Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director)

- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee during 2021/22 were:

Mr Mark Cullinan (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director)
Served from 1 February 2022

Mr Feroz Patel (Executive Director of Finance)
Served from 1 December 2020

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Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Served from 1 December 2021

Mr Paul Cunday (Associate Director of Finance – Operational Finance)

Served to 30 November 2021

Others currently Serving

Feroz Patel (Director of Finance)

Mr Steve Barrow (Deputy Director of Finance)

Mrs Esther Steel (Director of Corporate Governance)

Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing)

Mr Robert Ryan (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Adrian Carridice-Davids (Non-Executive Director) from 4 October 2021

Miss Fiona Eccleston (Non-Executive Director) from 4 October 2021

Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Robert Ryan (Non-Executive Director)

Mrs Kila Redfearn (Head of Fundraising, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Mrs Laura Hunter-Cross (Head of Financial Services)

Dr Ranjit Moore (Governor, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

- The Charity's External Auditor during 2021/22 was:

Deloitte LLP

One Trinity Gardens

Broad Chare

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 2HF

- The Charity's Bankers during 2021/22 were:

Royal Bank of Scotland PLC

36 St Andrew's Square

Edinburgh

EH2 2YB

- The Charity's Solicitor during 2021/22 was:

Hempsons Solicitors

Portland Tower

Portland Street

Manchester

M1 3LF

Trustee's Responsibilities Statement

The Corporate Trustee (i.e. Trust) is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Corporate Trustee 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 Corporate 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, comprising FRS102, 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 Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate 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.

By Order of the Corporate Trustee



Date: 05 December 2022

Chairman, Robert Ryan

Charitable Funds Committee



Date: 05 December 2022

Executive Director of Finance, Feroz Patel

NHS Foundation Trust Board

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities

Report on the audit of the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (the 'Charity'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs on 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial activities;
- the balance sheet;
- the cash flow statement;
- the statement of accounting policies; and
- the related notes 1 to 12.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

We considered the nature of the Charity's industry and its control environment and reviewed the Charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, being the UK Charities Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Commission) regulations.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following area, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

- We pinpointed the risk of fraud through material misstatement to the risk of completeness of legacy income, particularly legacies notified but not yet received. In addressing this risk, we performed detailed testing of legacy income through testing a sample of items selected from post year end legacy income

and tracing it through to the official receipts or other source documentation to determine the correct period of recognition.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, internal audit and in-house / external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with Charity Commission.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

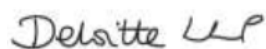
Under the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom
08 November 2022

Deloitte LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor for the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as audit of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities**Year ended 31 March 2022**Statement of Financial
Activities for the year ended
31st March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021/22	Unrestricted funds 2020/21	Restricted funds 2020/21	Total funds 2020/21
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	279	201	480	594	159	753
Investment income	8	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		279	202	481	594	159	753
Expenditure on:							
Fundraising	3.1	119	81	200	110	100	210
<i>Charitable activities:</i>							
Purchase of medical equipment		66	83	149	95	118	213
Purchase of non medical items		121	67	188	208	44	252
Patient welfare		1	6	7	9	18	27
Staff education and welfare		16	20	36	1	23	24
Estate management		-	-	-	99	158	257
Governance costs	3.2	24	17	41	22	20	42
Total expenditure		347	274	621	544	481	1,025
Net movement in funds		(68)	(72)	(140)	50	(322)	(272)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 April		804	562	1,366	754	884	1,638
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		736	490	1,226	804	562	1,366

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Total funds 31 March 2022	Total funds 31 March 2021
		£000	£000
Current assets:			
Stock	4	2	-
Debtors	5	50	-
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,350	1,427
Total current assets		1,402	1,427
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	176	61
Net current assets		1,226	1,366
Total net assets		1,226	1,366
The funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	490	562
Unrestricted income funds	12	736	804
Total Charity funds		1,226	1,366

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The Charitable Funds Committee and Corporate Trustee approved the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 16 were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 08/11/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Date: 05 Decemeber 2022

Mr Robert Ryan
Non-Executive Director
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2021/22 £000	2020/21 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</i>		
Net (expense)/income as per the SOFA	(140)	(272)
<i>Adjusted for:</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(50)	21
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(2)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	115	(131)
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	<u>(77)</u>	<u>(382)</u>
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(77)	(382)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,427	1,809
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,427</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

General Information

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007. The funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.

Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The registered office is given on page 8.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 published in October 2019.

1.2 Going concern

The 2021/22 financial statements for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities have been prepared on a going concern basis.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's financial statements.

The Charity is dependent on discretionary income, therefore does not forecast cash flows but instead undertakes regular reviews of income and expenditure to manage cash balances and ensure the Charity continues as a going concern.

The Charity seeks to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover foreseeable committed expenditure in the event of reductions in income.

1.3 Public Benefit

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is considered a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

- (ii) No gifts in kind have been received.
- (iii) No intangible income has been received.
- (iv) Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources when the executor of the estate has determined that a payment can be made following the agreement of the estate's accounts, or on notification by the executors that payment will be made.
- (v) None of the incoming resources reported in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown net of expenditure.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Most activities of the Charity are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category.

- (i) Charitable activities

The total resources expended are in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

- (ii) Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income include costs of the Fundraising Department including the full cost of the Head of Fundraising and fundraising office support staff. Other fundraising costs include promoting the Charity, travel expenses, costs incurred during fundraising events and the day to day running expenses.

- (iii) Governance costs

Governance costs include the cost of finance function support cost £12,500 (2020/21 £12,500) and administration charge for overheads (equivalent to 1% of aggregate balances).

1.6 Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the financial statements as a restricted or designated fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

1.7 Assets

The Charity holds no fixed tangible or intangible assets or fixed asset investments.

Stocks is measured at the lower of the cost and net realisable value.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts (the amount the Charity anticipates it will receive from a debt).

Cash is held in the Charity's bank account.

1.8 Liabilities

The Charity holds no long-term creditors or provisions. Furthermore, it holds no loans (bank or otherwise) and does not have an overdraft.

Trade creditors falling due within one year relate to amounts owed to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or an external supplier. Creditors are recognised based on point of receipt of goods or services.

The Charity does not own any fixed assets, therefore has no capital commitments.

1.9 Investment income

The Charity does not hold any investments. Investment income is derived from interest earned on funds held in the Charity's bank account. Income is accounted for in the period in which it is received and apportioned between funds based on the average of the opening and closing fund balance.

1.10 Pensions

For staff recharged to the Charity via the payroll of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, employee pension contributions are subject to the terms and conditions of the NHS Pension Scheme as operated by the Trust (See the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2021/22 for further details).

1.11 Analysis of support costs and overheads

All support costs and overheads are included in miscellaneous costs (see note 3). Support costs and overheads are apportioned between funds on an allocation basis based on the reserve year-end final balance.

1.12 Post Balance Sheet events

There have been no post balance sheet events to report.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2022****2. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	127	77	204	182
Fundraising	80	35	115	106
Grants	-	-	-	186
Legacies	72	89	161	279
Total	279	201	480	753

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

3. Expenditure**3.1 Fundraising**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	90	61	151	157
Other fundraising costs	29	20	49	53
Total	119	81	200	210

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2022****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.2 Governance costs****3.2 Governance cost**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Audit fee	7	5	12	10
Bank charges	2	1	3	3
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHSFT Service Charges:				
Finance Support	7	5	12	13
Administration Charge	8	6	14	16
Total	24	17	41	42

3.3 Staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any staff (2020/21: nil). Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust employs one Head of Fundraising, one Community Fundraiser, one Communications Officer and one Office Manager.

In 2021/22, the Charity indirectly employed 3.78 WTE (2020/21 Restated: 4.40 WTE).

The cost of staff included in governance costs employed by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and charged to the Charity are:

	2021/22	2020/21
	£000	£000
Salaries and Wages	123	127
Social Security Costs	12	12
Employer's Pension contributions	16	18
Total	151	157

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	2021/22	2020/21
	£000	£000
Employer's pension scheme contribution for highest paid staff member	7	7

	2021/22	2020/21
	Number	Number
Number of staff to whom benefits are accruing under the NHS Pension Scheme	4	5

Staff emoluments for the year fell within the following bandings

Salary bands of £5,000:	2021/22	2020/21
	Number	Number
10 - 15	1	1
15 - 20	1	-
20 - 25	1	2
25 - 30	1	1
40 - 45	-	-
45 - 50	1	1

There are no (2020/21: none) employees with emoluments above £60,000.

No members of the body that comprise the Corporate Trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

4. Stock

The Charity holds an inventory of goods purchased for resale in the charity shop of £2k (2020/21: Nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2022****5. Debtors**

	Total funds 2021/22 £000	Total funds 2020/21 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	50	-
Total	50	-

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2021/22 £000	Total funds 2020/21 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Audit fee	12	11
Other creditors	164	50
Total	176	61

7. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the 2021/22 financial statements was £12,000 (2020/21: £10,800). All fees related solely to the audit, with no other additional work undertaken in relation to the Charity. Amounts stated are inclusive of VAT.

8. Investment income

	Total funds 2021/22 £000	Total funds 2020/21 £000
Interest on cash held in bank account	1	-

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2022****9. Cash at bank and in hand**

	Total funds 31 March 2022 £000	Total funds 31 March 2021 £000
Government Banking Service	1,350	1,426
Cash in hand	-	1
Total	1,350	1,427

10. Commitments

On 31 March 2022, the Charity had total commitments of £149,340 which had been approved by the Charitable Funds Committee (2020/21: £66,521).

11. Related party transactions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is managed by the Corporate Trustee which is also the Board of Directors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and which is the sole beneficiary of the Charity. During the year, none of the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity.

During 2021/22 no members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board has received any payment from the Charity, including for reimbursement of expenses incurred (2020/21: None).

The Charity made revenue payments to the NHS Foundation Trust relating to governance costs and various other items of expenditure initially incurred by the NHS Foundation Trust and subsequently recharged to the Charity.

During 2021/22 the Charity made reimbursements to the Trust of £484,992 (2020/21 £1,235,658).

The balance owed by the Charity to the NHS Foundation Trust on 31 March 2022 was £112,136 (31 March 2021: £36,034).

The Charity is owed by the NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2022 £0 (31 March 2021: £0).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2022****12. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

Fund Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fund Balances 2021/22	Fund Balances 2020/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designated Funds				
Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund	736	-	736	804
Community and Other Funds	-	1	1	12
Medical Research Fund	-	19	19	23
Staff Amenities Fund	-	5	5	7
Specialist Medicine Fund	-	6	6	15
Cardiac Directorate Fund	-	145	145	227
Cancer Services Fund	-	156	156	120
The MRI Scanner and Imaging Equipment Fund	-	21	21	27
Emergency and Critical Care Fund	-	31	31	42
Women and Children's Fund	-	41	41	47
Clinical Support Fund	-	2	2	5
Specialist Surgery Fund	-	50	50	32
Bereavement Fund	-	13	13	5
Total Funds	736	490	1,226	1,366

The Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund has general objectives for any charitable purpose relating to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The objectives of all restricted funds are designated in their title.

The governance costs have been apportioned as a percentage of each restricted fund's balance sheet share of the Charity's end of year balance.

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Objectives and Activities

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007.

In partnership with Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The Trust), this Charity enhances the provision of first-class patient care for public benefit. It supports the provision of healthcare, free at the point of need and cares for staff, patients, carers and families by focusing on areas not covered, or fully supported, by central NHS funds. Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at the Trust. Its aim is to help the Trust become world class, in patient care.

The Charity has the following objectives:

- To ensure that grant making activities are in line with the priorities of the Charity and the Trust.

Monitoring has continued throughout 2020/21 to ensure that grants approved meet the objectives of the Charity through quarterly meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Corporate Trustee meetings which follow.

- To continue to engage with the Fund Advisors, ensuring they are making sound decisions when authorising charitable expenditure and encouraging them to proactively identify opportunities to utilise charitable funds to enhance patient care in their areas.

We continue to review the Fund Advisors to ensure the funds remain the responsibility of the most appropriate individuals and that they continue to make sound decisions concerning the expenditure of those funds.

- To monitor all expenditure from charitable funds is conducted in a timely and efficient manner and that all expenditure aligns with Charity governance and best practice as determined by the Charity Commission.

Throughout 2020/21, all expenditure following a successful funding application was monitored by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, to ensure compliance with Charity governance and best practice.

- To increase unrestricted monies through appeals, grant applications and corporate partnerships.

During the pandemic we set up a Covid appeal and secured grants through NHS Charities together, as well as local businesses donating their goods for the benefit of the staff, this has then in turn given us new partnerships going forward.

- To continue to promote Blue Skies Hospitals Fund as the primary fundraising vehicle for the Trust both internally and externally by proactively engaging with patients, staff and volunteers as well as businesses, groups, schools, members of the community and the local media.

Whilst there were no visitors allowed in the Trust through the pandemic, we gave out hundreds of patient goody bags which contained our magazine, colouring books, crayons, donated wash items and goodies, thus promoting our Charity to the wider public. We also gave out circa £230k worth of donated goods to staff, along with Blue Skies information, so that staff knew that their Trust has a Charity, who they are and where to find us. We produced an infomercial via the local radio station, again, to discourage people from coming into our hospital due to infection control but informing them on how to donate in a safe way.

- To actively promote tax effective giving through Gift Aid and Legacy fundraising.

We are actively promoting Legacy Fundraising and have wrapped lifts in the hospital as well as promoting this through our magazine. If we receive a donation that we do not have gift aid authorisation for, the follow up thank you letter contains a form that the donor can send back, should they be eligible for Gift Aid, this is also promoted through our magazine.

- To continue to recruit and support community fundraisers, Charity of the Year partnerships and Blue Skies Ambassadors to maximise brand awareness and funds raised for the Charity.

Because of the pandemic we were unable to recruit, we had no official Charity of the Year, however, the Winter Gardens Blackpool supported us in becoming a central hub for all the non-monetary donations received. Our ambassadors, a lot of who are elderly were self-isolating and unable to promote the work we do / raise funds.

Plans for the future

In addition to the above, the Charity also aims to:

- Procure the latest medical equipment to diagnose patients rapidly and accurately.
- Develop medical research breakthroughs that will benefit future patients.
- Improve the environments where patients and visitors are cared for and where staff and volunteers are located and
- Enhance the abilities of medical staff through education and training.

Achievements and Performance

- The Charity exists to enhance the patient care provided by the Trust. In the main, this relates to supplementing core activity with patient benefits and comforts that would not ordinarily be afforded from public funds alone.

During 2020/21 the Charity has been able to purchase the following items:

- Venue Go Ultrasound Scanner for CCU - The benefits of using this equipment will prevent pain and discomfort to the patient that comes from multiple attempts at line insertion (£25k).
- 4 RITA (Reminiscence Interactive Therapy Activities) systems, featuring tablets, computer screens and projectors giving inpatients the opportunity to get interactive whilst they are in hospital beds. Friends and family can also send pictures in and can be projected from one screen up onto the ceiling for people to see whilst lying in bed (£16k).
- 12 Comfortable reclining chairs for patients undergoing chemotherapy (£11k).
- 1792 memory boxes to place valuables and keepsakes to enhance care and treatment. The boxes will identify with Swan Model supporting end of life care (£10k).

Covid 19 Impacts on future plans

Within the financial year 2020/21 our ability to operate fundraising activity was affected, however, we did turn to virtual events which were relatively successful. We saw an increase in donations (including In Memory Donations) in the financial year and this is continuing to happen in the early part of 2021/22.

In 2021/22 we are looking to do a combination of actual and virtual events, as this seems to suit donors (offering them a choice).

To enable the Charity to move forward and continue with growth we are looking at opportunities to open a retail outlet within the community. This will bring in medium to long term income and will also serve as a shop window for our Charity in our community.

During 2020/21 the Charity also:

- Celebrated its 25th birthday, however, no events were able to take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Launched our Give a Fiver Appeal in December. We replaced our Give a Gift appeal with a monetary appeal which proved extremely successful and meant every patient that woke up in hospital on the Fylde Coast (circa 900) received a gift. This was in direct response to the Covid-19 pandemic as the public were unable to come into the hospital and we wanted to limit the spread of infection.
- Continued its Legacy Campaign.

Financial Review

- The Charity's reporting year runs from 1 April to 31 March. In the reporting year 2020/21, the Charity received donations, legacies and grants totalling £753k (£1,312k in 2019/20). This may have been as a result of donations being redirected to national causes like Captain Tom's 100 fundraising drive etc.
- The net assets of the Charity held on 31 March 2021 were £1,366k (£1,638k 2019/20).
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reserves Policy

- The Charity receives income mainly from fundraised income and legacies which it is difficult to predict in advance when it will be received. It is therefore essential that the Charity can maintain a sufficient level of reserves to meet its commitments.
- The Reserves Policy states that free (unrestricted) reserves are maintained at a level that does not fall below a level equivalent to 6 months forecast expenditure. The value of free reserves on 31 March 2021 was £804k (£754k on 31 March 2020).
- On 31 March 2021, the level of reserves was sufficient to meet the approved commitments disclosed in note 12 to the financial statements covering fundraising and governance costs at a similar level to those incurred in 2020/21.
- The Charity is fully committed to spending any surplus reserves in a timely and appropriate way.
- It should be noted that the Charity's structure includes restricted funds, and this limits the Corporate Trustee's freedom to act to reduce the level of reserves.

Investment Policy

- There has been no change to the investment policy during the financial year. The Charity identifies monies throughout the financial year that are not immediately required to fund expenditure and uses those monies to invest in short term deposits with Trust Board approved counter parties (for example, banks/building societies). However, no investment was made during the year due to low rate of return in the market.

Analysis of Risk

- The Charity only spends up to the level of balances brought forward from previous years plus income received in the current year after allowing for existing commitments, rather than planning developments based upon anticipated income. Irrespective of the limited nature of the risk, the Committee monitors trends in donations at its quarterly meetings, which aims to highlight any potential problem area at an early stage.
- The Risk Register for the Charity was updated and reviewed during the year. The Charitable Funds Committee undertook a review of the major risks to which both the Charity and Fundraising Department were exposed during 2020/21. The Corporate Trustee will also review these risks and ensure that these are adequately mitigated.

Structure, Governance and Management

- Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities) is registered with the Charity Commission and the funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.
- Management of the Trust's Charity is officially delegated to a committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Committee. The Committee usually meets quarterly and monitors all aspects of the Charity's activities. The membership of the Committee is detailed in the "Reference and Administrative Details for 2020/21" section.
- New Charity trustees are appointed and inducted on Charity specific governance requirements by virtue of their membership of the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors.
- In its role as representative of the Corporate Trustee, the Committee has taken into consideration the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.
- Day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by the Fundraising Department of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the initial point of contact (and Charity Commission correspondent) is the Trust's Head of Financial Services.
- On behalf of Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities), the Charitable Funds Committee:
 - Ensures that income and expenditure levels comply with the terms of the relevant funds and the stated policies of the Trust.

- Continues to review the charitable funds application process to ensure that all applications have been through the appropriate Trust approval processes and charitable funds are subsequently applied effectively for patient benefit. All applications for funding are scrutinised to ensure all correct procedures have been applied accordingly to Charity policy and that applications are only approved if they meet the objectives of the Charity.
- Monitors and updates where appropriate any policy relating to raising or spending money from Blue Skies Hospitals Fund. The Charitable Funds policy is regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice and Charity Commission Guidelines.
- Monitors the scheme of delegation and follows robust processes to ensure that charitable funds are effectively managed and that funds are allocated with due regard to public benefit and the wishes of our donors.
- The Corporate Trustee continues to meet following quarterly Charitable Funds Committee meetings for updates on how charitable funds are being spent and that the Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund spending is in accordance with the four spending priorities set out in the Charitable Funds Policy and in accordance with donor wishes.
- The Charity sits beneath the Foundation Trust and the Foundation Trust is considered the sole related party of the Charity. Any related party transactions between the Foundation Trust and the Charity are disclosed in the financial statements.
- To provide assurance that appropriate standards of management and governance are maintained an independent advisory body will be commissioned to undertake a review.
- As at the 31 March 2021, the Charity comprised of 37 individual funds and these are listed on our summary registration on the Charity Commission website (www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Where there is a balance at the end of the period, these are disclosed in Note 12.
- 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. These funds are held on trust by the Corporate Trustee body.
- The use of our funds is restricted by the Charity's governing document, which established the Charity for purposes to benefit NHS patients. All grants are made from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted funds. These funds comprise:

Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Purposes Fund (Unrestricted Funds)

This fund is constituted of gifts received by the Charity, where donors have expressed no particular preference for its expenditure. Applications are received during the year from staff for approval by the Head of Fundraising up to £10,000 or the Charitable Funds Committee for requests of more than £10,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee makes decisions based on the contents of the paperwork submitted and, if required, will ask the applicant to make a presentation at a Committee meeting. The Corporate Trustee agrees areas of focus to enable the Charitable Funds Committee to prioritise funding accordingly.

Restricted and Designated Funds

These funds usually contain donations when the donor nominates a particular activity ward or department of the NHS Foundation Trust at the time of their donation. Donations made to restricted funds are binding on the Corporate Trustee, and those made to designated funds are not binding on the Corporate Trustee. Their delegated Fund Advisors, who make recommendations on how to spend the money within their area, oversee the funds. Once these recommendations are agreed the funds can be spent at any time. Applications are received by the Charitable Funds Committee for approval of expenditure of more than £10,000.

- The Corporate Trustee has implemented a formal scheme of delegation, whereby Fund Advisors (senior managers or clinicians who oversee the day-to-day management of the fund) are authorised to approve expenditure up to £10,000 from restricted funds. Expenditure over £10,000 is approved by the Charitable Funds Committee and all applications for funding of more that £50,000 are approved by the Corporate Trustee.
- The Charity is a member of the Association of NHS Charities, whose main objective is to enhance the standing and work of all NHS Charities. Representatives from the Charity can attend training, events and meetings organised by the Association and benefit from the shared experience of the Association's member charities.
- The Charity is also a member of the Fundraising Regulator. Registered organisations help promote best practice, defend the sector and demonstrate compliance with the law and also opens up more fundraising opportunities.

Reference and Administrative Details for 2020/21

- The Charity's registered name is 'Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities' and its registered number is 1051570.
- The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007.
- The Charity's correspondence address is:

Head of Financial Services,
Berry Offices,
Blackpool Victoria Hospital,
Whinney Heys Road,
Blackpool,
FY3 8NR

Email address: bfwh.blueskies@nhs.net

- The Charity's Corporate Trustee is Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was established on 1 December 2007. The members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board serve as members of the Charity Corporate Trustee. Members who served during the financial year 2020/21 and to the date of signing this report were as follows:

Mr Pearse Butler (Chairman) until 31 January 2021
Mr Steve Fogg (Chairman) from 1 February 2021
Mr Kevin McGee (Chief Executive)
Mr Tim Bennett (Deputy Chief Executive) until 29 November 2020
Mr Feroz Patel (Interim Director of Finance) from 30 November 2020
Mrs Berenice Groves (Interim Director of Operations for Unscheduled & Emergency Care) until 31 October 2020
Prof. Nicki Latham (Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships) from June 2020
Mrs Janet Barnsley (Interim Director of Operations of Planned Care)
Mrs Natalie Hudson (Chief Operating Officer) from 1 November 2020
Mrs Shelley Wright (Joint Executive Director of Communications) from 12 November 2020
Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing)
Mr Kevin Moynes (Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development)
Mr Mark Cullinan (Non-Executive Director & Chairman of Charitable Funds)
Dr Sheena Bedi (Non-Executive Director)
Mrs Mary Watt (Whyham) (Non-Executive Director & Chairman of Charitable Funds) until 31 December 2020
Mr Keith Case (Non-Executive Director)
Dr Jim Gardner (Non-Executive Director)
Mr James Wilkie (Non-Executive Director)
Mr Mark Beaton (Non-Executive Director)
Mr Tony Wayne (Non-Executive Director)

- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee during 2020/21 were:

Served until 31 December 2020:

Mrs Mary Watt (Whyham) (Chairman of Charitable Funds & Non-Executive Director)

Served until 31 January 2021:

Mr Pearse Butler (Chairman of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Served until 9 March 2021:

Mr Neil Seddon (Head of Financial Services, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Serving from 1 January 2021:

Mr Mark Cullinan (Charitable Funds Chairman & Non-Executive Director)

Serving from 1 February 2021

Mr Steve Fogg (Chairman of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Other Currently Serving

Mr Peter Murphy (Director of Nursing)

Dr Ranjit Moore (Governor, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Mrs Kila Redfearn (Head of Fundraising, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

- The Charity's official correspondent during 2020/21 was:

Mr Neil Seddon (Head of Financial Services) until 9 March 2021

Mr Paul Cunday (Associate Director of Finance – Operational Finance) from 10 March 2021

- The Charity's External Auditor during 2020/21 was:

Deloitte LLP

One Trinity Gardens

Broad Chare

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 2HF

- The Charity's Bankers during 2020/21 were:

Royal Bank of Scotland PLC

36 St Andrew's Square

Edinburgh

EH2 2YB

- The Charity's Solicitor during 2020/21 was:

Hempsons Solicitors

Portland Tower

Portland Street

Manchester

M1 3LF

Trustee's Responsibilities Statement

The Corporate Trustee (i.e. the Foundation Trust) is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Corporate Trustee 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 Corporate 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, comprising FRS102, 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 Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate 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.

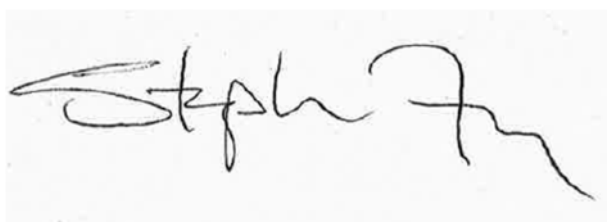
By Order of the Corporate Trustee



Date: 6th January 2022

Chairman, Mark Cullinan

Charitable Funds Committee



Date: 6th January 2022

Chairman, Steve Fogg

NHS Foundation Trust Board

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (the 'Charity'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs on 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial activities
- the balance sheet
- the cash flow statement
- the statement of accounting policies; and
- the related notes 1 to 12.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (continued)

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

We considered the nature of the Charity's industry and its control environment and reviewed the Charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, being the UK Charities Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Commission) regulations.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following area, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

- We pinpointed the risk of fraud through material misstatement to the risk of completeness of legacy income, particularly legacies notified but not yet received. In addressing this risk, we performed detailed testing of legacy income through testing a sample of items selected from post year end legacy income and tracing it through to the official receipts or other source documentation to determine the correct period of recognition.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- enquiring of management, internal audit and in-house / external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with Charity Commission.

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities (continued)

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom
28th January 2022

Deloitte LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor for the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as audit of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities**Year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020/21	Total funds 2019/20
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	594	159	753	1,312
Investment income	8	-	-	-	12
Total incoming resources		594	159	753	1,324
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising	3.1	110	100	210	226
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Purchase of medical equipment		95	118	213	478
Purchase of non-medical items		208	44	252	310
Patient welfare		9	18	27	22
Staff education and welfare		1	23	24	10
Estate management		99	158	257	59
Governance costs	3.2	22	20	42	44
Total expenditure		544	481	1,025	1,149
Net movement in funds		50	(322)	(272)	175
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April		754	884	1,638	1,463
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March		804	562	1,366	1,638

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Total funds 31 March 2021	Total funds 31 March 2020
		£000	£000
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	0	21
Cash at bank and in hand	9	1,427	1,809
Total current assets		1,427	1,830
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	61	192
Net current assets		1,366	1,638
Total net assets		1,366	1,638
The funds of the Charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	562	884
Unrestricted income funds	12	804	754
Total Charity funds		1,366	1,638

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

The Charitable Funds Committee approved the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 15 to 17 were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 6 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Date; 6th January 2022

Mr Mark Cullinan
Non-Executive Director
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Total funds 2020/21 £000	Total funds 2019/20 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</i>		
Net (expense)/income as per the SOFA	(272)	175
<i>Adjusted for:</i>		
Decrease in debtors	21	55
Decrease / (increase) in creditors	(131)	62
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	<u>(382)</u>	<u>292</u>
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(382)	292
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,809	1,517
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,427</u>	<u>1,809</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

General Information

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is registered with the Charity Commission (registered Charity number 1051570) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission approved the use of a working name, Blue Skies Hospitals Fund in 2007. The funds are held on trust by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a corporate body. It has existed in its present form since 2003. The Trust, as a Corporate Trustee, is managed by a Board of Directors.

Blue Skies Hospitals Fund exists to support the best in healthcare and medical research at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The registered office is given on page 1.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 published in October 2019.

1.2 Going concern

The 2020/21 financial statements for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities have been prepared on a going concern basis.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's financial statements.

The Charity is dependent on discretionary income, therefore does not forecast cash flows but instead undertakes regular reviews of income and expenditure to manage cash balances and ensure the Charity continues as a going concern.

The Charity seeks to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover foreseeable committed expenditure in the event of reductions in income.

1.3 Public Benefit

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund and Related Charities is considered a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

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

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Year ended 31 March 2021

- (ii) No gifts in kind have been received.
- (iii) No intangible income has been received.

1.4 Incoming Resources continued

- (iv) Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources when the executor of the estate has determined that a payment can be made following the agreement of the estate's accounts, or on notification by the executors that payment will be made.
- (v) None of the incoming resources reported in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown net of expenditure.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Most activities of the Charity are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category.

- (i) Charitable activities

The total resources expended are in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

- (ii) Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income include costs of the Fundraising Department including the full cost of the Head of Fundraising and fundraising office support staff. Other fundraising costs include promoting the Charity, travel expenses, costs incurred during fundraising events and the day to day running expenses.

- (iii) Governance Costs

Governance costs include the cost of finance function support costs £12,500 and an administration charge for overheads (equivalent to 1% of aggregate balances).

1.6 Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the financial statements as a restricted or designated fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

1.7 Assets

The Charity holds no fixed tangible or intangible assets or fixed asset investments.

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts (the amount the Charity anticipates it will receive from a debt).

Cash is held in the Charity's bank account.

1.8 Liabilities

The Charity holds no long-term creditors or provisions. Furthermore, it holds no loans (bank or otherwise) and does not have an overdraft.

Trade Creditors falling due within one year relate to amounts owed to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or an external supplier. Creditors are recognised based on point of receipt of goods or services.

The Charity does not own any fixed assets, therefore has no capital commitments.

1.9 Investment Income

The Charity does not hold any investments. Investment income is derived from interest earned on funds held in the Charity's bank account. Income is accounted for in the period in which it is received and apportioned between funds based on the average of the opening and closing fund balance.

1.10 Pensions

For staff recharged to the Charity via the payroll of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, employee pension contributions are subject to the terms and conditions of the NHS Pension Scheme as operated by the Foundation Trust (See the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2020/21 for further details).

1.11 Analysis of support costs and overheads

All support costs and overheads are included in miscellaneous costs (see note 3). Support costs and overheads are apportioned between funds on an allocation basis based on the reserve year-end final balance.

1.12 Post Balance Sheet events

There have been no post balance sheet events to report.

1.13 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****2. Donation and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020/21	Total funds 2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Donations	121	61	182	173
Fundraising	65	41	106	145
Grants	186	0	186	110
Legacies	222	57	279	884
Total	594	159	753	1,312

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

3. Expenditure**3.1 Fundraising**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020/21	Total funds 2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Staff costs	82	75	157	162
Other fundraising costs	28	25	53	64
Total	110	100	210	226

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.2 Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020/21	Total funds 2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Audit fee	5	5	10	13
Interest Payable	2	1	3	2
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHSFT Service Charges:				
Finance Support	7	6	13	13
Administration Charge	8	8	16	16
Total	22	20	42	44

3.3 Staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any staff (2019/20: nil). Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust employs one Head of Fundraising, two Community Fundraisers, one Communications Officer and one Office Manager.

In 2020/21, the Charity indirectly employed 3.40 WTE (2019/20: 3.93 WTE).

The cost of staff included in governance costs employed by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and charged to the Charity are:

	2020/21	2019/20
	£000	£000
Salaries and Wages	127	130
Social Security Costs	12	13
Employer's Pension contributions	18	19
Total	157	162

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****3. Expenditure (continued)****3.3 Staff costs (continued)**

	2020/21	2019/20
	£000	£000
Employer's pension scheme contribution for highest paid staff member	7	6

	2020/21	2019/20
	Number	Number
Number of staff to whom benefits are accruing under the NHS Pension Scheme	5	5

Staff emoluments for the year fell within the following bandings

Salary bands of £5,000:	2020/21	2019/20
	Number	Number
10 - 15	1	-
15 – 20	-	1
20 - 25	2	3
25 - 30	1	-
40 – 45	-	1
45 – 50	1	-

There are no (2019/20: none) employees with emoluments above £60,000.

No members of the body that comprise the Corporate Trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity.

4. Inventory

The Charity does not hold any inventory (2019/20: Nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****5. Debtors**

	Total funds 2020/21 £000	Total funds 2019/20 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	21
Total	-	21

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2020/21 £000	Total funds 2019/20 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Audit fee	11	13
Other creditors	50	179
Total	61	192

7. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the 2020/21 financial statements was £10,800 (2019/20: £12,600). All fees related solely to the audit, with no other additional work undertaken in relation to the Charity. Amounts stated are inclusive of VAT.

8. Investment income

	Total funds 2020/21 £000	Total funds 2019/20 £000
Interest on cash held in bank account	-	12

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****9. Cash at bank and in hand**

	Total funds 31 March 2021 £000	Total funds 31 March 2020 £000
Government Banking Service	1,426	1,808
Cash in hand	1	1
Total	1,427	1,809

10. Commitments

On 31st March 2021, the Charity had total commitments of £66,521 which had been approved by the Charitable Funds Committee (2019/20: £154,816).

11. Related party transactions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is managed by the Corporate Trustee which is also the Board of Directors of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and which is the sole beneficiary of the Charity. During the year, none of the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity.

During 2020/21 no members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board has received any payment from the Charity, including for reimbursement of expenses incurred (2019/20: None).

The Charity made revenue payments to the NHS Foundation Trust relating to governance costs and various other items of expenditure initially incurred by the NHS Foundation Trust and subsequently recharged to the Charity.

The balance owed by the Charity to the NHS Foundation Trust on 31 March 2021 was £36,034 (31 March 2020: £0).

The Charity is owed by the NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2021 £0 (31 March 2020: £22,301).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31 March 2021****12. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

Fund Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fund Balances 2020/21	Fund Balances 2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designated Funds				
Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund	804	-	804	754
Community and Other Funds	-	12	12	40
Medical Research Fund	-	23	23	27
Staff Amenities Fund	-	7	7	9
Specialist Medicine Fund	-	15	15	18
Cardiac Directorate Fund	-	227	227	304
Cancer Services Fund	-	120	120	312
The MRI Scanner and Imaging Equipment Fund	-	27	27	36
Emergency and Critical Care Fund	-	42	42	35
Women and Children's Fund	-	47	47	69
Clinical Support Fund	-	5	5	9
Specialist Surgery Fund	-	32	32	25
Bereavement Fund	-	5	5	-
Total Funds	804	562	1,366	1,638

The Blackpool Victoria Hospital General Fund has general objectives for any charitable purpose relating to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The objectives of all restricted funds are designated in their title.

The governance costs have been apportioned as a percentage of each restricted fund's balance sheet share of the Charity's end of year balance.