

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS CHARITABLE FUND AND RELATED CHARITIES

Registration Number 1051570

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



YOUR LOCAL NHS CHARITY

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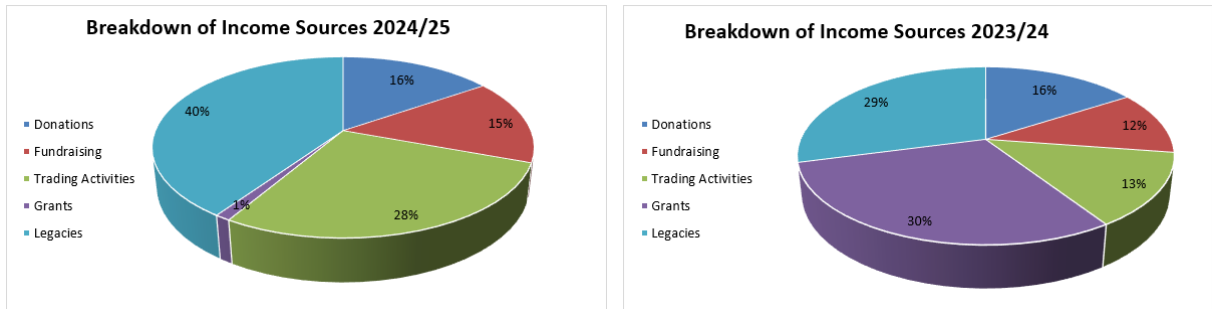
- Successfully opened our **second retail shop** within **Blackpool Victoria Hospital**, enhancing accessibility and engagement with staff, patients, and visitors.

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.

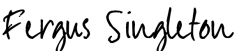
In preparing these financial statements, the Corporate Trustee is required to:

- 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

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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..

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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.

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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
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 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 2024/25	Unrestricted Funds 2023/24	Restricted Funds 2023/24	Total Funds 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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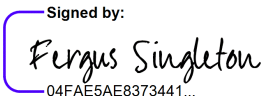
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	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>788</u>	<u>1,038</u>

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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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	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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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	788	1,038

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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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.