

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION
TRUST CHARITABLE FUNDS

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2023 – 31 MARCH 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity

Registered Address – Charity and Corporate Trustee

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
Sunderland Royal Hospital
Kayll Road
Sunderland
SR4 7TP

The Charity was first registered by the Charity Commission as number 1052366 under a Declaration of Trust dated 7 December 1995 in respect of the former City Hospitals Sunderland NHSFT Charitable Funds (CHS), as amended 24 March 2020 to include the merger with the former Charity South Tyneside General Charitable Fund (ST), registered number 1059500, effective from 1 April 2020. From the 1 April 2020 the merged charity name is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHSFT Charitable Funds.

The Charity's working name is 'STS Charity'.

The Charity's single Corporate Trustee (the Trustee) is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT).

The Trust Board of Directors in office from April 2023 to November 2024 are:

Chair	Allison Thompson
Chief Executive	Ken Bremner M.B.E.
Executive Directors	Kath Griffin – Executive Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development Melanie Johnson – Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals Peter Sutton – Executive Director of Planning and Business Development Shahid Wahid – Executive Medical Director Hayley Wardle – Executive Director of Finance
Trust Secretary/Director	Andrea Hetherington – Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal/Trust Secretary/Freedom to Speak Up Guardian

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Non-Executive Directors Debbie Carrick-Sen
 Alan Clarke
 Ngozi Lyn Cole
 Stewart Hindmarsh
 Martin Knowles
 Paul McEldon
 Roy McLachlan
 Chris Gray – (non voting)

Professional services are provided by:

Bankers

NatWest bank plc
Government Banking services branch
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Cathedral Hill
Guildford
GU2 7YL

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Independent Internal Auditor

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Trustee Report

Governance, Management and Structure

Whilst all Charities in the NHS must operate within the legal and regulatory framework laid down in the Charities Acts (plus any directions issued by the Secretary of State for Health), a Corporate Trustee has considerable discretion in determining how on a daily basis, the charity operates.

When the Board of Directors is acting in the capacity of Corporate Trustee, there must be recognition that:

1. Charitable Funds are distinct from the exchequer funds provided by Government; and
In acting as Corporate Trustee the Board of Directors has a separate and distinct responsibility for the administration of the Charitable Funds.

A Corporate Trustee cannot delegate its statutory duties and remains accountable for the Charity's performance but day to day management, can be delegated.

To this end the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC) established on 1st April 2010 continues to oversee the administration of the Charitable Funds in accordance with any statutory or other legal requirements or best practice required by the Charities Commission.

CFC Terms of Reference – as updated November 2023

Membership

Voting members:

- 2 Non-Executive Directors (one of whom is chair of the CFC)
- 2 Directors
 - Executive Director of Finance
 - Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals
- 2 Public Governors

Duly nominated deputies may attend in a Committee member's stead in exceptional circumstances, only with the prior agreement of the Committee Chair.

In attendance:

Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal/Trust Secretary/Freedom to Speak
Up Guardian
Associate Director of Finance - Financial Services / Counter Fraud
Champion

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In attendance by invitation:

Charitable Fundraiser (part of Corporate Affairs function)
External Audit for the presentation of the Accounts
Investment Manager
Any others as required by the Committee

Quorum:

Minimum two members, who must include an Executive and Non-Executive Director.

Voting members during the period April 2023 to November 2024:

Ngozi Lyn Cole	- Chair of Committee / Non-Executive Director
Hayley Wardle	- Executive Director of Finance
Melanie Johnson	- Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs
Anita Hagon	- Council of Governor Representative
Roy McLachlan	- Non-Executive Director Council of Governor Representative

CFC Duties

The Charitable Funds Committee will:

- 1 Ensure charitable funds are grouped in such a way that the wishes of the donors and the needs of the service are optimised.
- 2 Plan expenditure of charitable funds annually in accordance with Board policy.
- 3 Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on issues of policy, investment and strategy.
- 4 Review and approve any formal income generation schemes as they arise over £20,000.
- 5 Authorise or decline expenditure which has exceeded delegated limits of individual officers to ensure the duties of Trustees are adequately discharged.
- 6 Oversee and monitor the functions and responsibilities performed by the Executive Director of Finance as defined in the Standing Financial Instructions.
- 7 Monitor the use of charitable funds across the organisation, ensuring the scheme of delegation is applied appropriately and funds are utilised for the correct purposes.
- 8 Monitor the scheme of delegation for expenditure within agreed limits.

- 9 Receive regular feedback on signed off commitments above £20,000 and approve any expenditure above £20,000. (Expenditure in excess of £200,000 requires formal Board of Directors approval as Corporate Trustee).
- 10 Ensure adherence to the Trust's Standards of Business Conduct for the ordering and receiving of goods and services.
- 11 Ensure the Board of Trustees is kept up to date with all matters relevant to their role.
- 12 The CFC is empowered with responsibility:
 - For the 'day to day' management of the investments of the Charitable Funds in accordance with the investment strategy set down annually by the Board of Trustees;
 - To oversee and approve the work of the Fundraising Strategy, setting the ambition over the medium and long term.
 - To liaise with donors and voluntary organisations to ensure wherever possible the assets donated are those most needed by the Trust,
 - To review fund balances to ensure active management and utilisation of these funds,
 - To ensure that procedures for Charitable Funds Investment decisions are made which preserves their capital value and produces a maximised return from prudent investment,
 - To ensure the appropriate risk registers and associated action plans are in place across the organisation for all risks relating to Charitable Funds. The Charitable Funds risk register will be reviewed every six months,
 - To ensure that the Investment Strategy is reviewed annually and approve any amendments as required,
 - For the appointment of an Investment Manager to advise on investment matters and delegation of the 'day to day' management of some or all of the investments to the Investment Manager, in line with SFIs and Charities Commission requirements where relevant.
 - The Committee will review and present the Charitable Fund Report and Accounts to the Board of Trustees

Conduct of Business

- 1 Meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis, a minimum of five meetings per year with notice of each meeting together with an agenda and papers being made available to each member no later than five clear days before the meeting.
- 2 The Executive Administrative Team shall provide administrative support to the Committee and maintain a schedule of matters arising and agreed actions.

Reporting and Review

- 1 The minutes of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings shall be formally recorded and submitted to the Board of Trustees. The Chair of the Committee will report to the Board of Trustees following each meeting on any issues for escalation.
- 2 The Committee will review its Terms of Reference and its effectiveness against the requirements of its Terms of Reference on an annual basis and report the findings to the Board of Trustees.

In May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force. Under this legislation, any personal data held (e.g. names of living or deceased persons) cannot be disclosed in this Annual Report unless the person has been informed and given consent. Some of the restricted funds held by the Charity were set up under the name of the bequestor. In these circumstances these personal names are not being disclosed in the Financial Statements and Trustee Annual Report (TAR).

The Charity is registered as an Umbrella Charity. Within the one registration, multiple funds are permitted, four of which are registered with the Charity Commission as 'Special Purpose Funds'. The Special Purpose restricted funds are:

- Fund 4280 - Legacy for the benefit of Paediatric physiotherapy and assessment services located at the Children's Centre.
- Fund 9245 - Bequest for the provision of flowers in the chapel on specified dates. Income was received as an endowment.
- Fund 3345 - Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund from a legacy which has a small portfolio managed by Rathbone Investment Management.

The Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements have been prepared to comply with the requirements of FRS102 (Financial Reporting Standard 102), the Charities FRS102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustee has had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in section 4 of Part 1 of the Charities Act 2011.

The information in the Charity's Annual Report regarding its activities and achievements is structured to allow the reader to see how the information sits with the Charity

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Commission aspects of Public Benefit Reporting and adds some detail to the financial data in the Financial Statements on pages 30 – 46.

The Charity Commission has set out the following guidance relating to the two aspects of public benefit:

The 'benefit aspect'

The 'benefit aspect' of public benefit is about whether the purpose is beneficial

Legal requirement: to satisfy the 'benefit aspect' of public benefit:

- a purpose must be beneficial - this must be in a way that is identifiable and capable of being proved by evidence where necessary and which is not based on personal views; and
- any detriment or harm that results from the purpose (to people, property or the environment) must not outweigh the benefit - this is also based on evidence and not on personal views.

The 'public aspect'

The 'public aspect' of public benefit is about whom the purpose benefits

Legal requirement: to satisfy the 'public aspect' of public benefit the purpose must:

- benefit the public in general, or a sufficient section of the public - what is a 'sufficient section of the public' varies from purpose to purpose; and
- not give rise to more than incidental personal benefit - personal benefit is 'incidental' where (having regard both to its nature and to its amount) it is a necessary result or by-product of carrying out the purpose.

The main purpose of the Charitable Funds, as contained in the Charity's Trust Deed 'object' clause is to 'apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service'. In practice this is wholly or mainly for the services provided by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust.

The Trust provides acute and community healthcare services to a core population of over 430,000 people living in and around the borough of South Tyneside and the City of Sunderland, as well as thousands of people from Durham who regularly use our services. We also provide a number of community and other services to people in Gateshead as well as a range of specialist services accessed by patients across the whole of the North East and beyond, serving a population of almost 1,000,000 people.

Approximately 185 individual funds exist within the Charity registration. The majority of the Trust's wards and acute services have access to a fund. Geographically the funds exist to cover South Tyneside District Hospital, Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland Eye Infirmary, the Durham Treatment Centre and community based services in South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead.

Funds which are expected to hold a balance of £5,000 or more can only be set up with CFC approval.

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The existence of a fund to cover a specific ward, specialty, or activity is dependent on any or all of the following being received:

- Private individual donations, which include personal fundraising;
- Corporate sponsorship/support - freely given with no commercial gain or advantage to the donor – e.g. to support training events or equipment purchases;
- Legacies;
- Institutional support – e.g. from Universities in furtherance of pre-existing charitable research projects;
- Charity support – e.g. for equipment purchases or to develop training facilities or for General Purposes;
- Clinicians electing to waive their personal fee for private work and opting to have the fee donated to the Charity;
- Staff lottery; and/or
- Fundraising - Corporately organised.

Each fund has at least two designated managers. Fund managers have a delegated authority from the CFC to oversee their particular fund(s). Approval limits for authorising expenditure mirrored the controls in place for STSFT during 2023/2024 with the exception of standard fund holders who have a limit of up to £1,000 per transaction, which is lower than their limit for revenue transactions.

Any order valued at £20,000 or more requires a written proposal which must be presented to the CFC for consideration.

Any order which is Capital in nature (a fixed asset valued at £5,000 or more that will be donated to the Foundation Trust) must first receive approval to proceed from the Capital Medical Equipment Sub Group. Any information technology (IT) requests must first be approved by the IT department.

Capital orders of £100,000 and above must also be approved by the Capital Development Steering Group (CDSG).

Accounting functions and the day to day administration of the funds are handled by the Charitable Funds and Capital Finance Officer within the Financial Services Department, located in Ward 17, South Tyneside District Hospital, Harton Lane, South Shields, NE34 0PL. The charity has a financial ledger system which is operated independently from the STSFT's own system.

The Charity currently has investments managed by both the CCLA and Rathbones. In early 2021 the Investment Management contract re-tendered, and Rathbones was successful in being reappointed.

The investment broker Rathbones, as Nominee manages the investments on a discretionary basis and is required to provide at least a quarterly portfolio valuation and attend nominated CFC meetings to advise on performance, opportunities and possible market concerns. Its performance is reviewed annually by the CFC.

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The Nominee manages three portfolios, two of which resulted from legacies and are earmarked for specific funds. The portfolios are:

- The Main Portfolio - for the benefit of all funds except the Special Purpose Funds;
- Fund 3345 - Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research (Special Purpose Fund); and
- Fund 2470 – Incorporating a bequest for the benefit of the Eye Infirmary which has a small portfolio managed by Rathbone Investment Management. This is for the benefit of the Eye Infirmary, held within the Eye Infirmary General Purpose fund.

Risk and Assurance

The Charity has assessed the major risks to which it may be exposed and has put in place policies and procedures to mitigate these risks. In particular:

- The internal controls of STSFT have been adopted by the Charity;
- The Charitable Funds Administrator/Procurement Department/General Office verify that all items requested from the funds are adequately authorised and in accordance with the objects of the Charity; and
- The Charity maintains a register of potential risks which is reviewed every six months.

A significant area of uncertainty that affects the carrying value of assets held by the Charity is the performance of investment markets. The performance of the Investment Broker is reviewed as a minimum on a quarterly basis by the Trustee. The following projection covers up to 12 months following the 2023/24 audited accounts sign off.

Based on the Charity's available cash resources at the date of the financial statements approval, the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern up to 30 November 2025.

Uncertainties over the level of future income constitutes a risk to the going concern of the Charity. To this end, expenditure commitments are logged and reviewed by the CFC to ensure they have not exceeded monies held as cash and cash equivalents.

The Charitable Funds Committee commissioned a Strategic Review for the charity, the outcome of which was discussed at the CFC meeting on 13 June 2024.

The risks around investment balances have been mitigated through the holding of balanced portfolios fully managed through the Nominee where the asset allocation mirrors the Charity Commission recommendation that no one investment should on average comprise more than 5% of the portfolio.

The Charity's operation and records are reviewed and tested by the external auditors Robson and Laidler Accountants Limited (Robson and Laidler) as part of the statutory annual audit on the information reported within the Charity's Annual Financial Statements. Robson and Laidler also review the Annual Report and report their audit findings to the CFC. The auditors of the STSFT annual Financial Statements, Mazars LLP also review

the charity's financial position in the context of the charity position being consolidated in the STSFT Group Financial Statements.

Protecting vulnerable people and Data Protection

The Charity exercises care and sensitivity when engaging with its donors and any activities involving vulnerable people. As an NHS Corporate Trustee Charity, the Charity adheres to the Trust's Safeguarding, Equality Diversity and Human Rights, Dementia,

Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Awareness, and Freedom to Speak Up and Information Governance and Data Security policies.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust Deed permits funds to be used for any charitable purpose(s) relating to the National Health Service. The objective of charitable funds expenditure is to provide an enhancement to patient/public benefit by being over and above what would be provided as part of STSFT's core services whilst also fulfilling the Charity Commission requirements on 'public benefit'.

Donors may express a wish as to the application of a specific gift, providing it falls within the overall purpose of the Charity. Gifts received by way of legacies must be applied in accordance with the terms of the Will. The Charity does not accept legacies where it feels it cannot meet the terms of the Will. There are no funds to benefit specific named individuals, nor is any expenditure incurred that benefits a sole individual.

The CFC issues an 'Acceptable Spend Areas' list to senior managers, last updated in August 2023. It also contains a list of items that will not generally be funded via Charitable Funds.

In practice, funds are expended mainly on amenities for patients, medical equipment purchases and training. Financial support for staff employed at Sunderland to extend their knowledge through training or research is available because it enhances the skill set used in the delivery and management of healthcare. Funding for the Trust's Staff Recognition Awards event is permitted by the CFC and in April 2023 the Trust held its first staff event since the COVID-19 pandemic, although in this instance the majority of the costs were covered by the Corporate Affairs department revenue budget.

The CFC delegates day-to-day management of the funds to designated fund managers who may also be operational service managers, with responsibility that may include clinical input within STSFT. These managers can thus tailor expenditure to provide defined benefits that are available to all service users.

Donations are allocated to a designated fund on receipt, by reference to the source of the donation and to the donor's instructions, if expressed.

Fundraising

The post of Fundraising Officer was created in February 2016 as part of the Corporate Affairs function. The post-holder is tasked with raising the profile of the Charity, with the aim of increasing income from donations and fundraising. An increase in income would permit the Charity to increase its spending, benefitting the provision of healthcare.

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust is actively seeking to appoint to this post, vacant since December 2021. The Charity has however continued to provide advice and support to individuals and groups who have chosen the Charity to benefit from their fundraising efforts. The Strategic Review addresses the role of Fundraising and raising the profile of the Charity.

The Charity voluntarily subscribes to the Fundraising Regulator and its Code of Fundraising Practice. The Regulator assumed responsibility for regulating fundraising from July 2016 and investigates and takes appropriate action on cases of public concern.

The Charity continues to run a monthly staff lottery draw. The lottery is licensed by the City of Sunderland Council under The Gambling Act 2005. The lottery proceeds may only be used for purposes falling within the Charity's objects clause.

Source and application of funds

Funds are used for both the purchase of relatively minor items for which NHS funding would otherwise not be available and also individual larger items of medical equipment or appropriate building work which are gifted to the Trust as donated Capital Assets and appear on the STSFT Statement of Financial Position.

The charitable funds have continued to provide a valuable resource to enable STSFT to provide additional facilities for patients and staff which otherwise would not have been possible.

Sources of funds are principally individual donations and legacies. Fundraising by volunteers and also the staff lottery contribute towards income. Income is also received by way of fees for courses run by STSFT. Course fee income can only be held within charitable funds if the purpose is purely educational and the courses are not run for the purpose of income generation. The advancement of education is not the Charity's primary aim, but in providing education, that increased knowledge base allows for the development and advancement of healthcare delivery.

CHOICE, the wholly owned subsidiary company to STSFT, once again donated to the Charity. Procurement services are provided to STSFT by CHOICE, but CHOICE does not control what its donation is spent on, nor does it directly procure goods on behalf of the Charity. During 2023/24 CHOICE made another substantial donation to the Charity of £2,000k (2022/23: £2,500k).

Income from donations alone decreased slightly in 2023/24 totalling £2,406k (2022/23 - £2,680k), principally due to a slightly lower donation from CHOICE. Legacy receipts

totalled £373k (2022/23: £57k), with the increase being one substantial legacy to Paediatrics.

General personal donations were £160k (2022/23: £150k), with the increase primarily from those donating over £1k.

Achievements and Performance in support of the Charity's primary aim

Patient and staff welfare and amenities

The charity made contributions to patients and staff welfare and amenities totalling £582k during the course of the year (2022/23 - £430k). In doing so the Charity was able to make a difference by funding specialist staff to provide services not funded by the NHS and to replace and upgrade furniture and equipment for the benefits of patients as well as the staff who provide vital clinical services.

Specialist staff:

The 'Thrive' staff psychology scheme being initially funded through donations and grants received in response to the Covid19 pandemic commenced in July 2021. The scheme's aim was to help staff deal with the stresses experienced during both the height of and the recovery from the Covid19 pandemic. Charitable funds continued to support the scheme in 2023/24 until the dedicated funding was exhausted (£226k).

The two year pilot post of an 'Inclusion Advisor' concluded in March 2024 (£55k)

A new Podiatry Tissue Viability nursing post being trialled for one year across wards commenced in June 2023 (£49k).

The two year post of bereavement lead within maternity services which commenced in October 2021 concluded in 2023/24 (£26k).

The administrative support to the multiple sclerosis service (£12k) became an STSFT revenue cost during 2023 once the dedicated contributions to charity funding were exhausted.

In 2023/24 the Cancer Information and Support Centre located at Sunderland Royal Hospital, and its sister centre at South Tyneside District Hospital, known as the 'Rise Above Cancer' fund received £29k income from donations and spent £31k for the benefit of cancer patients and their families (2022/23 - £30k income, £26k spent).

The fund works in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support but does not receive funding from Macmillan to fund services such as complementary therapy or legal advice. The fund is reliant on donations and fundraising to support the many resources supplied to patients and their families in connection with bereavement and supporting children to understand and manage their feelings due to a family member's cancer diagnosis or passing.

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Supporting patients with the side effects of cancer treatment is a service that is seen as necessary and headwear, such as bandanas, is provided for ladies who have hair loss due to chemotherapy, at a low or no cost.

Complementary therapies (£16k), were offered to help with the side effects of treatment, or anxiety and sleeping issues. The fund supported 206 patients and carers to access complementary therapy or auricular acupuncture from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Legal advice (£10k) is an ongoing service which supports patients with, for example, Will writing, including death bed Wills, Power of Attorney, debt management and guardianship issues. It is seen as a valuable service to patients, giving them peace of mind that their legal affairs are in order.

The centres also provided patients with 'Comfort Support packs' which contained a pocket hug, worry worm, notebook and pen, hand gel, lavender bag, angel and sweets, with crafted items generously made and donated by team members from a local corporate employer. The ladies also received a pashmina, these were kindly donated by the Scamp

and Dude company. Male patients did not miss out! They received bamboo socks, via a kind donation.



Over the financial year the centre supported 4,367 people who accessed its services, this was a 22.9% increase in the number of referrals compared with the previous year. The largest number of referrals are for financial support, ensuring patients are receiving all of the State benefits they are entitled to, alongside providing Macmillan grants if appropriate.

The service benefits a range of cancers including breast, prostate, lung, bowel, liver, stomach, and gynaecological.

Furniture and fittings (£51k) (2022/23 - £138k): Includes - the replacement of desk seating in the Education and Training Centre at SRH (£17k), seating in the patient area of the Diagnostic Imaging department (£8k), outdoor picnic tables for staff and patients (£5k), bed settees and stackable visitor chairs, and resident rooms dry wipe notice boards in Haven Court (£4k), glideaway guest beds in Paediatrics (£4k), collapsible mattresses and dementia friendly clocks in the SRH Emergency Department (£4k), various items of furniture to benefit service users on wards B26 and D46 (£5k).

Other (£63k) (2022/23 - £92k) – Various patient 'distraction' and therapy devices and programmes were brought on board which cover Haven Court, Elderly Medicine, Renal

and chemotherapy services (£23k). A Patient Safety Conference was held in the summer of 2023 with speakers attending from external organisations (£12k). The smaller value items funded during the financial year include Christmas gifts for patients occupying a bed on Christmas morning and for children undergoing treatment in the week before Christmas (£19k). Chemo bandanas, crockery and soft furnishings, Cuski mini boo swaddling items for NNU, patient manicure sets, and such like (£5k). The charity has

continued to support Comfort Care packs for visitors staying over at short notice and End of Life packs, provided to vulnerable patients being cared for at home (£2k).

The Charity is also pleased to report that it was also able fund the cost of Patient TV during the King's Coronation celebrations allowing all patients to have free access should they choose to watch, and special Coronation baby grows and Royal Mint coins were provided to newborns (£2k).

Contributions to NHS

The Charity also made contributions to the NHS worth £3,878k (2022/23 - £517k) that are included under Donated Capital Assets in STSFT's Statement of Financial Position.

The equipment assets purchased include: Total £2,845k

Theatres Division: Total £2,540k

- Spec T Gamma camera (£1,635k), including turnkey building work required for installation. - SPECT-CT systems are tomographic gamma cameras combined with a CT camera analogous to PET-CT, which enable "functional" gamma camera images that lack detailed anatomical location to be superimposed on anatomical CT images. The combined images are more specific and therefore diagnostic results are more accurate which in turn improve patient outcomes. This enables the Trust to provide world class nuclear medicine imaging by improving quality. It also helps ensure the Trust maintains its vision as the 3rd centre in the North East by maintaining appropriate investment in currently accepted standards for imaging equipment. This in turn will help attract radiologists with a specialist interest in nuclear medicine to the Trust.
- Head and Neck theatres – ENT (Ear Nose and Throat) Oral and Maxillofacial surgery microscopes x 4 (£377k) – these microscopes are especially useful in microsurgery techniques (e.g. nerve repair and grafting, blood vessel repair and grafting, free tissue transfers) because of their premium Fusion Optics technology which allows the surgeon to see more in one fully focussed view.
- Endoscopy theatre – EBUS (£73k) – is an Endobronchial Ultrasound system. It has a high diagnostic value with low risk allowing real time guidance in needle aspirations and is used when testing for various diseases including lung cancer.
- F2 theatre – Anaesthetic machines x 4 (£71k) – These machines offer lung protective ventilation functionalities and will allow the opening of the F2 level theatre.
- South Tyneside theatres – Image Intensifier (£70k) – used in general surgery and urology procedures. Replaces an older machine to ensure the length of time patients are on the operating table is minimised.
- Theatre – Solitive laser (£60k) – for laser prostate and renal stone surgeries. Requires no surgical incisions resulting in the benefits of low risk of bleeding, decreased pain, reduced risk of complications and quick recovery times.
- ENT and Orthopaedic theatres - monitoring stack and cameras (£56k)
- South Tyneside theatres – Replacement Sonosite (£46k) – An ultrasound device used for regional anaesthesia

- F2 theatre – monitors (£28k)
- Maternity theatres – Rapid Infuser (£22k) -used to deliver a rapid volume of fluids including blood products warmed to a specific temperature to patients with a major haemorrhage.
- Theatres – Neurotherm (£21k) - Radiofrequency denervation is a minimally invasive technique that involves the safe destruction of the nerve supply to painful joints. The benefits to patients include a longer lasting result compared with having injections to reduce pain, reduced pain, increased mobility, improved function, very low risk, minimal recovery time, day case treatment, avoidance of spinal fusion surgery.
- Theatres – Bariatric trolleys (£18k) - as the regional centre for bariatric surgery (obesity) these trolleys allow safer and more comfortable moving of patients
- Main theatre SRH – ECG machine (£10k)

Medicine Division: Total £194k

Cardiothoracic Directorate –

- MRI in CIED (£65k) jointly used with the Radiology service - Patients with cardiac pacemakers or defibrillators (collectively termed cardiac implantable electronic devices- CIEDs) are likely to benefit the most because they are older (one in 50 people over 65 have a pacemaker) and have more comorbidities. Previously they have been prevented from having MRI scans due to historical safety concerns, resulting in more invasive, inaccurate testing. This equipment allows these patients access to MRI scanning.
- Rebus probes and navigator (£64k) – a bronchoscopic technique using real time ultrasound imaging to guide thoracic lymph node sampling, which helps diagnose then treat lung cancer at its earliest stage
- Portable ECG machine (£31k) generously funded from a specific patient donation

Medical Specialties Directorate –

- Scalp coolers x 3 (£34k) – Phoenix Unit – can assist with reducing hair loss during chemotherapy treatment

Surgical Division: Total £133k

Trauma and Orthopaedics Directorate –

- Bone scalpel (£44k) – provides a gentler osteotomy compared with standard bone cutting tools. This tool is particularly important during spinal surgery
- High Speed Drill (£35k) – will allow more cases to be operated on simultaneously

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Ophthalmology Directorate –

- Slit lamp biomicroscope (£35k) – improves the ability to assess patients of all ages and with disabilities

Head and Neck Directorate - Dental Laboratory

- Oral 3D Scanner and printer package (£19k) – The scanner creates a 3D virtual model of the mouth and teeth, which can be e-mailed, attached to a CT scan for planning, or even printed out on 3D printer for modelling. The 3D printer, allows for the rapid processing of orthodontic, restorative and orthognathic patient models and enables the in-house manufacture of surgical splints.

Various VAT refunds and supplier credit notes £22k

The building schemes assets funded include: Total £1,033k

NeoNatal Parent Accommodation upgrade and expansion

- Within NNU itself (£599k) – completed March 2024, fully open April 2024
- Within Trust Headquarters building (£361k) – completed August 2024

Bike shelters at South Tyneside hospital site (£38k) – secure shelter for staff and visitor use

Christmas light decoration displays – installed externally on buildings at South Tyneside District Hospital (£35k)

Training and Education Support

During 2023/24, a number of different course types were run by the Trust's Training Department for both STSFT staff and professionals outside the Trust. These include the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS), Neonatal Life Support (NLS), Immediate Life Support (ILS) and Paediatric Immediate Life Support (P ILS).

Experts to facilitate these courses are sourced from across the UK. Both qualified and trainee medical and nursing staff in the UK attend these courses to extend or maintain their skills in accordance with current best practice. Courses held in 2023/24 generated £93k (2022/23 - £80k) at a cost of £91k (2022/23 - £56k). Expenditure includes equipment for course provision.

Course attendance consists of members of staff from STSFT as well as other organisations.

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Achievements and Performance - Investments

Traded investments and cash - income totalling £433k (2022/23- £173k).

Traded investments - Rathbones		Fixed Interest Holding - CCLA		COIF** deposit accounts		Current account bank interest	
2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
90	77	0	13	26	15	317	68

** Charities variable interest deposit fund held with CCLA Investment Management, an investment body serving charities, churches and the public sector.

Portfolio investments through Rathbones provide an income stream as well as aiming to provide capital growth in the long term to enable income streams to better withstand inflationary pressures.

In line with the ethos of promoting patient care, the Corporate Trustee attempts to ensure that all investments are ethically and environmentally sound, and are not opposed to the purpose of the Charity.

The investment strategy includes the following:

The prime investment objective is to achieve a balanced portfolio between income and capital growth. The preferred level of investment risk is defined as 'Medium'. There should be no investment in companies associated with the production of Armaments, Alcohol or the Tobacco industry. Although not strictly prohibited, sensitivity should also be given to investments in other industries associated with Alcohol, Armaments or Tobacco production

Rathbone statement

The last financial year saw markets turn more positive as the inflationary shocks caused by the Covid pandemic and war in Ukraine finally appeared to unwind. Investors remained focused on any signals from Central Banks that they would declare victory in bringing inflation under control by beginning to cut interest rates. However, this was set against a backdrop of increasing tension in the Middle East and political uncertainty in developed economies with a number of elections due to be held during 2024. As such, equity markets, although positive, were volatile as investors came to terms with the fact that interest rates in developed economies would not be cut as quickly as was expected at the end of 2023.

The first quarter of 2024 saw a technical recession in the UK which proved to be short-lived. However, the U.K. economy is not showing signs of sustained growth yet amid uncertainty for the outlook for inflation and as investors await outcomes after the General Election.

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The EU economy remains in similar shape but the US has been running hotter than expected, backed by strong employment numbers and inflation falling more slowly than was previously predicted.

Looking at the investments, the portfolio posted a solid annual gain of 8.8% for the year, with returns dominated by a handful of the largest US technology holdings, dubbed "The Magnificent Seven." Such was their dominance that they contributed to more than two-

thirds of the total world equity market gain during 2023 and while the portfolio retains some exposure, it is underweight against the market indices which resulted in an overall underperformance against the composite benchmark gain of 11.0%. The portfolio contains a mix of holdings across the globe, invested for both growth and income which was beneficial during the first quarter of 2024 as the concentration of performance seen during 2023 dissipated - as the likelihood of global recession recedes, more and more global companies have been able to participate in 2024's rising markets. However, with significant geo-political risks remaining (and even building) it is important to retain a well-balanced and disciplined investment approach across asset classes, regions and sectors in order to guard against potential shocks.

Financial Review of 2023/24

As at the 31 March 2024 the value of the funds was £9,135k. This represents a net decrease of £1,140k on the 31 March 2023 Financial Statements value of £10,275k.

There was a focus on utilising funds for the benefit of patients and staff resulting in a net funds decrease of £1,353k (2022/23: net increase £1,959k), with Capital purchases of £2,845k, mostly theatre equipment, driving this. This net expenditure was offset by a net gain on investments of £213k (2022/23 - net loss £239k)

The Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) recommenced donations in 2023/24 totalling £220k which included guaranteed gifting of £160k plus a one off donation of £60k (2022/23: nil). CHoICE, the commercial enterprise wholly owned by the STSFT reduced its donation by £500k to £2,000k (2022/23: £2,500k).

Please refer to note 2 of the Financial Statements for financial data surrounding income received.

The majority of volunteer fundraisers have very strong personal reasons for supporting a particular service. Thank you to all the individuals, groups, schools, churches, many fellowships and clubs and employers who have generously supported STSFT's Charitable Funds.

The total resources expended were £4,663k (2022/2023: £1,096k) an increase of £3,567k.

This increase is primarily attributable to Capital Asset contributions to the NHS consisting of medical equipment and building schemes that have been considered and approved by the Charitable Funds Committee during the course of 2022/23 and 2023/24. This will vary from one year to another reflect specific proposals received from the Trust.

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Expenditure spanned the usual range of patient amenities which include regular events such as Christmas presents for patients occupying a bed on Christmas Day, babies born over Christmas and children attending theatres and A&E over Christmas, staff amenities were principally the costs of delivering the Thrive staff psychology service, the Inclusion

Advisor staff post and furniture for the Education and Training Centre. A lesser sum was expended on Retirement gifts and long service award vouchers as these became a Trust revenue cost with effect from 1 September 2023.

Reserves Policy

The Trustee's Reserves Policy forms part of the plan to provide long term support to STSFT for new equipment, patient and staff benefits. The Charity's General Purpose fund is available for Trustwide initiatives and as such is classed as the 'free reserves'.

The Trustee intends that designated funds are spent within a reasonable period of receipt unless funds are reserved for major future developments and therefore foresee a need only to maintain reserves sufficient for general Trust-wide funding applications.

The Trustee continues to review the balances held within designated funds in accordance with the provisions of the NHS Acts relating to Charitable Funds, to determine whether these funds are likely to be committed in the near future and the extent to which there is a continuing need identified. In the event that the need identified no longer exists, those

funds will be directed to the General Purpose Fund which is managed by Corporate Affairs.

Free reserves held within the General Purpose fund amounted to £303k (£445k reported at 31 March 2023).

Balances may be accumulated in an individual fund prior to the commencement of a project or the purchase of an expensive piece of medical equipment; this is to ensure that there are sufficient resources before commitment so that other earmarked funds are not placed at risk. STSFT is responsible for the day to day running costs and maintenance of equipment purchased through donated funds.

The CFC continues to take an active interest in reviewing fund usage to establish that funds are used appropriately and in a timely, controlled manner.

There are no funds in deficit.

Our Thanks

To CHOICE, whose monies were and will continue to be used to fund a number of major medical equipment purchases and during the course of the 2024/25 financial year the charity is expecting to continue to make a significant contribution towards the Trust's medical equipment programme.

We are grateful to the RVS for their contribution from profits and to the South Tyneside League of Friends which used their funds to support a number of applications by wards.

As always, the Charity is grateful to the countless volunteer fundraisers who dedicate time and energy to raising funds for a number of specific services. Whatever the value of

a donation made, we are grateful to all our donors and we acknowledge that for many, 2023/24 continued to be a challenging year both financially and emotionally. We value the letters of thanks that are received, and our sympathies remain with families and friends who donate or continue to fundraise in memory of loved ones.

Without the on-going and tireless support of organisations, volunteers, individuals and their families, the Charity would not be able to pursue the many projects undertaken this year. To all of our donors we give our thanks and hope for your continued support in the years to come.

Plans for the Future

The Cancer Information and Support Centre located at Sunderland Royal Hospital, and its sister centre at South Tyneside District Hospital, known as the 'Rise Above Cancer' fund continues to support the Personalised Patient Care Programme to look at Survivorship Activities Programmes. Sadly, cancer services are still seeing an increase in referrals of patients with less than six months to live, with increasing numbers of younger patients with young children, for whom benefit advice and legal advice services are vital, and costs are expected to increase.

The centre is looking at ways to continue to supply 'Comfort Support packs'. A project to trial two fundraising contactless donation points machines, initially at Sunderland Royal Hospital got underway in April 2024, with donors able to make a donation by debit or credit card. The Corporate Affairs department is overseeing where they are located and departments can approach Corporate Affairs to take a machine if they have a specific event in mind where a machine might be useful to have.

The monies donated by CHOICE were and will continue to be used to fund a number of major medical equipment purchases.

During the course of the 2024/25 Financial Year, the charity is again making a significant contribution to the Trust's medical equipment capital programme, in the order of £1,613k.

It is expected these will make a significant enhancement to the provision of patient care at the various hospital and outpatient sites operated by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. In some cases the items will provide additional capacity, a welcome support as the Trust continues to actively manage its back log of patients following the COVID 19 pandemic.

The provision of additional parent accommodation within Trust Headquarters on the Sunderland Royal Hospital site, in support of services in the NeoNatal Unit (NNU) is expected to complete in 2024. This accommodation and the enhanced provision already within the NNU is designed to provide a 'home from home' to help parents cope with the demands of having a child in the NNU.

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Alongside our plans for a new Eye Hospital, we've also launched our Vision charity appeal. This aims to help raise vital funds so that Sunderland stays at the forefront of the very latest eye treatments and cutting edge technologies. Money raised through the

Vision Appeal will help fund even more state-of-the-art equipment for the new Eye Hospital.

The fund balances carried forward to 2024/25 will continue to be used to enhance services and resources for the provision of healthcare by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. In line with the legal requirement to provide and demonstrate wide ranging patient benefit, the most effective use of our Charitable Funds will continue to be monitored by the CFC.

To view the Charity's current and previous Trustee Annual Report and Financial Statements and for further information on areas such as Charities Act updates, Public Benefit Guidance and Good Governance please visit www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

By Order of the Trustee

Signed  (Executive Director)

Dated 07 NOVEMBER 2024

Statement of Trustee responsibilities

The Trustee 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the 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 Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The 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.

On behalf of the Trustee

Signed:

Director  Date 07 NOVEMBER 2024

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash flow 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ▶ give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its net income and application of resources, 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'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 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. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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 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 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 light of the 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 in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you 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; or
- ▶ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- ▶ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustee responsibilities statement set out on page 23, 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 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 trustee 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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 the financial statements.

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. Based on our understanding of the charity and its activities, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the UK tax legislation, pensions legislation, employment regulation and health and safety regulation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, money laundering and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

We evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://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's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed:

M Moran

Michael T Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor

Fernwood House

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Date: 11 November 2024

Robson Laidler Accountants 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.

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOREWORD

These financial statements have been prepared by the Trustee under Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

For the Financial Year 2021/2022 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT) was the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds. STSFT was established on 1 April 2019.

The South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds are registered with the Charity Commission (registered number 1052366) and include funds in respect of services at the Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland Eye Infirmary, South Tyneside District Hospital, as well as some Community services and services located at the Children's Centre, Sunderland. Prior to 1 April 2020 charity number 1052366 was registered as City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds. The registered charity South Tyneside Trust General Charitable Fund, registered charity number 1059500, whose Corporate Trustee is also South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, merged with the registration number 1052366 on 1 April 2020.

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.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CHARITABLE FUNDS

The main purpose of the Charitable Funds is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service, for the services provided by STSFT.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Income from:						
Donations & Legacies	2	2,776	3	0	2,779	2,737
Grants	2.4	0	0	0	0	60
Charitable Activities	3	93	0	0	93	80
Other Trading Activities	4	5	0	0	5	5
Investments	9.3	417	9	7	433	173
Total Income		3,291	12	7	3,310	3,055
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	5	(28)	(1)	0	(29)	(27)
Charitable Activities	6	(4,633)	(1)	0	(4,634)	(1,069)
Total Expenditure	7	(4,661)	(2)	0	(4,663)	(1,096)
Net Gain / (Loss) on investments	9.1	203	10	0	213	(239)
Net Income / (Expenditure)		(1,167)	20	7	(1,140)	1,720
Transfer between funds		7	0	(7)	0	0
Net movement in funds		(1,160)	20	0	(1,140)	1,720
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total funds brought forward		9,950	166	159	10,275	8,555
Total funds carried forward	13	8,790	186	159	9,135	10,275

All results derive from continuing operations.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the above.

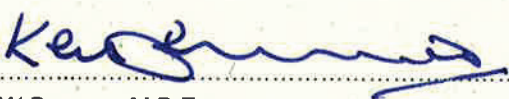
There is no material difference between the net incoming resources stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Non current assets						
Investments	9.1,9.2	3,609	154	0	3,763	3,481
Total non-current assets		3,609	154	0	3,763	3,481
Current assets						
Trade and other receivables	10	19	1	0	20	44
Cash and cash equivalents	11	6,833	50	159	7,042	7,035
Total current assets		6,852	51	159	7,062	7,079
Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	12	(1,671)	(19)	0	(1,690)	(285)
Net current assets		5,181	32	159	5,372	6,794
Total net assets		8,790	186	159	9,135	10,275
Retained funds of the Charity						
Endowment Funds	13.1	0	0	159	159	159
Restricted Income Funds	13.3	0	186	0	186	166
Unrestricted Income Funds	13.5	8,790	0	0	8,790	9,950
Total retained funds of the Charity		8,790	186	159	9,135	10,275

The financial statements on pages 30 to 46 were approved by order of the Trustee on
and signed on its behalf by:

2024



KW Bremner M.B.E.

Chief Executive, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Corporate Trustee

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW

	Year Ended 31 March 24 £'000s	Year Ended 31 March 23 £'000s
Net income and expenditure for the reporting period	(1,140)	1,720
(Increase) in current debtors	24	(9)
Investment income received	(433)	(173)
Net Loss on investments revaluation	(213)	239
(Decrease) / Increase in current creditors	1,405	(358)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(357)	1,419
Disposal at sale proceeds values	303	1,274
Acquisitions at cost	(372)	(1,204)
Investment income received	433	173
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investment activities	364	243
Net cash inflow/(outflow) cash and cash equivalents	7	1,662
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	7,035	5,373
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	7,042	7,035

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting Policies**1.1 Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value, in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The uncertain economic outlook and the variability in income from donations and legacies year-to-year represents a significant area of financial uncertainty for the Charity. The Charity mitigates this risk through maintaining diversity in its income streams and upholding expenditure authorisation controls to prevent over-commitment of funds. Therefore, this is not anticipated to represent a risk to going concern.

A significant area of uncertainty that affects the carrying value of assets held by the Charity is the performance of investment markets. The performance of the Investment Broker is reviewed as a minimum on a quarterly basis by the Trustee.

The Charity's functional and presentational currency is the pound sterling and is rounded to the nearest £'000.

1.2 Structure of funds

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

- A restricted fund; or
- an endowment fund.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. Where the restriction requires the gift to be invested to produce income but the Trustee has the power to spend the capital, it is classed as expendable endowment.

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Endowments are held as expendable endowments unless there is a specific term in the bequest stating the capital element should be held in perpetuity. Under such bequests, the capital value will be maintained, income generated by capital in perpetuity can be spent.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 13.

1.3 Income

a) Donations, staff lottery, royalties, investment income, course and conference fees:

All income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as the following three factors can be met:

- (i) entitlement – arises when income is receivable or the Charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- (ii) probable – when it is more likely than not that the income will be received; and
- (iii) measurement – when the monetary value of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability and the costs incurred for the transaction can be measured reliably.

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

Income, except for investment income, is allocated to a fund in accordance with the donor's/payer's intention. Investment income is held in suspense funds prior to being apportioned, except for dividends and interest received from two of the portfolios which are allocated direct to funds.

b) Legacies:

Legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy becomes probable or is within the control of the Charity. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled.

Legacies are allocated to a fund servicing the area of benefit as defined in the bequestor's Will.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**1 Accounting Policies (continued)****1.3 Income (continued)****c) Staff Lottery:**

Income is recorded net of the cost of prizes. The Lottery policy states that 50% of proceeds are allocated in prize monies, therefore only income available to the Charity is recorded in the financial statements.

d) Investment income apportionment:

Common deposit fund interest (COIF) relating to the two former CHS endowment funds is held in one account, and is split over these funds. The interest from the second common deposit fund (COIF account) is apportioned over the remaining funds using the average balance on the fund as a percentage of the total funds value, excepting the restricted Leukaemia and Lymphoma fund which has its own income source via a Rathbone investment portfolio.

Traded fixed asset investments dividends and interest result from three portfolios:

The main portfolio relates to unrestricted funds and is apportioned at the same time as the support costs apportionment, on the basis of the fund average balance as a proportion of the total fund average balances.

The second portfolio relates to one restricted fund and income is allocated direct to the fund.

The third portfolio relates to one unrestricted fund and income is allocated direct to the fund.

1.4 Transfer of Funds

Common deposit fund interest relating to the two former CHS endowment funds is transferred to respective restricted funds at the same time as the support cost apportionment. See notes 13.1 and 13.3.

1.5 Liabilities

All expenditure is recognised once there is a known legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. Liabilities have been recorded at settlement value.

1.6 Expenditure expended

The Charitable Funds' financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accruals concept.

a) Costs of generating funds:

The costs of generating funds are the costs associated with generating income for the Charitable Funds. The costs incurred relate to operating the staff lottery, investment portfolio management fees and pay and non-pay relating to the Charity fundraiser working within the Corporate Affairs department. There has not been a Charity Fundraiser in post since December 2021.

b) Costs of Charitable Activities – Support Costs:

These are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recharges of appropriate proportions of the salary costs from South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust of 1.62 whole time equivalent post. There are no staff directly employed by the Charity. Bank charges relating to the operation of the Charity's non-exchequer bank accounts are included, as well as software licence and maintenance fees charged by the suppliers of the Charitable Funds database system. One off costs pertinent to running the charity are accounted for within this category. In 2023/24 this included a consultancy fee to prepare a Strategic Review of the Charity.

Support costs are inclusive of Governance costs – see (d).

Support costs are allocated across all funds at the year end on the basis of the fund average balance as a proportion of the total fund average balances.

c) Costs of Charitable Activities – Research Activities:

Research via Charitable Funds must comply with any requirements contained in the Charities Act, and also Charity Commission guidelines. In addition, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust has a research policy, ratified by the Trust via its Research and Development Steering Group, which involves vetting and approval by the Trust's Scientific Review Committee and externally by an approved Research Ethics Committee. Charitable constraints mean that only a select few projects would meet charitable criteria. There was no research conducted in 2023/24.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.6 Expenditure (continued)

d) Governance costs:

This includes only those costs attributable to generating the information required for public accountability (i.e. financial statements and Trustee Annual Report preparation).

The costs include an appropriate proportion of salary costs relating to the Charitable Funds Administrator and review costs by the Capital Accountant, recharged from South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust at 0.08 whole time equivalent.

The fee for the annual external audit is accrued within this category.

1.7 Fixed Assets

The Charity does not hold any fixed assets.

Any purchases of goods which satisfy the fixed asset criteria are gifted to South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust under "Contribution to NHS" – see notes 6.1 and 14.2. These are then accounted for within the STSFT balance sheet under Donated Fixed Assets.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually interest bearing deposit accounts and the Investment management cash Dealing account.

1.9 Investments

All investments are held to provide an investment return for the Charity.

Traded investment non-current assets are shown at market value as at the balance sheet date. The valuation of listed investments is based on mid-market prices and is obtained from the Charity's investment broker Rathbone Investment Management Limited.

The value of unlisted investments is obtained by Rathbone Investment Management Limited from trading brokers.

Investments comprise a mix of UK Government Gilts, fixed interest bearing shares and bonds, FTSE 100 and 250 quoted stocks, overseas equities and a number of Alternative Assets including hedge funds, commodities and property trusts.

As per Charity Commission guidelines, no one investment on average comprises more than 5% of the total portfolio value. Some investment assets came to the Charity by way of bequests

All traded investment business is handled on a discretionary basis by the broker, who acts as a Nominee. The Trustee believes that the carrying value of the investment is supported by their underlying net assets.

1.10 Realised gains and losses

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

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and book value. An adjustment is made for previous unrealised gains being the difference between the previous year end market value and the book value.

It should be noted that under the arrangement with the investment broker, the cash proceeds from disposals and non-dividend income are held by the broker in a Capital Account pending reinvestment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting Policies (continued)**1.10 Realised gains and losses - continued**

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or date of purchase if later).

The above applies to the current and prior financial year.

1.11 Charity merger

On 1 April 2020, City Hospitals Sunderland Charitable Funds merged with South Tyneside General Charitable Fund (reg no 1059500) to become South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds, (working name STS Charity), registration number 1052366. Also see Foreword page 25 for more detail.

1.12 Reserves Policy

The Charity Commission notes that Trustees "should" rather than "must" have a policy, and notes having a reserves policy will help Trustees comply with their legal duty which includes:

- Acting in the interests of their charity and its beneficiaries;
- protecting and safeguarding the assets of their charity; and
- acting with reasonable care and skill to ensure their charity is accountable.

In practice this means the reserves policy should:

- Fully justify and clearly explain the reason for keeping or not keeping reserves;
- identify a plan for the maintenance of essential services for beneficiaries;
- reflect the risks of unplanned closure associated with the charity's business model, spending commitments, potential liabilities and financial forecasts; and
- help to address the risks of unplanned closure on their beneficiaries (in particular, vulnerable beneficiaries), staff and volunteers.

Given that both restricted funds and endowments already have an accounting framework in place to ensure they are managed appropriately, this policy will apply to the unrestricted funds; the restricted funds will be managed in line with the donor's restrictions.

Noting the above, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Charitable Funds will ensure it holds sufficient cash reserves to:

1. Meet all outstanding agreed commitments at any one point in time;
2. Retain sufficient funds to meet 18 months of annual operational costs at any one point including funding the following roles:
 - a. Fund Raising Officers
 - b. Charitable Funds Accountant and assistant.
 - c. Cost of third party system support such as the finance database.
3. Retain a cash balance of between £0.500m and £1.000m at any one point in time to ensure working capital commitments can be managed including covering the cost of purchasing medical equipment and agreed salaries.

Any remaining funds will be managed in line with the investment management policy using the nominated investment broker in contract at the time.

Where fund balances are considered higher than may be expected the Trustees will seek to obtain strategic spend plans from the Foundation Trust, these however, will take into account operational commitments at the time which may mean funds are indeed retained until an appropriate point in time is reached where for example capital investments could be made to a ward or other operational area.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**1 Accounting Policies (continued)****1.13 Prior year adjustments**

There has been no change to the financial statements of prior years.

1.14 Exemption from Corporation Tax

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Charitable Funds is a registered Charity, subject to the taxation reliefs applicable to charities. All income is applied in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity, it is exempt from corporation tax.

1.15 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

The Charity only holds financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.16 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, which are described in notes 1.1 to 1.13, the Trustee is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

The Trustee does not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

1.17 Covid19 and Ukraine conflict

During 2023/24 the inflationary shocks caused by the Covid pandemic and war in Ukraine finally appeared to unwind. However, a backdrop of increasing tension in the Middle East and political uncertainty in developed economies with a number of elections due to be held during 2024 contributed to markets remaining volatile. Despite this, the value of investments held by the charity, managed by the nominee Rathbone Investment Management, posted an overall net gain of 8.8%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Income from
donations &
legacies

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2.1 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Donations from individuals	158	2	0	160	150
Donations from charities RVS	220	0	0	220	0
Donations from charities other	1	0	0	1	9
Corporate donations CHolCE	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,500
Corporate donations other	9	0	0	9	10
Non corporate donations	14	0	0	14	11
Public Services	2	0	0	2	0
	2,404	2	0	2,406	2,680

Analysis of donations from individuals

	£000 received		Number of deposits	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Individuals giving > £1k	81	59	44	26
Individuals giving > £100	65	75	227	286
Fundraising - voluntary (not via STSFT)	5	9	10	15
Other	9	7	452	183
Totals	160	150	733	510

2.2 Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Paediatrics	300	0	0	300	0
Corporate - Nursing	36	0	0	36	0
Ophthalmology	23	0	0	23	11
Urgent + Emergency Care	12	0	0	12	0
Medical Specialties	0	1	0	1	6
Perioperative + Critical Care	1	0	0	1	36
Rehab and Elderly Medicine	0	0	0	0	3
General Purposes	0	0	0	0	1
	372	1	0	373	57

In total 9 legacies were received during 2023/24, of which 1 was residuary sum (2022/23 : 7)

2.3 Total donations and legacies

2,776	3	0	2,779	2,737
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2.4 Grants

Grants from Charities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
CHSA - Covid19 Healthcare Support Appeal	0	0	0	0	60
	0	0	0	0	60

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Income from charitable activities	3	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds £000	Funds £000	Funds £000	2024 Funds £000	2023 Funds £000
Course and conference fees		93	0	0	93	80

7 different course types were held (2022/23 : 8).

Income from other trading activities	4	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds £000	Funds £000	Funds £000	2024 Funds £000	2023 Funds £000
Staff lottery		5	0	0	5	5
		5	0	0	5	5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Details of Fundraising expenditure	5	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Bought-in services from NHS		(2)	0	0	(2)	(2)
Investment Broker fee		(25)	(1)	0	(26)	(24)
Corporate Fundraising non pay		(1)	0	0	(1)	(1)
		<u>(28)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(27)</u>

All traded investment business covering all funds is handled by the Charity's investment broker, Rathbone Investment Management Ltd.

Bought-in services relate to salary recharges from STSFT in respect of managing the staff lottery £2k, 0.08 whole time equivalent - wte(2022/23: £2k, 0.09 wte)

Details of Charitable activities expenditure	6	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
6.1 Cost of Charitable Activities						
Patients' welfare and amenities		(247)	0	0	(247)	(293)
Course and conference costs		(91)	0	0	(91)	(56)
Contributions to NHS		(3,878)	0	0	(3,878)	(517)
Staff welfare and amenities		(335)	0	0	(335)	(137)
Support and governance costs		(82)	(1)	0	(83)	(66)
		<u>(4,633)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,634)</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>

Analysis of support costs expenditure	6.2	Staff / Patient Welfare and Amenities £000	Course and Conference Costs £000	Governance Costs £000	Research £000	Total 2024 Funds £000	Total 2023 Funds £000
Support and governance cost:							
Unrestricted		(60)	(9)	(14)	0	(83)	(64)
Restricted		0	0	0	0	0	(2)
		<u>(60)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(83)</u>	<u>(66)</u>

Support costs mainly relate to pay in respect of 1.62 whole time equivalent (wte) staff costs of which 0.08 wte was transferred to Governance in connection with the preparation of the statutory Annual Financial Statements and Trustee Annual Report. There are no staff employed directly by the charity therefore there have been no pension contributions made in the year. Non pay costs include bank charges and the licence fee associated with the Charitable Funds database. In addition during 23/24 there was a one-off charge for consultancy charges for a Charity Strategic Review. Internal audit charge 2023/24 nil (2022/23 : nil).

Governance costs include the statutory annual audit by Robson-Laidler for 23/24 total £9,200 exclusive of VAT (2022/23 £8,750 excl VAT) and an element of support costs detailed above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Analysis of
total
expenditure

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	Costs of Fundraising £000	Investment Management Costs £000	Costs of Charitable Activities £000	Governance Costs £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Other	(1)	0	(4,177)	0	(4,178)	(845)
Bought-in services from NHS	(2)	0	(443)	(3)	(448)	(217)
Investment Broker fee	0	(26)	0	0	(26)	(24)
Audit fees - external statutory audit provision	0	0	0	(11)	(11)	(10)
	(3)	(26)	(4,620)	(14)	(4,663)	(1,096)

Grants made
to institutions
and individuals

- 8 During the year, the Charity made no grants to individuals or other institutions but funding was provided to STSFT for the benefit of patients, staff which could not be funded out of NHS operating expenses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Analysis of
non current
asset
investments

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9.1 Traded Non Current Asset Investments:

	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
Managed Portfolios		
Market value at 1 April	3,481	2,729
Less: Disposals at Sales Proceeds values	(303)	(312)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	372	1,204
Net unrealised and realised gain / (loss) on sale and revaluation	213	(140)
Market value at 31 March	<u>3,763</u>	<u>3,481</u>
Fixed Interest Fund Holding		
Market value at 1 April	0	1,061
Less: Disposals at Sales Proceeds values	0	(962)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	0	0
Net unrealised and realised gain / (loss) on sale and revaluation	0	(99)
Market value at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total non current asset investments	<u>3,763</u>	<u>3,481</u>
Historic cost at 31 March - Managed Portfolios	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,896</u>

9.2

Traded Non Current Asset Investments:

	31 March 2024 Total £000	31 March 2023 Total £000
<u>Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange:</u>		
In the UK	1,573	1,487
Outside the UK	663	551
<u>Unlisted securities:</u>		
In the UK	1,006	983
Outside the UK	521	460
Total	<u>3,763</u>	<u>3,481</u>

Analysis of
gross income
from
investments

9.3

Total gross income:

	2024 Total £000	2023 Total £000
<u>Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange:</u>		
In the UK	54	60
Outside the UK	7	5
<u>Unlisted securities:</u>		
In the UK	21	17
Outside the UK	8	8
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund	25	15
Current account / short term interest	318	68
Total	<u>433</u>	<u>173</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Trade and other Receivables	10	Amounts falling due within one year:	31 March		31 March
			2024		2023
			£000		£000

Trade receivables	13	32
Amounts due from STSFT	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	7	12
Total receivables falling due within one year	20	44

Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents	11	Cash and cash equivalents	31 March		31 March
			2024		2023
			£000		£000

Cash at GBS (and commercial bank 31 March 2022)	6,526	6,424
Notice Deposits (less than 3 months)	465	465
Cash held in dealing account with Investment Broker	51	146
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,042	7,035

Analysis of Trade and other Payables	12	Amounts falling due within one year:	31 March		31 March
			2024		2023
			£000		£000

Amounts due to STSFT	(564)	(104)
Trade payables	(1,112)	(45)
Accruals and deferred income	(14)	(136)
Total payables falling due within one year	(1,690)	(285)

Analysis of Funds	13								
	13.1 Endowment Funds	Balance					Balance		
	Details of material funds - Endowment Funds	1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains on Disposals	Gains on Revaluations	31 March 2024	
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
		Fund 1910 Legacy	156	7	0	(7)	0	0	156
		Fund 1900 Legacy	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Funds 1920-1940 Gifts	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Total	159	7	0	(7)	0	0	159

13.2 Description of funds

Fund 1910 Legacy	-	Capital in Perpetuity to purchase equipment at Sunderland Eye Infirmary.
Fund 1900 Legacy	-	Capital in Perpetuity to place "in memoriam" flowers in the Chapel.
Fund 1920	-	to benefit the Library
Fund 1930 +1940	-	to benefit Nursing

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Funds 13 (Continued)

Details of material funds - Restricted Funds	13.3 Restricted Funds	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gain on Disposals £000	Gain on Revaluation £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
	Material funds							
	Leukaemia Research Legacy	107	9	(1)	0	0	10	125
	Orthopaedics bequest	35	2	(1)	0	0	0	36
	Neonatal Unit Legacy	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Other designated funds	22	1	0	0	0	0	23
	Total	166	12	(2)	0	0	10	186

13.4 Description of funds

Leukaemia Research Legacy	-	For leukaemia and lymphoma research.
Orthopaedics bequest	-	For the provision of an operating theatre bed specifically designed for people suffering from curvature of the spine
Neonatal Unit legacy	-	For South Tyneside neonates

Details of material funds - Unrestricted Funds 13.5 Unrestricted Funds

Details of material funds - Unrestricted Funds	13.5 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gain on Disposals £000	Gain on Revaluation £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
	Material funds							
	Medical Equipment purposes	5220	2,212	(3,551)	0	1		3,882
	Paediatric department	331	327	(11)	0	1		648
	General Purposes	445	246	(258)	0	0		433
	NeoNatal Unit	322	17	(149)	0	0		190
	SRH ICCU	160	20	(3)	0	0		177
	Rise Above Cancer	174	29	(30)	0	0		173
	Glaucoma purposes	143	7	(2)	0	0		148
	Maternity Unit	137	6	(1)	0	0		142
	Phoenix Unit - Chemotherapy	145	27	(41)	0	0		131
	SEI General Purposes	80	37	(2)	0	0		115
	ALS course - Resusc	80	38	(19)	0	0		99
	Renal purposes	98	8	(8)	0	0		98
	Pharmacy department	85	10	(1)	0	0		94
	Diabetes purposes Legacy	88	5	(1)	0	0		92
	Clinical Haematology	78	4	(8)	0	0		74
	SRH Ward D46 Stroke (prev E58,D41)	66	9	(6)	0	0		69
	STDH Cardiology bequests	65	3	(1)	0	0		67
	South Tyneside Community Planned Car	57	12	(2)	0	0		67
	ENT/SALT purposes	60	3	(1)	0	0		62
	SRH Cardiology	58	4	(1)	0	0		61
	Gynaecology purposes	51	3	(1)	0	0		53
	Urology Unit	49	5	(1)	0	0		53
	SRH Coronary Care	49	4	0	0	0		53
	Niall Quinn Childrens OPD	49	4	(1)	0	0		52
	Other	1860	251	(562)	7	0	201	1,757
	Total Unrestricted Funds	9,950	3,291	(4,661)	7	2	201	8,790

Transfers: During 2023/24 the only transfer was a Gross transfer of funds to move Endowment (CIP) income to Unrestricted funds

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Details of material funds - Unrestricted Funds (continued)	13.6 Description of funds	
	Medical Equipment purposes (incl CHOICE donation)	- Larger items of medical equipment funded from CHOICE donations.
	Paediatric department	- Equipment and patient amenities across Paediatrics
	General Purposes	- Trustwide in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	NeoNatal Unit	- Equipment and patient amenities for the Neonates service set by NHS Charities Together (incl Captain Sir Tom Moore distributions).
	SRH ICU	- Purposes benefitting the Intensive Critical Care Unit
	Rise Above Cancer	- Information, support and complimentary therapy treatment rooms on Sunderland Royal and South Tyneside District hospital sites
	Glaucoma purposes	- Incorporating the GRAD@S fund, for glaucoma service purposes including research and development
	Maternity Unit	- Equipment for the maternity unit and purposes in accordance with the objects of the Charity
	Phoenix Unit - Chemotherapy	- Equipment and patient amenities within the Unit - relocated
	SEI General Purposes	- For Eye Infirmary benefit in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	ALS course - resuscitation	- Advanced Life Support course delivery
	Renal purposes	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	Pharmacy department	- Equipment, training and education within the department.
	Diabetes purposes Legacy	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	Clinical Haematology	- Equipment, education and patient care in Clinical Haematology.
	SRH Ward D46 Stroke (previously located on ward E58)	- Equipment and patient amenities within the ward
	STDH Cardiology bequests	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	South Tyneside Community Planned Care	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	ENT/SALT purposes	- For purposes including Head and Neck cancer services
	SRH Cardiology	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	Gynaecology purposes	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	Urology Unit	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	SRH Coronary Care	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.
	Niall Quinn Childrens OPD	- For expenditure in accordance with the objects of the Charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Trustee and
Connected
Persons
Transactions** **14**

14.1 Recharges from Corporate Trustee

STSFT, as Corporate Trustee of the Charity, incurred rechargeable expenditure on behalf of the Charity amounting to £3,364,409 (2022/2023: £1,138,486). The rechargeable expenditure relates to the Charity's objectives, and represents the majority of the resources expended as shown in note 6.1. STSFT does not recharge any costs for services provided by its Directors.

An amount of £564,016 is included within payables for outstanding transactions not yet reimbursed. (£103,580 payable re 2022/23).

14.2 Analysis of Contributions to NHS

The Charity provided the following capital donations to STSFT:

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Equipment	2,845	379
Fixtures and Fittings	0	0
IT equipment	0	137
Buildings	1,033	1
	<u>3,878</u>	<u>517</u>

14.3 Trustee Indemnity Insurance

No indemnity insurance was provided to the Trustee in the year to 31st March 2024 (2022/23 Nil).

14.4 Related Party Transactions

The Charity has made revenue and capital donations to its Corporate Trustee, STSFT. The Corporate Trustee, which is the ultimate controlling party, consists solely of members of the Board of Directors who assume responsibility and accountability for the Charity.

During the year, none of the Directors or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any private transactions with the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds.

No member of the Board of Directors has been reimbursed "out of pocket" expenses by the Charity.

There were no loans or guarantees secured against assets of the Charity in the year to 31st March 2024 (2022/23 Nil).

The Charitable Funds received a donation of £2,000,000 (2022/23 £2,500,000) from City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE), which is the subsidiary of STSFT.

The Charitable Funds did not place any non stock requisitions via CHoICE, however one Capital order for £34k was inadvertently processed through CHoICE, who also processed minimal value stock items for Comfort Care/End of Life Care Packs £1961, (2023/23: £170)

Internal audit services are provided by AuditOne.

Services provided to the Charity by AuditOne during the financial year 2023/24 were nil (22/23: nil).

14.5 Post Balance Sheet Event

A bequest of £43,049 was received in June 2024, which was not quantifiable until that date, though communication had been received from the solicitor during 2023/24 that the charity was to be a residuary beneficiary of the deceased's Will.