

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Charitable Funds

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024/25

Registered as a Charity

No: 1057104

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Introduction

The Corporate Trustee, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Charity, is a Mental Health and Learning Disability NHS provider.

The Charity exists to raise funds and receive donations for the public benefit of the NHS. For us this is the patients and staff of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the Independent Examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustee in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Effective 1 January 2019.

The aim of this report is to provide a link between the charity objectives and strategies as set out by the Trustees for the activities carried out during the year, detailing the year and measuring how successful we have been in achieving the charity objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) has administered Charitable Funds since its creation on 1 April 1996.

The Charitable Funds were registered with the Charity Commission under the requirements contained within the 1993 Charities Act. The funds were registered as an "Umbrella Charity".

The funds are held for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS, relating to services provided by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

TRUSTEES ARRANGEMENTS

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the charity. The Directors who served NSCHT during the year to 31st March 2025 are listed on page 11.

Trustees are automatically appointed on becoming a Board member of NSCHT.

Appointments to the Trust Board are governed by the Trust's Standing Orders with the Chair and members being appointed by the NHS Appointments Commission.

As part of their induction programme, new Executive Directors of NSCHT are made aware of their responsibilities as Trustees.

The Trustees did not undertake any specific training within the reporting year although the induction arrangements for all Board members include details on their responsibilities as Charitable Funds Trustees.

Neither the Corporate Trustee nor the Directors of the Corporate Trustee are remunerated.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS DURING 2024/25

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MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Being Trustees incorporated as a body, the Trust Board has established a Charitable Funds Committee to oversee the operation of the charitable funds on behalf of the Trust.

This Committee has responsibility to monitor and control the management of charitable funds and provides advice to the Trustees. It also provides support, guidance and encouragement in the utilisation of income and expenditure, ensuring best practice is followed in the conduct of all its affairs.

OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Trustees have delegated day-to-day management of the charitable funds to a Charitable Funds Committee. Trustees and Charitable Funds Committee membership during 2024/25 is listed on page 11 of this report.

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Board, acting as Corporate Trustee, takes overall responsibility for the management of funds, but operates a Scheme of Delegation.

The scheme of delegation is designed so that most expend decisions are taken at operational level.

Fund managers have been identified for designated funds and these managers are able to authorise expenditure up to £2,000. Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Finance Officer can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. The Charitable Funds Management and Scrutiny Committee up to £50,000. The Trust Board/Trustees have an unlimited authorisation limit.

The Charity itself does not have its own offices or employees. North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust provides administrative services to the Charity for which an annual charge is made. In 2024/25 this amounted to £3,850. The Committee continues to review the level of expenditure ensuring that good value for money is achieved. The level of support is constantly reviewed with the aim of being as cost effective as possible.

During 2024/25, the Charitable Funds Management and Scrutiny Committee set a clear direction to raise the profile and impact of charitable funds, aiming to enhance benefits for patients, staff, and the wider community. As part of this strategic shift, a branding exercise was undertaken, and 'Combined Charity' registered with the

Charity Commission as an official working name.

The new branding launched in December 2024, accompanied by targeted activities to support modest growth. This included renewing membership with NHS Charities Together, actively engaging in its member networks, and exploring grant funding opportunities. A small cross-Trust working group was also formed to generate ideas and build wider support for charitable initiatives planned for 2025/26.

RISKS

The Charity operates under the corporate controls assurance policies and procedures of the NHS Trust as part of its governance arrangements. The Trust has in place as part of its risk management strategy a risk register.

The Charity benefits from independent reviews undertaken by both periodic Internal Audit and annual External Examiner reports, which are presented to the Trustees.

The action points from such reports are applied and monitored on behalf of the Charity by the Trust's Finance department.

Funds are checked before a payment is made to ensure that resources are available to meet the grant requests. The funds are administered by the Trust's Finance department.

All grant requests are committed against funds by the appointed Fund Holders and this expenditure is applied in line with objectives of the Charity. The grants are subsequently authorised according to the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions, Standing Orders and Charitable Fund procedures that also comply with Charity Law.

Any risks relating to the charity would be considered within the Corporate Trustees' risk register. The risk register is reviewed by the Trust Board.

Objectives and Activities

OBJECTIVES

The Charity has NHS Wide objectives as follows:

*The Trustees shall hold funds for any charitable purposes relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for the services provided at North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.**

Guidance documents for fund holders and users of charitable funds are in place. These contain more explicit advice on the definition of charitable purposes and allowable expenditure. The guidance also helps focus the objectives of the Charity as it identifies typical areas in which charitable funds can be used to enhance the patient and staff experience.

Fund Managers formulate and monitor their own expenditure plans to achieve the objectives set by the Charitable Funds Committee for this year. The Charity regularly assesses the designations of its unrestricted funds and there is high level discussion of income and expenditure at each Charitable Funds Committee meeting.

ACTIVITIES

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is a leading provider of mental health, social care, learning disability and substance misuse services.

The Trust provides services to people with a wide range of mental health and learning disability needs. Sometimes our service users need to spend time in hospital, but much more often we can provide care in community settings and in people's own homes.

**Note: the objective of the Charity is noted on the registration document with the Charity Commission.*

Learning Disabilities

The Learning Disabilities service provides a range of community-based specialist services to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and their families. Services include residential and respite care, specialist education and day activities, short term treatment and assessment and specialist services for people with mental impairment.

Mental Health

The Mental Health service aims to provide high quality, easily accessible service to those suffering with mental health. These comprehensive services are offered in hospital and community-based settings, these include adult acute, rehab, elderly care, substance misuse, child and adolescent, psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, community nursing and clinical psychology services.

Our Locations

We work from both hospital and community-based premises, operating from many sites in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. The main sites are listed below.

Harplands Hospital - Our main site which opened in 2001 and provides the setting for most of our inpatient units.

The Darwin Centre - Provides care and support for young people aged 12 – 18 with mental health difficulties.

Dragon Square Community Unit - Provides planned respite services for children and young people up to the age of 18/19.

Summers View - Provides in-patient rehabilitation services working in conjunction with Adult Mental Health Community Teams.

Greenfields, Sutherland, Ashcombe and Lymebrook Mental Health Resource Centres – These resource centers provide Adult and Community Mental Health services.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted, held and administered as funds and property held on Trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022, the Charities (accounts and reports) regulations 2008 and the Charities SORP (2019).

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the Charity's objective and in line with SORP 2019 (FRS 102) also include governance costs for the Charity. Expenditure on charitable activities will be for the benefit of Patients, Staff or Education. Throughout these accounts the term 'patients' refers to patients and service users. The costs include the direct costs of the charitable activities together with governance and support costs that enable them to be undertaken.

Funding activities also improve the skills of staff, improve working conditions and improve staff morale by providing equipment, services and facilities not normally provided by or in addition to normal NHS provision.

Funding activities also improve the motivation of staff, by improving staff facilities and by providing services that improve staff wellbeing.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees will continue to regularly review spending plans to reflect the changing needs of the NHS service within North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. The objective is to enhance facilities for patient care, ensuring that both service needs and the objectives of the Charitable Fund are met.

In line with the ambition to increase the impact of charitable funds, future plans include a more visible profile for the charity, seeking to capitalize on grant funding opportunities and local partnerships to further enhance improvements to patient care and well-being.

Following the cash receipt in 24/25 of a significant legacy the focus for 25/26 and future years is on ensuring this funding is used to maximum effect, delivering tangible and sustainable benefits that clearly demonstrate the benefit of charitable funds to a wide audience.

Forecast expenditure plans will continue to be monitored, on a rolling basis by the Charitable Funds Committee; with the aim being, to ensure that funds are used in furtherance of the charitable purpose and are applied appropriately, within a reasonable time.

Investment current and future objectives

The primary objective of the Trustees is to generate income to support the delivery of local healthcare services and support the development of patient facilities and environment, staff and staff facilities.

The Charity is funded by donations, often from patients and their families who are grateful for the care they have received and wish to support the work of the Trust. The Charity exists to enhance and improve patient experience by providing things like additional equipment, extra training or by improving the surroundings for service users and staff.

Achievements and Performance

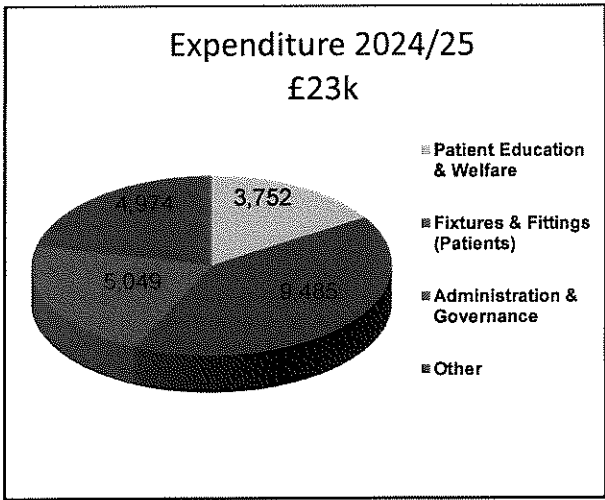
EXPENDITURE

During the year, the funds continued to support a wide range of charitable and health related activities benefiting both patients and staff, and subsequently benefitting the public.

In general, funds are used to purchase varied additional goods and services that the NHS is sometimes unable to provide.

Resources expended in year to support the charity's objectives was £23k.

The expenditure is summarised in the graph below.



PATIENT'S WELFARE AND AMENITIES

A range of equipment and services were purchased benefitting patients' welfare and amenities. Items purchased include therapy equipment, furniture and televisions for patient and service user areas.

The table below shows how the funds were spent.

Activity	Expenditure £
Furniture & Fittings - Patients	9,485
Administration & Governance	5,049
Patient Education & Welfare	3,752
Garden Equipment	562
Miscellaneous other	4,412
Total	23,260

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEALTHCARE

In addition, purchases were made contributing to NHS funding; these purchases have benefited and enhanced various services across the Charity. Items purchased include furniture and fittings and garden furniture and equipment.

INCOME

This is made up of voluntary and investment income. Total income received amounts to £34,516.

Voluntary Income
£15,808 – Donations

Legacy Income
£6,554

Investment Income
£9,397 – bank interest

Other Income
£2,757

Investment Income

As per the Assets and Liabilities statement, the cash balance at 31 March 2025 stood at £346,569 (£59,628 at 31 March 2024).

In terms of cash held there has been an increase of £286,940 from £59,628 at 31 March 2024 to £346,569 at 31 March 2025. The increase relates to cash receipt of 2023/24 legacy.

The debtor balance reduction of £250,971 from £261,262 31 March 2024 to £10,290 at 31 March 2025, relates mainly to the cash receipt of the 23/24 legacy income.

Investments and policies are reviewed annually by Charitable Funds Committee.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2024/25, the charitable funds have benefitted from donations and other voluntary income of £15,808. This includes £7,460 received from The Morrisons Foundation, in respect of a successful grant application, in addition a legacy donation of £6,554 being interest owed on the 23/24 legacy. With the addition of interest received during the year of £9,397 and other income of £2,757, the total income for 24/25 amounted to £34,516.

RESERVES

The Trustees have established a reserves policy as part of their plans to provide support to North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust for patient and staff benefit.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately 18 months' management, administration and support costs and to respond to emergency application for grants which may arise from time to time. It is the policy not to accumulate general reserves above this level but to spend donations promptly on the purpose for which they were received; however, funds could be accumulated for very specific purposes.

The Trustees reviewed the charity financial circumstances and reserves required for 2024/25. The level of reserves was reviewed at the December 2023 Charitable Funds Committee. The Reserves Policy was approved to keep a minimum balance of £9k. The reserves held equate to 18 months administration and governance costs.

Summarised fund balances held at 31st March 2025

Service / fund description	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Harplands Enhancement Project	266,144	846	266,990
Harplands Inpatient Services	0	14,791	14,791
Children's Respite Service	0	9,792	9,792
Other Trust Services	0	7,659	7,659
Community MH Services	1,788	5,109	6,897
Children and Young people	0	4,861	4,861
Early Intervention Team	0	2,747	2,747
Learning Disability Services	0	1,661	1,661
Staff Funds	0	1,491	1,491
	267,932	48,957	316,889

Summary

The Trustees have not imposed any designations to the unrestricted funds above and therefore considers them to be freely available to be expended on any of the Charity's activities.

The restricted funds continue to be monitored and utilised in line with the condition requested by the donor.

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of the charity and by designating funds.

The Trustee respects the wishes of our donors to benefit patients and staff for the improvement of patient care.

The Trustees wish to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the donors, for their generosity and express their thanks to all who contributed to the work of the Charity during the year.

Service users have benefitted from the generosity of family, friends, staff and the wider community who have made donations.

Fund Position

The Charity's financial position at the balance sheet date is considered to be satisfactory in the context of future plans. On a fund-by-fund basis, assets are readily available and adequate to fulfill the needs of the Charity, and that there are sufficient liquid resources to meet immediate requirements

Directors of the Corporate Trustees 2024/25

Name	Title	Period
J Dawson	Chair	
Dr O Adeyemo	Chief Executive Officer	
Dr D Okolo	Chief Medical Director	
E Gardiner	Chief Finance Officer & Deputy CEO	
K Laing	Chief Nursing Officer	
E Mellor	Chief Strategy Officer	
B Richards	Chief Operating Officer	
K Smith	Acting Chief People Officer	
R Andrews	Non-Executive Director (Vice Chair)	
J Koo	Non-Executive Director	
Prof P Walsh	Non-Executive Director	
P Jones	Non-Executive Director	to 28 June 2024
M Evans	Non-Executive Director	from 19 August 2024
P Gabbi	Non-Executive Director	from 10 February 2025
A Gadsby	Associate Non-Executive	to 31 December 2024
K Tattum	Associate Non-Executive	to 31 December 2024
R Banks	Associate Non-Executive	from 19 August 2024
K Lavery	Associate Non-Executive	from 10 February 2025

Committee Members in Attendance 2024/25

R Andrews	Chair of Committee	
E Mellor	Chief Strategy Officer	
E Gardiner	Chief Finance Officer	
K Laing	Chief Nursing Officer	
M Evans	Non-Executive Director	
A Gadsby	Associate Non-Executive	to 31 December 2024
Non Committee Members In Attendance		
L Smith	Associate Director of Transformation	
L Dodds	Deputy Chief Finance Officer	
J McCrea	Associate Director of Communications	
N Griffiths	Deputy Director of Governance	
A Maguire	Financial Accountant	
T Cooper	Executive Assistant (Minutes)	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (Charitable Funds)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts on pages 14 to 23 of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

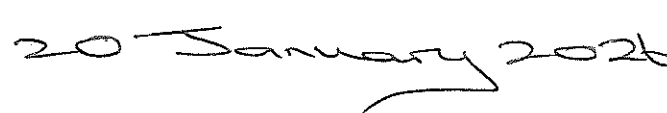
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Use of 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. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiners report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.


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Date: 

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

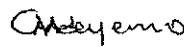
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP (FRS102).
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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 2022, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Corporate Trustee  Date..20th January.2026

Corporate Trustee  Date 20th January .2026

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	2024/25 Total Funds £000	2023/24 Total Funds £000
Incoming resources	2				
Voluntary Income					
Donations and voluntary income		16	0	16	3
Legacies		0	6	6	259
Sub-Total Voluntary Income		<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>262</u>
Investment income	2.1	1	8	9	3
Other incoming resources		3	0	3	0
Total incoming resources		<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>265</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable Activities	3	12	6	18	12
Governance Costs	3.1	1	4	5	5
Total resources expended	4	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>
Sub total: Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>248</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>248</u>
Net movement in funds	5	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>248</u>
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2024		41	264	305	57
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		<u>48</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>305</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

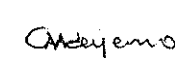
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2025 £000	Total at 31 March 2024 £000
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	1	9	10	261
Cash at bank and in hand	8	53	293	346	59
Total Current Assets		54	302	356	320
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	6	34	40	15
Total Current Liabilities		6	34	40	15
Total Net Assets		48	268	316	305
Funds of the Charity	10				
Unrestricted		48	0	48	42
Restricted		0	268	268	263
Total Funds		48	268	316	305

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees.

Signed: 

Signed: 

Date: 20th January 2026

Date: 20th January 2026

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Charity is an unincorporated charity in England.

The address of this charity's registered office is given in the reference and administrative details on page 4 of these financial statements.

The nature of this charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on pages 14 - 15.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is not a larger charity and meets the definition of a small entity.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 this UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1,000.

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

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist.

The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Fund Accounting

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as an endowment fund, where the donor has expressly provided that only the income of this fund may be expended, or as a restricted income fund where this donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Unrestricted Income funds are sub analysed between designated funds where the trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes, often reflecting the non binding wishes of the donors, and unrestricted funds which are applicable for any purpose of the charity.

1.4 Incoming Resources

Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.5 Incoming Resources from Legacies

For Legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised.

1.6 Incoming Resources from Investments

The incoming resources receivable from the investments are distributed across the funds, apportioned on the size of the funds.

1.7 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants are only made to related or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies in furtherance of this charitable objectives of the funds.

A liability for such grants is recognised when approval has been given by the Trustee. Those NHS bodies which have nominated representatives have full knowledge of the plans of the Trustee, therefore a grant approval is taken to constitute a firm intention of payment which has been communicated to the participating NHS body, and so a liability is recognised.

Contractual arrangements are recognised as goods or services are supplied.

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1.8 Irrecoverable VAT

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

1.9 Allocation of Overhead and Support Costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated between Charitable Activities and Governance Costs. Costs which are not wholly attributable to an expenditure category have been apportioned. The analysis of overhead and support costs and the basis of apportionment applied are shown in note 3. Where costs are shared by two or more charitable activities, support costs have been apportioned between categories, for example financial administration costs, on the basis of the fund balance within the costs, on the basis of the fund balance within the accounting period for each category of charitable activity and this is analysed in note 3.

1.10 Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between categories of the charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure therefore include support costs and an apportionment of overheads, as shown in note 3.

1.11 Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise all costs attributable to ensuring the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

1.12 Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments.

1.13 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. No significant judgments have had to be made by management in preparing these financial statements.

1.14 Resources expended

The funds held on trust accounts are prepared in accordance with the accruals concept. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Allocation of overhead and support costs

These are recharges of appropriate proportions of staff and relevant non-pay costs incurred by Finance staff of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and the North Staffordshire Finance And Registration Shared Service hosted by Stoke-on-Trent Primary Care Trust. These costs are allocated and/or apportioned between Governance Costs and Charitable Activities. The cost attributable to Charitable activities is apportioned across those activities using the apportionment basis as set out in Note 3.3. Where necessary, apportionments of staffing costs are done by the level of fund balance which also represents the level of time spent on each area.

1.15 Structure of funds

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put the fund is classified in the accounts as a restricted fund.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

Funds which are not legally restricted but which the Trustees have chosen to earmark for set purposes are classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed in note 10.

1.16 Post Balance Sheet Events & Prior Year Adjustments

There are no post balance sheet events.

There has been no change to the accounts of prior years.

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Details of Material Incoming Resources	2		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 March 2025	Total to 31 March 2024
			£000	£000	£000	£000
		Donations from Individuals	9	0	9	3
		Grants	7	0	7	0
		Legacies	0	6	6	259
		Total incoming resources	16	6	22	262
Analysis of gross income from Investments	2.1	Total gross income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 March 2025	Total to 31 March 2024
			£000	£000	£000	£000
		Interest on Cash Held on Deposit	1	8	9	3
			1	8	9	3
Details of resources expended - Other	3		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 March 2025	Total to 31 March 2024
			£000	£000	£000	£000
		Charitable Expenditure				
		Patients welfare and amenities	3	0	3	7
		Staff welfare and amenities	0	0	0	0
		Purchase of New Furniture & Equipment	9	6	15	4
		NHS Charities Together Membership	0	0	0	1
			12	6	18	12
Analysis of governance costs	3.1		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 March 2025	Restated Total to 31 March 2024
			£000	£000	£000	£000
		Administration of funds	0	2	2	2
		Independent Examination fee	1	2	3	3
			1	4	5	5
The Independent Examiner's of £3k is related solely to the independent examination with no other additional work undertaken.						
Allocation of support costs	3.2	The financial administration costs have been allocated between governance and charitable activity on the basis of fund level which represents the time spent. Independent Examination costs was wholly allocate Governance. The subsequent apportionment across activity areas is disclosed in note 3.3.				
		Allocation and apportionment to Governance Costs	Total	Allocated to Governance	Residual for Apportionment	
			£000	£000	£000	
		Administration (Provided by NSCHT)	4	2	2	
		Independent Examination costs	3	3	0	
		7	5	2		

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- 3.3 Support costs have been apportioned across the categories of charitable expenditure on the basis of the fund balance at the end of the period.

Apportionment Across Charitable Activities	Patients welfare Welfare £000	Purchase of Equipment NHS £000	Other £000	Total £000
Direct Costs	3	13	0	16
Allocation Support Costs	0	2	0	2
Total Including Support	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>

Analysis of total resources expended	4	Costs of Activities for Charitable Objectives £000	Management and Administration £000	Total to 31 March 2025 £000	Total to 31 March 2024 £000
Independent Examination		2	3	5	3
Other		16	2	18	14
		<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>

Changes in Resources Available for Charity Use	5	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total to 31 March 2025 £000	Total to 31 March 2024 £000
Net movement in funds for the year		7	4	11	248
Net movement in funds available for future activities		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>248</u>

- Staff Costs**
- 6 During the year there were no employees.
- 6.1 During the period no remuneration and benefits were paid to Trustess or key management remuneration (2023/24 £ nil).
- 6.2 During the period no expenses were paid to Trustees. (2023/24 £ nil).

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Analysis of Debtors	7	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2025 £000	Total at 31 March 2024 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Accrued income		0	0	0	259
Other debtors		1	9	10	2
Total debtors falling due within one year		<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>261</u>
Total Debtors		<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>261</u>
Cash Held on Deposit	8	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2025 £000	Total at 31 March 2024 £000
Cash at Bank		53	293	346	59
		<u>53</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>59</u>
Analysis of Creditors	9	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total at 31 March 2025 £000	Total at 31 March 2024 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors		6	34	40	3
Accruals		0	0	0	12
Total creditors falling due within one year		<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Creditors		<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>15</u>
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges		There were no provisions made in the current or previous year and all the grants payable have been paid or accrued.			

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Details of material funds	10	Name of Service	Opening Balance £000	Incoming Resources £000	Outgoing Resources £000	Closing Balance £000
		Harplands Inpatients	17	6	8	15
		Childrens Respite	6	9	5	10
		Community	7	0	0	7
		Other Services	7	1	1	7
		Early Intervention	3	0	1	2
		Harplands Project	259	15	7	267
		Children & Young Adults	3	3	1	5
		Staff funds	2	0	0	2
		Learning Disabilities	1	0	0	1
			305	34	23	316

Closing fund balances	10.1	Name of Service	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Closing Balance £000
		Harplands Inpatients	15	0	15
		Childrens Respite	10	0	10
		Community	5	2	7
		Other Services	7	0	7
		Early Intervention	3	0	3
		Harplands Project	1	266	267
		Children & Young Adults	5	0	5
		Staff funds	1	0	1
		Learning Disabilities	1	0	1
			48	268	316

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**Designated 10.2
(Earmarked)
Funds**

Fund Ref	Name of Service	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Closing Balance £	Restricted Balance £	Unrestricted Balance £
798	THE HARPLANDS ENHANCED PATIENTS PROJECT	259,940	14,471	7,421	266,990	266,144	846
819	CHILDRENS RESPITE (DRAGON SQUARE)	5,271	9,323	4,802	9,792	-	9,792
729	HARPLANDS WARD 7	5,898	537	140	6,294	-	6,294
710	DARWIN CENTRE	1,395	1,904	289	3,010	-	3,010
752	EARLY INTERVENTION PSYCHOSIS SERVICE	3,244	81	578	2,747	-	2,747
701	LYMEBROOK NEWCASTLE CMHT	1,933	58	43	1,947	-	1,947
739	ASHCOMBE CENTRE MOORLANDS CMHT	1,878	56	42	1,892	1,788	104
303	HARPLANDS WARD 6	354	1,795	340	1,809	-	1,809
184	LIAISON PSYCHIATRY	1,749	52	39	1,762	-	1,762
731	HARPLAND WARD 5	5,299	3,469	7,205	1,563	-	1,563
301	HARPLANDS WARD 4	1,017	379	30	1,365	-	1,365
118	MENTAL HEALTH GENERAL	1,774	795	1,238	1,331	-	1,331
705	HARPLANDS WARD 2	1,312	39	29	1,322	-	1,322
117	LEARNING DISABILITIES GENERAL	1,142	34	26	1,150	-	1,150
709	HARPLANDS WARD 1	1,035	31	23	1,043	-	1,043
706	EDWARD MYERS UNIT	999	30	22	1,006	-	1,006
119	STOKE WELLBEING	937	28	21	944	-	944
833	ISH (INTENSIVE SUPPORT HUB)	0	1,115	220	895	-	895
123	KNIVEDON OT	832	25	19	839	-	839
747	INTENSIVE OUTREACH	810	24	18	816	-	816
98	STAFF BENEFIT SCHEME	828	37	181	684	-	684
830	CHAPLAINCY & WELLBEING	622	19	14	627	-	627
733	COMMUNITY REHAB	622	19	14	627	-	627
240	EATING DISORDER (CAMHS)	616	18	14	620	-	620
71	HARPLANDS STAFF	600	18	13	604	-	604
748	NORTH STAFFS CAMHS	577	17	13	581	-	581
730	SUTHERLAND CENTRE	525	16	12	528	-	528
183	PSYCHOTHERAPY	384	11	9	387	-	387
161	DAY OPPTS	381	11	9	384	-	384
726	PARENT & BABY DAY UNIT	374	11	8	377	-	377
725	NORTH STOKE CAMHS	372	11	8	375	-	375
126	VOC REHAB : LEARN DIS O/T	311	9	7	313	-	313
832	HOME TREATMENTS/CRISIS CARE	541	7	318	231	-	231
	OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS WITH A BALANCE <£250	2,061	64	92	2,033	-	2,033
		305,633	34,516	23,260	316,888	267,932	48,956

**Description of 10.3
Funds**

The material designated Restricted Funds are as follows:

Harplands Enhanced Patients Project, for any charitable purpose or purposes, relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for services at the Harplands Hospital and other services provided by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

Ashcombe Centre for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for the benefit of services provided by the Ashcombe Centre.

Material Unrestricted Designated Funds (balance over £5,000)

Children's Respite Dragon Square for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for the benefit of Children's Respite service based at Dragon Square.

Harplands Ward 7 for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for the benefit of Ward 7 at the Harplands Hospital.

Other Earmarked Funds (balance under £5,000)

Funds are placed in earmarked funds for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS wholly or mainly for the services provided by the earmarked fund and other services provided by North Staffordshire Combined Health NHS Trust.

Control Relationship	11	The Charity is controlled by the Corporate Trustee, during this year this was North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.
Related Party Transactions	12	<p>During the year none of the Trustees or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.</p> <p>The charitable trust has made revenue payments to purchase goods and services on behalf of the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust, where the Trustees are also members of the Trust Board.</p> <p>The audited accounts of the NHS Trust are available under separate cover by contacting the Chief Finance Officer at the following address:</p> <p>Trust Head Quarters Lawton House Bellringer Road Trentham Lakes South Stoke on Trent ST4 8HH</p>