



## **Annual Report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Registered Charity No. 1057917**

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# **Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds**

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# **Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds**

## **Trustee Report 2024-25**

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds presents their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 (FRS 102) (effective January 2022).

## **Reference and administrative details**

### **Trustee**

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee. Directors of the NHS Foundation Trust act as de-facto Trustees on an operational level.

Directors of the Corporate Trustee in 2024/25 are:

Suzy Brain-England (Foundation Trust Chair)	Richard Parker OBE (Chief Executive)
Kath Smart	Dr Tim Noble
Mark Bailey	Karen Jessop
Hazel Brand	Zara Jones
Mark Day	Zoe Lintin
Jo Gander	Dr Nicholas Mallaband
Emyr Jones	Jon Sargeant (resigned 7 January 2025)
Lucy Nickson	Denise Smith
Sam Wilde (appointed 7 January 2025)	

As the Charity has a Corporate Trustee, there is no mechanism or provision to appoint new Trustees. Directors of the Corporate Trustee are appointed within the guidelines set out within its Constitution.

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Management Board of Doncaster & Bassetlaw Healthcare Services Limited, which is a subsidiary of the Corporate Trustee.

**Charity Registration Number:** 1057917

### **Registered Office and Address of Principal Office:**

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Armthorpe Road, Doncaster, DN2 5LT

### **Auditors**

GBAC Limited, Old Linen Court, 83-85 Shambles Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2SB

### **Bankers**

Royal Bank of Scotland, 15 St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, DN1 1TF

### **Investment Management**

LGT Wealth Management 1 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LL

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### ***Our Charitable Objectives***

The Aim of the charity is that:

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted, held, and administered as funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 2006 by the Corporate Trustee, to benefit patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients, carers and staff.

The main activity of the charity is to provide grants to wards and departments of Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBTH), and for these grants to enhance the environment for patients and staff, going above and beyond what is normally expected of the NHS. The output of this is dependant on the strategic direction of DBTH, although the aims of the Charity are still the same - to provide an enhanced level of support for patients and staff.

The Strategic Report within this document outlines how this has been achieved in 2024/25.

In achieving our purpose, the Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, appreciating that the Charity exists to benefit the patients and staff of DBTH. Grants are structured in a way that ensures the money raised is used to best effect. The Charity does not provide grants directly to the public. Instead, we provide them to the hospital, which in turn ensures the patients and their families, and staff, are supported and receive the best quality care.

**Public Benefit** – The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

**Grant Making** – Funded projects are decided upon by the Trustees of the Charity in line with the objectives of the Charity. Projects that are funded by the Charity must support and enhance the work of the Trust and not undermine the provision of the NHS.

### **Strategic Report**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Patients' Welfare and Amenities**

As a result of the support of donors both in 2024/25 and previously, the charity has been able to support the following projects in the year:

#### **Shuttle Bus service between Mexborough and Doncaster**

The free shuttle bus service between the two hospital sites was made possible by the legacy left by Fred & Ann Green a number of years ago. This service connects the two hospital sites, making access to healthcare and in-patient relatives much easier and costs in the region of £200k a year to operate.

By providing free travel between the two sites to allow relatives and loved ones to visit in-patients, this creates opportunities for patients to receive morale-boosting visits, which in turn, aids recovery and reduces length of stay.

The free shuttle bus also allows better access to out-patient appointments at both sites, which improves the health and wellbeing of patients.

## **Completion of the Surgical Robot Project**

In 2023/24, the Charity committed to the purchase of a multi-million pound Intuitive da Vinci XI Surgical Robot to transform the way that cancer surgery is performed, to lead to better outcomes for patients.

In 2024/25, the project was completed, with the installation of the 'Robi Sheldon Alan Surgeonator' or 'Robi' for short. The robot provides a less invasive alternative to traditional surgery.

Operated by a surgeon, a camera and robotic arms are inserted inside the patient and controlled from a console using an advanced set of instruments for minimally invasive surgery. This procedure allows for greater precision than traditional laparoscopic (also known as "keyhole") or open surgery.



Michael Smethurst, a 54-year-old lorry driver, was the first patient to undergo a colorectal operation performed by Robi. The procedure successfully removed a cancerous tumour from his right colon, along with 17 lymph nodes. Just two weeks after surgery, Michael was walking two miles a day, and by five weeks, he was back to cycling.

Michael said, "The operation hasn't left me with any noticeable scarring, and I was walking a day later. I've also been told that I less likely to develop a hernia due to the nature of the operation. I would absolutely recommend this method of surgery to others in my position – Robi is the way forward."



## Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

### Support for Sepsis care and Prevention

In the UK alone, 245,000 people are affected by sepsis with at least 48,000 people losing their lives in sepsis-related illnesses every year. Sepsis claims more lives than breast, bowel and prostate cancer put together.

The Charity has funded two nurse specialists; one for adult and one for paediatric, to make positive changes to sepsis care. For example, within paediatrics, such schemes like "Sepsis Response Boxes", "Paediatric Sepsis Roadshows" and "Sepsis Padlets" are being introduced

The Sepsis Response Boxes are a tool to support effective management of the septic child quickly. Everything required for the sepsis six pathway is available within it,



Dr Hugh Wilson, Acute Consultant in Adult Care and Trust Clinical sepsis lead, explained how the mortality rate from sepsis within the Trust has been falling. He said: "Paediatrics has made great progress with the appointment of Bethany as the specialist nurse in sepsis. Bethany's work has been extremely valuable in improving sepsis care in the Emergency Department (ED) and Paediatrics."

Funding was also provided for online sepsis training for staff. Prior to this, sepsis was taught as part of other courses, making the dedicated sepsis training the first of its kind in the Trust. The three modules, purchased from the UK Sepsis Trust, consist of an introduction to sepsis, adult sepsis and paediatric sepsis. They are accessible to healthcare assistants (HCA), trainee assistant practitioners (TAP) and clinical support workers, as well as all medical and nursing teams, completing the module most relevant to their role.

Dr Ken Agwuh, Director of Infection and Control, and a member of the Sepsis Action Group, said: "As a Trust we are committed to getting it right the first time with Sepsis. We know the importance of early identification, diagnosis and management of this syndrome. "With "Think sepsis", we encourage our healthcare workers to consider the diagnosis of sepsis for every patient that presents in our emergency units acutely unwell or with an acute deterioration while on our wards."

### Staff Welfare and Amenities

It is widely acknowledged that a proportion of donors gifting to the Charity wish for the staff to benefit as much as patients.

Whilst controls are in place to ensure such expenditure is appropriate and in line with NHS values, it is important to Some of the items purchased include:

- Training courses allowing staff to develop professionally and personally, beyond their current role.
- Retirement vouchers, as a "thank-you" for spending a substantial length of time providing a service to the people of Doncaster, Worksop and the surrounding areas.
- Office equipment and furnishings, enhancing the staff environment over and above what would normally be expected.

## Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

### Volunteers and Fundraisers

Our Charity is testament to the generosity of our donors and we are extremely grateful to all who have been involved this year.

The level of support that is received from volunteers and fundraisers is paramount to the Charity and for it to achieve its objectives. Without this, the Charity would not be able to help provide better facilities, provide specialist medical equipment and improve the environment for patients, families and visitors.

It would be impossible to recognise all the volunteers and fundraisers that have supported the Charity in the past, but our sincere thanks goes out to all of them.

A regular feature of this is the support that is received over the Christmas period. Festive fundraising activities, such as the Children's Ward's 'Winter Wonderland', the 'Our Shining Stars' campaign, Festive Sock Day and various independent fundraisers have raised over £25,000 for DBTH Charity.

Amongst those donating gifts were regular supporters Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster Rovers, Stratstone Mini Doncaster, GXO, Legacy Church and more.



Duncan Batty, former Head of DBTH Charity, said: "On behalf of the Charity, I want to express my gratitude to our incredible local community, businesses, colleagues, and patients who have shown such generosity this festive season. Your donations of money, toys, and, most importantly, your time spent visiting our patients have brought so much joy and comfort to those in need. We are deeply thankful for your unwavering support in helping us make this season brighter for so many."

### Achievement of Charitable Objectives

Given the performance of the charity in 2024/25, Trustees are assured that the charitable objectives have been met for the year.

### Financial Review

	£k
Donations and Legacies	328
Other Trading Activities	94
Investments	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>706</b>

	£k
Raising Funds	(378)
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	
- Patients' Welfare and Amenities	(574)
- Staff Welfare and Amenities	(119)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,071)</b>

## **Review of Charity Activities**

### **Year ending 31st March 2025**

#### **What are our costs?**

**Charitable Activities:** These are costs related to allowing the charity to meet its objectives. These include direct costs and grants of charitable expenditure.

**Raising Funds:** Costs related to the running of activities designed to raise funds for the Charity. These costs relate to salaries for staff not performing charitable expenditure, IT costs, transactional finance costs and professional fees for the charity such as audit fees.

#### **What are our funding sources?**

We are extremely grateful for the support that our fundraisers, donors and volunteers give to us. Our funding comes from a range of sources, including donations from individuals, fundraising events, corporate donations, legacies and income from investments. Without the support and effort from these sources, we would not be able to enhance the level of care and support for our patients and staff.

#### **Reserves**

The Charity aims to hold undesignated reserves sufficient to cover three months operational costs. At the year end the charity held restricted funds of £1,664k and unrestricted funds of £1,072k. The funds held outside of restricted funds are sufficient to cover operational costs for at least three months.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The main risk for the charity is the economic uncertainty and to this extent, the Trustees are using investment managers to reduce the level of risk within the investments held. With this in mind, trustees have a risk averse approach to investments, whilst trying to ensure a reasonable level of income into the charity.

Future financial performance and position is likely to be determined by the state of the economy, both in terms of the success and stability of the investments held, as well as the level to which donors feel as though they are able to support the charity. While steps can be taken to manage the risk, the risk still remains and could make it difficult for the charity to achieve its objectives in the short to medium term.

During the year, there was a detailed review of our Investment Policy working alongside our investment managers, Aberdeen Standard. This exercise challenged previous risk appetites and ensured that the updated Investment Policy provided a balance between financial flexibility, financial risk and ethical risk.

#### **Investment Performance**

The charity is reporting a small loss on investments of £57k which is a loss of 0.7% in the year, compared to the value of investments held at the start of the financial year. This is against a gain of 6.7% (£454k gain) in the previous year.

The investments were put into a low default risk portfolio. The aim was for the investments to exceed the income available through fixed-term, fixed-yield investments provided by UK High Street banks. It is felt that the performance of the portfolio has met this aim when including investment income.



## Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

### Charity Lottery

In 2024/25, the Charity launched a fundraising lottery for the first time. The impact on the 2024/25 financial statements is minimal, as it was launched late in the financial year.

The lottery is open to all adults and every penny raised will be reinvested into improving care and services, ensuring participation directly affects the community.

The Charity is extremely mindful of the negative effect that gambling has on some people and is working with industry leaders to ensure appropriate checks are in place. For example, the maximum entry amount per person is £10 and cancelling entries is a simple process.

It is hoped that the lottery will be a significant income stream in future years, helping to fund improvements which will benefit patients and staff for the long term.



### Structure, Governance and Management

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds is a registered charity (number: 1057917). It is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association.

The Directors of Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust act as de-facto Trustees of the Charity, as the NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate Trustee for the Charity.

When an individual ceases to be a Director of the NHS Foundation Trust, they also cease to be a Trustee of the Charity.

The Charity utilises the opinions of a number of governors and key stakeholders to help in its decision making process. This helps provide additional opinions and perspectives into the decision making process and helps ensure the aims of the Charity are being met. However, these are only advisory roles.

No Trustee received any remuneration from the Charity in the financial year 2024/25 for their role with the Charity, although they do receive remuneration for their role with the Foundation Trust.

### Our Plans for the Future:

The Charity aims to further utilise the reserves that it has at present to further improve the patient experience across all of its sites.

The main way that the Charity hopes to do this is to supplement the capital works that are due to take place in the next few years and provide an enhanced environment and facilities for patients, which will aid treatment and recovery.

As discussed previously, the charity lottery is a significant area for development and its success will hopefully drive significant levels of income into the charity, which will subsequently help fund charitable activities.

### Statement of Trustee responsibilities

Under charity law, the Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and accounts for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of expenditure over income for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice requires that the Trustees:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the recommendations of the SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- State whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, 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 its activities.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed and the rules of the charity, within the framework of trust law. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the Trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by the Trustees under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. The Trustees have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to the Trustees to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee confirms that it has met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirements for preparing the accounts.

So far as each of the Trustees at the time the report is approved are aware:

- a) there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware and,
- b) the Trustees have taken all the steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

GBAC Limited have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed for the following year.

On behalf of the Trustees



Sam Wilde  
Chief Financial Officer  
Date: 30 January 2026

**Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds**  
(A company limited by guarantee not having a share capital)

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONCASTER AND BASSETLAW NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUND**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 18, 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 below. 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 Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained in the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONCASTER AND BASSETLAW NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUND (cont)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONCASTER AND BASSETLAW NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CHARITABLE FUND (cont)**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://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 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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

GBAC Ltd.

GBAC  
Statutory Auditor  
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Date: 30 January 2026

# Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

## Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
- Donations and Legacies	2.1	271	57	328	587
- Other trading activities	2.2	61	33	94	56
- Investments	2.3	-	284	284	259
<b>Total income</b>		<u>332</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>902</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
- Raising Funds	4	(240)	(138)	(378)	(314)
- Charitable activities	3				
- Patients' Welfare and Amenities		(162)	(412)	(574)	(4,629)
- Staff Welfare and Amenities		(79)	(40)	(119)	(514)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>(481)</u>	<u>(590)</u>	<u>(1,071)</u>	<u>(5,457)</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	(57)	-	(57)	454
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<u>(206)</u>	<u>(216)</u>	<u>(422)</u>	<u>(4,101)</u>
Transfers between funds		58	(58)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(148)</u>	<u>(274)</u>	<u>(422)</u>	<u>(4,101)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,220	1,938	3,158	7,259
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>2,736</u>	<u>3,158</u>

All income and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

# Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

## Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure)

For the year ended 31 March 2024 - for comparative purposes only

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
- Donations and Legacies	2.1	323	264	587
- Other trading activities	2.2	41	15	56
- Investments	2.3	-	259	259
<b>Total income</b>		<u>364</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>902</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
- Raising Funds	4	(179)	(135)	(314)
- Charitable activities	3			
- Patients' Welfare and Amenities		(520)	(4,109)	(4,629)
- Staff Welfare and Amenities		(44)	(470)	(514)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>(743)</u>	<u>(4,714)</u>	<u>(5,457)</u>
Net gains on investments	7	-	454	454
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>(379)</u>	<u>(3,722)</u>	<u>(4,101)</u>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(379)</u>	<u>(3,722)</u>	<u>(4,101)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,599	5,660	7,259
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,220</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>3,158</u>

All income and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

# Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	6	12	19
Investments	7	8,326	8,421
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>8,338</u>	<u>8,440</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	20	7
Cash at bank and on hand	9	1,161	473
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>1,181</u>	<u>480</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,783)	(5,762)
<b>Net current assets or liabilities</b>		<u>(5,602)</u>	<u>(5,282)</u>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors:			
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<u>2,736</u>	<u>3,158</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		1,072	1,220
Restricted income funds		1,664	1,938
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>2,736</u>	<u>3,158</u>

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

The Financial Statements on pages 12 to 23 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



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Sam Wilde, Chief Financial Officer  
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust  
Date: 30 January 2026



# Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

## Cash Flow Statement

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £000	2024 £000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	366	(237)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of investments	(3,300)	(2,435)
Movements in cash held as fixed asset investments	(28)	(102)
Sale of investments	3,366	2,579
Dividends receivable	284	259
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<u>322</u>	<u>301</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>688</u>	<u>64</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April</b>	473	409
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March</b>	<u><u>1,161</u></u>	<u><u>473</u></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consists of:</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><u>1,161</u></u>	<u><u>473</u></u>

## Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £000	2024 £000
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(422)	(4,101)
Dividends received	(284)	(259)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7	7
Gains/(losses) on investments	57	(454)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(13)	8
Increase in creditors	1,021	4,562
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<u><u>366</u></u>	<u><u>(237)</u></u>

No analysis of net debt has been included in these financial statements on the basis that the Charity does not have any borrowings, derivatives or obligations under finance leases. As a result the reconciliation of net debt of the Charity is equivalent to the cash and cash equivalents balance.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

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 (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

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

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.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, incorporated in the UK, and operates in England. Its Registered Office and Principal Place of Business is shown on page 1.

#### 1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

#### 1.3 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The charity recognises legacy income when the amount due can be quantified with reasonable probability and the timing of the receipt is known.

#### 1.4 Donated goods, facilities and services

Donated facilities and donated time are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. It is not felt that this can be reliably measured for the reporting period presented.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides some office accommodation, facilities and administration support to the charity on a cost basis.

#### 1.5 Use of Volunteers

A notional amount of time is donated by volunteers to assist with fundraising but no amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Periodically, goods are donated to the Charity and are impractical to value.

#### 1.6 Fundraising and Trading Activities

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 1.7 Investment income

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and gilts. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for the investment of funds and decided to invest in a low risk portfolio of stocks, shares and gilts. Investments are stated at market value. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

#### 1.8 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, except for grants, which are accounted for in the period in which the charity makes a formal commitment to give grant aid.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. The cost of overall direction and overhead costs of the central function are borne by the unrestricted fund.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's objectives. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

#### 1.10 Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities which arise from contracts for the purchase or sale of non-financial items are recognised when performance occurs.

#### 1.11 Allocation of overhead and support costs

Due to the small amounts involved, all costs of generating funds have been allocated as governance costs and apportioned across all funds.

#### 1.12 Cost of generating funds

The cost of generating funds is the cost of investment management fees, audit fees and support costs.

#### 1.13 Fundraising Arrangements

The charity has a Corporate Fundraiser, and they are subject to a bonus scheme, depending on the level of income that has been generated, over and above a financial baseline. They are paid by Doncaster & Bassetlaw Healthcare Services Limited, and their costs are recharged back in full to the charity. For 2023/24 and 2024/25, there were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60k. On occasions, the charity will utilise additional staff on an ad-hoc basis.

#### 1.14 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 the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

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

#### 1.16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The charity has a small level of fixed assets to aid fundraising. These are held at cost, less depreciation (over 5 years on a straight line basis), and the depreciation charge is included within the costs of raising funds. Annual impairment reviews are made.

#### 1.17 Debtors

Debtors are measured on the basis of amount due less provision for doubtful debt. Debtors include prepayments and accrued income.

#### 1.18 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash at bank, cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks and as part of investment portfolios.

#### 1.19 Creditors

Creditors include amounts invoiced to the organisation but not yet paid, along with accrued and committed expenditure.

#### 1.20 Committed Expenditure

In line with the SORP, expenditure on charitable activities is incurred when it is committed, rather than when the goods/services are received.

#### 1.21 Going Concern

After making enquiries, the Trustee is satisfied that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future therefore there are no material uncertainties over going concern.

The charity meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through cash held in the bank and investments. The charity's forecasts and projections, taking account of possible changes in performance including a range of scenarios, show that the charity should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities. This includes stress testing the performance of investments, coupled with operational performance of the charity.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period up to 31st January 2027.

As such, the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include listed investments at market value.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**2 Income**

**2.1 Donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted £000</b>	<b>Restricted £000</b>	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Donations from individuals	82	34	116	144
Corporate donations/Grants	106	23	129	226
Legacies	83	-	83	217
	<u>271</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>587</u>

**2.2 Other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted £000</b>	<b>Restricted £000</b>	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Fundraising, lottery and event income	61	33	94	56
	<u>61</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>56</u>

**2.3 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted £000</b>	<b>Restricted £000</b>	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Dividends	-	284	284	259
	<u>-</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>259</u>

**3 Charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted £000</b>	<b>Restricted £000</b>	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Patients' Welfare and Amenities	(162)	(412)	(574)	(4,629)
Staff Welfare and Amenities	(79)	(40)	(119)	(514)
	<u>(241)</u>	<u>(452)</u>	<u>(693)</u>	<u>(5,143)</u>

Decrease in 2024/25 is as a result of a significant level of non recurrent commitments made in 2023/24 to provide innovative medical equipment for surgical procedures and the rehabilitation of stroke patients.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**4 Resources expended**

<b>Analysis of support costs</b>	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Auditor's remuneration	15	66
Support costs	363	248
	<u>378</u>	<u>314</u>
Support costs can be further analysed as follows:		
	<b>2025 £000</b>	<b>2024 £000</b>
Fundraising and administration functions	203	166
Lottery scheme	103	-
Investment management	34	33
Grant and governance support	9	35
Depreciation of fixed assets	7	7
Payment platform and cash handling costs	7	7
	<u>363</u>	<u>248</u>

**5 Remuneration of Trustees**

None of the Trustees received any remuneration related to Charity activities or were reimbursed any out of pocket expenses in the year (2023/24: £ Nil).

**6 Fixed assets**

	<b>31 March 2025 £000</b>	<b>31 March 2024 £000</b>
Cost brought forward	33	33
Cost carried forward	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
Depreciation brought forward	14	7
Depreciation in year	7	7
Depreciation carried forward	<u>21</u>	<u>14</u>
Net book value carried forward	12	19
Net book value brought forward	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>

In 2022/23, the charity purchased outright a number of "shining stars" as part of its fundraising efforts. These stars have been depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis, and the depreciation charge is included within the costs of raising funds.

**7 Fixed asset investment**

	<b>31 March 2025 £000</b>	<b>31 March 2024 £000</b>
Market value at 1 April	8,421	8,009
Additions	3,300	2,435
Disposals	(3,366)	(2,579)
Revaluation gain/loss	(57)	454
Movements in cash held as fixed asset investments	28	102
Market value at 31 March	<u>8,326</u>	<u>8,421</u>
Historic cost at 31 March	<u>7,610</u>	<u>6,954</u>

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted market value at the balance sheet date.

# Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 8 Debtors

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Amounts due within the year</b>		
Other Debtors	20	7
<b>Total</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>

### 9 Cash at bank and on hand

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>473</u>

### 10 Creditors

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts owed to group and associated undertakings	5,688	1,676
Accruals and deferred income	1,095	4,086
<b>Total</b>	<u>6,783</u>	<u>5,762</u>

The increase in creditors in 2024/25 is as a result of a significant increase in charitable expenditure being invoiced in the last quarter of the financial year, as well and the addition of the Charity Lottery which commenced towards the end of the year.

### 11 Details of transfers between funds

The Charity has performed fund transfers in year to ensure the number of separate funds is minimised, whilst ensuring the wishes of donors are met. Any transfers are done to maximise the ability of the charity to fulfil the wishes of the donor.

### 12 Related Party Transactions

The Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee and sole beneficiary of the Charity. The Charity has provided funding to the Trust for approved expenditure made on behalf of the Charity. Included in the financial statements as at 31st March 2025 are Creditors of £5,688k (31st March 2024: £1,676k). As outlined in note 1.13 the charity has a Corporate Fundraisers who are paid by Doncaster & Bassetlaw Healthcare Services Limited, which is a subsidiary of the Foundation Trust and thus it is also a related party of the Charity.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's principal activity is providing public healthcare in its role as an NHS Foundation Trust.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 13 Fund descriptions

#### Unrestricted funds

These funds are amounts which are not yet designated for a particular project but also where no restriction as to how the funds can be expensed has been placed on the funds by the donor.

#### Designated funds

The numerous designated funds are projects or fundraising activities being run by the charity where donors can specify the money being donated is for the particular project. These funds are set as to what projects will be run and generally the funds are eligible to be transferred from one to another under the terms of the donations.

#### Restricted funds

These tend to be a result of one off large donations, regularly from legacies, where the funds are specified to only be spent on a particular type of work. The restrictions do not, usually, restrict the expenditure any further but a close watch is kept as to how these funds are spent and also what opportunities arise to spend the funds on prospective projects.

### 14 Material Fund Balances

The balance on the Fred & Ann Green Restricted Fund is £261k (2023/24: £482k). The fund received no income in year, and incurred expenditure of £221k.

A further breakdown of fund balances is shown on Note 17.

### 15 Post balance sheet events

In September 2025, the Doncaster Cancer Detection Trust charity ceased to operate and its funds totalling £341k were transferred to the charity. These funds will be used to support cancer services in future years.

### 16 Contingent assets

The charity recognises legacy income when it has received notification of the legacy and has sufficient certainty regarding the amount of the receipt. Where there is uncertainty over the amount of the legacy that will be received, income is not recognised until the estate has been finalised by its executors. As at 31 March 2025, there are no such amounts.



## Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 17 Fund Analysis

The breakdown of the funds is as below:

Fund Name	Balance at 1/4/2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure, including apportionments £000	Transfers £000	Balance at 31/3/2025 £000
<b>Restricted</b>					
General - DRI Fund	948	358	251	(11)	1,044
Rheumatology Fund	119	-	24	-	95
Cancer/Chemotherapy Legacy Fund	18	-	3	19	34
Medical Equipment Fund	196	-	48	-	148
DRI Comforts Fund	49	-	-	(49)	-
Fred & Ann Green Legacy Fund	482	-	221	-	261
Christmas Star Campaign	58	13	23	(35)	13
Less than £25k	68	3	20	18	69
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>1,664</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General - Bassetlaw Fund	284	-	-	(284)	-
Staff Lottery Fund	150	-	37	-	113
Cancer/Chemotherapy Fund	82	83	42	(19)	104
Coronary Care Unit Fund	87	1	16	-	72
Audiology Fund	64	-	11	-	53
Orthopaedic Directorate Training Fund	43	-	12	-	31
Upper GI Educational Fund	41	3	7	-	37
Gynae Cancer Fund	40	-	7	-	33
Childrens and Neonates Fund	37	7	11	(17)	16
Rehabilitation Centre Fund	31	-	7	-	24
Medical Imaging Fund	30	1	5	-	26
Ward 16 (Stroke Unit) Fund	28	19	20	-	27
Uro-Oncology	26	2	4	-	24
General - Montagu Fund	25	-	-	(25)	-
Pharmacy Development Fund	24	-	-	(24)	-
Diabetes and Endocrine Centre Fund	23	-	5	-	18
Respiratory Unit Fund	23	1	6	-	18
Child & Young people with diabetes & endocrine Fund	23	1	4	-	20
Ward 18 Fund	15	23	15	-	23
Nurses Home Fund	13	-	9	-	4
Medical Day Unit Fund	10	-	2	-	8
Bereavement Suite Fund	(109)	2	(23)	109	25
Less than £25k	230	189	341	318	396
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,072</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,158</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,736</b>

The Fred and Ann Green Legacy Fund relates to a significant legacy that was left to the charity many years ago. This is for activities mainly at Montagu and Doncaster hospitals, within the Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust umbrella. There are no restrictions with regards to the type of expenditure this fund can be used for - it has been used for activities as diverse as upgraded medical equipment, clinical building enhancements and a staff/patient shuttle bus between Montagu and Doncaster hospital sites.

Material transfers of funds, are as a result of the charity utilising the funds so that they can be most efficiently utilised to meet the wishes of the donor. This is done in a systematic way to ensure there aren't any duplication of funds with similar aims and objectives, which will increase the purchasing power of the fund, as well as reduce management costs. The material transfers in 2024/25 relate to the consolidation of General Funds across all clinical sites, as well as allocation of funds following the Bereavement Suite appeal.

#### 18 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate and ultimate controlling parent of the company is: Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, whose principal place of business is Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Armthorpe Road, Doncaster, DN2 5LT.

This company's transactions are consolidated within that of the parent entity. The financial statements of the parent entity can be found by contacting the Corporate Secretary at the above address.