

NORTH EAST AMBULANCE SERVICE TRUST FUND



CHARITABLE FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020/21

Charity Number: 1078575

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The Trustee's Report

Legal and administrative information **Trustees**

The Trustee of the Charity is the North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. The Directors of the Trust are charged with the management of the Charitable Fund.

The Directors during the year were as follows:

Non-Executive Directors

DS Taylor	Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee to 31 st Jan 2021
C Peacock	Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee from 1 st Feb 2021
HM Suddes	Vice–Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
P Strachan	
CE Young	
J Marshall	
G Morrow	
CD Fairs	
RS Sanghera	from 18 th Jan 2021

Executive Directors

H Ray	
K Scollay	
P L Liversidge	
J Baxter	to 21 st Jun 2020
C Thurlbeck	to 24 th Feb 2021
M Beattie	
K O'Brien	
D Stephen	to 2 nd Aug 2020
S Rushbrooke	from 3 rd Aug 2020

Principal Office

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Independent Examiners

Mazars LLP, Tower Bridge House, St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1DD.

The Charity – Structure, Governance and Management

The North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund was established on 30th September 1999, under the governing document "A Model Declaration of Trust for NHS Charities".

Management of the Charity is delegated to the Charitable Funds Committee, chaired by Mr. D Taylor. The Committee meets no less than twice per year and reviews donations, considers requests for funding and approves the annual report and accounts.

The Committee members have read and had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as well as other guidance such as the Essential Trustee.

The Charity Commission registration number is 1078575.

The Charity - Purpose

The purpose of the charity is “to apply income for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund.”

The fund currently benefits staff and patient welfare within the boundary of the Trust. Funds can be restricted at the point of donation to benefit staff at a particular Ambulance Station or for patients through our Community First Responder restricted fund.

Report on Activities

The Charity started the year with funds totalling £154,093. Throughout the year donations amounting to £33,267 and interest of £1,012 were received. In addition grants from NHS Charities Together (NHS CT) were received for £156,000, these grants were restricted funds to be used for specific purposes.

Summary key financial data 2020/21:

- A total of £190,279 charitable donations, grants and investment income were received.
- Expenditure incurred was £89,127. The majority of this expenditure related to utilising the NHS CT grants. These grants were to support staff through Covid and due to the generous donations from the public these amounts enabled a wide range of support to be delivered to staff, patients and the local community. For the initial grant staff were invited to submit ideas for the best use the funds. A recurring theme was to provide outdoor furniture to stations which resulted in many tables and benches being provided at a cost of £29k. Water bottles and lunch boxes were also provided to all staff and volunteers at a cost of £23k. Other grant expenditure included funding for virtual staff awards, set-up costs for NEAS to join the Blue Light Choir. In addition, a separate grant was successful for a positive action officer to help support those communities that were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Other expenditure for the year included a scheme to help paramedics instantly know what medication patients were prescribed by keeping a list in a milk bottle. The management and administration costs are the fee for the independent examination of the account (£1,248). Other costs of generating funds of £1,716 relate to fees for a charitable donation website and NHS CT yearly subscriptions.
- Fund Balance as at 31st March 2021: £255,245 of which £130,427 are restricted

Mazars LLP are the Charity's examiners of the accounts.

The overall fund balance increased by £101,152 during 2020/21.

The Charitable Funds Committee continues to promote the balance of restricted funds to all relevant stakeholders. Information has been provided to staff on the Trust's intranet page and also on the external web page.

The external site also gives information on how to donate and who to contact to gain further details about the charity. Information is also provided on the Charity leaflet

Main Achievements

The main achievements during the year are;

- Providing outdoor seating for staff to comply with social distancing and giving a place to take time out and relax.
- Providing support to communities of the North East that were disproportionately affected by the pandemic by meeting with the communities and helping them with clear and practical information.
- Setting up the Message in a Bottle scheme

Financial Review

The financial statements are shown on page 5 onwards.

Day to day management of the fund is carried out by the Financial Services and Treasury Manager, employed by the North East Ambulance Service Foundation Trust. As the costs are nominal; these are not re-charged to the Charity. All Committee members and other staff connected with the Charitable Fund do not receive any remuneration from the Charity.

The Charity does not undertake regular fundraising activities but relies on donations from the general public. The impact of Covid-19 meant that entries to the Great North Run in September 2020 have not been placed this year but staff were provided with opportunities to compete in the Pride run in May 2019. The Trustee has not identified any significant risks to the charitable funds and confirms that it complies with the current Charities governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The unrestricted fund have increased significantly during the year, this growth in income and expenditure was expected in 2020/21 due to the additional funds being provided due to the Charity joining NHS Charities Together.

North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund Annual Accounts

Foreword

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustee as per the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Statutory Background

The Trustee have been appointed under Section 11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 and comply with the current National Health Service Act 2006. The North East Ambulance Service Trust Funds held on trust are registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 1078575.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the funds held on trust and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements in the Charities Act 2011;
- establishing and monitoring a system of internal control; and
- establishing arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

The trustee is required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. These accounts are required to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the funds held on trust, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. In preparing those accounts, the trustee is required to:

- apply accounting policies on a consistent basis.
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The trustee confirms that they have met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirements for preparing the accounts. The financial statements set out on pages 6 to 18 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the trustee.

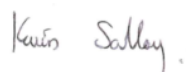
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Signed:



Helen Suddes

Date 30/11/2021



Kevin Scollay

Date 30/11/2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations, Legacies and similar resources					
Donations	2	33,267	0	33,267	12,348
Grants from NHS Charities Together	2	0	156,000	156,000	0
Total Donations, Legacies and Grants		33,267	156,000	189,267	12,348
Operating Activities:					
Investment income	3	545	467	1,012	1,689
Total incoming resources		33,812	156,467	190,279	14,037
RESOURCES EXPENDED:					
Costs of generating funds	5	216	1,500	1,716	216
Charitable expenditure					
Activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	5	14,901	65,262	80,163	17,715
Grants Payable	5	0	6,000	6,000	0
Management and administration	5	610	638	1,248	528
Total resources expended		15,727	73,400	89,127	18,459
Net movement in funds	6	18,085	83,067	101,152	(4,422)
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2020		106,733	47,360	154,093	158,515
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021		124,818	130,427	255,245	154,093

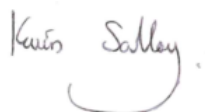
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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31-Mar-21 Total Funds £	31-Mar-20 Total Funds £
Fixed assets:					
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	49,659	2,322	51,981	18,752
Cash at bank and in hand		128,011	204,245	332,256	176,705
Total current assets		177,670	206,567	384,237	195,457
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	52,852	76,140	128,992	41,364
Net current assets		124,818	130,427	255,245	154,093
Total assets less current liabilities		124,818	130,427	255,245	154,093
Net assets		124,818	130,427	255,245	154,093
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Income Funds		124,818		124,818	106,733
Restricted Income Funds	10		130,427	130,267	47,360
Total funds		124,818	130,427	255,245	154,093

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Signed



Kevin Scollay

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Statement of Cash flows for year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	31-Mar-21 Total Funds £	31-Mar-20 Total Funds £
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>		155,100	0
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	3	451	879
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</i>		155,551	879
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		176,705	175,826
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</i>		332,256	176,705

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Notes to the Accounts

1.1 Going Concern

The Charity has decided to prepare the accounts on a “going concern” basis.

This decision has been made based on;

- the Charity having a history of good financial performance including significant growth in the value of the funds over the past few years. Plans to utilise current and future funds are in place.
- there are no significant operational or other risks that would jeopardise the Charity’s continuing operations
- the Trustee, along with the Charitable Funds Committee, have no plans to wind down the operations of the Charity, if anything promotion has taken place during the year to enable the Charity to increase the level of income it receives in the next and future financial periods
- currently, the main debtor and creditor of the Charity is North East Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust and therefore cash balances are expected to remain liquid in the next financial period
- The impact on Covid-19 has increased the focus on NHS Charities and the distribution of funds via Charities Together has resulted in significant grants being provided in 2020-21 which has continued to 2021-22.

1.2 Accounting Policies

The accounting policies used to prepare the Trust Fund accounts are given in the paragraphs below. They have been applied consistently in dealing with items considered material in relation to the accounts.

1.3 Accounting Convention

As the Charity is registered within the United Kingdom, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

To ensure the accounts are presented in a true and fair way there may be a need to override the application of the SORP. This is only applicable where the SORP does not specify a Charity “must” follow its’ guidance.

1.4 Incoming Resources

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

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

Gifts in kind

- Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.
- Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

- Gifts made in kind but on trust for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the funds are included in the accounting period in which the gift is sold.

In all cases the amount at which gifts in kind are brought into account is either a reasonable estimate of their value to the funds or the amount actually realised. The basis of the valuation is disclosed in the annual report.

The Charity exists as a public benefit entity and the recent promotional strategy of the Charity is built around increasing services to the communities in the coming years.

Legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources once the receipt of the legacy becomes probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estates that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled.

1.5 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.

Cost of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are the costs associated with generating income for the funds held on trust.

Grants payable

Grants payable are payments, made to third parties (including NHS bodies) in the furtherance of the funds held on trust's charitable objectives to relieve those who are sick. They are accounted for on an accruals basis where the conditions for their payment have been met or where a third party has a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. This includes grants paid to NHS bodies.

Management and administrative costs

There were no recharges of administrative costs to the North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2020/21.

Independent examination fees are apportioned across the funds based on fund value at 31st March 2021.

1.6 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. Funds where the capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes and cannot itself be spent are accounted for as endowment funds. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Funds which are not legally restricted but which the Trustee had chosen to earmark for set purposes are classified funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 10.1 and 10.2 along with an indication of how the funds have arisen.

1.7 Reserves Policy

The Trustee has agreed a reserve balance of £1,000 for the unrestricted funds. This reserve is held so that expenditure to ambulance stations for Christmas provisions, which has been provided from unrestricted funds, can be met. Below this level requests for funding from unrestricted funds will be declined until the balance recovers over the £1k threshold. The Trust currently holds £124,818 in unrestricted funds as at 31st March 2021.

By their nature restricted funds are received with the intention of expenditure being incurred and therefore no reserves are kept. However, a delay between receipts and identification of suitable purposes has resulted in some accumulation of fund balances. These balances are invested to maximise returns.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Charitable Funds Committee prior to the preparation of the accounts.

1.8 Changes in the Basis of Accounting

There has been no change in the basis of accounting during the year.

1.9 Prior Year Adjustments

No adjustment has taken place in the year.

1.10 Pooling Scheme

No pooling scheme operated in the year.

2. Prior year comparatives by type of fund

The primary statements provide prior year comparatives in total; this note provides prior period comparatives for the statement of financial activities and the balance sheet for each of the two types of fund that the Charity manage.

Unrestricted funds – statement of financial activity for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:		
Donations, Legacies and similar resources		
Donations	33,267	12,348
Total Donations and Legacies	33,267	12,348
Operating Activities:		
Investment income	545	1,154
Total incoming resources	33,812	13,502
RESOURCES EXPENDED:		
Costs of generating funds	216	216
Charitable expenditure		
Activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	14,901	14,389
Management and administration	610	366
Total resources expended	15,727	14,791
Net movement in funds	18,085	(1,469)
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2020	106,733	108,202
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021	124,818	106,733

Unrestricted funds – balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	31-Mar-21 Total Funds £	31-Mar-20 Total Funds £
Fixed assets:		
Total fixed assets	0	0
Current assets:		
Debtors	49,659	18,259
Cash at bank and in hand	128,011	125,598
Total current assets	177,670	143,857
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	52,852	37,124
Net current assets	124,818	106,733
Total assets less current liabilities	124,818	106,733
Net assets	124,818	106,733
Funds of the Charity		
Total unrestricted funds	124,818	106,733

Restricted funds – statement of financial activity for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:		
Donations, Legacies and similar resources		
Grants from NHS Charities Together	156,000	0
Total Donations, Legacies and Grants	156,000	0
Operating Activities:		
Investment income	467	535
Total incoming resources	156,467	535
RESOURCES EXPENDED:		
Costs of generating funds	1,500	0
Charitable expenditure		
Activities in furtherance of charitable objectives	65,262	3,326
Grants Payable	6,000	0
Management and administration	638	162
Total resources expended	73,400	3,488
Net movement in funds	83,067	(2,953)
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2020	47,360	50,313
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021	130,427	47,360

Restricted funds – balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	31-Mar-21 Total Funds £	31-Mar-20 Total Funds £
Fixed assets:		
Total fixed assets	0	0
Current assets:		
Debtors	2,322	493
Cash at bank and in hand	204,245	51,107
Total current assets	206,567	51,600
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	76,140	4,240
Net current assets	130,427	47,360
Total assets less current liabilities	130,427	47,360
Net assets	130,427	47,360
Funds of the Charity		
Total restricted funds	130,427	47,360

3. Details of Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021 Funds	Total 2020 Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income					
Untaxed Interest	545	467	0	1,012	1,689
Total investment income	545	467	0	1,012	1,689

Total interest for the year includes £46 of accrued interest.

The interest received in cash related to the Virgin Money bank account, interest received from Nationwide account is transferred out at year-end and therefore offset within the Statement of Cash Flows.

4.1 Details of Resources Expended – Activities for Charitable Objectives

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021 Funds	Total 2020 Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Patients welfare and amenities	1,560	0	0	1,560	11,946
Staff welfare and amenities	13,341	65,263	0	78,604	5,770
	14,901	65,263	0	80,164	17,715

During the year expenditure included outdoor seating at Ambulance Stations, water bottles and lunch boxes for all staff and the provision of a Community support officer.

4.2 Details of Resources Expended Grants Payable

During the year a £6k grant was provided to assist with a contribution to the Blue Light Choir which was a staff request as part of the NHS Charities Together first wave funding. Grants payable for 2019/20 was £0k.

4.3 Analysis of Management and Administration Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021 Funds	Total 2020 Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	610	638	0	1,248	528
	610	638	0	1,248	528

The Charity does not employ staff, so the average head count is zero (2019-20; zero). In addition, no employees received benefits of more than £60k in the period. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or incurred expenses. The positive action officer was provided by NEAS and recharged to the Charity.

5. Analysis of Total Resources Expended

	Costs of Generating Funds	Costs of Activities for Charitable Objectives (Grants to Individuals- Staff)	Management and Administration	Total 2021 Funds	Total 2020 Funds Restated
Auditors remuneration:	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination					
Fee	0	0	1,248	1,248	528
Other	1,716	86,163	0	87,879	17,931
	1,716	86,163	1,248	89,127	18,459

Support costs for 2020-21 were £0 (2019-20: £0)

6. Net Movement in Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021 Funds	Total 2020 Funds Restated
	£	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds for the year	18,085	83,067	0	101,152	(4,422)
Net movement in funds available for future activities	18,085	83,067	0	101,152	(4,422)

7. Fixed Assets

There are currently no fixed assets owned by the Charity.

8. Analysis of Creditors

	As at 31 Mar-21	As at 31 Mar-20
8.1 Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other Creditors – NEAS	127,216	40,836
Accruals	1,776	528
Total creditors falling due within one year	128,992	41,364
8.2 Amounts falling due after more than one year:	£	£
	0	0
Total creditors falling due after more than one year	0	0
Total creditors	128,992	41,364

Other Creditors are solely made up of transactions that have initially been paid by the North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. The independent examination fee for 2020/21 account for the accruals. The increase in balances is due to the high value of NHS Charities Together expenditure.

9. Analysis of Debtors

		As at 31 Mar-21	As at 31 Mar-20
9.1	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Trade Debtors	0	0
	Accrued Income	51,981	18,752
	Total debtors falling due within one year	51,981	18,752
9.2	Amounts falling due after more than one year:	£	£
	Trade Debtors	0	0
	Accrued Income	0	0
	Total debtors falling due after more than one year	0	0
	Total debtors	51,981	18,752

Accrued income is for donations which have been banked by North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust; this amount will be transferred to the Foundation Trust Funds account as part of the settlement of all outstanding balances.

10. Analysis of Funds

10.1 Restricted Funds 2020-21

Restricted Funds		As at 31 Mar-20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Gains and Losses	As at 31 Mar-21
Material funds		£	£	£	£	£	£
A	Teesdale	775	4	(4)	0	0	775
B	Paramedic	435	1	(436)	0	0	0
C	N.Aycliffe	107	0	0	0	0	107
D	Hartlepool	235	1	(1)	0	0	235
E	First Responders	53	0	0	0	0	53
F	First R. (Cleveland)	1,582	7	(7)	0	0	1,582
G	Florence May Bogey	39,862	160	(6,690)	0	0	33,332
H	Northumberland EC	715	1	(716)	0	0	0
I	Amble	25	0	0	0	0	25
J	Rapid Response	457	2	(2)	0	0	457
K	North Tyneside RR	510	1	(511)	0	0	0
L	NHCS CT – Wave 1	0	56,004	(54,508)	0	0	1,496
M	NHCS CT – Wave 2	0	50,154	(244)	0	0	49,910
N	NHCS CT – Grant	0	50,120	(10,268)	0	0	39,852
O	Finance&Resources	2,604	12	(13)	0	0	2,603
Total		47,360	156,467	(73,400)	0	0	130,427

10.2 Restricted Funds 2019-20

Restricted Funds		As at 31 Mar-19 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Gains and Losses £	As at 31 Mar-20 £
Material funds							
A	Teesdale	769	8	(2)	0	0	775
B	Paramedic	432	5	(2)	0	0	435
C	N.Aycliffe	106	1	0	0	0	107
D	Hartlepool	234	2	(1)	0	0	235
E	First Responders	988	11	(946)	0	0	53
F	First R. (Cleveland)	1,571	17	(6)	0	0	1,582
G	Florence May Bogey	41,520	441	(2,100)	0	0	39,862
H	Northumberland EC	710	7	(2)	0	0	715
I	Amble	25	0	0	0	0	25
J	Rapid Response	454	5	(2)	0	0	457
K	North Tyneside RR	506	6	(2)	0	0	510
L	Finance &Resources	2,998	32	(426)	0	0	2,604
Total		50,313	535	(3,489)	0	0	47,360

10.3 Details of Material Funds – Restricted Funds

Name of fund	Donation /Grant	Legacy	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
A Teesdale	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare at Barnard Castle/Middleton
B Paramedic	Y		Restricted to Paramedic Staff Welfare
C N.Aycliffe	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare at this Station
D Hartlepool	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare at this Station
E First Responders	Y		Restricted to First Responder Requirements
F First R. (Cleveland)		Y	Restricted to First Responder Requirements in Cleveland
G Florence May Bogey		Y	Restricted to Trust & Staff Welfare within Tees District
H Northumberland EC	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare in this region
I Amble	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare at this Station
J Rapid Response		Y	Restricted to the purchase of Rapid Response equipment
K North Tyneside RR	Y		Restricted to North Tyneside Rapid Staff Welfare
L NHCS CT – Wave 1	Y		Remaining funds for Year 2 NHS CT subscription
M NHCS CT – Wave 2	Y		Restricted to supporting staff health and wellbeing
N NHCS CT – Grant	Y		Restricted to a scheme for Positive Action Officer
O Finance & Resources	Y		Restricted to Staff Welfare in this directorate

All funds within the Charity are liquid. The Charity receives donations and legacies due to the appreciation of the healthcare the person or their relative has received. There is often a covering letter with the donations; these often specify that a particular station or area should be the recipient of the funds. This is how funds become restricted in nature. The NHS Charities Together grant was a specific bid for funds, whereas the other amounts were allocations from a national fund.

11. Material Uncertainties

There are no material uncertainties around the ability for the Charity to continue.

12. Contingencies

There were no contingent (losses)/gains that have been included in the accounts at 31st March 2021, (31st March 2020 £Nil).

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

There were no commitments that have been included in the accounts at 31st March 2021, (31st March 2020 £Nil).

14. Trustee and Connected Persons Transactions

There were no transactions to connected persons during the year ended 31st March 2021, (31st March 2020 £Nil).

15. Loans or Guarantees, Secured Against Assets of the Charity

There were no loans or guarantees secured against the assets of the charity as at 31st March 2021, (31st March 2020 £Nil).

16. Connected Organisations

There were no transactions to connected organisations or persons during the year ended 31st March 2021, (31st March 2020 £Nil).

17. Related Party Transactions

During the year none of the Directors or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust. The recording of any conflict of interest is incorporated into the form when staff request access to funds and also for each item within the Charitable Funds Committee meetings.

The only related party is North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust whose Board is the Trustee of the Charity. The balances between the 2 organisations at year-end are

North East Ambulance Service NHS FT

	As at 31 Mar-21	As at 31 Mar-20
	£	£
Debtors	51,934	18,523
Creditors	(127,217)	(40,837)
	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Expenditure	(86,320)	(17,931)
Income	31,167	13,286

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustee as a body. My 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 examiner's 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 the charity's trustee as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, which is complete, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund Charity in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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