

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2025



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Introduction from the Chair

The end of 2024 marked the important 5 year milestone of the reopening of Michael Sobell House after a period where there were no specialist inpatient beds for Hillingdon patients.

The merger of the 2 charities (Harlington Hospice and Michael Sobell Hospice Charity) is reaping benefits with the pre-existing strengths of the two organisations really showing in a more stable financial position. We are now truly 1 charity with the combined experiences of our important histories, and committed supporters who operate as a single team focused on meeting the needs of our patients and their loved ones.

We are proud that working together in 2024 we were able to support the hospice to expand the number of people we support in our inpatient unit opening 4 more beds for patients who need a longer stay. Since reopening this means we have now doubled the hospice beds available for Hillingdon patients.

At the end of the 2024/25 financial year we said goodbye to a number of Trustees who have played critical roles shepherding the hospice through the last years of substantial change. We thank them and wish them all the best knowing they can look back proud of the impact they made. We also said goodbye to our longstanding Chief Executive, Steve Curry whose strategic vision and commitment to do better for our residents will have an ongoing influence on the hospice. We are pleased he is staying on part time to support key areas of development and enjoying his days off without the pressures of the CEO role.

Michael Sobell hospice Charity has a clearly delineated role within the structure of the merged 2 charities

- To provide financial support for the care provider (in this case Harlington Hospice as the registered provider)
- To provide education and raise awareness about palliative care
- To support research

The Harlington Hospice Annual Report provides extensive detail on the high quality care provided by the team and as such the MSHC report here provides detail on the 3 key enabling objectives.

Across Harlington Hospice and Michael Sobell Hospice Charity our greatest asset is the people across our community who support us with such commitment. Whether this is through making items for us to sell, volunteering, donating money every time they visit the hospice, donating to our shops or undertaking quite terrifying sponsored events, we could not provide the care we do without their support. We appreciate all you do for us.

Michael Breen
Chair

24/25 at Michael Sobell Hospice Charity.

In February 2024 the Board held an away day to shape our plans for the next 3-5 years. This session confirmed to all present that when we have achieved positively – either for individual patients or for our population - it has been when we genuinely delivered on **our values**:

Collaborative

We're inclusive and diverse. And never overlook the value of other views and perspectives in creating more individualised care. We share our own, and learn from, other's best practice.

Responsive

We're embedded in our local community and exist to respond to their needs. We go above and beyond to find the right answers for whoever needs our help.

Thoughtful

We think not only about the most effective medical practice, but also about what is helpful for our patients.

Courageous

We're there at people's hardest moments in life. And we're a pillar of strength for them when they need us.

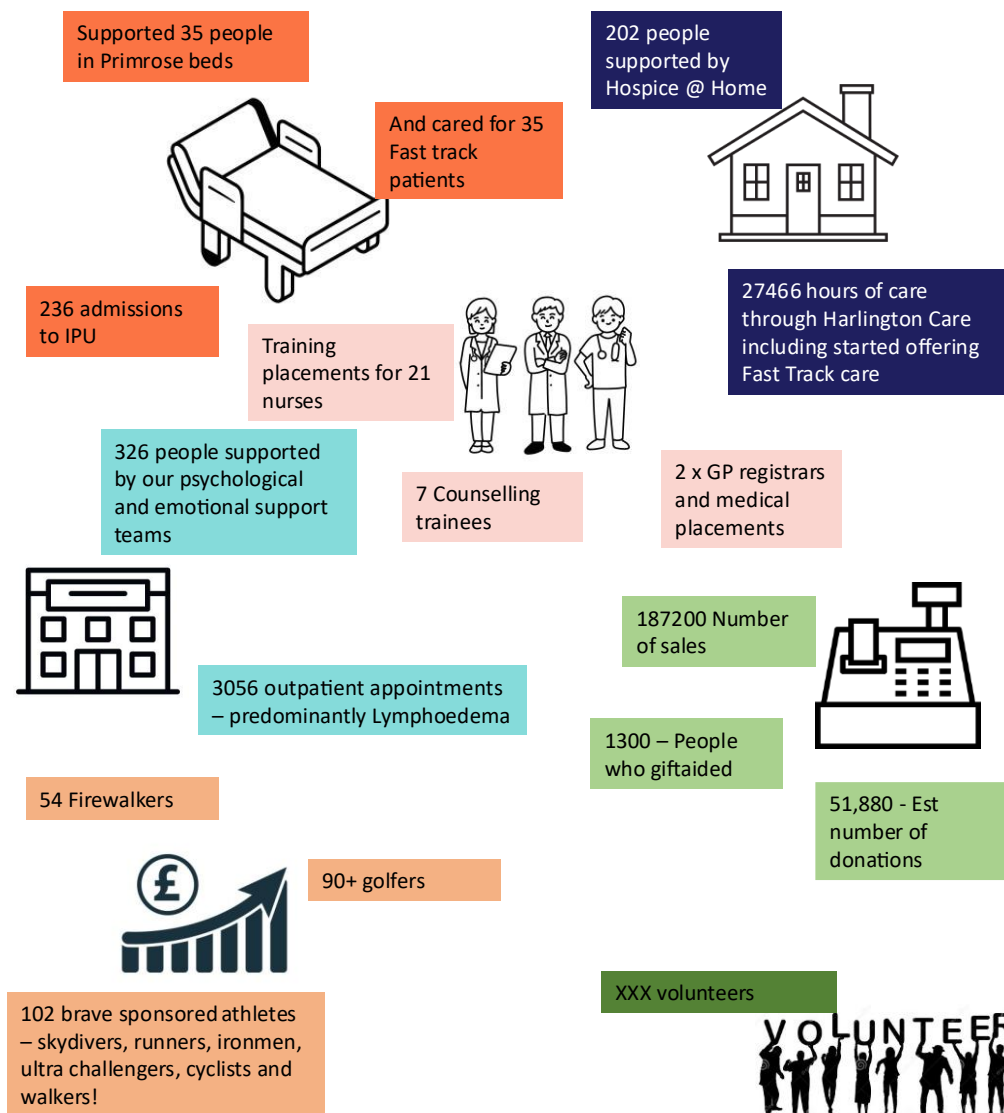
In living these values we are able to deliver **our purpose**:

"To support those in our community living with serious or terminal illness to live each of their days in their own way, to the fullest."

In turn this makes **our vision** a reality:

"Where everyone living with serious or terminal illness is treated as an individual and supported to live with their illness in a positive way."

MSHC supported the merged organisation to deliver: Our year in numbers



We exist to enable Harlington Hospice to support local people

The services provided by Harlington Hospice are accessible to any adult nearing the end-of-life, in receipt of palliative care, living with dementia or another serious or terminal illness, or who is a carer providing unpaid support to a friend or family member with one or more of those conditions.

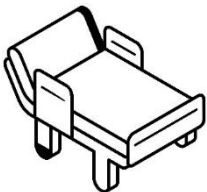

Additionally, HH provides bereavement therapy services for children and young people from four to 17 years old and a bereavement counselling service for adults.

HH services are mainly provided to adults and young people who live in the London Borough of Hillingdon or are registered with a GP in the borough. Where there is capacity, we also support patients and families from adjacent boroughs in North West London and Hertfordshire.

In addition to Hillingdon provision, a domiciliary care and respite (replacement) care service is also available to family carers in the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing.

HH's support can be long term over a number of years such as our lymphoedema service or for a few nights when it really counts. HH provides respite and support symptom management. Increasingly we are seeing patients who stay with us returning home whilst knowing that our support remains there if their needs change.

Harlington Hospice services supported by MSHC

	<h3>Staying at the hospice</h3> <p>This team provides responsive and compassionate palliative and end-of-life care to people with complex symptoms and who require emotional support, with the aim of discharging them back home. They also care for people in their last days and hours of life.</p> <h4>Hospice Beds for Hillingdon</h4> <table><tr><th>Before closure (pre 2019)</th><th>Re-opened (2021)</th><th>2024</th></tr><tr><td>7 beds</td><td>10 beds</td><td>14 beds</td></tr></table>	Before closure (pre 2019)	Re-opened (2021)	2024	7 beds	10 beds	14 beds
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	<h3>Care at home</h3> <p>Through our Hospice at Home team of Registered Nurses and specialist trained Healthcare Assistants, we care for people in their own home. All support is tailored to each individual's needs and those of their family members.</p> <p>Our regulated social care support service, known as Harlington Care, provides a comprehensive domiciliary care service in the home, which includes more advanced care tasks for people with complex health and social care needs including carer respite across 3 boroughs.</p>						



Clinic based care

Throughout the year the **Wellbeing team** ran Creative Art sessions, as well as Exercise and Relaxation groups, with the option of one-to-one support if required. These sessions are run twice a week and continue to be popular with our patients.

Lymphoedema is a long-term (chronic) condition that causes swelling in the body's tissues and can affect any part of the body, but usually develops in the arms or legs. We also treat patients with Lipedema. These conditions can be very painful and affect daily life.

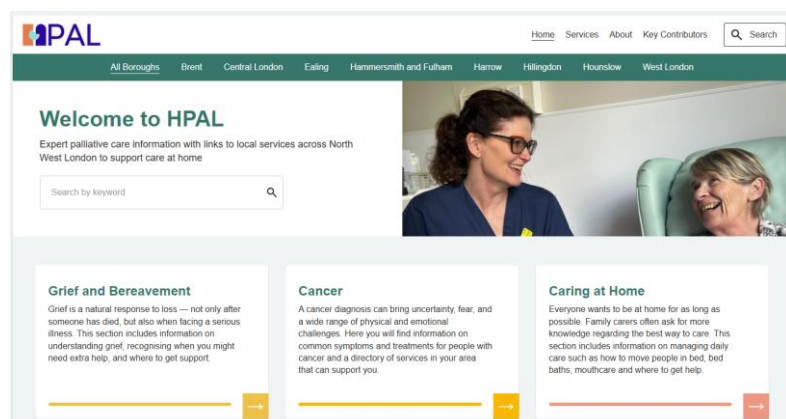
Our **Adult Psychological Support Service** includes a Palliative Psychotherapy team, which has supported adults living with a serious or terminal illness, and those close to them, since January 2021.

The **Child and Adolescent Bereavement team** continued its work exploring the challenges of how neurodiverse children and young people cope with bereavement. It has expanded its commitment to providing bereavement support for neurodiverse children and their carers, in order to develop new networks and neuro-affirmative resources for parents with neurodiverse children, in order to help them to better understand and manage change and their grief.

A key objective of MSHC is to support Education, training and research

The hospice has a key role in supporting education and training as the trusted local experts in palliative care. Our first conference was a success with excellent feedback.

Harlington Hospice working with Dr Poppy Freeman has developed and championed the invaluable HPAL portal with up to date end of life information for patients and clinicians. In 2024 Mid Essex ICB recognised the value of this resource and commissioned a version for their community;



We support education for carers via the **Caring with Confidence programme** – recognising that whilst professional care is critical the heavy burden of care often falls to informal carers especially where a loved one has dementia.

We delivered a four-session **End-of-life psychoeducational course** for carers. Following a review of last year's programme, a fourth session was added. All sessions had a training and psychotherapeutic support element and topics covered were:

- Understanding palliative care:

- Caring for a loved one in the home at the end-of-life:
- Dealing with Death:
- Complementary therapies at the end-of-life:

The hospice continues to act as a training hub for GPs, Medical Students, Nursing placements, Counselling trainees and many more people seeking work experience. We are grateful for the input of all trainees who have supported care at the hospice.

Student nurse Placements: Staff on IPU have been amazing, the support, care and love I received I will never forget and always be amazed. Lovely supportive staff thank you for all your help.

In partnership with local and regional stakeholders and colleagues, Harlington Hospice held our first Palliative Care Conference in May 2024. This was attended by GPs, Paramedics, Care Home Staff, District Nurses, Hospital and Palliative Care Team

The hospice had speakers covering topics including:

The future of Palliative Care Nursing; Supporting Family Carers: Pain; Nausea, Breathlessness – Top Tips; Palliative care in A&E – How Not To Admit A Patient; Children Facing Loss; The Challenge of Palliative Care At Home; Tree of Feelings: Patient Experiences in the Hospice; Assisted Dying – The Future and the Impact; Managing Anxiety/CBT and Relaxation Techniques

- **What we achieved**
- Attended by 100 people – mostly clinicians.
- Resoundingly positive feedback from attendees that we have agreed to develop this into an annual event.



Attended by 15 hospice team members providing development opportunities internally as well as for the wider system.

Income Generation

After the NHS the main source of funding for hospice care in Hillingdon is the MHSC.

We rely on the support of our local community to fund our services – by making donations and grants, taking part in events, spending in our shops and remembering us in their Wills.

In 2024 we welcomed volunteers into the fundraising team who have been instrumental in enabling good contact with those interested in supporting us. Thank you.

We want to thank the organisations from whom the hospice have received generous grants including:

- J&J Harris Trust
- Roger and Jean Jefcoate
- Ardeola Trust

Many people go above and beyond setting up and running events for MSHC. We would like to thank our supporters for their dedication and generosity. Major successes in the year

As a founding member of the Hospice Lottery, we continued to benefit from this partnership which, since it launched in 1997 had donated over £16 million to the Charity.

We have benefited also from support from Corporate Partners and would like to thank the following for their highly valued contributions across Harlington Hospice and MSHC:

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| • CJ M Plumbing (Retail) | • OSMO |
| • Partridges (Auction House) | • Paul Jennings |
| • Coca Cola | • Aqua |
| • John Lewis | • Natilik |
| • Waitrose Ruislip | • ProCare |
| • Waitrose Northwood | • ASNU |
| • Wenzels | • TA Ellement |
| • The Bank – Joe Bhatt | • PHD Modular Access Services Ltd |
| • Burberry Heathrow | • Co-Op Harefield |
| • Rackspace | • Pure Care (Avery Care Home) |
| • Jacobs Engineering | • Russel Field |
| • Amadeus Heathrow | • James Estate Agents |
| • Chaucer – Book Auctions | • House of Holland Shooting School |
| • Robsons Estate Agent | • James Maloney – Merchandise
Supporter |
| • Media Powerhouse | • Complete Golfers |
| • C&G Scaffolding | • West Herts Golf Club |
| • Bird & Lovibond | • Sandy Lodge Golf Club |
| • Sherwood Technology | • Moor Park Golf Club |
| • Liz Ears (Opticians) | • Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands Golf
Club |
| • Buckinghamshire Building Contractors | |
| • Andrew Berg | |

- Batchworth Golf Club
- Mahi Restaurant
- Brita
- The Woodman Pinner
- The Woodman, Ruislip
- The White Hart, Harlington
- James Lakeland, Pinner
- Cameron Estate agent
- JJ Rhatigan
- Bishops Wood BMI Hospital
- BACCES – British Airways Cabin Crew Society
- Jacobs Engineering
- The Chimes Shopping Centre

2) Trustees Report

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 November 1998, revised in October 2018 and December 2022.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. No expenses were claimed by Trustees.

During year to 31 March 2025, committees to the Board were the:

- Finance, Building and Estates Committee
- Quality Assurance & Governance Committee
- Workforce Committee

A trustee also sits on the Safeguarding Steering Group which feeds to both the Quality Assurance and Governance Committee and the board.

Trustees and Directors

Michael Breen (Chair)

Carol Coventry (retired 31.03.2025)

Michael Edwards

Caroline Morison (retired 31.03.2025)

John McDonnell (retired 16.04.2024)

John Sandercock (retired 16.01.2025)

New Trustees appointed, 16.4.24

Ashish (Ash) Devani

Shreena Raja

Jane Ellis (resigned 24.3.25)

Charles Gloor

Carmel Gordon-Dark

New Trustees appointed 23.9.25

Andrew Bonser

Laura Churchill

Sarah Scannell

Pravin Shah

Marie Wadsworth

Key senior management personnel

Chief Executive: Steve Curry (Job Share)

Chief Executive: Jane Wheeler (Job Share) from 04.11.2024

Director of Finance, Performance and Resources: Vanessa Harrison (from 13.11.2023 to 20.01.2025)

Director of Clinical Services: Sara Ryan

Medical Director: Dr Ros Taylor

Staff and delegated responsibilities

The Board of Trustees has delegated operational management of MSHC to the Chief Executive. MSHC does not employ any staff. All staff are employed by Harlington Hospice and work across the 2 charities as needed to deliver objectives.

The process for recruiting staff is set out in the Recruitment Policy and Procedure. Staff employment terms and conditions are included in Harlington Hospice's Employee Handbook, which is shared with all staff.

Pay policy for senior staff

The directors are The Charity's Trustees. The senior management team comprise the key management personnel of The Charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating The Charity on a day to day basis (see Organisation note).

All directors give their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. No expenses were claimed or paid to Directors in 2024/25.

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and benchmarked against pay levels in other comparable charities, the voluntary sector and similar roles.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Over the past year, the Trustees have actively managed the charity's risks. Senior charity staff follow a robust process to identify and evaluate risks, and to put mitigation strategies in place. The Sub-Committees review the risks relating to their area of operations, and the highest rated risks, and the strategic risks are referred to the Board for review and discussion.

The most significant risks - at the date of this report are:

1. Fundraising income

The risk relating to income generation, and fundraising income specifically is rated as a significant risk to the stability of the Charity and its ability to continue to provide the current range of services.

If fundraising income is inconsistent or unpredictable, the funding of patient services may be affected.

Mitigations in place are:

- The creation of a mixed fixed and variable cost fundraising model maximising digital resources and full organisation supporting to increase fundraising income.
- The creation of a strong Charity retail arm developing this income stream to grow

alongside fundraising income. Investment in communications and marketing to raise the charity's profile.

- Rigorous monitoring of cashflow and results to allow steps to be taken if income disappoints.

2. Increases in costs due to inflation

The risk relating to higher costs could jeopardise service delivery. Inflation has a particular impact on income generation and within this our retail income. Growing energy prices are also a cause of concern. Mitigations are limited, as inflationary growth is outside our control.

Mitigations in place are:

- Monitoring salary costs across the charity sector to ensure the Charity remains competitive.
- Negotiating other costs to minimise increases.
- Introduction of an efficiency plan

3. Risk to MSHC in the unlikely need to wind up the Charity

The Charity would have the need to terminate leases for shop premises and to redeploy or give notice to staff currently employed by Harlington Hospice but working for both Charities. This is an extremely low risk given the positive developments and funding across the hospice.

Mitigations in place are:

- Accurate and realistic budget setting to minimize risk of non-viability of charity
- Leases with clear break points
- Appropriate mix of substantive and bank staff, as well as support from volunteers

Financial review

MSHC is a key funder for the hospice care provided by the wider Harlington Hospice Group. At the beginning of 24/25 the Group Board agreed a budget with a income target of £5.9m of which MSHC were expected to raise £1m of this. During the year MSHC raised £1.2m which has helped significantly reduced the planned deficit for Harlington Hospice Group of £513,000 to £140,000. It is a reflection of the hard work of the entire team that we are now reporting a more positive outcome.

This means not only have we stabilised what could have been a worsening position, but we have reversed the direction of travel. As many hospices' financial positions worsen we have made substantial strides in recovery which has meant we have agreed a balanced Group budget for 25/26. This more stable position has also meant that we are able to prudently start to invest in key service areas which will further consolidate our financial stability either through fundraising income, or to enable future growth.

The reshaping of the fundraising team during February 2024 has seen a step change in productivity and effectiveness – a much reduced spend on fundraising is now delivering

much greater return. Income has seen a small reduction of 9% year on year however expenditure has reduced by 32%. This has enabled the commitment to fund hospice services to be maintained with a significant reduction on using reserves to achieve this.

Income

Total income for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £1,202,475 (2024:£1,318,624)

	2024/25	2023/24	
Income	£	£	
Donation	633,334	418,045	51%
Legacies	268,445	462,405	-42%
Trading activities	275,398	409,246	-33%
Investments	5,298	15,788	-66%
Other income	20,000	13,140	52%
Total income	1,202,475	1,318,624	-9%

Expenditure

Total expenditure was 2025: £1,260,148 (2024: £1,610,409) a decrease of £350,261.

	2024-25	2023/24	
Expenditure	£	£	
Michael Sobell House Inpatient Service	903,250	1,074,015	-16%
Fundraising and trading	365,898	536,394	-32%
Total expenditure	1,260,148	1,610,409	-21%

	2024/25	2023/24
Surplus / deficit	£	£
Total income	1,202,475	1,318,624
Total expenditure	1,260,148	1,610,409
Surplus	-57,673	-291,785

Reserves

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Restricted reserves	22,181	27,523
Designated reserves	6,641	13,282
General reserves	411,895	454,295

Reserves policy

Following the merger and staff employment moving to Harlington Hospice Association all employment risks were removed from Michael Sobell Hospice Charity. Therefore the need for an operational reserve was reduced significantly.

The only key risk requiring a reserve is a more general one to cover service wind down arising from the risk to in-year fundraising and retail operations.

The Board of Trustees may in addition decide on a further, discretionary amount to be included in the Reserve for a specific purpose, such as long-term capacity building or a special project. This has not happened in recent years.

The Operating Reserve needed for the financial year 2025-26, based on the factors above, is £250,000 to manage the wind up of retail shops. As general reserves at 31 March 2025 were above this level at £411,895 (2024: £454,295) the funding is comfortably above the level required.

Going concern

As outlined above the financial operational risks of MSHC are low and the level of reserve are sufficient to manage the risk. This has enabled the Board of Trustees to confirm the going concern of the charity.

	2025/26 £	2024/25 £
Total required operating reserve	250,000	265,000
Projected free reserves	411,895	454,295

Fundraising and Communications

It should be noted that:

The Charity does not work with or use any external professional fundraisers, with the exception of the Hospice Lottery Partnership who canvass on our behalf.

MSHC is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is fully compliant with its requirements and code of practice.

The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in relation to our fundraising activities during the year ending 31st March 2025.

Ensuring that our supporter's data is safeguarded and used only in an appropriate manner is of paramount importance, in line with GDPR regulations. Our privacy statement can be found in full on our website here: <https://www.harlingtonhospice.org/privacy-policy-users-of-services-volunteers-supporters/>.

This year, Harlington Hospice and Michael Sobell House Charity together gained £213,571 income from membership of the Hospice Lottery Partnership

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees:

The Trustees (who are also directors of MSHC for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware.
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves

aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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

Members of the Charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the Charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2025 was 11 (2024:6).

The Trustees are members of the Charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the Charity.

Auditor

Sayer Vincent LLP was re-appointed as the charitable company's auditor during the year and has expressed its willingness to continue in that capacity.

The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by,

M J Breen

Chairman

16 December 2025

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Public Benefit Statement

The Board of Trustees is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance in relation to public benefit. All of the organisation's charitable activities fall within its objects and provide considerable public benefit as outlined in this report.

Our Charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Articles of Association and are:

The relief of sickness and suffering of residents of the London Borough of Hillingdon and the surrounding areas and the provision of associated care and support to their carer's, dependants and families, including but not limited to:

- (1) providing financial and other support to organisations providing palliative and end of life care;
- (2) advancing the education of members of the community on the work of such organisations to raise awareness of palliative and end of life care;
- (3) supporting research into high quality palliative and end of life care and disseminating the results of such research through the community.

Michael Sobell House has been providing care for over 45 years to people in its catchment area, since 2023 the services at Michael Sobell House are provided by Harlington Hospice.

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity fundraises to provide a range of support for the clinical services at Michael Sobell House, providing relief and palliative care to patients, former patients and their families.

Michael Sobell House is the inpatient unit and centre for palliative care located at Mount Vernon Hospital. The Hospice team provides inpatient, day care and home care services and is a centre of excellence for specialist services, enhancing without discrimination the care of patients with life limiting illnesses and support for their families and carers.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a Charity (PB2)'. The Charity relies on a number of income streams including grants, retail outlets, fundraising events and activities. In addition, we rely on donations, gifts in memory, regular giving, corporate support, and legacies. We endeavour, through a wide range of communication methods, to encourage our local community to take part in our activities and to attend our events to support our work. The Trustees have considered this matter and concluded that:

- 1) the aims of the organisation continue to be charitable;
- 2) the aims and the work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- 3) the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay; and
- 4) there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

The Trustees have complied with their duty according to Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

M J Breen

Chairman

16 December 2025

Independent Auditors Report

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended.
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

Other Information

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

the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements;
- The trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the Charity's policies and procedures relating to:
 - Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
 - The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Charity from our professional and sector experience.
- We communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We reviewed any reports made to regulators.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joanna Pittman (Senior statutory auditor)
19 December 2025
for and on behalf of Sayer Vincent LLP, Statutory Auditor
110 Golden Lane, LONDON, EC1Y 0TG

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

				2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	892,375	9,404	901,779	873,880	6,570	880,450
Other trading activities	3	275,398	-	275,398	373,173	36,073	409,246
Investments	4	5,298	-	5,298	15,788	-	15,788
Other income	5	20,000	-	20,000	13,140	-	13,140
Total income		1,193,071	9,404	1,202,475	1,275,981	42,643	1,318,624
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds including charity shops	6	356,899	-	356,899	536,394	-	536,394
Charitable activities	7	888,504	14,746	903,249	1,048,537	25,478	1,074,015
Total expenditure		1,245,403	14,746	1,260,148	1,584,931	25,478	1,610,409
Net income / (expenditure)		(52,332)	(5,342)	(57,673)	(308,950)	17,165	(291,785)
Net gains / (losses) on investments	11	3,290	-	3,290	13,500	-	13,500
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before transfers		(49,042)	(5,342)	(54,383)	(295,450)	17,165	(278,285)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	50	(50)	-
Net movement in funds		(49,042)	(5,342)	(54,383)	(295,400)	17,115	(278,285)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		467,577	27,523	495,100	762,977	10,408	773,385
Total funds carried forward		418,535	22,181	440,717	467,577	27,523	495,100

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements.

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

Balance sheet

Company number 03677413

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	13	6,641	13,282	
Investments	14	<u>214,550</u>	<u>220,116</u>	
			221,191	233,398
Current assets:				
Debtors	15	179,624	115,977	
Investments	16	-	1,013	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>384,202</u>	<u>506,382</u>	
			563,826	623,372
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17		<u>(344,300)</u>	<u>(361,670)</u>
Net current assets			219,526	261,702
Total net assets	21		<u>440,717</u>	<u>495,100</u>
The funds of the charity:				
Restricted income funds	20		22,181	27,523
Unrestricted income funds:				
Designated funds		6,641	13,282	
General funds		<u>411,895</u>	<u>454,295</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>418,536</u>	<u>467,577</u>
Total charity funds			<u>440,717</u>	<u>495,100</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 16 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr MJ Breen
Chairman

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

Statement of cashflows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Cashflows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by) / generated from operations	26		(136,334)		(112,259)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of investments		-	472,679		
Investment income received		5,298	15,788		
Net cash generated from investing activities			5,298		488,467
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			(131,036)		376,208
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			506,382		130,174
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			384,202		506,382

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

1 Accounting policies

a) Statutory information

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. On 22nd December 2022, Harlington Hospice Association became the sole member of Michael Sobell Hospice Charity Ltd.

The registered office address is Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2RN.

b) 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) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

c) Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

d) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The successful partnership with Harlington Hospice Association Limited has delivered planned synergies and benefits and strengthened the financial position of the charity.

The charity has taken account of the risks identified by the Board and has made provision through its reserves calculation to ensure that these risks can be managed. The Finance Sub-Committee regularly monitors cashflow and projected income and expenditure to budget.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

e) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

g) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

h) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. The trustees have decided to report all The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity tangible fixed assets as designated funds.

i) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity by its Charity Shops and in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose;

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

j) Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on the following basis which are an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity.

Where information about the aims, objectives and projects of the charity is provided to potential beneficiaries, the costs associated with this publicity are allocated to charitable expenditure.

All support costs incurred by Michael Sobell Hospice Charity Ltd are allocated using the following percentages:

50% to Fundraising;

20% to Trading; and

30% to Charitable activities.

All governance costs incurred by Michael Sobell Hospice Charity Ltd are allocated in full to charitable activities. These costs are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and include any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities.

The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity Ltd is not registered for VAT so all expenses shown in the statement of financial activities and notes to the accounts are shown gross (i.e. inclusive of VAT).

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

k) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

l) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000 and the asset is expected to be productive for more than 12 months. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use. Major components are treated as a separate asset where they have significantly different patterns of consumption of economic benefits and are depreciated separately over its useful life.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings	2-5 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years

m) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

n) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

o) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

p) Financial instruments

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

q) Pension schemes

The charity offers a qualifying defined contribution scheme to all staff. In addition, the charity offers the NHS pension scheme to qualifying staff.

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme

This is a statutory superannuation scheme as defined in Section 6.12 (1) Income and Corporation taxes Act 1988 which has no invested funds. Contribution by employers (currently 14.38%) and members (variable rates) are accounted for to the Treasury and benefits are paid from the consolidated fund. This scheme is only open to staff who have been members of the NHS scheme in previous employment under the dispensation rules. The accounting charge represents the employer's contributions for the period. Harlington Hospice Association has no liability or potential liability for accrued unfunded obligations relating to this pension fund.

Group Personal Pension Scheme

In addition to the NHS Pension Scheme, the Hospice operates a Group Personal Pension Plan available to all staff. This plan is a defined contribution scheme administered and invested with Scottish Widows. It is a money purchase plan and all eligible employees who are not members of the NHS superannuation scheme are automatically enrolled on starting employment with the charity. Employee contributions are 5% with an employer contribution of 3%. Employees may contribute more to the plan.

Pension Schemes and Employees

From 1 May 2023 all staff working within Michael Sobell Hospice Charity were TUPE'd to Harlington Hospice following the merger of the two organisations. The pension scheme operated by Michael Sobell Hospice Charity through The People's Pension remains in operation and those staff members in the Scheme continue to have their pension contributions paid into it by Harlington Hospice.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	563,430	9,404	572,834	406,475	1,320	407,795
Legacies	268,445	-	268,445	462,405	-	462,405
Grant income	60,500	-	60,500	5,000	5,250	10,250
	892,375	9,404	901,779	873,880	6,570	880,450

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising events	58,316	-	58,316	149,636	36,073	185,709
Shop income	217,082	-	217,082	223,537	-	223,537
	275,398	-	275,398	373,173	36,073	409,246

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from listed investments	102	-	102	13,233	-	13,233
Interest receivable	5,196	-	5,196	2,555	-	2,555
	5,298	-	5,298	15,788	-	15,788

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Sobell Bridge Club and other income	20,000	-	20,000	13,140	-	13,140

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6 Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity						
Staging fundraising events	11,322	-	11,322	12,727	-	12,727
Other fundraising costs	37,719	-	37,719	6,072	-	6,072
Costs incurred by Harlington Hospice	55,342	-	55,342	305,149	-	305,149
Support costs	38,677	-	38,677	29,604	-	29,604
	143,060	-	143,060	353,552	-	353,552
Trading costs						
Operating charity shops	84,628	-	84,628	79,145	-	79,145
Staff costs	113,740	-	113,740	91,904	-	91,904
Support costs	15,471	-	15,471	11,793	-	11,793
	213,839	-	213,839	182,842	-	182,842
Total cost of raising funds	356,899	-	356,899	536,394	-	536,394

7 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Patient / staff support and counselling	2,044	-	2,044	378	-	378
Grant to Harlington Hospice	863,254	14,746	878,000	1,014,622	25,478	1,040,100
Support and governance costs	23,206	-	23,206	33,537	-	33,537
	888,504	14,746	903,250	1,048,537	25,478	1,074,015

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8 Support costs

	Governance			Governance		
	Support costs	costs	Total	Support costs	costs	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Management costs	15,000	-	15,000	37,114	-	37,114
Management employment costs	2,267	-	2,267	22,095	-	22,095
Other governance costs	87	-	87	-	15,774	15,774
	17,354	-	17,354	59,209	15,774	74,983
Analysed between						
Fundraising	6,851	-	6,851	29,604	-	29,604
Trading	2,741	-	2,741	11,842	-	11,842
Charitable activities	7,762	-	7,762	17,763	15,774	33,537
	17,354	-	17,354	59,209	15,774	74,983

Management support costs are reallocated on the basis of staff time per activity.

The allocation percentages noted below show fairly the spread of people and activities between support costs:

50% Fundraising

20% Trading

30% Charitable activities

Governance costs includes auditors' fees, legal, training and other sundry costs.

Audit fees for the year were £15,000 (2024: £15,600).

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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, or made any donations. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees.

10 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2025 number	2024 number
Fundraising and publicity including shops	-	-
Support staff	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	-	13,718
Social security costs	-	1,283
Pension costs	-	283
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,284</u>

The costs above relate to Michael Sobell payroll, and full recharged staff costs from Harlington Hospice are shown in Note 6.

The salary costs of the Key Management Personnel totalled £nil for the year (2024: £nil) which was in respect of nil employees (2024: nil).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000 in the financial year.

All staff employed were transferred to Harlington Hospice Association on 1 May 2023

11 Net gains / (losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains / (losses) on disposal	3,290	13,500
Revaluation of investments	-	-
	<u>3,290</u>	<u>13,500</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	28,785	15,360	44,145
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	28,785	15,360	44,145
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	15,503	15,360	30,863
Depreciation charged in the year	6,641	-	6,641
At 31 March 2025	22,144	15,360	37,504
NBV			
At 31 March 2025	6,641	-	6,641
At 31 March 2024	13,282	-	13,282

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	14,306	205,810	220,116
Disposals	(5,566)	-	(5,566)
Valuation changes	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	8,740	205,810	214,550
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	8,740	205,810	214,550
At 31 March 2024	14,306	205,810	220,116

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	156,000	58,556
Other debtors	10,683	38,066
Prepayments	12,941	19,355
	179,624	115,977

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

16 Current asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unlisted investments	-	1,013

17 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Trade creditors	293,880	300,120
Other creditors	19,032	11,972
Accruals	31,388	49,578
	344,300	361,670

18 Retirement benefit scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. From 1 May 2023 all staff working within Michael Sobell House TUPE to Harlington Hospice following the merger of the two organisations. The pension scheme operated by Michael Sobell House remains in operation and those staff members who TUPE across continue to have their pension scheme contributions made to this scheme. Any staff eligible to join the NHS pension scheme have their contributions made via Harlington Hospice scheme membership.

19 Share capital

The company is limited by guarantee.

If the company is wound up, and there is a financial deficit, the members will contribute a sum of £1.

The only member of the company is Harlington Hospice Association Ltd.

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Restricted funds	Balance at 1	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 1	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31
	April 2023	Incoming	Resources		April 2024	Incoming	Resources		March 2025
	£	resources	expended	£	£	resources	expended	£	£
Memory Tree	5,342	-	-	-	5,342	-	(5,342)	-	-
Wishlist campaign	50	-	-	(50)	-	-	-	-	-
Camino fundraiser	-	36,073	(25,478)	-	10,595	-	-	-	10,595
Staff fund	2,817	1,270	-	-	4,087	-	-	-	4,087
Lymphoedema	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Other restricted	2,199	300	-	-	2,499	-	-	-	2,499
	10,408	42,643	(25,478)	(50)	27,523	-	(5,342)	-	22,181

The total restricted fund reserve carried forward amounts to £22,181 (2024: £27,523).

Purposes of restricted funds

Donations for the memory tree fund are restricted to the memory tree project.

Camino fundraiser: Are restricted to supporting patients end of life wishes and purchase of cuddle beds.

Staff fund: Are restricted to supporting staff welfare

Lymphoedema: Are restricted to purchasing new Lymphoedema equipment

Other restricted donations comprise donations restricted for items for patient care and support.

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
	funds					funds	funds	funds	
	2025	2025	2025	2025		2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025									
Represented by:									
Tangible assets	-	-	6,641	6,641		-	-	13,282	13,282
Investments	214,550	-	-	214,550		220,116	-	-	220,116
Net current assets	197,345	22,181	-	219,526		234,179	27,523	-	261,702
	411,895	22,181	6,641	440,717		454,295	27,523	13,282	495,100

22 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	85,500	69,747
Between two and five years	125,672	121,551
Over five years	-	-
	211,172	191,298

23 Related party transactions

During the year, Mr M J Breen (the chairman and trustee of Michael Sobell Hospice Charity) was also a director of the Hospice Lottery Partnership in which the charity has an interest. Income received in the year was £210,000 (2024: £200,000) and expenditure in the year was £1,298 (2024: £1,317) with an amount due to the Hospice Lottery Partnership of £219 at the year end (2024: £141).

Michael Sobell Hospice Charity trustees Carol Coventry, Michael Breen, Vanessa Avlonitis, Michael Edwards, Margaret Roberts, Caroline Morison and John Sandercock are also trustees of Harlington Hospice Association Limited.

From 23 December 2022, Harlington Hospice Association is the sole member of Michael Sobell Hospice Charity and the two charities have merged their operations.

During the year, there were many financial transactions between the two charities, comprising:

- Donations made from MSHC to HHA, in accordance with MSHC's objects, as a contribution towards HHA's running costs for the Michael Sobell House in patient unit; and
- Recharges of costs between the 2 charities, relating to shop operating costs, fundraising costs and staff costs (as of July 2023).

24 Post balance sheet events

The trustees are not aware of any reportable post balance sheet events.

25 Ultimate controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Harlington Hospice Association Limited, a registered charity (number: 1099332) and company limited by guarantee (number: 04199504). Copies of the consolidated financial statements are available from Companies House/the Charity Commission.

Notes to the financial statements

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26 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(54,383)	(278,285)
Adjustments for		
Investment income	(5,298)	(15,788)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(3,290)	(13,500)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,641	6,640
Movements in working capital		
Decrease / (increase) in short term investments	1,013	(21)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(63,647)	(17,236)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(17,370)	205,931
Cash (absorbed by) / generated from operations	<u>(136,334)</u>	<u>(112,259)</u>