NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE TRUST CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1083122

Details

Other names	NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE CHARITABLE FUND, BRIGHT NORTHUMBRIA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2000-10-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES RELATING TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Activities: To support the activities of Northumbria Helathcare NHS Foundation Trust

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

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Geography

- North Tyneside
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,385,749	£2,670,902	£5,990,771	0
2024-03-31	£3,011,450	£1,640,445	£6,481,092	0
2023-03-31	£2,262,313	£1,532,041	£4,673,289	0
2022-03-31	£1,173,000	£1,102,000	£4,097,000	0
2021-03-31	£1,317,000	£895,000	£3,807,000	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST		2018-11-29

Linked charities

- NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE RESEARCH FUNDS (1083122-1)
- NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE STAFF BENEFITS FUND (1083122-10)
- NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND (1083122-11)
- NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE PATIENTS COMFORT FUND (1083122-12)
- NORTHUMBERLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY GENERAL RESEARCH CHARITY (1083122-13)
- NORTH TYNESIDE DGH CHARITY (1083122-14)
- THE DORCAS FUND (1083122-15)
- COQUETDALE COTTAGE HOSPITAL GENERAL FUND (1083122-2)
- BERWICK INFIRMARY GENERAL FUND (1083122-3)
- MORPETH COTTAGE HOSPITAL GENERAL FUND (1083122-4)
- THE ELLWOOD TRUST (1083122-5)
- WANSBECK AND ASHINGTON HOSPITALS GENERAL FUND (1083122-6)
- NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT FUND (1083122-7)
- BLYTH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL GENERAL FUND (1083122-8)
- ALNWICK INFIRMARY GENERAL FUND (1083122-9)

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head of charity foreword

The past year has been one of renewal for Bright. The time was right to review what was needed to manage a modern, ambitious, forward-thinking charity and to create the team and culture which can deliver this.

We now have dedicated fundraising and grants teams which we believe will have a huge impact and go a long way to modernise the work that we do.

We have also strengthened our existing highly regarded areas of the team such as volunteering and healing arts. By enhancing our offer in both of these areas, we feel we have created an environment where they can continue to go from strength to strength for years to come.

This year was also about raising awareness of Bright, with a focus on enhancing this within the Trust. Our hospital staff should be our biggest asset and champions, however, we as a team felt Bright was not known as well as it could be throughout the organisation. Reflecting on the year, it feels like this priority has been one of our biggest success stories.

By getting out into the Trust, meeting staff, having stalls at every event we could, and holding our very first 'Brightest Day' event, it feels like Bright has well and truly raised its profile. Looking forward to the year ahead, it feels like we have a strong foundation to build upon and to be bold, ambitious and bright in our future plans!



Robert Graham, Head of Charity

Finally, at Bright we couldn't do what we do without our incredible supporters. Each and every one of you who has donated or given up your time to support us is valued and very much appreciated by all of Team Bright and everyone who has benefited from your donation or time.

Thank you and I can't wait to see what we can achieve next year!!

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message from the chair of northumbria healthcare

It is once again my great pleasure to introduce the Annual Report of Bright Northumbria Healthcare Charity for 2024/25.



Sir Paul Ennals CBE
Chair of Northumbria Healthcare

This year has been full of momentum, creativity and meaningful progress – all underpinned by the generosity of our community. I want to thank everyone who has supported Bright this year; from fundraisers and donors to the team behind the scenes and our invaluable volunteers. Your contributions continue to help us go further for patients, staff and families across Northumberland and North Tyneside.

This year we held our first ever "Brightest Day of the Year," shining a light on the charity's impact and raising awareness internally across the Trust. It was a great way to connect more people with the work we do and the difference Bright makes every day.

One of the year's standout projects was "Beyond the Court", a podcast created in collaboration with the Newcastle Eagles basketball team. Focused on men's mental health, the podcast aimed to open up honest conversations and encourage more people to seek support. We were proud to see the series shortlisted for a Public Relations and Communications Association (PRCA) award – a recognition of its impact across the region.

We also began work on a beautiful new hanging sculpture for the future Berwick Hospital – a lasting and uplifting installation that will bring art and calm into the heart of the building.

Thanks to your support, Bright continues to fund work that enhances patient care and improves staff wellbeing – from healing environments to the arts, from mental health support to small but significant comforts that can make all the difference.

We are especially grateful to our amazing fundraisers who went the extra mile this year – whether by taking on running challenges or shaving your head, your creativity and commitment are helping us do more for the people we serve.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to our extraordinary volunteers – the heart of our Trust and a constant source of inspiration. This year, their contribution was recognised on a larger scale when they were featured on ITV Tyne Tees, sharing their stories and shining a light on the remarkable role they play in our services. We are so proud of them.

Bright is a powerful example of what can happen when a community comes together – with generosity, compassion and hope – to make a difference where it truly matters.



Sir Paul Ennals CBE

objectives and activities

The governing documents for the funds consist of a declaration of trust dated 18 May 2000. The governing document states the charity's principle objective as being:

"... for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service".

More specifically, the charity aims to support charitable initiatives, which would not normally be financed by NHS exchequer funding, to enhance and add additional value to the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the Trust area.

Key Objectives

Categories of spend approved by Corporate Trustee

Patient and staff welfare –

to provide additional comforts, over and above that which would be provided as standard by the NHS, to enhance the patient and staff experience.

Medical equipment –

to ensure that our patients have access to the latest technology and that additional equipment is made available to improve the patient experience and support members of staff who are delivering their care. Charitable funds cannot be used to purchase or replace core NHS equipment.

Patient environment –

to deliver a high-quality healing arts programme in collaboration with patients, staff, volunteers, and the local community, to improve the hospital environment. To use the arts to develop and deliver high quality interior design projects for areas of special need and sensitivity, that help to support the needs of patients and their relatives. To work with architects and designers to integrate the arts to enhance patient and staff experience.

Staff education –

to support professional development of members of staff in terms of attendance at speciality events, and allow access to training that would not normally be funded through standard funding streams. The charity cannot support requests from individuals for funding for professional qualifications.

Research –

to support a continuous programme of research, which aims to improve treatment for thousands of patients across the NHS. To promote innovation and service improvement through providing a platform for staff to share ideas.

Health Inequalities –

to add value to ongoing public health work by the trust to tackle health inequalities affecting our patients.

CSR –

to create opportunities to engage with local communities in keeping with the trust's Community Promise.

our year in numbers

153

Grants
We awarded over **£2 million** in grants

40

volunteers contributed to **420 years** of long service

60

Great North runners

340

Wag & Company visits in total, 255 patient and 85 staff

800

Patient gifts at Christmas

75

Music in Hospitals visits

Over
£26,000

raised by GNR

Over
46,000

hours of NVS Volunteers' time

Over
211,000

hot drinks sold

447,000

customers in our NVS shops

our programmes

Northumbria Volunteer Service

It was a year of celebration for our Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) including well-deserved award recognition!

As part of our normal recognition of the amazing contribution our volunteers make to the Trust we celebrated a combined total of 420 years of volunteering at our annual long service awards. These events are an important part of the volunteering calendar both for our volunteers, recognised for their long service and dedication, and for some of our senior Trust colleagues who attend to say 'thank you' on behalf of the organisation



It was an extra special year of celebration though due to the fact it was the 20th anniversary of the NVS. To mark such a special year we held an event at St James' Park, home of Newcastle United Football Club, where our volunteers were treated to dinner and dancing and an opportunity to take a sneak peek of the hallowed turf of the St James' Park pitch!

The service was also assessed this year for the 'Investing in Volunteers' quality standard which I am delighted to say was achieved for a third time. This was such a special achievement, in particular thanks to the very positive feedback received as part of the assessment results.

The NVS also had a brilliant night at Northumbria's annual staff awards ceremony where our North Tyneside General Hospital Buggy Team won 'Team of the Year – Non-Clinical' and one of our volunteers won 'Volunteer of the Year.' These awards highlighted just how valued our volunteers are within the Northumbria family.

Other highlights have included a full feature on our volunteer service with ITV Tyne Tees news, coverage in local newspapers, and an increase in volunteers recruited into the service.

To round out a year of celebration and recognition for our incredible volunteers, Bright Northumbria Healthcare Charity would like to thank all who have given their time and commitment, it is very much appreciated.

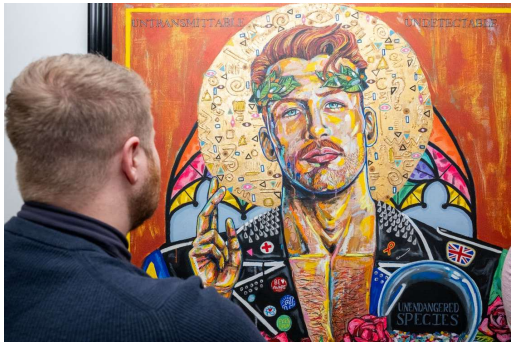


Healing Arts Programme

The last year has been a particularly busy yet extremely fulfilling period for our Healing Arts Programme.

This year saw the continuation of many of our much-loved activities, including a successful staff photography competition on the theme 'What Northumbria means to you', creative writing workshops for staff, and monthly live musical performances across our wards and public areas in partnership with Music in Hospitals.

We have continued to focus on curating numerous impactful exhibitions throughout the year. One we are particularly proud of is our work with the organisation Eyes Open UK who kindly loaned us an artwork called 'Monument One' by the artist Henry Hate. The artwork's aim is to raise awareness of HIV in the UK whilst also challenging the stigma surrounding the virus. We all agree this is a great cause, and we are extremely proud to have been chosen as a venue to show this important work.



This period has also been a time of considerable hard work and excitement around two big projects which we are involved in for two new buildings, which the organisation is investing in.



The first has been to provide the artwork for the Trust's new Health and Care Academy. This new building is a state-of-the-art environment which combines a GP practice, training facilities to develop our clinical staff of the future as well as conference centre facilities. By working with staff, local communities and local schools we have managed to create artwork which captures the new building's purpose with imagery unique to the organisation and local environment. This has already proven to be very impactful and has shown how necessary art is within a new environment.

The second project this year has been to begin the process of procuring an artist to create an impactful mobile artwork for the artium of the Trust's new Berwick Hospital. We successfully appointed the art production practice Sum.Place to create this artwork and have started to work with them on this long-term project.

Sum.Place's concept for the mobile sculpture is to create a shoal of salmon (more than 2,000 individual fish) in the shape of the River Tweed, which runs through Berwick. The fish will be made locally in North Shields from recycled NHS plastic. This is an incredibly exciting project for Bright to be involved in alongside Sum.Place and the local Berwick community who will also be involved in creating this artwork.

patient and staff environment

Our patient and staff environment work has continued to go from strength to strength this year. We have received many requests to fund and manage projects throughout the year.

This year we have made a particular impact on some of the environments that our youngest and most vulnerable patients would use.

Areas such as our Blyth Community Hospital Children's Unit, Wansbeck General Hospital Children's Outpatient Courtyard, and Albion Road Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service facilities have all been refreshed and enhanced through Bright's funding and project management expertise.

As you can see from the photographs below, these environments are designed to support children and their families during hospital visits or outpatient appointments.

Before at Wansbeck General Hospital Children's Unit courtyard...



... and after!



Before at Blyth Community Hospital Children's Unit...



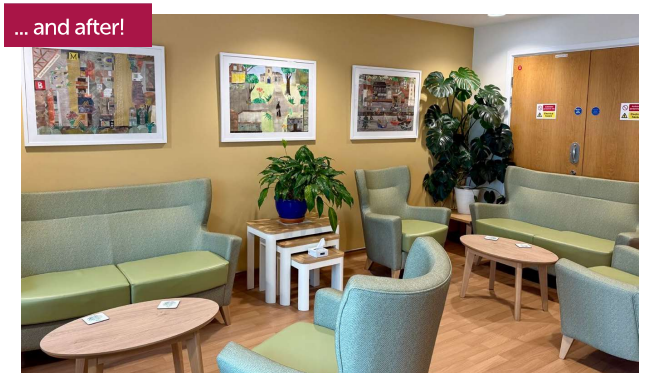
... and after!



Before at North Tyneside General Hospital Memory clinic...



... and after!



raising awareness

As part of our general renewal of the charity, this year we felt it was important to focus on raising awareness of Bright and what we do, both internally, among staff and patients within the Trust, and externally to the wider public and corporate organisations.

We took a step into the unknown, holding events and activities which we have never attempted before.

We held our very first charity day within the Trust called 'Brightest Day.' This involved a range of activities across the organisation to raise awareness of the work of Bright and how staff can get involved. It was a fantastic day which well and truly painted the organisation yellow!





As part of our Brightest Day celebrations, we also welcomed a new member of the team: our very own Bright mascot, Sunny, who joined in the celebrations. Sunny is now a key part of the team and will be used to help raise awareness of the charity whilst also bringing a bit of fun and brightness to the work we do.

At Christmas, we wanted to do something a little different by bringing together our external corporate supporters, along with others interested in supporting us, for a special celebration and showcase of everything Bright has to offer.



It was a brilliant day where everyone could get in the Christmas spirit, whilst also gaining a greater understanding and appreciation of the amazing work Bright does for our patients, staff and communities.



our partners

Over the years, Bright Charity has worked with partners to help deliver our aims and objectives.

The charity also feels it is important to work with other regional voluntary sector organisations, taking our position as a key regional organisation within the voluntary sector seriously because it is clear that working collaboratively can create a greater impact for our patients and communities.

Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation

We continue to partner with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation on their Hoops4Health programme. This programme works with schools to use basketball and sport as a driver to encourage children to engage with healthy eating and physical activity.



Our partnership with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation enables schools in North Tyneside and Northumberland to benefit from this programme, which in turn plays an important part in encouraging children from a young age to eat healthily and be active. This not only helps prevent illness but also contributes to reducing health inequalities.

This year we also collaborated on a special project called "Beyond the Court", a podcast focused on men's mental health. The podcast aimed to open up honest conversations and encourage more people to seek support. We were proud to see the series shortlisted for a PRCA award – a recognition of its impact across the region.

Wag & Co

Our partnership with Wag & Company has continued to go from strength to strength and very much deserves its reputation as our very own 'doggy prescription service.'

Our Wag volunteers, both human and canine, have well and truly established themselves both with patients and staff as a key part of our organisation. The charity has continued to receive positive feedback on this initiative and the areas covered by Wag have expanded during the year.





Whitley Warriors Ice Hockey Team

We continued our partnership with our local ice hockey team, Whitley Warriors.

The Warriors continued to promote their 'Face off to Stigma' mental health awareness campaign and this year we collaborated with North Tyneside Council to give local children, who may not otherwise have had the chance, the opportunity to learn to ice skate.

This programme was very well received and welcomed by the team at North Tyneside Council and the children involved.

Charlotte Tilbury

Bright's partnership with Charlotte Tilbury at Fenwick's in Newcastle city centre has become a firm favourite among Trust staff. Our 'Breakfast at Tilbury's' events for staff continue to be extremely popular and are a special treat for the staff lucky enough to attend.

Music in Hospitals

Musical performances in hospital are incredibly popular with patients, visitors and staff and can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing. This is why the charity has continued its partnership with Music in Hospitals.

These performances have been very well received and have produced some heart-warming stories that have meant a great deal to patients, staff, and visitors.

grants and funding

This has been such an exciting year for our grants and funding team. We have not only made it easier and simpler for staff to apply for grants, but we have also been inundated with brilliant ideas for both large and small projects all of which will have a significant collective impact on patient care.





We are proud to say that Bright has supported more than 130 grant applications, with a total value of around £2 million. This is a real testament to both the grants team and the high quality of applications received. We are sure this will have such an impact on enhancing patient care and looking after our staff members' health and wellbeing.

finance review

The net assets of the Charitable Funds as at the 31st March 2025, were £5,991,000 (31 March 2024 £6,481,000). This represents a reduction of £490,000 over the year.

Unrestricted funds decreased by £46,000, bringing the total to £2,461,000. Restricted funds saw a more significant reduction of £444,000, resulting in a closing balance of £3,530,000. The primary driver behind these reductions was an increase in the number of grant approvals during the period, reflecting the strategic decision to deepen the charity's reach and effectiveness.

Income Source	2024/25	%	2023/24	%
Donations	£586,000	25	£495,000	16
Legacies	£111,000	5	£1,117,000	37
Charitable Activities	£1,448,000	60	£1,204,000	40
Investment Income	£240,000	10	£195,000	7
Total	**£2,385,000**	**100**	**£3,011,000**	**100**

Expenditure during 2024/25 totalled £2,671,000 and the "Contribution towards the NHS" in the form of Charitable Grants totalled £1,054,000. This expenditure relates to medical and other equipment purchases such as IT and furniture to enhance patient and staff welfare. The remaining expenditure comprised the costs of purchasing goods to be resold in the Charity run on site hospital shops and administrative and support costs.

Total Expenditure	2024/25	%	2023/24	%
Purchase of new equipment	£0	0	£25,000	2
New building and refurbishments	£297,000	11	£19,000	1
Patient education and welfare	£497,000	19	£213,000	13
Staff Education and welfare	£198,000	8	£43,000	3
Information technology	£0	0	£34,000	2
Grants to other charities	£62,000	2	£51,000	3
Support costs and overheads	£356,000	13	£222,000	13
Fundraising Costs	£33,000	1	£31,000	2
NVS Shop purchases and overheads	£1,228,000	46	£1,003,000	61
Total	**£2,671,000**	**100**	**£1,641,000**	**100**

Reserves and Investments

The Trustee has established a Reserves and an Investment Policy to achieve its aim of supporting a healthy future by assisting the long-term future of Bright Charity.

The charity's Reserves Policy is designed to ensure that sufficient funds are retained to meet known commitments and to support the delivery of future plans. Trustees have determined that, in the medium term, the target level of free reserves should be equivalent to 12 months of non-committed expenditure. This approach provides a financial buffer to safeguard operational continuity and enables the charity to respond flexibly to emerging needs or opportunities.

The Trustees consider that this level of reserves is consistent with applying income on a measured, planned and coordinated basis. The level of reserves is reported to the Bright Charity Strategic Committee on a quarterly basis. In the short term the Trustees consider that a level of reserves greater than this amount is acceptable as it provides the Charity with an appropriate level of investment income.

Appropriate action to establish or maintain reserves at the required level will be decided upon by the Committee.

The free reserves of the charity (those available for use by the trustees) stood at £2,461,000 which is a reduction of £46,000 from 2023/24. The decrease was primarily attributable to the increase volume and value of grants approval during the financial year, reflecting the charity's continued commitment to supporting its beneficiaries.

The investment policy which the Charity operated during 2023/24 was established in July 2013. It remained under regular scrutiny and was most recently reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2025.

The main objectives of the investments are:

- To achieve sufficient income to cover the administrative costs of the Charity
- Only use deposit funds with institutions with a AAA or equivalent short-term risk rating
- Use funds not held on deposit to achieve medium to long term capital growth whilst minimising risks

The Charity seeks to invest ethically and ensure that its investments are not opposed to the objects of the Charity. Therefore, the investment policy eschews, as much as practicable, investments in tobacco and alcohol related holdings.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has no authority over the investments which the Charity holds.

The Charity holds investments with CCLA Ltd COIF funds. At March 31st 2025 the investments are summarised as:

Investments	2024/25	2023/24
COIF - historical book cost	£2,899,000	£2,899,000
Opening Unrealised gain	£995,000	£558,000
Additions in year – book cost	£0	£0
Unrealised gain – in year	£0	£437,000
Unrealised loss – in year	£204,000	£0
Closing Unrealised Gain	£791,000	£995,000
Market value at 31 March	**£3,690,000**	**£3,894000**

Investments are recorded at market value as at 31st March 2025. No other investments are held.
The Charitable Funds Committee meets annually with a representative from CCLA to discuss the general investment climate and outlook, and reviews the Charity's investments accordingly.

Risk Management

The Corporate Trustee has identified the major risks to the Charity which can be summarised as:

1. That the Charity is not operating within its objects as defined in the Charity's governing document.
2. That accounting transactions are inappropriately or inadequately reported.
3. Expenditure is inappropriately high resulting in a faster depletion of funds than approved by the Corporate Trustee.
4. That expenditure is inappropriately low resulting in lost opportunities for charitable funds.
5. Investments are not properly safeguarded, resulting in loss of funds.

The Corporate Trustee has established systems to ensure that these risks are kept at a minimum. Namely:

1. A Charitable Funds Strategic Committee which reviews policy, financial activity and investment performance. The members of the committee are all Executive and Non-executive directors of the Trust.
2. The existence and compliance with Standing Financial Instructions.
3. An adequately qualified and resourced finance function.
4. The establishment of internal financial control systems which are reviewed regularly by an Internal Audit department.
5. Reporting and review of audit findings to an Audit Committee.
6. Annual audit of systems and accounts by external auditors.
7. A Risk Register submitted to the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee every quarter.

Our Future Plans

Following a year of renewal and refresh the charity is looking forward to utilising its new fundraising and grants team resources. This will include a real focus on further raising awareness both internally and externally and also to ensure our governance processes and procedures are of the highest standard.

The Charity's charitable expenditure will continue to be determined by the needs of the Trust's hospitals and community services and will be monitored by categorising expenditure into the following areas of spend:

- Purchase of Medical equipment
- Environment Improvement
- Patient and Education Welfare
- Staff Education and Welfare
- Research
- Health Inequalities/ Public Health
- Corporate Social Responsibilities

Based on the accounts for the financial year the Trust Board, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, believes that the Charity can meet all its current and future foreseeable commitments.

Charity Information

Governance and Management

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity was registered with the Charity Commission as an NHS Umbrella Charity by Declaration of Trust in May 2000, Charity number 1083122. In 2011, it was decided to adopt the brand name of "Bright Northumbria".

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Bright is a registered member of the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to the Codes of Fundraising Practice.
Members of the Trust's Board who have acted on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, are members of the Charity Board of Trustee with voting rights. In 2024/2025 these members were:

Name	Title
Birju Bartoli	Chief Executive
Paul Dunn	Executive Director of Finance
Kate Thompson	Executive Director of People and OD
Jeremy Rushmer	Executive Medical Director
David Elliott	Executive Chief Digital Information Officer
Marion Dickson	Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals
Alistair Blair	Executive Medical Director
Simon Eaton	Interim Executive Director of Medicine and Emergency Care Business Unit (from 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025)
Hannah Powell	Executive Director of Operations (from 6th October 2025)

Name	Title
Sir Paul Ennals	Chair (Chair from 1st September 2023 and Interim Joint Chair with Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospital NHS Foundation Trust from 18th July 2024. Shared Chair for Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumbria NHS Foundation Trusts from 1st October 2025)
Ruth Connorton	Non- Executive Director (Vice Chair since 18th July 2024)
Margaret Rowe	Non-Executive Director
Richard Dale	Non-Executive Director
Bernard McCardle	Non-Executive Director (to 31st October 2024)
Sir Alan Craft	Non-Executive Director (to 31st March 2025)
Andrew Besford	Non-Executive Director
Stephen McKinlay	Non-Executive Director
Philip Lobb	Non-Executive Director
Katie Stevens	Non-Executive Director (from November 2024 previously Associate Non-Executive Director to 31st October 2024)
Dr Maria Clement	Non-Executive Director (From 1st April 2025, previously Associate Non-Executive Director from 25th November 2024)
Sarat Pediredla	Associate Non-Executive Director (From 1st September 2025)

The Corporate Trustee of the Charity acts through the decisions and actions of the executive and non-executive members of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Board. Where statute permits, the Board delegates authority for the review of strategy, activity and compliance to a sub-committee of the Board called the Bright Charity Strategic Committee, the 'BCSC'. In particular the BCSC is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources;
- Provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income;
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations; and,
- Keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the Charity.

In order to ensure the Committee always acts in the interests of the Charity rather than the NHS corporate body, representatives of both staff and public governors are co-opted onto the Committee in a non-voting capacity to observe and to contribute to the decision-making process.

The Bright Charity Strategic Committee comprises the following members:

- Three Non-Executive Directors (one member is nominated as Chair and a second is nominated as vice-chair of the committee).
- Executive Director of Finance or their nominated deputy
- Head of the Charity
- Executive Director of Nursing or their nominated deputy
- Representatives from the Council of Governors

No member of the Trust Board received remuneration from the Charity during the year. The Trust Board is remunerated by the Trust for their role as Executive and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust.

The Charity is constituted of approximately 264 individual funds as at 31 March 2025 (2023/24: 243) and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds held and disclose separately all material funds.

There is a central budget for administration (including finance, publicity and audit costs) which is funded from investment income.

For day to day operational and management purposes the charity is divided into some 230 funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of accounts held and disclose separately all material funds. These are managed by Trust officers such as Heads of Service and Ward Managers who have delegated authority to apply the funds within the objects of the Charity.

The Corporate Trustee does not set detailed budgets for the Charity's activities except occasionally in the case of specific projects. Instead, responsibility is delegated to the managers of each fund. Upon request managers of funds are required to submit annual fundraising and spending plans for review.

The BCSC regularly monitors fund balances to ensure that funds do not go into deficit, or if they do, to ensure that funds are brought back into surplus as soon as possible.

Activities

Bright ensures that all activities carried out to raise funds are in line with the Fundraising Regulator and Codes of Practice and the Charity's internal processes and policies. The team is aware of donor's wishes ensuring that these are honoured and communicated with the donor. In the year 2024/25 we received no complaints. The Charity team have mandatory training each year on safeguarding for vulnerable adults and this is then integrated into supporting vulnerable donors to ensure they are protected.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Charity have undertaken during the year and have continued to support a wide range of charitable activities. These include charitable grant funding for the Trust and fundraising across a number of platforms to raise more funds.

In awarding grants the Trustee is aware of its responsibilities under charity law in ensuring the maintenance of public benefit in all aspects of its work. Funding patient and staff welfare, improvements and amenities is, by definition, meeting public benefit.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Corporate Trustee of the Charity. However, when the Trust Board is making decisions regarding the Charity it does so with the best interests of the Charity in mind and with consideration of Charity Commission guidance, Charity law and the expressed wishes of donors.

By working in partnership with the Trust, charitable funds are used to best effect for the benefit of patients and staff. When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use funds, the Corporate Trustee has regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies, and plans of the Trust.

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Registered Charity Number
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed [and rules], subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The corporate trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024-25

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

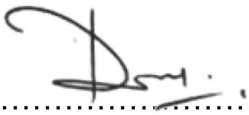
STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.



Signed ……on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated……27th November 2025……..

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustee

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Analytical review and substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charity operates and how the charity complies with that legal and regulatory framework
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any know actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as

these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed: 

Nicholas Cunningham MSc BSc FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 17/12/2025

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	550	147	**697**	1,612
Charitable activities	3	1,448	0	**1,448**	1,204
Investment income	4	95	145	**240**	195
Total incoming resources		2,093	292	**2,385**	3,011

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	33	0	**33**	31
Charitable activities	6	1,981	657	**2,638**	1,610
Total resources expended		2,014	657	**2,671**	1,641
Gains / (loss) on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	(125)	(79)	(204)	437
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		(125)	(79)	**(204)**	437
Net incoming resources		(46)	(444)	**(490)**	1,807
Gross transfer between funds		0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		(46)	(444)	**(490)**	1,807
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2024		2,507	3,974	**6,481**	4,674
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		2,461	3,530	**5,991**	6,481

The notes at pages 29 to 41 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	1,516	2,174	**3,690**	1,506	2,388	3,894
Total fixed assets		1,516	2,174	**3,690**	1,506	2,388	3,894
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	15	22	**37**	43	67	110
Short term investments and deposits	11	396	569	**965**	373	592	965
Cash at bank and in hand		632	905	**1,537**	628	995	1,623
Total current assets		1,044	1,495	**2,539**	1,044	1,654	2,698
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	98	140	**238**	43	68	111
Net current assets		**946**	**1,355**	**2,301**	1,001	1,586	2,587
Total net assets		2,462	3,529	**5,991**	2,507	3,974	6,481
Funds of the charity							
Income Funds							
Unrestricted	12	2,461	0	**2,461**	2,507	0	2,507
Restricted	12	0	3,530	**3,530**	0	3,974	3,974
Total funds of the charity		2,461	3,530	**5,991**	2,507	3,974	6,481

The notes at pages 29 to 41 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 27th of November 2025 and signed by:



…… on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Date…….27th November 2025

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

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required

to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;
- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis.

e) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

f) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year. Northumbria Healthcare Care NHS Foundation Trust fully re-charged Bright charity for the 12 whole time equivalent members of staff who work full time for the charity. 4 of these staff work in charity management, administration and fundraising with the remaining 8 whole time equivalent staff working in the Northumbria Volunteer Service shops. Some of these staff members belong to the NHS Pension Scheme which is an unfunded defined benefit scheme which is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The recharge from the Trust includes the employee contributions to that scheme. For more information on the NHS Pension Scheme refer to the Trust annual report and accounts.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

1.11 Related Party Transactions

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the Bright Charity as well as its main grant beneficiary – they are therefore related parties. Northumbria Healthcare makes a number of clerical and transaction services available to the charity.

These include:

Management and governance services at a cost of £243,000 (£110,000 in 2023/24)
• fundraising services at a cost of £14,000 (£31,000 in 2023/24) – see note 7.

• accountancy and administrative services at a cost of £70,000 (£64,000 in 2023/24) in support of the charity's grant making activities which are included within support costs - see note 7.

None of the members of the NHS Trust Board or parties related to them has undertaken any transactions with the Bright charity or received any benefit from the charity in payment or kind. Board members received no honoraria or emoluments in the year and no expenses paid to them in the year (2024/25 -Nil).

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	250	36	**286**	195
Corporate Donations	300	0	**300**	300
Legacies	0	111	**111**	1,117
Total voluntary income	550	147	**697**	1,612

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	1,398	0	**1,398**	1,180
Other	50	0	**50**	24
Total activities for generating funds	1,448	0	**1,448**	1,204

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed principally by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). In addition to the volunteers there 13.63 whole time equivalent paid staff working the shops who are direclty employed by the Foundation Trust (paragragh 1.5 Accounting Policies)
All income from operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under Charitable Activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	40	61	**101**	98
Other investments and deposit accounts	55	84	**139**	97
Total investment income	95	145	**240**	195

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 Total Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	33	0	**33**	31
Total cost of generating funds	33	0	**33**	31

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 Total Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £0002
Purchase of New Equipment		0	0	**0**	**25**
New Building and Refurbishment		116	181	**297**	**19**
Staff Education and Welfare		73	125	**198**	**43**
Patient Education and Welfare		360	137	**497**	**213**
IT Equipment and Software		0	0	**0**	**34**
Grants to Other Charities		62	0	**62**	**51**
Support Costs and Overheads	7	142	214	**356**	**222**
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		1,228		**1,228**	**1,003**
Total cost of charitable activities		1,981	657	**2,638**	**1,610**

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £0002
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**8**	**8**	8
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**15**	**15**	17
Total governance costs	**0**	**23**	**23**	25
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**70**	**70**	64
Direct managerial and operational costs	**14**	**229**	**243**	110
Computer expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Miscellaneous	**0**	**20**	**20**	23
Total other support costs	**14**	**319**	**333**	197
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**14**	**342**	**356**	222

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees providing these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity.

The £356,000 (2024: £222,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2025 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	1,506	2,388	**3,894**	3,457
Purchased- book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain / (loss) on revaluation unrealised	(125)	(79)	**(204)**	437
Gross transfer between funds	135	(135)	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	1,516	2,174	**3,690**	3,894

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £0002
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**1,733**	2,084
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,957**	1,810
Total fixed assets investments	**3,690**	3,894

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 Total Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	15	22	**37**	110
Total debtors	15	22	**37**	110

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments and legacies where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 Total Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	98	140	**238**	111
Total creditors	98	140	**238**	111

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £0002
COIF Deposit account	390	560	**950**	950
Building Society Accounts	6	9	**15**	15
Total deposits	396	569	**965**	965

Total short term investments and deposits	396	569	**965**	965

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2025 (31 March 2024 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2024 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
NVS Fund (Blyth)	0	39	(43)	(1)	0	(5)
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	1	640	(522)	17	0	136
NVS Fund (Hexham)	0	79	(79)	0	0	0
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	0	408	(359)	7	0	56
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	0	233	(230)	0	0	3
NVS Surplus	410	4	(323)	(70)	0	21
Berwick General Fund	35	0	0	(2)	0	33
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	56	0	0	(3)	0	53
Caroline's Comet Fund	66	2	0	(3)	0	65
Charisma Study Reseach	46	0	0	(3)	0	43
Chemo Unit Berwick	50	0	0	(3)	0	47
Diabetic Education Fund	44	0	0	(2)	0	42
Esprit Research Fund	46	0	0	(3)	0	43
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	102	22	(6)	(3)	0	115
ITU Trustwide	57	3	(3)	(3)	0	54
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	103	6	(10)	(6)	0	93
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	40	10	(11)	(2)	0	37
Palliative Care Northumbria	384	58	(100)	(27)	0	315
Parkinson Disease Fund	66	3	(1)	(3)	0	65
Profess Research Fund	28	0	0	(2)	0	26
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	29	2	0	(1)	0	30
Tanzania Educational Fund	13	8	(1)	0	0	20
Teardrop Project	108	20	(29)	(7)	0	92
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	34	1	(3)	(2)	0	30
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	64	5	(4)	(3)	0	62
Hexham Hospital General Fund	16	2	(23)	(4)	0	(9)
Breast Disease Fund	24	1	0	(1)	0	24
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	100	1	0	(5)	0	96
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	39	6	(7)	(2)	0	36
Covid 19 Donations Fund	36	0	0	(2)	0	34
NHFML 2025	0	300	0	44	0	344
Others	510	240	(260)	(30)	0	460
Total unrestricted funds	**2,507**	**2,093**	**(2,014)**	**(125)**	**0**	**2,461**

Other unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2024 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	307	0	(129)	(21)	0	157
Legacy - MR	828	0	0	(4)	0	824
NHFM Limited Donation	348	0	(60)	(11)	0	277
Legacy - SA	345	0	(5)	(3)	0	337
Legacy - IE	336	0	(112)	(19)	0	205
Legacy - PS	323	14	(32)	(5)	0	300
Legacy - SL	319	0	(5)	(2)	0	312
Legacy - DW	207	0	0	(2)	0	205
Legacy - FA	189	0	0	(1)	0	188
Legacy - PD	168	0	(54)	(9)	0	105
Legacy - RS	89	(38)	0	(6)	0	45
Legacy - JP	87	0	0	0	0	87
Legacy - CM	80	0	(1)	0	0	79
Legacy - DM	75	0	0	0	0	75
Legacy - MM	65	0	(2)	(1)	0	62
Legacy - WG	61	0	0	0	0	61
Legacy - LR	47	0	0	(1)	0	46
Legacy - AP	35	0	0	0	0	35
Legacy - VK	0	125	0	19	0	144
Development Group - Wansbeck	9	1	(4)	0	0	6
North Northumberland CDG Fund	3	0	0	0	0	3
North Tyneside CDG Fund	33	3	(23)	(3)	0	10
Community CDG Fund	96	29	(10)	3	0	118
Blyth CDG Fund	(8)	0	0	0	0	(8)
Others	(68)	158	(220)	(13)	0	(143)
Total restricted funds	**3,974**	**292**	**(657)**	**(79)**	**0**	**3,530**

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Legacy - MR	Legacy received for the purchase of medical equipment
Legacy - SA	Legacy received for the general purposes of the Trust
Legacy - IE	Legacy received for use at Berwick Hospital
Legacy - PS	Legacy received for use at North Tyneside General Hospital
Legacy - SL	Legacy received for at Berwick Hospital
Legacy - DW	Legacy received for cancer services in Northumberland
Legacy - FA	Legacy received for health services in the Morpeth area
Legacy - PD	Legacy received for equipment at Hexham hospital
Legacy - RS	Legacy received for use at North Tyneside General Hospital
Legacy - JP	Legacy received for use within stroke services
Legacy - CM	Legacy received for use in mental health services
Legacy - DM	Legacy received for use at North Tyneside General Hospital
Legacy - MM	Legacy received for use within elderly medicine
Legacy - WG	Legacy received for Intensive Care service
Legacy - LR	Legacy received for oncology services
Legacy - AP	Legacy received for palliative care services
Legacy - VK	Legacy received for use within Oncology Day Unit at North Tyneside General Hospital
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
NHFM Limited Donation 2024	Donation from Northumbria Facilities Management Limited for the upgrade of the Trusts bu
Development Group - Wansbeck	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Community CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to Northumberland Community Services
Blyth CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
Unrestricted Funds	
NVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes in the Blyth area
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes at Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
NVS Fund (Hexham)	General purposes in the Hexham area
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes in the North Tyneside area
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes in the Wansbeck area
NVS Surplus Fund	For unrestricted use Trustwide
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhistle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide
NHFM Limited Donation 2025	Donation from Northumbria Facilities Management Limited for general purposes

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2025 (31 March 2024 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2024-2025		2023-2024	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net deficit for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation (Restated) £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	882,033,000	(29,930,000)	806,358,000	29,486,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March the value of the inter-company balance was £238,000, that is the charity owed £238,000 to the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

Birju Bartoli	Chief Executive Officer
Paul Dunn	Executive Director of Finance
Kate Thompson	Executive Director of People and OD
Jeremy Rushmer	Executive Medical Director
David Elliott	Executive Chief Digital Information Officer
Marion Dickson	Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals
Alistair Blair	Executive Medical Director
Simon Eaton	Interim Executive Director of Medicine and Emergency Care Business Unit (from 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025)
Hannah Powell	Executive Director of Operations (from 6th October 2025)

Non-Executive Directors

Sir Paul Ennals	Chair (Chair from 1st September 2023 and Interim Joint Chair with Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospital NHS Foundation Trust from 18th July 2024. Shared Chair for Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumbria NHS Foundation Trusts from 1st October 2025)
Ruth Connorton	Non- Executive Director (Vice Chair since 18th July 2024)
Margaret Rowe	Non-Executive Director
Richard Dale	Non-Executive Director
Bernard McCardle	Non-Executive Director (to 31st October 2024)
Sir Alan Craft	Non- Executive Director (to 31st March 2025)
Andrew Besford	Non-Executive Director
Stephen McKinlay	Non-Executive Director
Philip Lobb	Non-Executive Director
Katie Stevens	Non-Executive Director (from November 2024 previously Associate Non-Executive Director to 31st October 2024)
Dr Maria Clement	Non-Executive Director (From 1st April 2025, previously Associate Non-Executive Director from 25th November 2024)
Sarat Pediredla	Associate Non-Executive Director (From 1st September 2025)

No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2024/25 (2023/24- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2024/25 (2023/24 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2024/25 (2023/24 - Nil).

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head of charity foreword

Whatever ‘normal’ is following the COVID-19 pandemic, this past year truly felt like we had reached that stage. The joy of interacting in person, holding celebration events or musical performances within hospitals were back and didn’t we all enjoy it!

During the year we updated our branding and wanted to really use this as an opportunity to refresh and demonstrate what we want to achieve as a charity. We are Bright, our new branding is vibrant, and our aim is to add a bit of ‘brightness’ to our patients, staff and communities.

We feel that this ethos is more important than ever following a number of difficult years for our patients, staff and communities. By focussing on things such as celebrating our volunteers, partnering with Wag & Co and enhancing patient and staff environments, we are helping bring that bit of ‘brightness’ to some of the people that need it most.

This past year has also been a period of change for the charity with our long-standing Head of Charity, Brenda Longstaff retiring. It is an enormous privilege and responsibility to take on this role and I am extremely excited to look ahead at what can be achieved over the coming years.



Robert Graham, Head of Charity

As a charity it is also incredibly important for us to thank all of our supporters, whether someone has kindly donated, given up their time or just shared our work on social media, we couldn’t achieve what we do without your support.

Thank you!

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message from the chair of northumbria healthcare

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Annual Report of our Bright Northumbria Healthcare Charity.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helps Bright to support our local people. In particular, thanks to everyone who has been working hard to administer the charity in this time of change. Brenda Longstaff, longstanding head of charity, retired in December 2023, and we will long remember her dedication to this charity and the people we serve. Bright is now in the capable hands of Rob Graham, who was successfully appointed head of charity in January 2024.

Bright would not be what it is today without the generosity of all our donors and fundraisers who have done so much for us over the past year. The funds which have been received are making a huge difference to patient care in so many ways across Northumberland and North Tyneside. Our hard-working NHS teams are always looking at the best ways of using these funds so we can add the extra comforts and amenities that are not able to be provided by core NHS funds.

In this period the funding Bright has been able to channel into the healing arts and environment work feels very important, as does the investment in staff health and wellbeing support. The work done on enhancing the environment has made a huge difference for patients and staff – for example, where the charity was able to transform the environment for children and adolescent mental health services in North Shields. Charity funding has also ensured a partnership between Trust, charity and external organisations such as Wag & Company, who provide wellbeing visits from friendship dogs to staff and patients.

Our volunteers are the beating heart of our Trust – they represent the best of our community's commitment to looking after each other. I feel so proud of the work our volunteers deliver, and I thank you all.



Sir Paul Ennals CBE

Sir Paul Ennals CBE
Chair of Northumbria Healthcare

objectives and activities

The governing documents for the funds consist of a declaration of trust dated 18 May 2000.

The governing document states the charity's principle objective as being:

"... for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service".

More specifically, the charity aims to support charitable initiatives, which would not normally be financed by NHS exchequer funding, to enhance and add additional value to the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the Trust area.

Key Objectives

Categories of spend approved by Corporate Trustee

Patient and staff welfare –
to provide additional comforts, over and above that which would be provided as standard by the NHS, to enhance the patient and staff experience.

Medical equipment –
to ensure that our patients have access to the latest technology and that additional equipment is made available to improve the patient experience and support members of staff who are delivering their care. Charitable funds cannot be used to purchase or replace core NHS equipment.

Patient environment –
to deliver a high-quality healing arts programme in collaboration with patients, staff, volunteers, and the local community, to improve the hospital environment. To use the arts to develop and deliver high quality interior design projects for areas of special need and sensitivity, that help to support the needs of patients and their relatives. To work with architects and designers to integrate the arts to enhance patient and staff experience.

Staff education –
to support professional development of members of staff in terms of attendance at speciality events, and allow access to training that would not normally be funded through standard funding streams. The charity cannot support requests from individuals for funding for professional qualifications.

Research –
to support a continuous programme of research, which aims to improve treatment for thousands of patients across the NHS. To promote innovation and service improvement through providing a platform for staff to share ideas.

Health Inequalities –
to add value to ongoing public health work by the trust to tackle health inequalities affecting our patients.

CSR –
to create opportunities to engage with local communities in keeping with the trust's Community Promise.






our year in numbers

2
visits to Tanzania

30
Music in Hospitals visits

48
GNR runners

57
members of staff attended breakfast at Tilbury's

68
Volunteer Long Service awards handed out

Over
£13,000
Amount raised by GNR

Over
39,500
hours of NVS Volunteers' time

104
bids

783
Xmas patient gifts delivered

Over
166,500
hot drinks sold

385,416
customers in our NVS shops












our programmes

Northumbria Volunteer Service

The Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) makes a unique and invaluable contribution to patients, visitors and staff¬ at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
Our service is an integral part of the Trust and Bright Charity, playing its part in helping provide 'outstanding' care for our patients and local communities, whilst also supporting Trust staffing their roles.

Volunteers have always played a valued and important role within the Trust and the NHS in general and this year has been no different. However, since COVID-19 the landscape and challenges for both volunteering and the NHS have changed significantly.

It is clear that Northumbria Volunteer Service needs to reflect this in the 'here and now,' whilst also looking to continue to provide an outstanding, innovative and inclusive service for the future. Which is why over the past year we have created a new three-year strategy for the service.

A number of organisations are now available to support volunteering within the NHS such as Helpforce and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), whilst high profile studies and reports have been published on the subject such as NHS Volunteering Taskforce: Report and Recommendations (NHS England, June 2023) and Adding Value through Volunteering in NHS Trusts: A resource for volunteer service managers and policy leads (The Kings Fund, May 2022).

These developments demonstrate that volunteer services within NHS Trusts are no longer seen as 'nice to have' but are now seen as an integral part to patient care and staff support. They also demonstrate that there is a wider world of support and guidance which, as a service over the last year, we have been keen to be involved in.

2023/24 certainly felt a more 'normal' year following the COVID-19 pandemic. Our numbers of volunteers remain relatively stable, and it was great to see the return of volunteer celebration events such as Volunteers Week and our long service awards where we celebrated over 900 combined years of volunteering at our events and where we handed out long service awards from 5 to 35 years.

It was also fantastic to see one of our volunteers attending Westminster Abbey to celebrate the NHS 75th Birthday whilst two of our volunteers also attended the Duchess of Northumberland's annual garden party.

Our volunteers bring something incredibly special to the Trust so it was great to see them fully back following the pandemic, whilst also being properly celebrated for the service they provide. We thank all of our volunteers who have given their time and energy to their roles within the Trust over the past year.











Healing Arts Programme

It has been a particularly exciting year for the charity's long standing Healing Arts Programme which included initiatives covering the whole spectrum of the arts. It is a long-held view of Bright Charity that the arts can have a significant, positive impact on patients, visitors and staff who attend hospital.

This year following the COVID-19 pandemic we were able to begin having musical performances back in the hospital environment. These performances took different forms such as local musicians, local school choirs at Christmas and a return of performers through the organisation Music in Hospitals, whose performers entertained many patients and staff within our hospitals. These performances have been incredibly well received, especially from patients on our wards, and our Healing Arts Programme will continue to prioritise these events as a regular, core activity due to their popularity and clear benefit.

It has been an exciting year in the Trust with new build projects such as the Health and Care Academy opening and continued planning for the opening of the new hospital in Berwick upon Tweed. Due to the affection and respect that the charity's Healing Arts Programme is held within the Trust, the arts team has been heavily involved in both of these new build projects. Their work has included collaborating with staff, the local community and local schools to create artwork for the new buildings. It is important that these buildings reflect our local communities and the arts is a key method in which we can do this.

Patient and Staff environment

Like the benefits of providing artwork for hospitals, improving the hospital environment for both patients and staff can have real, tangible benefits for recovery, care and morale.

Over the past few years this area of focus for the charity has dramatically increased, partly due to the recognition of how the charity can support this type of work but also due to the innovative, high standard of delivery of these projects which have been facilitated by the charity team.

Some of the transformations have been truly inspiring and have been met with hugely positive reactions from both patients and staff. However, instead of writing about these changes the charity team would prefer to show them...

Having our day room refurbished has made a huge difference already. The room is bright and welcoming; families have commented on the colour scheme and soft furnishings. Karen has worked really closely with us and what we wanted the room to be used for, she measured up and has manged to get a small dining table in the room as we requested.

Sharon, Modern matron

















International

This year Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust continued its international partnership with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC). The management and facilitation of this partnership is supported by the Bright Northumbria Healthcare Charity.

The CwPAMS 2.0 (Commonwealth Partnership for Antimicrobial Stewardship) Programme, funded by THET, continued throughout the year as a partnership between two of the trust's senior pharmacists and a group of senior pharmacists in Tanzania.

The project continues to go from strength to strength with the project team making great progress on proposed objectives, for example:

- An AMS workshop was held at KCMC to deliver teaching and training.
- A suite of public health materials has been developed to communicate important messages to patients and local communities about AMS and infection prevention etc.
- Both UK and Tanzanian colleagues have received training around a variety of areas relating to AMS to build knowledge and expertise in the area, for example around specific diseases like malaria.
- Infection, prevention and control tools are being developed, with input from IPC staff within the trust.

Through the year there were two trips to Tanzania in June and November. These trips focussed on particular areas agreed between KCMC and the international project team based on clinical requirements. These areas of focus included surgical laparoscopy, burns, stoma care and infection control. Both visits were very successful and beneficial for staff involved from both the UK and Tanzania.

We are also incredibly pleased to report that a 40-foot shipment of donated medical supplies and equipment, donated by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, has been safely received by KCMC.

The container, which contained everything from diagnostic equipment to packs of dressings and surgical instruments, has been gratefully received by KCMC. The equipment were items which were either no longer in use or reconditioned by the trust and so donating it in this way, has provided a socially responsible solution, seeing it being recycled and continue to benefit patients across the world, rather than simply being disregarded as waste. Sourcing and collating the donations and coordinating the logistics of the shipment was a very complex project and it has taken nearly two years to complete.

Bright has continued to provide support to the trust's international recruitment by way of funding and sourcing a 'warm welcome to Northumbria' pack for newly arriving international staff. The pack contains items such as a blanket, fleece jacket and hat and gloves etc, to support international colleagues during their settling in period in the UK / trust. Colleagues always very gratefully receive the packs.









our partners

Bright Charity has over a number of years worked with partners in order to help deliver our aims and objectives. The charity also feels it is important to work with other regional voluntary sector organisations, taking our position as a key regional organisation within the voluntary sector seriously because it is clear by working collaboratively can create a bigger impact for our patients and communities.

Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation

We continue to partner with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation on their Hoops4Health programme. This programme works with schools to use basketball and sport as a driver to encourage children to engage with healthy eating and physical activity.

By partnering with Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation, it enables a number of schools within the areas of North Tyneside and Northumberland to benefit from this programme, which in turn plays an important part in helping encourage children from a young age to do things like exercise and healthy eating, which can help prevent illness whilst also play an impact on reducing health inequalities.

Wag & Co

Our partnership with Wag & Co has continued to go from strength to strength and very much deserves its reputation as our very own 'doggy prescription service.'

Our Wag volunteers, both human and canine, have well and truly established themselves both with patients and staff as a key part to our organisation.

The charity continues to receive positive feedback on this initiative and has seen the areas covered by Wag increase during the year.

Whitley Warriors Ice Hockey Team

A new partnership this year was launched with our local ice hockey team, Whitley Warriors. Following new management, who have a community focus, the charity agreed to work with the warriors to help with their 'Face off to Stigma' mental health awareness campaign.

Included within this partnership was an exciting opportunity for the charity to move into the area of podcasting for the first time. A three-part podcast series was released which looked at the lives and mental health of the team's general manager, coach and player. The podcasts were very well received and have given the charity team the encouragement to continuing moving in these new and exciting areas.

Charlotte Tilbury

Bright's partnership with Charlotte Tilbury at Fenwick's department store in Newcastle city centre has become a firm favourite amongst Trust staff.

Our 'Breakfast at Tilbury's' events for staff continue to prove extremely popular and are a really special treat for the staff lucky enough to attend.

Music in Hospitals

Musical performances in hospital are incredibly popular with patients, visitors and staff which is why the charity were delighted to reintroduce our work with Music in Hospitals this year following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These performances were well received immediately and have produced some heartwarming stories which have truly meant a lot to all those involved.








our community

As part of the Trusts continued 'Community Promise' the charity has used its unique position to support this work.

Through our volunteering service, schools, businesses and young volunteers continue to be engaged with to help efforts to use volunteering as a vehicle to develop young people within their communities, give people exposure to healthcare as a future career aspiration or assist a corporate organisation with their corporate social responsibilities.

The charity has placed greater emphasis this year on getting out into the community we serve and sharing our message. Whether that's a local church group, voluntary organisation or local school, sharing the message of the charity and also our volunteering service has been an important fixture of our past year.

Bright Charity has also felt it important to contribute to community issues, particularly during a time when the cost-of-living crisis has hit our region hard. So, this year we have again held a school uniform appeal which has resulted in second hand uniforms being donated by staff which go towards helping the children of colleagues or in the local community.

Finally at Bright Charity we feel it's important to celebrate the important milestones and understand our shared history together. During the year a number of important birthdays took place, in particular Hexham General Hospitals 20th birthday and Wansbeck General Hospitals 30th birthday. It was an amazing sight to see staff past and present, surrounded by photographs and memories from over the years of all of the inspirational achievements that take place in these hospitals which are at the heart of their communities.








charity development groups (CDG)

Trust-wide

VR headsets for oncology day units

NSECH

Maternity - Apnoea monitor, CTG machine & Neonatal resuscitaire

NTGH

Ward 20 NTGH - Ramblegard falls alarms kits

Ward 15 – ECG machine

Berwck – Jolly trolley

HGH

Bladder scanner

Anatomical ear

Falls Tech Teton 1

WGH

Marsden MBF-6000 Body Composition Scale with Printer

Communities

Corbridge District Nurses – Hoist scales

Environment

Mortuary viewing room Ward 24 NTGH – dayroom and quiet room refurbishment

Alnwick – dayroom refurbishment

Blyth ward 2 – dayroom & quiet room refurbishment

Child health – outdoor play area

OPD Breast clinic quiet room



Jolly trolley

"The Jolly Trolley is just one example of the work Bright charity carries out to enhance the patient experience across Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Through generous donations we are able to bring this positive experience, as not only is it stimulating and interactive but it is also fully portable which makes this available for even our most frail and vulnerable patients."

Karen, Bright Charity

Wansbeck General Hospital - PEG grab bags

"We created these bags so that our patients had a safe and identifiable place to store their spare feeding tube supplies.

These will be distributed to all patients in the community who currently have a feeding tube, as well as patients in hospital getting a new tube placed.

We're really excited to see the difference this will make to patients' lives, and want to thank Bright Charity for their support."

Robyn, Staff nurse





CAMHS - corridor

Following the success of the initial CAMHS project to refurbish the waiting room and reception, further funding was agreed so that the 'free spirited' theme could be continued down into the main corridors.

The goal of this refurbishment was to encourage a feeling of safety for service users.

Feedback received from service users has been positive, and a recent audit of the service highlighted the environment as being 'good.'

Finance Review

The net assets of the Charitable Funds as at the 31st March 2024, were £6,481,000 (31 March 2023 £4,674,000). Overall net assets increased by £1,807,000.

Unrestricted funds increased by £259,000 to £2,507,000 whilst restricted funds increased by £1,548,000 to £3,974,000. Receipt of restricted legacies was the main factor behind the increase in restricted fund balances.

Income Source	2023/24	%	2022/23	%
Donations	£495,000	16	£197,000	9
Legacies	£1,117,000	37	£983,000	43
Charitable Activities	£1,204,000	40	£966,000	43
Investment Income	£195,000	7	£117,000	5
Total	**£3,011,000**	**100**	**£2,263,000**	**100**

Expenditure during 2023/24 totalled £1641,000 and the "Contribution towards the NHS" in the form of Charitable Grants totalled £385,000. This expenditure relates to medical and other equipment purchases such as IT and furniture to enhance patient and staff welfare. The remaining expenditure comprised the costs of purchasing goods to be resold in the Charity run on site hospital shops and administrative and support costs.

Total Expenditure	2023/24	%	2022/23	%
Purchase of new equipment	£25,000	2	£74,000	5
New building and refurbishments	£19,000	1	£14,000	1
Patient education and welfare	£213,000	13	£337,000	22
Staff Education and welfare	£43,000	3	£30,000	2
Information technology	£34,000	2	£4,000	0
Grants to other charities	£51,000	3	£21,000	1
Support costs and overheads	£222,000	13	£186,000	12
Fundraising Costs	£31,000	2	£75,000	5
NVS Shop purchases and overheads	£1,003,000	61	£792,000	52
Total	**£1,641,000**	**100**	**£1,533,000**	**100**

Reserves and Investments

The Trustee has established a Reserves and an Investment Policy to achieve its aim of supporting a healthy future by assisting the long-term future of Bright Charity.

The Reserves policy has the objective of retaining sufficient funds to cover the known commitments and future plans of the Charity. Trustees consider that in the medium term it should be the aim that reserves should be not less than 12 month's non-committed expenditure and not greater than 18 month's non-committed expenditure. This would currently equate to reserves of approximately £800,000 to £1,200,000.

The Trustees consider that this level of reserves is consistent with applying income on a measured, planned and coordinated basis. The level of reserves is reported to the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis. In the short term the Trustees consider that a level of reserves significantly greater than this amount is acceptable as it provides the Charity with an appropriate level of investment income.

Appropriate action to establish or maintain reserves at the required level will be decided upon by the Committee. The Charity's Development Lead conducts an annual review of the spending strategies of individual funds in order to monitor and ensure these funds fit in with overall reserves policy.

The free reserves of the charity (those available for use by the trustees) stand at £2,507,000 which is an increase of £259,000 from 2022/23. The increase was attributable to the level of legacy income received in the year. Plans are being made to spend these legacies in line with the donors' wishes.

The investment policy which the Charity operated during 2023/24 was established in July 2013 and last reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2023.

The main objectives of the investments are:

- To achieve sufficient income to cover the administrative costs of the Charity
- Only use deposit funds with institutions with a AAA or equivalent short-term risk rating
- Use funds not held on deposit to achieve medium to long term capital growth whilst minimising risks

The Charity seeks to invest ethically and ensure that its investments are not opposed to the objects of the Charity. Therefore, the investment policy eschews, as much as practicable, investments in tobacco and alcohol related holdings.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has no authority over the investments which the Charity holds. The Charity holds investments with CCLA Ltd COIF funds. At March 31st 2024 the investments are summarised as:

Investments	2023/24	2022/23
COIF - historical book cost	£2,899,000	£2,899,000
Opening Unrealised gain	£558,000	£711,000
Additions in year – book cost	£0	£0
Unrealised gain – in year	£0	£0
Unrealised loss – in year	£437,000	(£153,000)
Closing Unrealised Gain	£995,000	£558,000
Market value at 31 March	**£3,894,000**	**£3,457,000**

Investments are recorded at market value as at 31st March 2024. No other investments are held.

The Charitable Funds Committee meets annually with a representative from CCLA to discuss the general investment climate and outlook, and reviews the Charity's investments accordingly.

Risk Management

The Corporate Trustee has identified the major risks to the Charity which can be summarised as:

1. That the Charity is not operating within its objects as defined in the Charity's governing document.
2. That accounting transactions are inappropriately or inadequately reported.
3. Expenditure is inappropriately high resulting in a faster depletion of funds than approved by the Corporate Trustee.
4. That expenditure is inappropriately low resulting in lost opportunities for charitable funds.
5. Investments are not properly safeguarded, resulting in loss of funds.

The Corporate Trustee has established systems to ensure that these risks are kept at a minimum. Namely:

1. A Charitable Funds Strategic Committee which reviews policy, financial activity and investment performance. The members of the committee are all Executive and Non-executive directors of the Trust.
2. The existence and compliance with Standing Financial Instructions.
3. An adequately qualified and resourced finance function.
4. The establishment of internal financial control systems which are reviewed annually by an Internal Audit department.
5. Reporting and review of audit findings to an Audit Committee.
6. Annual audit of systems and accounts by external auditors.

In 2023/24 a new Risk Register which follows the format used by the Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust was introduced. This register is submitted to the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee every quarter.

Our future plans

The charity plans to continue building on its valued work in the volunteer service, the healing arts and enhancing patient and staff environments. The charity also is looking forward to concentrating on raising awareness of the work that it does with both NHS staff, patients and their families to help generate more supporters.
The Charity's charitable expenditure will continue to be determined by the needs of the Trust's hospitals and community services and will be monitored by categorising expenditure into the following areas of spend:

- Purchase of Medical equipment
- Environment Improvement
- Patient and Education Welfare
- Staff Education and Welfare
- Research
- Health Inequalities/ Public Health
- Corporate Social Responsibilities

Based on the accounts for the financial year the Trust Board, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, believes that the Charity can meet all its current and future foreseeable commitments.

Charity Information

Governance and Management

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity was registered with the Charity Commission as an NHS Umbrella Charity by Declaration of Trust in May 2000, Charity number 1083122. In 2011, it was decided to adopt the brand name of "Bright Northumbria".
The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Bright is a registered member of the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to the Codes of Fundraising Practice.

Members of the Trust's Board who have acted on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, are members of the Charity Board of Trustee with voting rights. In 2023/2024 these members were:

Name	Title
Sir James Mackey	Chief Executive (to 31st December 2023)
Birju Bartoli	Chief Executive (from 1st January 2024)
Birju Bartoli	Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Chief Executive (until 31st December 2023)
Paul Dunn	Executive Director of Finance
Kate Thompson	Executive Director of People and OD
Jeremy Rushmer	Executive Medical Director
David Elliott	Executive Chief Digital Information Officer (from 1st June 2023 - Director of IT from 1st April – 31st May)
Marion Dickson	Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery
Alistair Blair	Executive Medical Director – Clinical Innovation

Name	Title
Alan Richardson	Chair (to 31 August 2023)
Paul Ennals	Chair (Chair from 1st September 2023 – Chair designated from 1st July until 31st August 2023)
Margaret Rowe	Non-Executive Director (from 4th September 2023)
Moira Davison	Non-Executive Director (to 7th November 2023)
Bernard McCardle	Non-Executive Director
Sir Alan Craft	Non-Executive Director
Ruth Connorton	Non-Executive Director
Andrew Besford	Non-Executive Director
Stephen McKinlay	Non-Executive Director
Philip Lobb	Non-Executive Director
Richard Dale	Non-Executive Director (from 1st August 2022)

The Corporate Trustee of the Charity acts through the decisions and actions of the executive and non-executive members of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Board. Where statute permits, the Board delegates authority for the review of strategy, activity and compliance to a sub-committee of the Board called the Bright Charity Strategic Committee, the 'BCSC'

In particular the CSFC is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources;
- Provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income;
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations; and,
- Keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the Charity.

In order to ensure the Committee always acts in the interests of the Charity rather than the NHS corporate body, representatives of both staff and public governors are co-opted onto the Committee in a non-voting capacity to observe and to contribute to the decision-making process.

The Bright Charity Strategic Committee comprises the following members:

Three Non-Executive Directors (one member is nominated as Chair and a second in nominated as vice-chair of the committee).

- Executive Director of Finance or their nominated deputy
- Head of the Charity
- Executive Director of Nursing or their nominated deputy
- Representatives from the Council of Governors

No member of the Trust Board received remuneration from the Charity during the year. The Trust Board is remunerated by the Trust for their role as Executive and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust.

The Charity is constituted of approximately 243 individual funds (2022/23: 233) as at 31 March 2024 and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds held and disclose separately all material funds.

There is a central budget for administration (including finance, publicity and audit costs) which is funded from investment income.

Operating below the Bright Charity Strategic Committee are Charity Development Groups (CDGs) where funds allocated from reserves and from any unrestricted donations, fundraising proceeds and legacies that are received. Any member of staff is invited to bid for funds to finance equipment or projects which meet the objects of the Charity. CDGs are an open forum with all staff and other interested parties e.g. voluntary groups, invited to attend and contribute. Each group meeting is chaired by a non-executive director. After discussion, funds are allocated to bids on a consensus basis.

For day to day operational and management purposes the charity is further divided into some 230 funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of accounts held and disclose separately all material funds. These are managed by Trust officers such as Heads of Service and Ward Managers who have delegated authority to apply the funds within the objects of the Charity.

The Corporate Trustee does not set detailed budgets for the Charity's activities except occasionally in the case of specific projects. Instead, responsibility is delegated to the managers of each fund. Upon request managers of funds are required to submit annual fundraising and spending plans for review by the Bright Charity Strategic Committee.

The BCSC regularly monitors fund balances to ensure that funds do not go into deficit, or if they do, to ensure that funds are brought back into surplus as soon as possible. In addition, BCSC monitors the funds that are available for Charity Development Groups to expend and arrange for the timely deployment of these funds.

Activities

Bright ensures that all activities carried out to raise funds are in line with the Fundraising Regulator and Codes of Practice and the Charity's internal processes and policies. The team is aware of donor's wishes ensuring that these are honoured and communicated with the donor. In the year 2023/24 we received no complaints. The Charitable Funds team have mandatory training each year on safeguarding for vulnerable adults and this is then integrated into supporting vulnerable donors to ensure they are protected.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Charity have undertaken during the year and have continued to support a wide range of charitable activities. These include charitable grant funding for the Trust and fundraising across a number of platforms to raise more funds.

In awarding grants the Trustee is aware of its responsibilities under charity law in ensuring the maintenance of public benefit in all aspects of its work. Funding patient and staff welfare, improvements and amenities is, by definition, meeting public benefit.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Corporate Trustee of the Charity. However, when the Trust Board is making decisions regarding the Charity it does so with the best interests of the Charity in mind and with consideration of Charity Commission guidance, Charity law and the expressed wishes of donors. By working in partnership with the Trust, charitable funds are used to best effect for the benefit of patients and staff. When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use funds, the Corporate Trustee has regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies, and plans of the Trust.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered and Working Name
Bright Charity

Registered Charity Number
1083122

Registered Address
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed [and rules], subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The corporate trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law.They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023-24

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

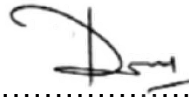
STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Signed  ……on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated……28th November 2024……..

Independent auditor's report to the Trustees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

(the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Charity Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect

with the Charity Annual Report; or

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities set out on page 29, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Analytical review and substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charity operates and how the charity complies with that legal and regulatory framework
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any know actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

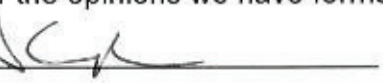
There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion,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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed  16/12/2024

Nicholas Cunningham MSc BSc ACCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor

Fernwood House, Fernwood Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ

Robson Laidler Accountants is eligible as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	166	1,446	**1,612**	1,180
Charitable activities	3	1,204	0	**1,204**	966
Investment income	4	76	119	**195**	117
Total incoming resources		1,446	1,565	**3,011**	2,263

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	31	0	**31**	75
Charitable activities	6	1,244	366	**1,610**	1,458
Total resources expended		1,275	366	**1,641**	1,533
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	175	262	**437**	(153)
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		175	262	**437**	(153)
Net incoming resources		346	1,461	**1,807**	577
Gross transfer between funds		(87)	87	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		259	1,548	**1,807**	577
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2023		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	4,097
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2024		2,507	3,974	**6,481**	4,674

The notes at pages 37 to 49 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	1,506	2,388	**3,894**	1,663	1,794	3,457
Total fixed assets		1,506	2,388	**3,894**	1,663	1,794	3,457
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	43	67	**110**	19	21	40
Short term investments and deposits	11	373	592	**965**	471	510	981
Cash at bank and in hand		628	995	**1,623**	95	101	196
Total current assets		1,044	1,654	**2,698**	585	632	1,217
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	43	68	**111**	0	0	0
Net current assets		**1,001**	**1,586**	**2,587**	585	632	1,217
Total net assets		2,507	3,974	**6,481**	2,248	2,426	4,674
Funds of the charity							
Income Funds							
Unrestricted	12	2,507	0	**2,507**	2,248	0	2,248
Restricted	12	0	3,974	**3,974**	0	2,426	2,426
Total funds of the charity		2,507	3,974	**6,481**	2,248	2,426	4,674

The notes at pages 37 to 49 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 28th of November 2024 and signed by:

…… on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

…28th November 2024…… Date

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;
- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis.

e) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

f) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year. Northumbria Healthcare Care NHS Foundation Trust fully re-charged Bright charity for the 12 whole time equivalent members of staff who work full time for the charity. 4 of these staff work in charity management, administration and fundraising with the remaining 8 whole time equivalent staff working in the Northumbria Volunteer Service shops. Some of these staff members belong to the NHS Pension Scheme which is an unfunded defined benefit scheme which is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The recharge from the Trust includes the employee contributions to that scheme. For more information on the NHS Pension Scheme refer to the Trust annual report and accounts.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

1.11 Related Party Transactions

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the Bright Charity as well as its main grant beneficiary – they are therefore related parties. Northumbria Healthcare makes a number of clerical and transaction services available to the charity.

These include:

Management and governance services at a cost of £110,000 (£147,000 in 2022/23)
• fundraising services at a cost of £31,000 (£75,000 in 2022/23) – see note 7.
• accountancy and administrative services at a cost of £64,000 (£56,000 in 2022/23) in support of the charity's grant making activities which are included within support costs - see note 7.

None of the members of the NHS Trust Board or parties related to them has undertaken any transactions with the Bright charity or received any benefit from the charity in payment or kind. Board members received no honoraria or emoluments in the year and no expenses paid to them in the year (2022/23 -Nil).

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	165	30	**195**	172
Corporate Donations	0	300	**300**	25
Legacies	1	1,116	**1,117**	983
Total voluntary income	166	1,446	**1,612**	1,180

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	1,180	0	**1,180**	945
Other	24	0	**24**	21
Total activities for generating funds	1,204	0	**1,204**	966

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed principally by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). In addition to the volunteers there 8 whole time equivalent paid staff working the shops who are direclty employed by the Foundation Trust (paragragh 1.5 Accounting Policies)
All income from operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under Charitable Activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	38	60	**98**	102
Other investments and deposit accounts	38	59	**97**	15
Total investment income	76	119	**195**	117

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	31	0	**31**	75
Total cost of generating funds	31	0	**31**	75

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000
Purchase of New Equipment		13	12	**25**	74
New Building and Refurbishment		12	7	**19**	14
Staff Education and Welfare		27	16	**43**	30
Patient Education and Welfare		99	114	**213**	337
IT Equipment and Software		0	34	**34**	4
Grants to Other Charities		4	47	**51**	21
Support Costs and Overheads	7	86	136	**222**	186
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		1,003	0	**1,003**	792
Total cost of charitable activities		1,244	366	**1,610**	1,458

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**8**	**8**	6
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**17**	**17**	16
Total governance costs	**0**	**25**	**25**	22
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**64**	**64**	56
Direct managerial and operational costs	**12**	**98**	**110**	147
Computer expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Miscellaneous	**0**	**23**	**23**	36
Total other support costs	**12**	**185**	**197**	239
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**12**	**210**	**222**	261

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees providing these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity.

The £210,000 (2023: £186,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2024 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	1,663	1,794	**3,457**	3,610
Purchased- book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	175	262	**437**	(153)
Gross transfer between funds	(332)	332	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	1,506	2,388	**3,894**	3,457

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**2,084**	1,648
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,810**	1,809
Total fixed assets investments	**3,894**	3,457

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	43	67	**110**	25
Other debtors	0	0	**0**	15
Total debtors	43	67	**110**	40

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments and legacies where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 Total Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	43	68	**111**	0
Total creditors	43	68	**111**	0

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £0002
COIF Deposit account	367	583	**950**	950
Building Society Accounts	6	9	**15**	31
Total deposits	373	592	**965**	981

Total short term investments and deposits	373	592	**965**	981

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2023 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
NVS Fund (Blyth)	0	12	(17)	0	5	0
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	0	525	(406)	0	(118)	1
NVS Fund (Hexham)	0	75	(76)	0	1	0
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	0	367	(309)	0	(58)	0
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	0	203	(191)	0	(12)	0
NVS Surplus	0	0	(9)	73	346	410
Berwick General Fund	33	0	0	2	0	35
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	52	1	(1)	4	0	56
Caroline's Comet Fund	54	7	0	5	0	66
Charisma Study Reseach	44	0	0	2	0	46
Chemo Unit Berwick	40	6	0	4	0	50
Diabetic Education Fund	43	0	(2)	3	0	44
Esprit Research Fund	55	0	(4)	(5)	0	46
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	86	14	(6)	8	0	102
ITU Trustwide	48	5	(1)	5	0	57
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	91	5	(4)	11	0	103
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	164	7	(5)	1	(127)	40
Palliative Care Northumbria	366	65	(49)	32	(30)	384
Parkinson Disease Fund	64	0	(2)	4	0	66
Profess Research Fund	26	0	0	2	0	28
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	27	1	(1)	2	0	29
Tanzania Educational Fund	32	2	(19)	(2)	0	13
Teardrop Project	97	17	(15)	9	0	108
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	33	1	(2)	2	0	34
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	65	7	(11)	3	0	64
Hexham Hospital General Fund	187	2	(5)	(24)	(144)	16
Breast Disease Fund	24	0	0	0	0	24
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	93	1	0	6	0	100
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	32	6	(3)	4	0	39
Covid 19 Donations Fund	37	0	0	2	(3)	36
Others	455	117	(137)	22	53	510
Total unrestricted funds	**2,248**	**1,446**	**(1,275)**	**175**	**(87)**	**2,507**

After review by the charity's management committee at the start of the year Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) funds were reclassifed as unrestricted funds. At the end of each year the surplus of the NVS funds are transferred to the central NVS surplus fund. This surplus is used to fund charitable expenditure across the Trust's whole range of services and locations.

Other unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2023 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	347	0	(9)	(21)	(10)	307
Legacy - MR	0	0	0	115	713	828
NHFM Limited Donation	0	300	0	48	0	348
Legacy - SA	0	297	0	48	0	345
Legacy - IE	0	0	0	47	289	336
Legacy - PS	0	502	(24)	45	(200)	323
Legacy - SL	0	75	0	44	200	319
Legacy - DW	0	178	0	29	0	207
Legacy - FA	0	0	0	26	163	189
Legacy - PD	0	0	0	23	144	168
Legacy - RS	0	0	0	13	76	89
Legacy - JP	0	0	0	12	75	87
Legacy - CM	0	0	0	11	69	80
Legacy - DM	0	0	0	10	65	75
Legacy - MM	0	0	0	9	56	65
Legacy - WG	0	0	0	8	53	61
Legacy - LR	0	0	0	7	41	47
Legacy - AP	0	0	0	5	30	35
Development Group - NSECH	0	0	0	0	0	0
Development Group - Wansbeck	19	56	(9)	(8)	(49)	9
NVS Fund (Blyth)	54	0	0	(9)	(45)	0
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	151	0	0	(19)	(129)	3
NVS Fund (Hexham)	(6)	0	0	0	6	0
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	221	0	0	(38)	(183)	(0)
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	14	0	0	0	(14)	0
North Northumberland CDG Fund	357	0	(6)	(59)	(289)	3
North Tyneside CDG Fund	1,068	9	(118)	(61)	(865)	33
Community CDG Fund	77	25	(9)	3	0	96
Blyth CDG Fund	164	0	0	(10)	(162)	(8)
Others	(40)	123	(191)	(16)	53	(71)
Total restricted funds	**2,426**	**1,565**	**(366)**	**262**	**87**	**3,974**

After review by the charity's management committee at the start of the year Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) funds were reclassifed as unrestricted funds.

During the year the charity created distinct funds for the management of legacies. Legacies received are now kept within their own

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
Legacy - MR	Legacy received for the purchase of medical equipment
NHFM Limited Donation	Donation from Northumbria Facilities Management Limited for the upgrade of the Trusts bu
Legacy - SA	Legacy received for the general purposes of the Trust
Legacy - IE	Legacy received for use at Berwick Hospital
Legacy - PS	Legacy received for use at North Tyneside General Hospital
Legacy - SL	Legacy received for at Berwick Hospital
Legacy - DW	Legacy received for cancer services in Northumberland
Legacy - FA	Legacy received for health services in the Morpeth area
Legacy - PD	Legacy received for equipment at Hexham hospital
Legacy - RS	Legacy received for use at North Tyneside General Hospital
Legacy - JP	Legacy received for use within stroke services
Legacy - CM	Legacy received for use in mental health services
Legacy - DM	Legacy received for use in oncology/ orthopaedics
Legacy - MM	Legacy received for use within elderly medicine
Legacy - WG	Legacy received for Intensive Care service
Legacy - LR	Legacy received for oncology services
Legacy - AP	Legacy received for palliative care services
NSECH CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Emergency Care Hospital
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Community CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to Northumberland Community Services
Blyth CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
Unrestricted Funds	
NVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
NVS Surplus Fund	For unrestricted use Trustwide
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhistle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2023-2024		2022-2023	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation (Restated) £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	806,358,000	29,486,000	806,090,000	64,920,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March the value of the inter-company balance was £111,000, that is the charity owed £111,000 to the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

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No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2023/24 (2022/23- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2023/24 (2022/23 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2023/24 (2022/23 - Nil).

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTH CARE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE TRUST CHARITY

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head of charity foreword



Brenda Longstaff, Head of Charity

During the past year, the charity has slowly begun to re-set following the difficult years of the pandemic. Although general donations have been down in comparison with previous years, this has been more than made up for by a substantial increase in legacies, thanks to supporters who left generous gifts in wills. Additional grants from NHS Charities Together also meant that the charity could develop many projects that improved the patient experience and supported staff welfare.

Each year the Northumbria charity delivers programmes that really make a difference to our patients and staff, and we have developed strong links with our local communities to support wellbeing and combat health inequalities.

We could not do, all that we do, without our many supporters who enable us to go that extra mile to enhance our services.

Thank you!

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message from the chair of northumbria healthcare

I am delighted to introduce to you the Annual Report of our Bright Charity.

It has been another period of challenge and change for the NHS as we continue to recover from the pandemic and recalibrate our services to meet the needs of the public. NHS charities and volunteers across the country played a huge part in the national response and continue to adapt as we move into this new period.

As Corporate Trustees we are very grateful to everyone who makes Bright so successful in supporting local people and I would like to say thank you to everyone who has been working to administer the charity during such a difficult time. However, none of this would be possible without the generosity of all our donors and fundraisers who have done so much for us over the past year.

The funds which have been received will make a great difference to patient care in so many ways across Northumberland and North Tyneside. Our hard-working NHS teams are always looking at the best way of using these funds so we can add the extra comforts and amenities that are not able to be provided by core NHS funds.

In this period the funding Bright has been able to channel into the healing arts work feels very important as does the investment in staff health and wellbeing support.

The specially designed expressing rooms to support new mums returning to work are another example of how Bright has been able to provide facilities at our hospitals this year. Charity funding has also helped the trust train hundreds of NHS staff in D/deaf awareness which is much needed in our local communities.

The recovery from the pandemic has seen us change the way we operate in many ways but I'm pleased to say that we have now started to see volunteer numbers increase again and would like to thank everyone who gives their time for the selfless and valuable service they provide.

Thank you again to everyone who has raised funds or donated to the Charity and to all volunteers who have given their time to provide improved services for our patients.



Sir Paul Ennals CBE



Sir Paul Ennals CBE
Chair of Northumbria Healthcare

objectives and activities

The governing documents for the funds consist of a declaration of trust dated 18 May 2000.

The governing document states the charity's principle objective as being:

"... for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service".

More specifically, the charity aims to support charitable initiatives, which would not normally be financed by NHS exchequer funding, to enhance and add additional value to the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the Trust area.

Key Objectives

Categories of spend approved by Corporate Trustee

Patient and staff welfare –
to provide additional comforts, over and above that which would be provided as standard by the NHS, to enhance the patient and staff experience.

Medical equipment –
to ensure that our patients have access to the latest technology and that additional equipment is made available to improve the patient experience and support members of staff who are delivering their care. Charitable funds cannot be used to purchase or replace core NHS equipment.

Patient environment –
to deliver a high-quality healing arts programme in collaboration with patients, staff, volunteers, and the local community, to improve the hospital environment. To use the arts to develop and deliver high quality interior design projects for areas of special need and sensitivity, that help to support the needs of patients and their relatives. To work with architects and designers to integrate the arts to enhance patient and staff experience.

Staff education –
to support professional development of members of staff in terms of attendance at speciality events, and allow access to training that would not normally be funded through standard funding streams. The charity cannot support requests from individuals for funding for professional qualifications.

Research –
to support a continuous programme of research, which aims to improve treatment for thousands of patients across the NHS. To promote innovation and service improvement through providing a platform for staff to share ideas.

Health Inequalities –
to add value to ongoing public health work by the trust to tackle health inequalities affecting our patients.

CSR –
to create opportunities to engage with local communities in keeping with the trust's Community Promise.

our year in numbers



300+

people attended our Haltwhistle Centenary Celebrations



42,000

volunteer hours worked



1000+

individual medical items donated to Kilimanjaro Medical Centre



13

refurbished rooms across the trust



60

people ran for Bright in the Great North Run (GNR)



1000's

of staff and patients benefited from visits from Wag & Company our doggy on prescription service

£1,180,000 amount of donations and legacies Bright Charity received

333,000+ customers at our Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) café/shops

£118,742 total of 82 Charity Development Group (CDG) bids approved

1000+ staff, patients and visitors were provided live music performances

700+ gifts delivered to patients on Christmas Day

330+ volunteers returned after Covid

346 members of staff took part in art activities

150 patient, staff and community projects delivered in 2022

150 members of staff attended Breakfast at Tilbury's event

100's of preloved school uniform collected and delivered to the local community

100 children sang in our hospitals

24 volunteers engaged in global health projects

8 Global health projects delivered including burns, laparoscopic, AMS/pharmacy, first aid, orthopaedics, medical electronics and stroke

our programmes

Northumbria Volunteer Service

Our Northumbria Volunteer Service is an integral part of the Northumbria family, with volunteers engaged in a variety of roles to support services, patients, and staff.

Sadly, the pandemic significantly impacted upon volunteer numbers, as all volunteers over 70 years of age were required to step back from duties. At the end of the pandemic, where once there had been almost 1000 volunteers across the trust's 10 hospitals, numbers had reduced to less than 300. However, throughout the year numbers have begun to increase, as members of the public, and their families, become more confident about returning to a healthcare environment.

This meant that volunteers were able to return to the wards once again. Young volunteers recruited from local high schools followed, and corporate volunteers returned to their pre-covid roles.

Patients in oncology were able to access the hair loss therapy service and complementary therapies run by volunteers. The volunteers were back!

Volunteers also helped out at the staff winter vaccination hubs providing a smiling face as meet and greet and ensuring that queues were moving along with a lot of bubbly conversation to ease the process.





Throughout 2022 numbers of customers began to increase across the NVS shops and cafes, once again, generating income to support projects at hospital sites.

Our volunteers provide their time and energy to support our trust. Their contributions are highly valued and each year we make sure they know how much they mean to us by celebrating Volunteer Week, Long Service awards and a Volunteering Evening that enables them to meet up socially for a special celebration.







Healing Arts Programme

For more than 20 years the Bright charity has managed and developed an award-winning healing arts programme that has transformed our hospitals and provided a welcome distraction for patients, staff, and visitors.

The programme provides a strong connection to our communities too, as we work with local schools, colleges and universities, local artists, performers, and of course our staff and patients.

During the year we worked with staff on a Creativity and Wellbeing project with a focus on mental health. Members of staff astounded us with their talents in painting, sculpture, photography, craft making and storytelling. Their work was professionally photographed to create an exhibition which is proudly displayed on the corridor leading to our Staff Health and Wellbeing Centre at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington.



In May, a photography masterclass with award-winning photographer Ikuko Tsuchiya was organised for staff who were shortlisted from a staff photography competition.

In July we celebrated the NHS' birthday with live music performances across the trust and a cream tea for our patients on the wards.

During the pandemic, the charity worked with Berwick Academy to develop a graffiti inspired project based on the theme of health and wellbeing – physical health, emotional health, and mental health. Students worked on the project at home during lockdown and were proud to see their work displayed on the hoardings that circled the hospital under construction.

With covid restrictions easing in public areas, it was possible to re-start the Christmas music programme and enjoy a week-long programme of events across the trust. The first concert was held at Hexham General Hospital on Friday 25 November with children from Prudhoe West Academy singing in the outpatient waiting area and showing off some great choreography to get people in the Christmas mood.

At the beginning of 2023, the top 20 photographs from more than 400 entries to the staff photography competition went on display on the hoarding around the new Health and Care Academy under construction at Cramlington. The contractor, Assura, sponsored the exhibition which is still being enjoyed by hundreds of people each week as they drive past the site.







"I've been looking forward to this workshop and meeting Ikuko for a long time. Thanks to Bright and Ikuko for this wonderful experience."

"It was an excellent experience, very relaxed environment, Ikuko was wonderful."



Environment

When our patients, staff and visitors enter our hospitals it is important that they are not overwhelmed by the starkness of a clinical environment. That is why over the years, the charity has developed a healing arts programme to use art as a point of interest and distraction.

During the pandemic it became clear that the oppressiveness of social distancing, visiting restrictions and heightened clinical activity made the quality of the environment much more important for wellbeing. The charity listened to patients, families and staff groups and responded to the need to create special supportive spaces, using warm colours and comfortable furniture, for staff and families to use as a place to reflect and decompress.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we learnt that with just a few modest changes, rooms could be transformed to become a welcome haven from the hectic activities of a busy hospital.

During 2022 the infant feeding co-ordinator for the trust approached the charity to design and furnish rooms across the trust that had been set aside as expressing rooms to support mothers returning to work following maternity leave. A grant from NHS Charities Together helped this to happen.

Staff using the room have said it's a little piece of heaven which is just for them. Where previously they had to try to find a quiet and private place in a busy hospital, they now have a dedicated space with no fear of being disturbed.

Many wards had tired and unwelcoming family rooms. A series of low-cost refurbishments took place and the family rooms on Ward 4 and Ward 8 at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital were the first to receive the make-over. This was particularly important for Ward 4 where patients sometimes struggle with the clinical environment. The only problem then, was getting people to leave the room so that others could enjoy!

When the outpatient department at North Tyneside General Hospital contacted the charity for help with their quiet room in the Breast Clinic, the charity team had a lot to consider. This room is used for counselling and psychological support when patients have initial investigations and follow up conversations after treatment. Staff were keen to provide the very best of care for their patients – but the environment was working against them. Everyone is now delighted with the new look and feel of the room.



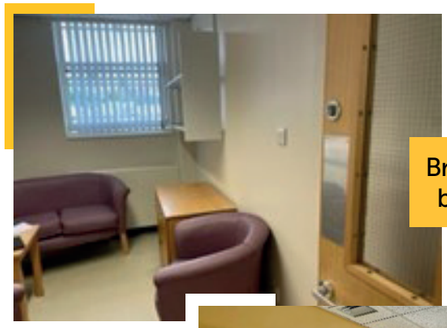
Before and after in Ward 4 at The Northumbria

The rooms were tired and dated. They offered no comfort or support.

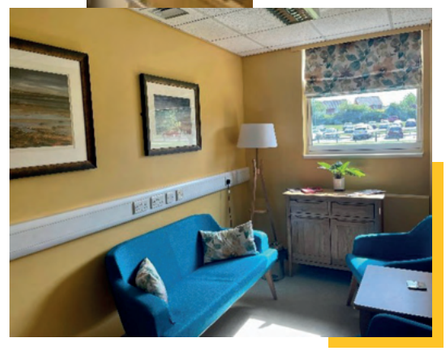
Feedback has been very positive, and patients and staff feel the environment helps to support them during a difficult time.

Clinical Psychologists, working hard during the pandemic to provide staff counselling sessions, asked for help to update and refresh their consultation rooms. Now staff at three of the trust hospitals can receive support from the psychology team in a more relaxing, comfortable, and supportive environment.

Our staff have also benefitted from an investment by the charity towards the provision of gyms across the trust to support staff wellbeing.



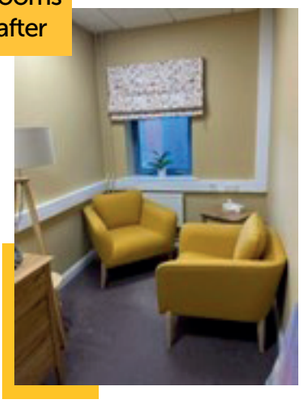
Breast clinic room before and after

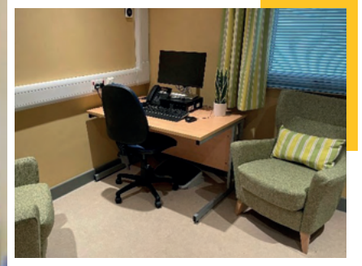






Psychology rooms before and after





Expressing room



D/deaf awareness

Since 2018 the charity has supported an innovative programme to develop the understanding of our staff about the needs of our D/deaf patients. The classes run by Margaret Robertson draw on her own experiences of raising her children, one hearing and one deaf.

As a BSL Level 5 instructor she has also been able to provide an introduction to British Sign Language, and more than 1,000 staff have already enthusiastically taken part in the training. They each receive a special badge to attach to their lanyards, so that when they pass someone who is wearing the badge, they can sign their name and say hello.



During Deaf Awareness week in May, video clips were posted on social media each day to raise awareness of issues faced by our patients, and staff, who have hearing loss. They proved to be very popular and promoted a lot of interest and discussion, not only across the trust, but also within the communities we serve.

Bespoke classes began to be developed at the request of different departments who wanted their teams to be able to provide the best possible service to their patients. Training was developed after shadowing staff to observe the work they do. This helps staff to better understand how to communicate with their D/deaf patients, through different stages of their treatment, and put them at ease.

The charity also recognises Usher syndrome day on 2nd March each year, working with leading advocate Jo Milne to raise awareness of deaf blindness. The Bright charity worked with Jo to produce an educational film about Usher syndrome which has now been shared across the NHS.

A staff survey, undertaken to consult with our staff who have hearing issues, raised one important question: how do staff identify themselves as deaf or hard of hearing? Following the survey, D/deaf cards were designed and produced for staff to be able to show to other staff, and patients, so that they could understand their needs. Staff now contact the trust's D/deaf awareness officer for advice and support about various issues in relation to D/deaf awareness that are being presented to them by both colleagues and patients throughout the trust.

Working with the D/deaf Awareness Officer, the charity was able to pilot a remote video interpreter for the emergency department at Cramlington. The unit was able to give quick and easy access to an interpreter to enable D/deaf patients to understand what was happening and what the attending doctor was saying. At a time of great personal stress, instant access to an interpreter was essential to guide discussions and obtain patient consent for treatment.







International

For more than 20 years, Northumbria Healthcare has worked in partnership with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, helping to develop healthcare services for the people of Tanzania.

The partnership brings many benefits back to the NHS in terms of cultural awareness, leadership development and global health knowledge.

Each year our volunteers, who use annual leave to visit Tanzania, focus on projects that have been selected by the hospital directors as areas for development.

For the past few years, funding from the Fleming Fund and UK Aid has enabled us to participate in the Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship project. This important project enables sharing of skills and knowledge between countries to combat the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance. The project currently brings pharmacists together across five hospitals and universities in Tanzania.



At the end of 2022 we returned for the first time following the pandemic to continue development of the burns service. Plastic surgeons Jeremy Rawlins and Chris Lewis worked alongside KCMC surgeons and registrars to undertake life-changing reconstructive surgery cases which returned mobility to patients with severe burns.

The team also delivered first aid and fire prevention training to local school children to build knowledge and awareness of burn injuries in the community. The children loved getting involved in the role play, chasing each other with the fire stick and bandaging their make believe burn injuries.

Intensive Care nurse Peter Smith, was also invited by the Regional Police Commissioner, to provide First responder training for motorcycle taxi drivers (boda boda) in rural accident hotspots. The skills learnt would enable the drivers to undertake basic care of people at accident spots, in preparation for a long journey to obtain medical support.

For Chris Halcrow, the trust's Chief Medical Engineer, it was to be his first visit. He worked alongside KCMC engineers to service medical equipment and was absolutely amazed at their skill in developing workaround solutions when spare parts could not be found. The teams were delighted with the new tool boxes donated by the Bright charity.





our partners

Over the years the trust has developed strong working partnerships with a number of organisations, which bring added value to our communities.

Newcastle Eagles

We are partners with the Newcastle Eagles basketball team who, through their successful Hoops4Health programme connect with more than 150 schools across Northumberland and North Tyneside. We link with their programme to gain access to more than 1,000 children each year with important health messages. Over the years the team has been able to discuss a variety of topics with the children including diabetes, dental health and mental health using materials provided by Northumbria Healthcare. It's a great way to connect with children – and who wouldn't want to listen to a professional basketball player, especially if he's 6'10!

As part of the programme, children are invited to take part in an arts competition to provide some fun artwork for our hospitals. The dental health theme was particularly amusing, especially the size of teeth drawn on the pictures of doctors.



Wag & Company

We also partner with the dog befriending charity Wag & Company. For a number of years, the charity provided volunteers and their dogs to visit elderly patients at home, especially those who used to have a dog and were no longer able to look after them. The regular visits, recommended by community healthcare staff, bring great joy to those who are often socially isolated and lonely.

During and after the pandemic Wag & Company's volunteers, and their dogs, visited our staff in the restaurants at our hospitals, providing a welcome ray of sunshine at a difficult time. Their visits continue to be popular and are great for staff morale. Whitley, the cockapoo, even has his own Instagram page.

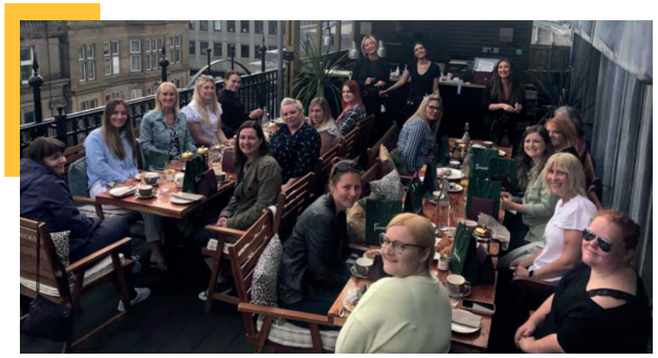




Charlotte Tillbury

Our staff are also very lucky to enjoy regular opportunities to have Breakfast at Tilbury's at Fenwick's store in Newcastle. The Charlotte Tilbury beauty chain approached the trust to offer breakfast and make up advice, to say thank you to NHS staff. Each month, hundreds of staff enter a prize draw to win a place.

Through NHS Charities Together we also partner with two local Starbucks stores and regularly meet with them to discuss fundraising opportunities.



our community

With the launch of Northumbria Healthcare's Community Promise in 2021 www.northumbria.nhs.uk/about-us/our-community-promise the charity renewed its focus on community reach and impact, adding value to the trust's Promise.

Throughout the year we interacted with our local communities, across our large geographical footprint of 500 square miles, linking with fundraisers, community groups, artists networks and people in need.

Our communities are creative and through our award-winning healing arts programme we have been able to work with some incredible artists, amazing schoolchildren and community groups who do so much to support the NHS.

In the former mining village of Ashington we were delighted to work with the Ashington Veterans and Elders Institute. Throughout the year, and during the pandemic, they had made and sold brightly painted wooden flowers and butterflies, raising several thousands of pounds which was donated to their local hospital, Wansbeck General. As Ashington is the home of the famous Pitman Painters, it was lovely to see the tradition continuing.



As summer approached, we launched our school uniform appeal, linking in with Northumberland and North Tyneside Councils to donate pre-loved uniform to be distributed across our area.

Collection boxes were set up across all of our hospital sites and within a couple of weeks were brimming with donations. The charity team ensured that our staff were also able to benefit from the appeal, which helped to lessen the financial burden of the new school year on families across our region.



On 26 August, Haltwhistle Memorial Hospital celebrated its centenary. The charity worked with hospital staff and the League of Friends to organise a day of celebration.

Members of staff, past and present came together to reflect on the achievements of the hospital and the important role that it had played in the community. Many stories were told, including how before the hospital came into existence, a miner with a crushed leg had been taken to the local rail station to wait for the next train to Carlisle! A fete was also arranged within the park below the hospital and hundreds of local schoolchildren and their families enjoyed a day of fun – and free ice cream. It was a real community celebration.

At Hexham General Hospital staff were delighted with generous gifts of plants by Wylam Nursery, which brightened up the flower beds. The nursery also generously provided hundreds of individual plants as a thank you to staff. This was such a lovely gesture and really boosted staff morale.



At the end of 2022 we were fortunate to be able to display a light installation made by local artist disability group Northern Butterflies. The artworks had been previously featured in Durham's Lumiere festival and were installed at our Northumbria Specialist Emergency Hospital for staff to enjoy during the dark winter days.





charity development groups (CDG)

Our site Charity Development Groups were set up in 2001 to provide a focal point for general donations to our hospitals, funding from legacies, and the profits from our Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) cafes and shops.

Each of our acute hospitals has a site CDG that provides an opportunity for staff to ask for funding for projects, or ideas, that can make a difference to our patients. The concept is very similar to Dragon's Den, although it's much friendlier!

Hexham CDG

- Physio equipment to treat continence dysfunction.
- Headsets to improve communication with deaf patients.
- Recliners for the wards.

Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital CDG

- Endoscopy unit to assess patient swallowing.
- Sleep pods for quiet rest areas.
- Newborn baby training mannequin.

North Tyneside CDG

- Vein finder to aid the taking of blood samples.
- Sensory items for Learning and Development.
- Crash mats for patient fall prevention.

Wansbeck General Hospital CDG

- Specialist feeding equipment for speech and language therapy.
- Children's library books.
- Muscle stimulation machine.

Finance Review

The net assets of the Charitable Funds as at the 31st March 2023, were £4,674,000 (31 March 2022 £4,097,000).

Overall net assets increased by £577,000.

Unrestricted funds decreased by £114,000 to £2,248,000 whilst restricted funds increased by £691,000 to £2,426,000.

Receipt of restricted legacies was the main factor behind the increase in restricted fund balances.

Income Source	2022/23	%	2021/22	%
Donations	£197,000	9	£232,000	20
Legacies	£983,000	43	£105,000	9
Charitable Activities	£966,000	43	£753,000	64
Investment Income	£117,000	5	£83,000	7
Total	**£2,263,000**	**100**	**£1,173,000**	**100**

Expenditure during 2022/23 totalled £1,533,000 and the "Contribution towards the NHS" in the form of charitable grants totalled £480,000. This expenditure relates to medical and other equipment purchases such as IT and furniture to enhance patient and staff welfare.

The remaining expenditure comprised the costs of purchasing goods to be resold in the charity run on site hospital shops and administrative and support costs.

Total Expenditure	2022/23	%	2021/22	%
Purchase of new equipment	£74,000	5	£81,000	7
New building and refurbishments	£14,000	1	£43,000	4
Patient education and welfare	£337,000	22	£153,000	14
Staff Education and welfare	£30,00	2	£24,000	2
Information technology	£4,000	0	£0	0
Grants to other charities	£21,000	1	£16,000	1
Support costs and overheads	£186,000	12	£79,000	7
Fundraising Costs	£75,000	5	£56,000	5
NVS Shop purchases and overheads	£792,000	52	£650,000	60
Total	**£1,533,000**	**100**	**£1,102,000**	**100**

Reserves and Investments

The Trustee has established a Reserves and an Investment Policy to achieve its aim of supporting a healthy future by assisting the long-term future of Bright Charity.

The reserves policy has the objective of retaining sufficient funds to cover the known commitments and future plans of the Charity. Trustees consider that in the medium term it should be the aim that reserves should be not less than 12 month's non-committed expenditure and not greater than 18 month's non-committed expenditure. This would currently equate to reserves of approximately £800,000 to £1,200,000.

The Trustees consider that this level of reserves is consistent with applying income on a measured, planned and coordinated basis. The level of reserves is reported to the charitable funds committee on a quarterly basis. In the short term the Trustees consider that a level of reserves significantly greater than this amount is acceptable as it provides the charity with an appropriate level of investment income.

Appropriate action to establish or maintain reserves at the required level will be decided upon by the committee. The Charities Development Lead conducts an annual review of the spending strategies of individual funds in order to monitor and ensure these funds fit in with overall reserves policy.

The current level of reserves is £2,902,000 which is an increase of £801,000 from 2021/22. The increase was attributable to the level of legacy income received in the year. Plans are being made to spend these legacies in line with the donors' wishes.

The investment policy which the charity operated during 2022/23 was established in July 2013 and last reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2023.

The main objectives of the investments are;

- To achieve sufficient income to cover the administrative costs of the charity
- Only use deposit funds with institutions with a AAA or equivalent short-term risk rating
- Use funds not held on deposit to achieve medium to long term capital growth whilst minimizing risks

The Charity seeks to invest ethically and ensure that its investments are not opposed to the objects of the Charity. Therefore, the investment policy eschews, as much as practicable, investments in tobacco and alcohol related holdings.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has no authority over the investments which the Charity holds.

Investments	2022/23	2021/22
COIF - historical book cost	£2,899,000	£2,199,000
Opening Unrealised gain	£711,000	£492,000
Additions in year – book cost	0	£700,000
Unrealised gain – in year	0	£219,000
Unrealised loss – in year	(£153,000)	£0
Closing Unrealised Gain	£558,000	£711,000
Market value at 31 March	**£3,457,000**	**£3,610,000**

Investments are recorded at market value as at 31st March 2023. No other investments are held.

The Charitable Funds Committee meets annually with a representative from CCLA to discuss the general investment climate and outlook, and reviews the charity's investments accordingly.

Risk Management

The Corporate Trustee has identified the major risks to the charity which can be summarised as:

1. That the charity is not operating within its objects as defined in the charity's governing document
2. That accounting transactions are inappropriately or inadequately reported.
3. Expenditure is inappropriately high resulting in a faster depletion of funds than approved by the Corporate Trustee.
4. That expenditure is inappropriately low resulting in lost opportunities for charitable funds
5. Investments are not properly safeguarded, resulting in loss of funds.

The Corporate Trustee has established systems to ensure that these risks are kept at a minimum. Namely:

1. A Charitable Funds Strategic Committee which reviews policy, financial activity and investment performance. The members of the committee are all Executive and Non-executive directors of the Trust.
2. The existence and compliance with Standing Financial Instructions.
3. An adequately qualified and resourced finance function
4. The establishment of internal financial control systems which are reviewed annually by an Internal Audit department.
5. Reporting and review of audit findings to an Audit Committee.
6. Annual audit of systems and accounts by external auditors.

During 2023 CFSC commenced work on the development of an updated Risk Register which follows the format used by the Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust. This work will be completed in the 2023/24 financial year.

The charity also plans to review its governance procedures including its committee structures, to ensure that they continue to meet the charities needs and are fit for purpose.

The charity's charitable expenditure will continue to be determined by the needs of the Trusts hospitals and community services and will be monitored by categorising expenditure into the following areas of spend:

- Purchase of Medical equipment
- Environment Improvement
- Patient and Education Welfare
- Staff Education and Welfare
- Research
- Health Inequalities/ Public Health
- Corporate Social Responsibilities

Based on the Accounts for the financial year the Trust Board, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, believes that the Charity can meet all its current and future foreseeable commitments.

Our future plans

The charity plans to continue to build on its partnerships within the community to help support our patients and staff. It will also look to continue strengthening its work in relation to health inequalities/public health and corporate social responsibility.

Charity Information

Governance and Management

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity was registered with the Charity Commission as an NHS Umbrella Charity by Declaration of Trust in May 2000, Charity number 1083122. In 2011 was decided to adopt the brand name of "Bright Northumbria".

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Bright is a registered member of the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to the Codes of Fundraising Practice.

Members of the Trust Board who have acted on behalf of the Corporate Trustee are members of the Charity Board of Trustee with voting rights. In 2022/2023 these members were:

Name	Title
Sir James Mackey	Chief Executive
Birju Bartoli	Executive Director of Performance and Improvement
Paul Dunn	Executive Director of Finance
Kate Thompson	Executive Director of People and OD
Jeremy Rushmer	Executive Medical Director
Marion Dickson	Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery
Alistair Blair	Executive Medical Director – Clinical Innovation
Claire Riley (to 22nd April 2022)	Executive Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs

Name	Title
Alan Richardson	Chair (to 31 August 2023)
Paul Ennals	Chair (from 1st September 2023)
Margaret Rowe	Non-Executive Director (from 4th September 2023)
Martin Knowles	Non-Executive Director (to 1st September 2022)
Moira Davison	Non-Executive Director
Bernard McCardle	Non-Executive Director
Sir Alan Craft	Non-Executive Director
Ruth Connorton	Non-Executive Director
Andrew Besford	Non-Executive Director
Stephen McKinlay	Non-Executive Director
Philip Lobb	Non-Executive Director
Richard Dale	Non-Executive Director (from 1st August 2022)

The Corporate Trustee of the charity acts through the decisions and actions of the executive and non-executive members of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Board. Where statute permits, the Board delegates authority for the review of strategy, activity and compliance to a sub-committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee, the 'CSFC'.

In particular the CSFC is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources;
- Provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income;
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations; and,
- Keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the charity.

In order to ensure the committee always acts in the interests of the charity rather than the NHS corporate body, representatives of both staff and public governors are co-opted onto the committee in a non-voting capacity to observe and to contribute to the decision-making process.

The Charitable Funds Strategic Committee comprises the following members:

Three Non-Executive Directors (One member is nominated as Chair and a second is nominated vice-chair of the committee)

- Executive Director of Finance or their nominated deputy
- Head of Charity
- Executive Director of Nursing or their nominated deputy
- Representatives from the Council of Governors

No member of the Trust Board received remuneration from the Charity during the year. The Trust Board is remunerated by the Trust for their role as Executive and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust.

The charity is constituted of approximately 233 individual funds (2021/22: 232) as at 31 March 2022 and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds held and disclose separately all material funds.

Operating below the Charitable Funds Committee are nine Charity Development Groups (CDGs) dividing the Trust's area into six geographical areas plus a group for research funds, a group for Trust wide charitable initiatives managed by the CFSC and a group for Community based initiatives.

There is a central budget for administration (including finance, publicity and audit costs) which is funded from investment income.
CDGs have funds allocated from reserves and from any unrestricted donations, fundraising proceeds and legacies that are received. Any member of staff is invited to bid for funds to finance equipment or projects which meet the objects of the charity. CDGs are an open forum with all staff and other interested parties e.g. voluntary groups, invited to attend and contribute. Each group meeting is chaired by a non-executive director. After discussion, funds are allocated to bids on a consensus basis.

For day to day operational and management purposes the charity is further divided into some 220 funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of accounts held and disclose separately all material funds. These are managed by Trust officers such as Heads of Service and Ward Managers who have delegated authority to apply the funds within the objects of the charity.

The Corporate Trustee does not set detailed budgets for the charity's activities except occasionally in the case of specific projects. Instead, responsibility is delegated to the managers of each fund. Upon request managers of funds are required to submit annual fundraising and spending plans for review by the Charitable Funds Committee.

The CFSC regularly monitors fund balances to ensure that funds do not go into deficit, or if they do, to ensure that funds are brought back into surplus as soon as possible. In addition. the Charitable Funds Committee monitors the funds that are available for Charity Development Groups to expend and arrange for the timely deployment of these funds.

Activities

Bright ensures that all activities carried out to raise funds are in line with the Fundraising Regulator and Codes of Practice and the Charity's internal processes and policies. The Team are aware of donor's wishes ensuring that these are honoured and communicated with the donor. In the year 2022/23 we received no complaints. The Charitable Funds Team have mandatory training each year on safeguarding for vulnerable adults and this is then integrated into supporting vulnerable donors to ensure they are protected.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Charity have undertaken during the year and have continued to support a wide range of charitable activities. These include charitable grant funding for the Trust and fundraising across a number of platforms to raise more funds.

In awarding grants the Trustee is aware of its responsibilities under charity law in ensuring the maintenance of public benefit in all aspects of its work. Funding patient and staff welfare, improvements and amenities is, by definition, meeting public benefit.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Corporate Trustee of the Charity. However, when the Trust Board is making decisions regarding the Charity it does so with the best interests of the Charity in mind and with consideration of Charity Commission guidance, Charity law and the expressed wishes of donors. By working in partnership with the Trust, charitable funds are used to best effect for the benefit of patients and staff. When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use funds, the Corporate Trustee has regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies and plans of the Trust.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered and Working Name
Bright Charity

Registered Charity Number
1083122

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed [and rules], subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The corporate trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Signed .....on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated.....16th January 2024.....

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash flow and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee responsibilities statement set out on page 33, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed:

M Moran

Michael T Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor

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Date: 23 January 2024

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	293	887	**1,180**	337
Charitable activities	3	21	945	**966**	753
Investment income	4	56	61	**117**	83
Total incoming resources		370	1,893	**2,263**	1,173

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	75	0	**75**	56
Charitable activities	6	271	1,187	**1,458**	1,046
Total resources expended		346	1,187	**1,533**	1,102
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Net incoming resources		(124)	701	**577**	290
Gross transfer between funds		10	(10)	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		(114)	691	**577**	290
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2022		2,362	1,735	**4,097**	3,807
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	4,097

The notes at pages 41 to 53 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	1,663	1,794	**3,457**	2,081	1,529	3,610
Total fixed assets		1,663	1,794	**3,457**	2,081	1,529	3,610
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	19	21	**40**	16	11	27
Short term investments and deposits	11	471	510	**981**	47	34	81
Cash at bank and in hand		95	101	**196**	241	177	418
Total current assets		585	632	**1,217**	304	222	526
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	0	0	**0**	23	16	39
Net current assets		**585**	**632**	**1,217**	281	206	487
Total net assets		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	2,362	1,735	4,097

Funds of the charity

Income Funds

Unrestricted	12	2,248	0	**2,248**	2,362	0	2,362
Restricted	12	0	2,426	**2,426**	0	1,735	1,735
Total funds of the charity		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	2,362	1,735	4,097

The notes at pages 41 to 53 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 16th of January 2024 and signed by:

..... on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

...16th January 2024..... Date

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;
- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis.

e) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

f) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year. Northumbria Healthcare Care NHS Foundation Trust fully re-charged Bright charity for the 12 whole time equivalent members of staff who work full time for the charity. 4 of these staff work in charity management, administration and fundraising with the remaining 8 whole time equivalent staff working in the Northumbria Volunteer Service shops. Some of these staff members belong to the NHS Pension Scheme which is an unfunded defined benefit scheme which is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The recharge from the Trust includes the employee contributions to that scheme. For more information on the NHS Pension Scheme refer to the Trust annual report and accounts.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

1.11 Related Party Transactions

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the Bright Charity as well as its main grant beneficiary – they are therefore related parties. Northumbria Healthcare makes a number of clerical and transaction services available to the charity.

These include:

Management and governance services at a cost of £124,000 (£25,000 in 2021/22)
• fundraising services at a cost of £75,000 (£56,000 in 2021/22) – see note 7.
• accountancy and administrative services at a cost of £62,000 (£54,000 in 2021/22) in support of the charity's grant making activities which are included within support costs - see note 7.

None of the members of the NHS Trust Board or parties related to them has undertaken any transactions with the Bright charity or received any benefit from the charity in payment or kind. Board members received no honoraria or emoluments in the year and no expenses paid to them in the year (20021/22 -Nil).

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	142	30	**172**	214
Corporate Donations	13	12	**25**	18
Legacies	138	845	**983**	105
Total voluntary income	293	887	**1180**	337

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	0	945	**945**	730
Other	21	0	**21**	23
Total activities for generating funds	21	945	**966**	753

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed principally by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). In addition to the volunteers there 8 whole time equivalent paid staff working the shops who are direclty employed by the Foundation Trust (paragragh 1.5 Accounting Policies)
All income from operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under charitable activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	49	53	**102**	83
Other investments and deposit accounts	7	8	**15**	0
Total investment income	56	61	**117**	83

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	75	0	**75**	56
Total cost of generating funds	75	0	**75**	56

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Purchase of New Equipment		31	43	**74**	81
New Building and Refurbishment		0	14	**14**	43
Staff Education and Welfare		20	10	**30**	24
Patient Education and Welfare		125	212	**337**	153
IT Equipment and Software		4	0	**4**	0
Grants to Other Charities		0	21	**21**	16
Support Costs and Overheads	7	91	95	**186**	79
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		0	792	**792**	650
Total cost of charitable activities		271	1,187	**1,458**	1,046

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**6**	**6**	6
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**16**	**16**	19
Total governance costs	**0**	**22**	**22**	25
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**56**	**56**	52
Direct managerial and operational costs	**45**	**102**	**147**	32
Computer expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Miscellaneous	**30**	**6**	**36**	26
Total other support costs	**75**	**164**	**239**	110
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**75**	**186**	**261**	135

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity

The £186,000 (2022: £79,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The increased costs in the year are due to fundraising staff being in post for a full year (part year 21/22), staff working on specific projects for which additonal external funding has been received.

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	2,081	1,529	**3,610**	2,691
Purchased- book cost	0	0	**0**	700
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Gross transfer between funds	(270)	270	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	1,663	1,794	**3,457**	3,610

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**1,648**	1,735
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,809**	1,875
Total fixed assets investments	**3,457**	3,610

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	12	13	**25**	27
Other debtors	7	8	**15**	0
Total debtors	19	21	**40**	27

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	0	0	**0**	39
Total creditors	0	0	**0**	39

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
COIF Deposit account	456	494	**950**	50
Building Society Accounts	15	16	**31**	31
Total deposits	471	510	**981**	81

Total short term investments and deposits	471	510	**981**	81

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2022 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Berwick General Fund	36	0	0	(3)	0	33
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	53	2	0	(3)	0	52
Caroline's Comet Fund	57	0	0	(3)	0	54
Charisma Study Reseach	47	0	0	(3)	0	44
Chemo Unit Berwick	42	1	0	(3)	0	40
Diabetic Education Fund	44	2	(1)	(2)	0	43
Esprit Research Fund	115	0	(52)	(8)	0	55
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	94	4	(6)	(6)	0	86
ITU Trustwide	47	3	0	(2)	0	48
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	77	19	(2)	(3)	0	91
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	63	132	(28)	(3)	0	164
Palliative Care Northumbria	352	65	(32)	(19)	0	366
Parkinson Disease Fund	69	0	(1)	(4)	0	64
Profess Research Fund	28	0	0	(2)	0	26
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	28	1	0	(2)	0	27
Tanzania Educational Fund	36	2	(4)	(2)	0	32
Teardrop Project	98	10	(5)	(6)	0	97
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	36	1	(1)	(3)	0	33
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	62	7	0	(4)	0	65
Hexham Hospital General Fund	204	3	(5)	(15)	0	187
Breast Disease Fund	28	0	(2)	(2)	0	24
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	102	0	(3)	(6)	0	93
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	35	6	(7)	(2)	0	32
Covid 19 Donations Fund	40	0	0	(3)	0	37
Others	569	112	(197)	(39)	10	455
Total unrestricted funds	**2,362**	**370**	**(346)**	**(148)**	**10**	**2,248**

The unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2022 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	388	0	(40)	(1)	0	347
NVS Fund (Blyth)	57	5	(7)	(1)	0	54
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	131	398	(299)	0	(79)	151
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	237	299	(259)	0	(56)	221
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	59	1	(45)	0	4	19
North Northumberland CDG Fund	364	0	(6)	(1)	0	357
North Tyneside CDG Fund	404	714	(94)	(2)	46	1,068
Community CDG Fund	63	27	(12)	(1)	0	77
Blyth CDG Fund	31	133	0	0	0	164
Others	1	316	(425)	1	75	(32)
Total restricted funds	**1,735**	**1,893**	**(1,187)**	**(5)**	**(10)**	**2,426**

Income and expenditure of the shops staffed by the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) are accounted for within separate funds - the NVS Funds. Periodically in the year any surpluses are transferred to Development Group funds. Expenditure on charitable activities funded by these surpluses is subsequently charged against the Development Group funds.

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
HVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
HVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
HVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
HVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Community CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to Northumberland Community Services
Blyth CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
Unrestricted Funds	
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhsitle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharamcy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2022-2023		2021-2022	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation (Restated) £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	806,090,000	64,920,000	704,536,000	7,154,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March 2023 the value of the inter-company balance was £15,000, that is the charity was owed £15,000 from the Foundation Trust, compared to the prior year in which the intercompany balance was £39,000 to the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

Sir James Mackey
Birju Bartolli
Paul Dunn
Kate Thompson
Mr Jeremy Rushmer
Dr Alistair Blair
Marion Dickson
Claire Riley (until 31st May 2022)

Non-Executive Directors

Alan Richardson (Chair of Foundation Trust until 31st of August 2023)
Paul Ennals (Chair of Foundation Trust from 1st September 2023)
Margaret Rowe (from 4th September 2023)
Martin Knowles (until 31st September 2022)
Moira Davidson
Bernard McCardle
Sir Alan Craft
Andrew Besford
Ruth Connorton
Richard Dale (from 1st August 2022)
Stephen McKinley
Phill Lobb

No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2022/23 (2021/22- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2022/23 (2021/22 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2022/23 (2021/22 - Nil).

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Signed .....on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated.....16th January 2024.....

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash flow and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee responsibilities statement set out on page 33, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed:

M Moran

Michael T Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor

Fernwood House

Fernwood Road

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Date: 23 January 2024

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	293	887	**1,180**	337
Charitable activities	3	21	945	**966**	753
Investment income	4	56	61	**117**	83
Total incoming resources		370	1,893	**2,263**	1,173

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	75	0	**75**	56
Charitable activities	6	271	1,187	**1,458**	1,046
Total resources expended		346	1,187	**1,533**	1,102
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Net incoming resources		(124)	701	**577**	290
Gross transfer between funds		10	(10)	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		(114)	691	**577**	290
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2022		2,362	1,735	**4,097**	3,807
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	4,097

The notes at pages 41 to 53 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	1,663	1,794	**3,457**	2,081	1,529	3,610
Total fixed assets		1,663	1,794	**3,457**	2,081	1,529	3,610
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	19	21	**40**	16	11	27
Short term investments and deposits	11	471	510	**981**	47	34	81
Cash at bank and in hand		95	101	**196**	241	177	418
Total current assets		585	632	**1,217**	304	222	526
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	0	0	**0**	23	16	39
Net current assets		**585**	**632**	**1,217**	281	206	487
Total net assets		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	2,362	1,735	4,097

Funds of the charity

Income Funds

Unrestricted	12	2,248	0	**2,248**	2,362	0	2,362
Restricted	12	0	2,426	**2,426**	0	1,735	1,735
Total funds of the charity		2,248	2,426	**4,674**	2,362	1,735	4,097

The notes at pages 41 to 53 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 16th of January 2024 and signed by:

..... on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

...16th January 2024..... Date

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;
- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis.

e) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

f) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year. Northumbria Healthcare Care NHS Foundation Trust fully re-charged Bright charity for the 12 whole time equivalent members of staff who work full time for the charity. 4 of these staff work in charity management, administration and fundraising with the remaining 8 whole time equivalent staff working in the Northumbria Volunteer Service shops. Some of these staff members belong to the NHS Pension Scheme which is an unfunded defined benefit scheme which is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The recharge from the Trust includes the employee contributions to that scheme. For more information on the NHS Pension Scheme refer to the Trust annual report and accounts.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

1.11 Related Party Transactions

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the Bright Charity as well as its main grant beneficiary – they are therefore related parties. Northumbria Healthcare makes a number of clerical and transaction services available to the charity.

These include:

Management and governance services at a cost of £124,000 (£25,000 in 2021/22)
• fundraising services at a cost of £75,000 (£56,000 in 2021/22) – see note 7.
• accountancy and administrative services at a cost of £62,000 (£54,000 in 2021/22) in support of the charity's grant making activities which are included within support costs - see note 7.

None of the members of the NHS Trust Board or parties related to them has undertaken any transactions with the Bright charity or received any benefit from the charity in payment or kind. Board members received no honoraria or emoluments in the year and no expenses paid to them in the year (20021/22 -Nil).

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	142	30	**172**	214
Corporate Donations	13	12	**25**	18
Legacies	138	845	**983**	105
Total voluntary income	293	887	**1180**	337

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	0	945	**945**	730
Other	21	0	**21**	23
Total activities for generating funds	21	945	**966**	753

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed principally by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). In addition to the volunteers there 8 whole time equivalent paid staff working the shops who are direclty employed by the Foundation Trust (paragragh 1.5 Accounting Policies)
All income from operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under charitable activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	49	53	**102**	83
Other investments and deposit accounts	7	8	**15**	0
Total investment income	56	61	**117**	83

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	75	0	**75**	56
Total cost of generating funds	75	0	**75**	56

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Purchase of New Equipment		31	43	**74**	81
New Building and Refurbishment		0	14	**14**	43
Staff Education and Welfare		20	10	**30**	24
Patient Education and Welfare		125	212	**337**	153
IT Equipment and Software		4	0	**4**	0
Grants to Other Charities		0	21	**21**	16
Support Costs and Overheads	7	91	95	**186**	79
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		0	792	**792**	650
Total cost of charitable activities		271	1,187	**1,458**	1,046

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**6**	**6**	6
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**16**	**16**	19
Total governance costs	**0**	**22**	**22**	25
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**56**	**56**	52
Direct managerial and operational costs	**45**	**102**	**147**	32
Computer expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Miscellaneous	**30**	**6**	**36**	26
Total other support costs	**75**	**164**	**239**	110
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**75**	**186**	**261**	135

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity

The £186,000 (2022: £79,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The increased costs in the year are due to fundraising staff being in post for a full year (part year 21/22), staff working on specific projects for which additonal external funding has been received.

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2023 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	2,081	1,529	**3,610**	2,691
Purchased- book cost	0	0	**0**	700
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	(148)	(5)	**(153)**	219
Gross transfer between funds	(270)	270	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	1,663	1,794	**3,457**	3,610

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**1,648**	1,735
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,809**	1,875
Total fixed assets investments	**3,457**	3,610

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	12	13	**25**	27
Other debtors	7	8	**15**	0
Total debtors	19	21	**40**	27

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 Total Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	0	0	**0**	39
Total creditors	0	0	**0**	39

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2023 £000	Total 2022 £000
COIF Deposit account	456	494	**950**	50
Building Society Accounts	15	16	**31**	31
Total deposits	471	510	**981**	81

Total short term investments and deposits	471	510	**981**	81

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2022 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Berwick General Fund	36	0	0	(3)	0	33
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	53	2	0	(3)	0	52
Caroline's Comet Fund	57	0	0	(3)	0	54
Charisma Study Reseach	47	0	0	(3)	0	44
Chemo Unit Berwick	42	1	0	(3)	0	40
Diabetic Education Fund	44	2	(1)	(2)	0	43
Esprit Research Fund	115	0	(52)	(8)	0	55
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	94	4	(6)	(6)	0	86
ITU Trustwide	47	3	0	(2)	0	48
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	77	19	(2)	(3)	0	91
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	63	132	(28)	(3)	0	164
Palliative Care Northumbria	352	65	(32)	(19)	0	366
Parkinson Disease Fund	69	0	(1)	(4)	0	64
Profess Research Fund	28	0	0	(2)	0	26
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	28	1	0	(2)	0	27
Tanzania Educational Fund	36	2	(4)	(2)	0	32
Teardrop Project	98	10	(5)	(6)	0	97
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	36	1	(1)	(3)	0	33
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	62	7	0	(4)	0	65
Hexham Hospital General Fund	204	3	(5)	(15)	0	187
Breast Disease Fund	28	0	(2)	(2)	0	24
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	102	0	(3)	(6)	0	93
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	35	6	(7)	(2)	0	32
Covid 19 Donations Fund	40	0	0	(3)	0	37
Others	569	112	(197)	(39)	10	455
Total unrestricted funds	**2,362**	**370**	**(346)**	**(148)**	**10**	**2,248**

The unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2022 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	388	0	(40)	(1)	0	347
NVS Fund (Blyth)	57	5	(7)	(1)	0	54
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	131	398	(299)	0	(79)	151
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	237	299	(259)	0	(56)	221
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	59	1	(45)	0	4	19
North Northumberland CDG Fund	364	0	(6)	(1)	0	357
North Tyneside CDG Fund	404	714	(94)	(2)	46	1,068
Community CDG Fund	63	27	(12)	(1)	0	77
Blyth CDG Fund	31	133	0	0	0	164
Others	1	316	(425)	1	75	(32)
Total restricted funds	**1,735**	**1,893**	**(1,187)**	**(5)**	**(10)**	**2,426**

Income and expenditure of the shops staffed by the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) are accounted for within separate funds - the NVS Funds. Periodically in the year any surpluses are transferred to Development Group funds. Expenditure on charitable activities funded by these surpluses is subsequently charged against the Development Group funds.

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
HVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
HVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
HVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
HVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Community CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to Northumberland Community Services
Blyth CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
Unrestricted Funds	
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhsitle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharamcy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2022-2023		2021-2022	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation (Restated) £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	806,090,000	64,920,000	704,536,000	7,154,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March 2023 the value of the inter-company balance was £15,000, that is the charity was owed £15,000 from the Foundation Trust, compared to the prior year in which the intercompany balance was £39,000 to the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

Sir James Mackey
Birju Bartolli
Paul Dunn
Kate Thompson
Mr Jeremy Rushmer
Dr Alistair Blair
Marion Dickson
Claire Riley (until 31st May 2022)

Non-Executive Directors

Alan Richardson (Chair of Foundation Trust until 31st of August 2023)
Paul Ennals (Chair of Foundation Trust from 1st September 2023)
Margaret Rowe (from 4th September 2023)
Martin Knowles (until 31st September 2022)
Moira Davidson
Bernard McCardle
Sir Alan Craft
Andrew Besford
Ruth Connorton
Richard Dale (from 1st August 2022)
Stephen McKinley
Phill Lobb

No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2022/23 (2021/22- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2022/23 (2021/22 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2022/23 (2021/22 - Nil).

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ACCOUNTANTS



Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund
Year ended 31 March 2023

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

Introduction
We set out below a summary of our key findings from our audit, including any important matters that have come to our attention, changes that have been made to your accounts and any system weaknesses that we have noted.

Audit scope
Our audit work has been undertaken for the purpose of forming our opinion on the financial statements of the charity.

Our general audit approach is determined by our assessment of the audit risk, both in terms of the potential misstatement in the financial statements and of the control environment in which the charity operates. To summarise our approach included:

- documenting our understanding of the charity and its environment.
- review the design and implementation of key internal financial control systems.
- plan and perform our audit with professional scepticism recognising that circumstances may exist that cause the financial statements to be materially misstated.

Significant risks will arise on most audits and are often derived from business risks that may result in a material misstatement, relate to unusual transactions that occur infrequently, or judgemental matters where measurement is uncertain. In areas where we identify the potential for significant risk, we performed more audit testing, including detailed substantive work, direct verification of transactions and confirmations from external third parties. Our work in other areas was proportionally less.

We considered the key risks in the financial statements to be:

- Income recognition (always considered a significant risk)
- Management override

Materiality and unadjusted errors
Materiality is the auditor's way of assessing whether or not an error in a set of accounts is significant enough to impact on the view a user of the accounts has of your financial position. Material errors affect the view a user of the accounts would have, whereas immaterial errors make no difference to that view. For this assignment we have used a materiality of **£45,000**. We have also treated any errors we have noted under **£2,250** as trivial and not reported them to you.

Notes and comments
Meeting held via Teams at 11.30am on 19/12/2023. Present NCU, LSI, Sara Noon, Robert Graham, Lynda Bartle

Unadjusted errors
As part of our audit work, we have tested transactions and balances and we have noted the following errors from our audit work: -

Error description	Profit effect More (less) profit £
Understated accrual (late invoices)	(27,829)
Total error value, more (less surplus)	**(27,829)**

Total Potential errors amount to £29,397, which as below, materiality, no adjustment is necessary to the accounts.

Review of the financial statements
Statement of Financial Activities

1. Income: Overall increase in income from £1.2m to £2.3m.

   Income from donations and legacies would be expected to fluctuate on an annual basis. The charity received a significant number of legacies in the year - £1.2m compared to £340k in the prior year. Trading activities increased with the relaxation of the Covid restrictions and income from investments remained consistent.

2. Expenditure: Increase in expenditure from £1.1m to £1.5m.

   The charity incurred increased general running costs in the year, partly due to increased staffing costs following the relaxation of the Covid restrictions. The main expenditure remains the cost of goods sold for the HVS shops, which rose in the year from £650k in 2022 to £792k in 2023. Additional bids were also processed during the year increasing expenditure, especially in relation to patient education and welfare where costs rose from £153k in 2022 to £337k in 2023.

Balance sheet
The balance sheet of the charity remains healthy with £3.4m held in investments and £196k held in cash. There are no liabilities at the year end due to the Trust owing the Charity £15K compared to the prior year where there was a liability of £39k due to the Trust.

Discussed and agreed to not adjust.

Reserves
The free reserves of the charity (those available for use by the trustees) stand at £2.3m (2022: £2.4m). Free reserves are calculated as total reserves less restricted reserves less designated reserves less amount tied up in fixed assets (excluding investments).

Recent Charity Commission guidance has noted that reserves policies within the Trustees report are often not detailed enough in relation to what levels of free reserves a charity holds and why that level of reserves is considered appropriate by the Trustees. The reserves policy is often key to the strategic planning of the charity and should reflect how the Trustees plan to take the charity forward. This policy should be detailed enough to allow stakeholders and potential funders to see how the charity is being managed.

Legacy income
The Charity SORP requires all income to be recognised on entitlement. Legacies should be recognised when existence of a valid will is confirmed, it is probable that funds will be received, and an estimate of the amount can be made. Please confirm the following legacies received in the current year should not be recognised in the 2023 year based on the above.

David Richard Wood	£178,621
William Graham	£52,666

Noted. They were unable to quantify at the year end and therefore no adjustment required

VAT compliance
The VAT status of the charity in relation to the trade via the charity shops should be considered. The charity currently reports on the main Trust's VAT return however as the charity is a separate legal entity and is not under the control of the Trust (ie the Trust cannot use the charity's funds for its own purposes) indicate that it could be required to register for VAT in it's own right.

VAT is a complex area, and we would be happy to look into this in more detail, having advised similar organisations in the past.

Noted and are going to raise this query with their VAT advisors.

Purchase cut off
It was noted during our testing that there was approx. £27,000 of invoices entered into April 23 relating to March 23, which had not been accrued at the year end. We would recommend that post year end invoices are reviewed at the year end and an accrual if necessary, made in order to correctly account for all costs within a financial year.

Noted and will look at this next year end

Shop income
Each shop fills in a daily cash sheet from the Z readings on the till and this is used to post transactions into the system. Till rolls are not kept and are therefore not checked by anyone independent to the shop exposing the charity to increased fraud risk. We would recommend that till rolls are attached and submitted to the finance office with the daily cash sheet to allow for spot checks to be completed.

Restricted income
Under the SORP guidelines restricted income is income given to the charity for a specific purpose as instructed by the donor. In our opinion the shop income should be classified as unrestricted income as it is unlikely that customers of the shops place such restrictions on the income.

Transactions with related parties
As auditors we review transactions with related parties when we become aware of them to ensure that these are at a fair market value and are properly disclosed. Are you aware of any additional disclosure requirements necessary in relation to related party transactions?

Fraud or error
We have not discovered any fraud or error as part of our audit procedures. Have you or any of the trustees or senior management suspected or discovered any fraud or any errors in your accounts?

Going concern
As trustees when you sign off the accounts you are confirming that you consider the charity has sufficient resources to continue to trade as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date the accounts are approved. Are you aware of any issues that may affect the charity's ability to continue as a going concern?

Laws and regulations
Are you aware of any breaches of any of the key laws or regulations that the charity operates in?

Notes and comments

Noted and will look into the best way to introduce this control.

Noted. This was queried at a recent board meeting. There has been an informal agreement with the shop volunteers to spend this money on the sites it was raised but to look at treating these as designated funds rather than restricted funds.

No further transactions to disclose

No fraud or error noted

No issues with going concern

No issues encountered with laws and regulations

Post balance sheet events, capital commitments or contingent liabilities
A post balance sheet event is a significant event that has happened to the charity since the year end, such as a material bad debt or fraud. A capital commitment is a commitment made at the year end to spend a material amount of money on new assets or other agreements. A contingent liability is any uncertainty that may cause the charity to suffer a material cost in the future, such as a legal case. Are there any of these to report?

Compliance with Ethical Standards for auditors
Key to any audit is that our opinion on the accounts is an independent opinion. If there are any matters that we consider a threat to our independence, we are required to point these out to you and set out how we have addressed these threats.

There are no threats identified.

Proposed audit opinion
Subject to any material points noted above being addressed then it is our intention to issue an unqualified or clean audit report.

Notes and comments

No PBSE events to disclose

Final accounts to be presented to the Board on 16/01/2024. Final packs to be with client to circulate ahead of these by 08/01/2024.

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THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021/22

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1. FOREWORD

The Corporate Trustee of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity is pleased to present the Charity's annual report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The charity exists to support and enhance the National Health Services provided by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. These services cover a wide range of NHS treatments including maternity services, general medicine, cancer and chemotherapy, children's services, cardiology, trauma and orthopedics and many more. The charity's aim is always to use donations to enhance the patient experience above and beyond what can be provided solely from mainstream NHS funding.

Trustee Arrangement

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, namely the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Corporate Trustee of the charity acts through the decisions and actions of the executive and non-executive members of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Board. Where statute permits, the Board delegates authority for the review of strategy, activity and compliance to a sub-committee of the Board called the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee, the 'SCFC'.

The Committee aims to meet a minimum of twice per year.

Minutes of the CFSC are presented to and reviewed by the full Trust Board.

Criteria

When applying the income of the Charity, the Corporate Trustee must have regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance, the two key principles of which are that the activities of the charity must;

1) Bring identifiable benefits and it must be clear what these benefits are; and

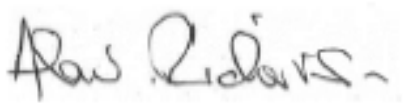
2) The benefits must be to the whole public, or sections of the public.

The Corporate Trustee is satisfied that the charity meets these requirements by improving the standard of medical care and improving the environment in hospitals and health services that are used by the whole of the population of Northumberland and North Tyneside. The Corporate Trustee is satisfied it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit.

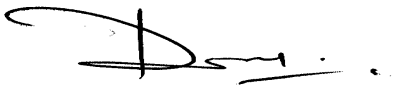
The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with Part VI of the Charities Act 2011 and the second edition of the Charities SORP FRS 102. The Charity's report and accounts include all the separately established funds for which the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the sole beneficiary.

The Corporate Trustee is very grateful to all of the donors who have given so generously to the Charity over the past year. The funds which have been received will make a great difference to patient care in a number of ways, by adding the extra comforts and amenities that are not able to be provided by core NHS funds, the Corporate Trustee would like to say a big thank you to all who have raised funds or donated to the Charity and to all volunteers who have given their time to raise money and provide improved services for our patients.

Approved on behalf of the Corporate Trustee



Professor Alan Richardson – Chair of Corporate Trustee



Paul Dunn – Executive Director of Finance

Dated : 26th January 2023

2. ABOUT BRIGHT NORTHUMBRIA

History

The charity was formed on 18 May 2000 as the "umbrella" charity for Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Funds. Northumbria Healthcare provides health services to the population of Northumberland and North Tyneside. Northumbria Healthcare was formed by the merger of four NHS Trusts, Cheviot and Wansbeck NHS Trust, North Tyneside Healthcare NHS Trust, Northumberland Community NHS Trust and Hexham hospital (formerly part of the Royal Victoria Infirmary NHS Trust). The charities administered by these Trusts were brought under one umbrella to form the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity.

In August 2011 the charity adopted the brand name ''***Bright Northumbria''*** by registration with the Intellectual Property Office. The charity agreed to develop a name that would be best suited for marketing and promotional purposes.

Objectives and activities

The governing documents for the funds consist of a declaration of trust dated 18 May 2000.

The governing document states the charity's principle objective as being:

"… for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service".

More specifically, the charity aims to support charitable initiatives, which would not normally be financed by NHS exchequer funding, to enhance and add additional value to the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the Trust area.

Mission

The mission statement of the charity is as follows;

''The Northumbria Healthcare Charity aims to oversee the appropriate use of charitable funds to ensure that the objectives of the Charity are met to support the continuing development of healthcare services to benefit patients and staff across the trust area of Northumberland and North Tyneside.''

The governing document does not place any specific restrictions on the use of the funds other than that implied by the charity's main object.

The Corporate Trustee has also reflected on how the charity has performed against objectives set for the year including; raising the profile of the charity within the Trust area, monitoring the spending pattern of charitable funds against agreed parameters for spending on patient centred initiatives, medical equipment, hospital environment, staff welfare and education, and medical research and also increasing engagement with local communities through involvement in charitable projects. At the end of the year the level of activity within the spending categories was

found to be in accordance with the parameters agreed by the Corporate Trustee. This had addressed the Corporate Trustee's wishes that spending should not be unduly weighted towards the purchase of medical equipment.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities, and feel that as our objectives benefit the non fee-paying patients of the NHS Foundation Trust, that this therefore meets the public benefit requirements. The Corporate Trustee also considers how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives it has set.

Working Relationships

The charity's principle relationship is with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The charity also works closely with other local charities and voluntary groups in order to co-ordinate fundraising and spending plans.

During the year no member of the Trust Board had any related party transactions with the charity.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust remains indebted to the 140 volunteers from independently registered charities which support the work of the Trust.

Leagues of Friends are active at four of the Trust's hospitals at Berwick, Alnwick, Rothbury and Haltwhistle and provide many generous donations in the form of medical equipment and patient comforts. The Hospital Radio Service operates at Wansbeck General Hospital and North Tyneside General Hospital.

Other groups such as the Total Hip User Group (THUG), INFLAME Arthritis Support, Coping with Cancer Support Group and the Top2Toe therapeutic service for cancer patients regularly contribute their time and efforts to raise funds to benefit patients in their areas of interest. The special volunteer groups are made up of many former patients who have experienced treatment for a particular health problem. They offer peer to peer support, providing information from personal experiences and also answering key questions, so that new patients feel supported as they navigate hospital processes.

3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements in the Year

The Corporate Trustee is mindful that charitable funds are to be used for public benefit to enhance patient care. Each year consideration is given to key areas for development and all initiatives or new projects must fall within the areas for investment agreed by the charity Trustees, namely:

Patient welfare – to provide additional comforts to enhance the patient experience.

Medical equipment – to ensure that our patients have access to the latest technology and that additional equipment is made available to improve the patient experience and support members of staff who are delivering their care.

Patient environment –to deliver a high-quality healing arts programme in collaboration with patients, staff, volunteers and the local community, to improve the hospital environment. To use the arts to develop and deliver high quality interior design projects for areas of special need and sensitivity that help to support the needs of patients and their relatives. To work with architects and designers to integrate the arts to enhance patient and staff experience

Staff education – to support professional development of members of staff and allow access to training that would not normally be funded through standard funding streams.

Research – to support a continuous programme of research, which aims to improve treatment for thousands of patients across the NHS. To promote innovation and service improvement through providing a platform for staff to share ideas.

Coming out of the coronavirus pandemic

Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, the charity responded by developing a number of initiatives to support our patients and staff. This included the provision of web cams for use in the libraries and education centres, to create additional work stations across all Trust sites, enabling staff to participate in essential virtual meetings.

The charity also provided tablet computers to the patient experience team, to enable patients to make video calls to their loved ones at a time when visiting was greatly reduced, combating loneliness and isolation.

Donated items from companies and individuals, continued to be distributed to our 10 hospitals and major community sites for onward delivery to 11,000 staff. Many of our COVID volunteers, who had joined us during furlough, delivered to remote community locations in far flung areas of the trust ensuring that all staff could benefit from the huge generosity of our community. When furlough ended in September 2021, most of the specially recruited COVID volunteers returned to their place of work. However, a small number continued to volunteer.

Charity grants

Although it was not possible to hold in-person meetings of the site Charity Development Groups to discuss and award grants, it was possible to process a number of applications submitted by staff groups through the year. This included: grants for provision of specialist training equipment, tablets for use by nurses visiting patients in the community, a number of specialist chairs to support our stroke patients and elderly patients on the wards, uplifting reading books in all of our libraries for staff to enjoy, refurbishment of relative's rooms and artwork to enhance the hospital environment.

In addition, the Charity Board approved grants of £446,000 to support a number of patient-centred initiatives.

The charity continued to develop new projects with the Health and Wellbeing team, with a focus on the patient environment and staff wellbeing.

NHS Charities Together grants

In addition to the donations, the charity received grants from NHS Charities Together to enable the charity to respond quickly to support staff and patients. This helped in a number of ways.

The charity worked with local disability groups to provide support at a time when small community-based charities were struggling. This included funding for the establishment of a toy and sensory equipment library for the Tanga Club based in Hexham, which is a fully inclusive youth/social club for children of all abilities. Funding was also provided to Headway Arts in Blyth to create a mindfulness storytelling garden for their Stars! Learning Disability Theatre company. In North Northumberland the charity worked with Bell View Centre to establish a wheel chair loan service. The wheel chair loans enabled individuals with mobility issues, and who had been housebound, to meet people outside.

The charity also created opportunities to work alongside members of the BAME external community as well as the trust's BAME support group. Favourite recipes from oversees staff were collected to develop a cook book. This included stories, from those who contributed, about why the recipe is special to them. The cook book was made available online and in paper form. The online link was shared with NHS Charities Together to circulate to all of their member NHS trusts. A limited number of the cook books were printed and distributed to all staff at Christmas.





Some of the recipes have also been used by the trust's catering department to add a more international feel to the menu.

The charity also worked with Barefoot, a local BAME community group supporting more than 150 refugee families, to develop training and resources focused on the different traditions and ceremonies around death and dying representative of the cultures present in our area. This has enabled our staff to engage constructively with bereaved families from different cultures.

Consultation with the trust's staff BAME group also led to the development of a screen saver and recruitment pop up, displaying the flags of more than 90 countries where our staff have heritage.

Healing arts

Much of the planned programme for the arts continued to be on hold due to the pandemic, as access to many areas within the hospital was restricted.
However, as part of a wellbeing programme for staff, the charity funded online photography masterclasses where staff could learn from an award-winning professional photographer, helping many develop a new hobby.

Berwick Hospital hoardings







The hoardings around the construction site of the new Berwick Hospital featured photographs of iconic images of Berwick from a regional photography competition organized by the charity, and were replaced by a new graffiti inspired exhibition from Berwick Academy which the students worked on during lockdown. Students from the Academy are members of the hospital's Art Steering Group.

Environment

During the pandemic there was an increase in demand across all services for the refurbishment of tired day rooms and staff rooms across trust sites to create a welcoming, homely space for staff to rest and recuperate. The charity undertook extensive consultation with staff groups to develop three standardised colour templates that could provide choice for wards and departments. Additional furniture, artwork and accessories could be selected by individual wards and departments to customise the design to their liking. The spaces have been very well used and feedback from staff has indicated that the much-improved environment has been very beneficial, helping them to relax from the stress of the clinical environment in comfortable surroundings.

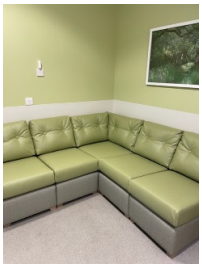
Mortuary Refurbishment

It can be very difficult for families to visit hospitals to view their loved ones, as the sterility of the mortuary environment can be overwhelming and cause additional distress.

We consulted with staff and families to develop a more welcoming space and the new facilities are much appreciated by the families who visit.

Before **After**






Expressing rooms

The charity was approached by maternity services to develop expressing rooms across the trust to enable new mothers, who were members of staff returning to work, a chance to continue with breastfeeding by giving them a space that offers comfort and dignity. The facility is promoted to staff as part of their return to work conversation with their line manager and each member of staff is provided with a Bright charity cooler bag. Each room has a recliner chair that has been designed to provide comfortable support to the mother during expressing.



Two previous charity environment projects were shortlisted at the Building Better Healthcare Awards. The re-development of the volunteer-run shop at North Tyneside General Hospital (Harry's café) and the ICU relatives' room at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital were nominated for Best Interior Design project (Refurbishment) with the relative's room being awarded 2021 winner.

The judges said: "This makes a huge amount of difference. It has been brilliantly done with thorough consultation and they have really understood the importance of these spaces to people.''

Fundraising

The Great North Run made a comeback in 2021 for its 40th birthday. The Bright charity teamed up with the Teardrop Support Group and Positively Pink to provide places for more than 100 runners.



Bright was also the official charity partner for the 2021 Kielder marathon challenge events which took place over the weekend of 2-3 October. The charity joined forces with the trust to offer 93 places free of charge to staff to support health and wellbeing. Each participant received a free Bright t-shirt and had the option to fundraise for Bright.

Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir performance at remembrance event



For the second year, the charity organised a staff remembrance virtual event at the end of 2021.

The Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir were not able to give a live performance to staff due to ongoing COVID restrictions.

However, their uplifting performance at St Paul's church, Willington Quay was filmed and used for the online event.

Partnership working

Wag & Co

During the pandemic, our partnership with Wag & Co, the dog befriending charity was limited due to social distancing. However, the charity adapted to the restrictions to visit their clients and go for walks together outside. This brought great comfort to many elderly people who had little social interaction.

The programme will be able to be offered, once again, on the wards to patients and to staff groups for their health & wellbeing, once restrictions are lifted.

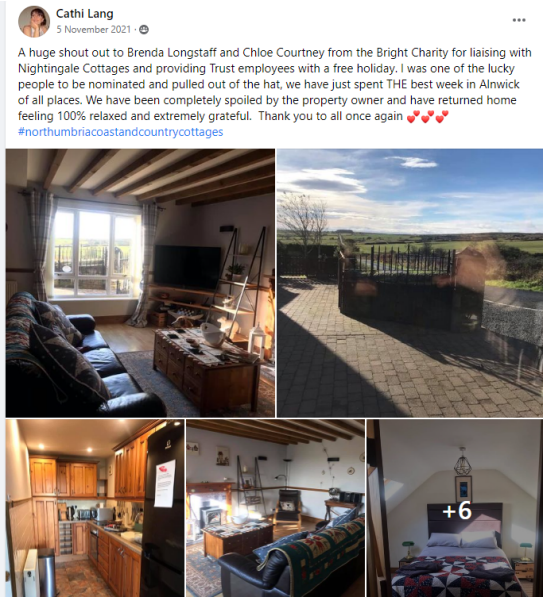
Charlotte Tilbury

Following the success of the initial Breakfast at Tilbury events in 2020, the charity has been working with the Tilbury's team at the Fenwick's store in Newcastle, to deliver more events. Event places are allocated through a prize draw with 240 staff attending each year for breakfast and beauty talks.



Nightingale Cottages

During the year the trust collaborated with local cottage owners Gillian Baker-Cresswell and Nikki Brierley, Director of Northumbria Coast and Country Cottages, to develop Nightingale Cottages, an initiative to provide respite breaks for NHS staff in beautiful Northumbrian cottages donated by local owners. More than 50 breaks were enjoyed by staff and their families. Hundreds of staff were nominated by colleagues to be entered in a draw for one of the breaks.



Newcastle Eagles

Following a successful pilot in 2013 the charity has continued to work with the Newcastle Eagles basketball team to communicate important health messages to schoolchildren through their highly successful Hoops for Health programme, which operates in 20 schools across the trust area and has a reach of 1500 children.

As it was not possible to deliver the programme in person at schools during 2021, delivery changed to online interaction with schools, who were able to facilitate.

A number of new initiatives were developed to use the skills of the trainers in a different way to support our local health community.

Singing for memories

Working with local care homes, and with the help of a singing tutor, trainers held a number of singing events, encouraging participants to learn songs over the course of a number of weeks via online sessions. Participants were encouraged to discuss memories after each song.
At the end of the programme, a local school linked with the care homes live via an online session. Both the care home and school sang together and enjoyed an afternoon of socializing.

Stroller club

It was particularly difficult during the pandemic for new mothers to be able to socialize and make new friends. Eagles trainers developed a “motherhood sisterhood” session in Berwick, offering guided outdoor walks with mothers and babies in their strollers. This enabled friendships to be formed whilst also providing exercise, support and fun.

D/deaf Awareness

With funding from NHS Charities Together, Bright worked with local author and health advocate Jo Milne to produce an educational film for NHS staff about Usher syndrome, a rare genetic disease that affects both hearing and vision.

The film was launched in November 2021 at the Grand Hotel in Gosforth and global superstar Merrill Osmond (of The Osmonds) agreed to support the launch. The event was attended by the BBC and ITV which raised awareness of Usher syndrome across the region.



Sign classes

The trust’s dedicated D/Deaf Awareness Officer was unable to provide face to face training due to the pandemic and many pre-booked staff classes had to be cancelled. However, a limited number of bespoke sign classes were allowed to proceed to provide essential training for emergency staff, critical care staff, health trainers and receptionists. Throughout the pandemic

D/deaf patients experienced significant communications difficulties due to the wearing of face masks and the inability to lip read.

Usher syndrome awareness day on 2nd March 2022

The Northumbria Trust was the first NHS trust to support Usher syndrome awareness day. This provided an opportunity to further raise awareness of the needs of patients with hearing and / or sight loss to improve the patient experience.

School uniform appeal

During COVID the charity opened new lines of communication with Northumberland County Council to establish links to communities in need. Since then the charity has organised an appeal across all trust sites for pre-loved school clothing to be provided for distribution to families in need.

The Bright charity has also arranged for the recycling of used furniture within the trust that otherwise may be disposed of through the council's wide network of community enterprises that would welcome office furniture and all types of cupboards and seating.

Volunteering

All profits from the volunteer-run shops at our hospitals are used to benefit the hospital where they are sited. During the pandemic, when restrictions continued for public access, the shops had less footfall than normal. However, the service continued to be offered to provide support to staff and patient's families.

The volunteering service actively sourced new products from local suppliers for the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) shops to offer support to local businesses.

Overall volunteer numbers had reduced during the pandemic as many of the volunteers and volunteer roles had been stood down. It is hoped that many will return to their roles when restrictions are lifted.

All of our volunteers, both current and furloughed were offered a vaccination via our staff hubs. Our volunteers also continued to volunteer at the vaccination hubs to facilitate the process.

A new meet and greet role was introduced in the Outpatient Department, and between February and March 2022, five volunteers delivered 120 hours of volunteering and assisted over 3000 patients.

International Philanthropic Programme

Although project visits to our partner hospital Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in northern Tanzania were suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, our pharmacy volunteers were able to continue working with them via zoom on a major international project to raise awareness around Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), with funding from the Fleming Fund and Commonwealth Partnership on Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS). The project also included four additional hospitals across Tanzania.

The project began in October 2021 and focused on three key areas – introduction of GPPS surveillance to gather information about the use of antibiotics on the wards, improving knowledge and skills around Antimicrobial Surveillance and developing clinical pharmacy

services in Tanzania. The widespread geography and populations covered by partner institutions meant that the project could be delivered nationwide, bringing important health system changes to the country.



4. FUTURE PLANS

Future plans

The charity will be working to support the development of a number of staff health and wellbeing hubs at our hospitals. As part of this process, staff will be involved in the development of arts exhibitions and encouraged to participate in creative activities.

As the development of the new Berwick Hospital continues, the charity will work with staff and the local community to deliver the hospital's arts strategy.

The charity agreed dedicated funding to support research projects by nurses and Allied Health Professionals. A Bright Ideas forum would be created to facilitate this

Plans are underway to create memorial gardens at all hospital sites to provide a place for reflection for staff following the hardship endured during the pandemic. A number of locations have been approved to develop the gardens.

Further staff health and wellbeing initiatives are under development.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

A full set of accounts for the financial year 2021/22 are included within this report. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been audited by KPMG LLP, who have opined that the accounts represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity.

General Financial Review

The year under review saw an increase in resources of £290,000. This represented an excess of income over expenditure of £71,000. Charitable income decreased significantly compared with the previous year due to a reduction in public donations received in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This fall in charitable income was partly offset by an increase in the charity's investment value by £219,000. Total net funds therefore are £4,097,000 at 31 March 2022.

The fund reserves represent approximately four and a half years non-committed expenditure. The Corporate Trustee aims to reduce reserves to approximately one and a half years' non-committed expenditure (see policy on reserves in section 6).

Strategic Development

A key part of the charity's strategy is to increase the levels of donated income by improving publicity in order to attract donations and also by organising more fundraising events. Alongside seeking to increase income levels, the Corporate Trustee is also encouraging the more timely application of donations and legacies received, in order to reduce the levels of reserves. The Corporate Trustee will however ensure that all income is applied in a measured and appropriate way.

The Corporate Trustee has set parameters within which it intends to keep charitable spending.

These parameters are:

Medical Equipment	10-25%
Environment Improvement	10-20%
Patient Education and welfare	20-30%
Staff Education and Welfare	5-15%
Research	5-15%
Health Inequalities/Public Health	10%
Corporate Social Responsibility	5%

Finally, the Corporate Trustee aims to reduce the number of individual funds by encouraging collaboration between similar services on different sites thereby increasing the potential for larger financial investments.

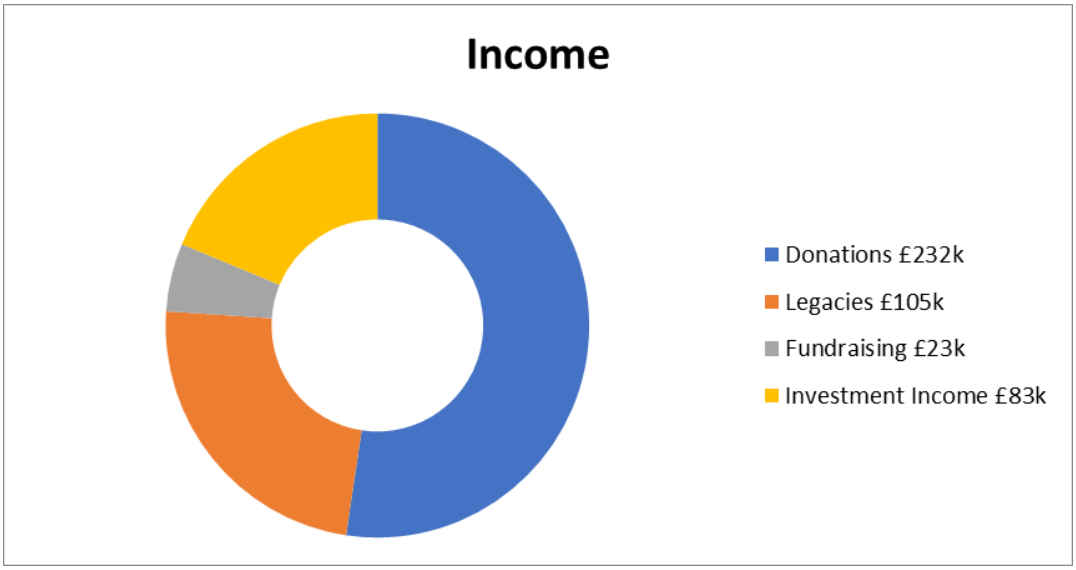
Income (excluding NVS sales)

Income for the year was £443,000. This compares with £932,000 for the previous year. Legacy income by its nature is variable. Donated income in the year is at a lower level than has been received in previous years with the exception of 2020/21. The actual income amounts were:

Income Source	2021/22	2020/21
Donations	£232,000	£615,000
Legacies	£105,000	£224,000
Investment income	£83,000	£60,000
Fundraising	£23,000	£33,000
Total	**£443,000**	**£932,000**

In 2020/21 donated income includes the £392,000 Bright received from national Covid-19 appeals co-ordinated by NHS Charities Together, which includes money donated to the Captain Tom appeal.

The Corporate Trustee is extremely grateful to all donors for their contributions no matter how large or small.



NVS Shops Profits

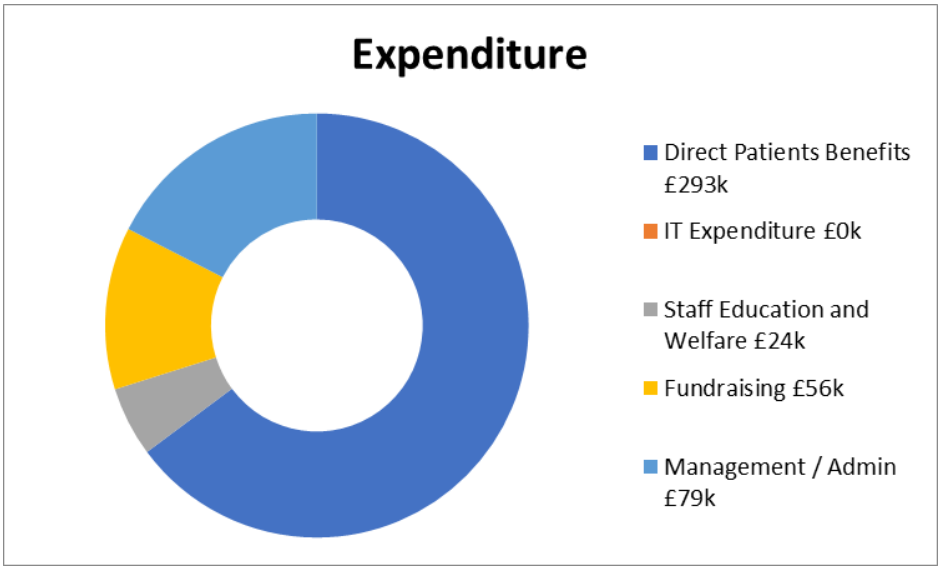
In addition to the donated income reported above in previous years a significant source of income for the charity are sales from the shops at North Tyneside Hospital, Wansbeck Hospital, Hexham Hospital, Northumbria Emergency Care Hospital and Blyth Hospital. These shops are run by volunteers and provide the essentials that patients and visitors, as well as staff, require when in hospital.

During the year the shops generated sales of £730,000 against costs of £650,000 resulting in a surplus of £80,000. The reporting year saw a return to profit for the shops as hospital activity for both staff, patients and visitors returned to something like pre-pandemic levels. These profits will be re-invested in equipment and services in the hospitals to provide an enhanced patient experience. The Corporate Trustee is prepared to adapt the NVS shops to changing times in order to ensure they continue to provide a valuable service to patients, visitors and staff on hospital sites.

Expenditure (excluding purchases for the NVS shops)

Expenditure for the year was £452,000 (previous year £431,000) which consisted of:

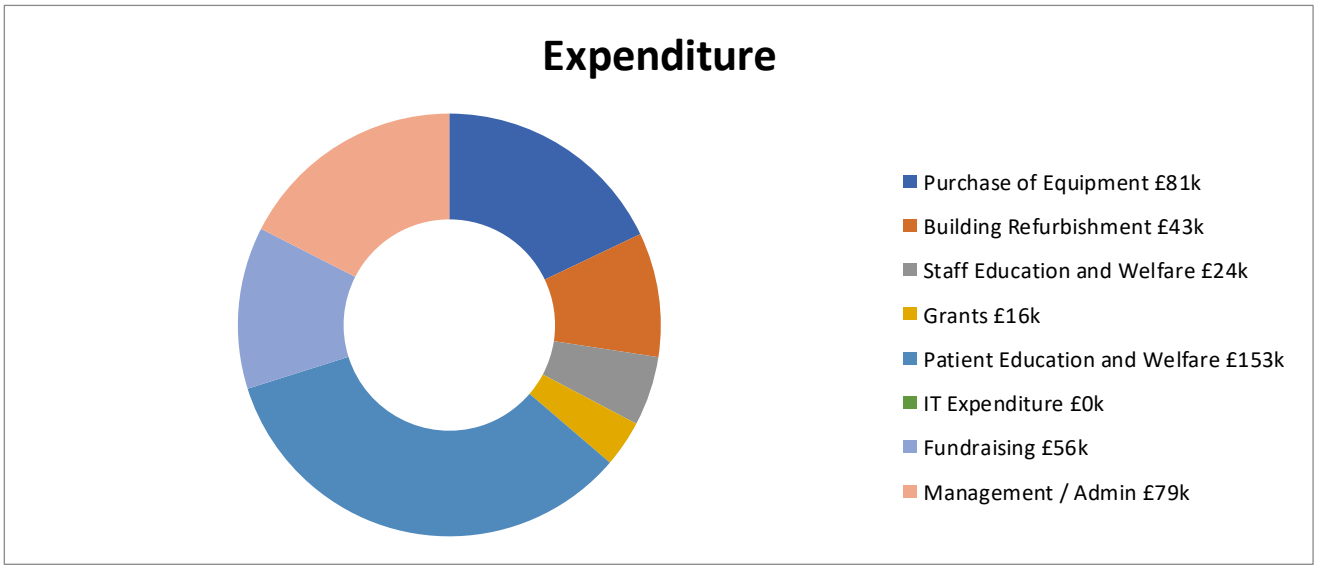
Expenditure Type	2021/22	2020/21
Patient related expenditure	£293,000	£284,000
Staff related expenditure	£24,000	£21,000
IT Expenditure	£0	£0
Management and administration	£79,000	£86,000
Fundraising costs	£56,000	£40,000
Total	**£452,000**	**£431,000**



Expenditure by Type

Total expenditure fell into the following categories:

Expenditure Category	2021/22	2020/21
Purchase of equipment	£81,000	£124,000
Building refurbishment	£43,000	£15,000
Staff education and welfare	£24,000	£21,000
Patient education and welfare	£153,000	£107,000
IT equipment	£0	£0
Grants to other charities	£16,000	£38,000
Management / admin costs	£79,000	£86,000
Fundraising	£56,000	£40,000
Total	**£452,000**	**£431,000**



The Corporate Trustee is expecting to see an increase in charitable expenditure coming years as NHS staff, post pandemic, are able to focus on enhancing services which is the normal driver behind the charitable expenditure.

Monitoring of Performance

The Corporate Trustee does not set detailed budgets for the charity's activities except occasionally in the case of specific projects. Instead, responsibility for managing the individual funds as referred to in section 7 Governance, is delegated to the managers of each fund. Upon request managers of funds are required to submit annual fundraising and spending plans for review by the Charitable Funds Committee.

The Charitable Funds Committee regularly monitors fund balances to ensure that funds do not go into deficit, or if they do, to ensure that funds are brought back into surplus as soon as possible. In addition. the Charitable Funds Committee monitors the funds that are available for Charity Development Groups to expend and arrange for the timely deployment of these funds.

Review of Investments and Deposits

At 31 March 2022, the charity had £3,610,000 (market value) which was invested for long term growth and on short term deposits.

All of this £3,610,000 was held in multi asset-based investments the capital value of which can fluctuate;

Investment Type	Book Cost	Market Value	Cumulative Unrealised Gain
Long Term multi asset-based	£2,899,000	£3,610,000	£711,000
Total	**£2,899,000**	**£3,610,000**	**£711,000**

Long term multi asset investments are units owned in common investment funds which are managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. The CCLA is wholly owned by a number of charities and deals exclusively with the investment of charity money. One of the charities that jointly owns CCLA Ltd is COIF Charity Funds. The common investment funds which the Northumbria charity has invested in are managed by COIF Charity Funds.

The Charitable Funds Committee meets annually with a representative from COIF to discuss the general investment climate and outlook, and reviews the charity's investments accordingly.

These investment funds have the aim of producing long term capital growth coupled with a steady level of income by having a widely diversified portfolio, investing only in established companies with strong balance sheets and with dividends covered by profits. The CFSC makes use of benchmarking information when reviewing its investment portfolio.

The Corporate Trustee has carefully considered investment options and is satisfied that risks involved in investing in COIF funds are satisfactorily spread and are minimized whilst leaving the opportunity for future growth. They will not overreact to any adverse market movements as the investments are held for long term growth.

In addition, £381,000 is held in deposit accounts with variable interest rates;

Investment Type	Book Cost	Market Value	Unrealised Gain /(Loss)
Instant access	£81,000	£81,000	-
Total	**£81,000**	**£81,000**	-

Full details of the movements in investments and deposit accounts are given in Appendix B.

Investment Income

During the year, investments yielded a total of £83,000 in interest (2020/21 - £60,000). The average investment yield during the year was 2.69% (2020/21 - 2.61%).

Ethical Investment fund	-	2.90%	(2020/21 – 2.78%)
Global Equity Fund	-	2.56%	(2020/21 – 3.08%)
Deposit fund COIF	-	0.51%	(2020/21 – 0.01%)

6. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Risk Management / Exposure to Risks

The Corporate Trustee has identified the major risks to the charity which can be summarised as:

1. That the charity is not operating within its objects as defined in the charity's governing document.

2. That accounting transactions are inappropriately or inadequately reported.

3. Expenditure is inappropriately high resulting in a faster depletion of funds than approved by the Corporate Trustee.

4. That expenditure is inappropriately low resulting in lost opportunities for charitable funds.

5. Investments are not properly safeguarded, resulting in loss of funds.

The Corporate Trustee has established systems to ensure that these risks are kept at a minimum. Namely:

1. A Charitable Funds Strategic Committee which reviews policy, financial activity and investment performance. The members of the committee are all Executive and Non-executive directors of the Trust.

2. The existence and compliance with Standing Financial Instructions.

3. An adequately qualified and resourced finance function

4. The establishment of internal financial control systems which are reviewed annually by an Internal Audit department.

5. Reporting and review of audit findings to an Audit Committee.

6. Annual audit of systems and accounts by external auditors.

Policy on Reserves

''The Corporate Trustee considers that in the medium term it should be the aim that reserves should be not less than 12 month's non-committed expenditure and not greater than 18 month's non-committed expenditure. This would currently equate to reserves of approximately £800,000 to £1,200,000. ''

The Corporate Trustee reviewed the reserves policy in March 2022 and considers that this level of reserves is consistent with applying income on a measured, planned and co-ordinated basis. The level of reserves is reported to the charitable funds committee on twice annual basis.

The current levels of reserves represent approximately four and a half years non- committed expenditure (based on the last three years expenditure). The effects of the pandemic, however,

have contributed to the increase in reserve levels. Charitable expenditure was unusually low in the reporting year, as it was in the previous year, principally due to NHS staff being fully occupied with the pandemic and therefore not able to work on initiatives and developments that would result in charitable expenditure. The charity therefore expects to see an increase in charity expenditure as the NHS comes out of the pandemic and the country returns to normal. The expectation therefore is that reserve levels will reduce from the current level of £2,100,000 to level much nearer to the range of £800,000 to £1,200,000.

Appropriate action to establish or maintain reserves at the required level will be decided upon by the committee. The Head of the Bright Northumbria charity conducts an annual review of the spending strategies of individual funds in order to monitor and ensure these funds fit in with overall reserves policy.

Total current reserves levels are £4,097,000; however, of this, approximately £1,285,000 is ***committed to future projects*** and £711,000 results from unrealized investment gains meaning that non-committed reserves are approximately £2,101,000 which is in excess of the medium-term target level. The most significant reserve item is £302,000 which is reserved for the redevelopment of Berwick Hospital which is expected to be completed in 2023/4.

The Corporate Trustee is comfortable with this level of reserves but is actively working with managers of funds that have been unspent for a number of years to apply the money to the furtherance of the charity's aims.

The policy on reserves was formally adopted by the Charitable Funds Committee in June 2017 and was reviewed 2021 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statement of Policy on Investments

The policy which the charity operated during 2021/22 was established in July 2013 and last reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2022.

The main objectives of the investments are;

- To achieve sufficient income to cover the administrative costs of the charity
- Retain the majority of investments in liquid deposit funds
- Only use deposit funds with institutions with a AAA or equivalent short-term risk rating
- Use funds not held on deposit to achieve medium to long term capital growth whilst minimizing risks

For deposit funds the following funds are authorised;

- COIF Deposit Fund
- The Charity Aid Foundation Bank (CAF)
- Yorkshire Bank
- Nat West Bank Plc
- Lloyds Bank Plc
- The Government Banking Service (GBS)

The Corporate Trustee is satisfied with COIF's approach to ethical investments which is to avoid investment in companies whose main business is gambling, tobacco and armaments, where this is 50% or more of turnover. In addition, COIF applies routine informed shareholder voting to

reflect best corporate governance practice and to ensure acceptable policies are followed, for example in the area of human rights.

Investments are made in accordance with the powers conferred upon the Corporate Trustee by the Trustees Investment Act 2000.

In addition to financial investments the Corporate Trustee will consider Programme Related Investments (PRI). PRI uses charitable resources to finance charitable and other organisations in a way that is:

- wholly in furtherance of the charity's stated aims
- for public rather than private benefit
- expected to produce some financial return for the charity (but this is not the main reason for doing so)

PRI differs from grant making because a grant is made to further the charity's aims with no expectation of a financial return.

PRI can take form of;

- Loans
- Equity investments
- Revenue participation – the charity gets a financial return based on revenue/profits made by an organisation in return for providing capital for a particular initiative.
- Outcome based finance. A social bond typically between a public sector body and investor where the former commits to pay the latter for producing improved social outcomes.

When making PRI the Corporate Trustee will act in the best interests of charity and ensure that

- Their charity funds are only being used to further its stated aims
- Any private benefit arising from the investment is necessary, reasonable and in the interests of the charity.

7. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Corporate Trustee fulfills its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund and, by designating funds, the Corporate Trustee respects the wishes of our generous donors to benefit patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients, carers and staff.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Fund. The Committee is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources;
- Provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income;
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations; and,
- Keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the charity.

In order to ensure the committee always acts in the interests of the charity rather than the NHS corporate body, representatives of both staff and public governors are co-opted onto the committee in a non-voting capacity to observe and to contribute to the decision-making process.

All members of the Trust Board receive information about the charity, including minutes of the Charitable Funds Strategic Committee, annual report and accounts and the Charity Commission guidance ''The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do''. The Chairman of the CFSC gives new members of the Trust Board a briefing on the current policies and priorities for the charitable funds. In addition, training and guidance from finance staff, internal audit officers, investment advisors and legal advisors is provided to members of the Trust Board.

So far as members of the Trust Board are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps they ought to have taken as a member of the Board in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of the information.

Organisational Structure

The main Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity, registered Charity Number 1083122, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on 18 May 2000. The charity is constituted of approximately 232 individual funds (2020/21: 225) as at 31 March 2022 and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds held and disclose separately all material funds.

Operating below the Charitable Funds Committee are nine Charity Development Groups (CDGs) dividing the Trust's area into six geographical areas plus a group for research funds, a group for Trust wide charitable initiatives managed by the CFSC and a group for Community based initiatives.

There is a central budget for administration (including finance, publicity and audit costs) which is funded from investment income.

CDGs have funds allocated from reserves and from any unrestricted donations, fundraising proceeds and legacies that are received. Any member of staff is invited to bid for funds to finance equipment or projects which meet the objects of the charity. CDGs are an open forum with all staff and other interested parties e.g. voluntary groups, invited to attend and contribute. Each group meeting is chaired by a non-executive director. After discussion, funds are allocated to bids on a consensus basis.
For day to day operational and management purposes the charity is further divided into some 219 funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of accounts held and disclose separately all material funds. These are managed by Trust officers such as Heads of Service and Ward Managers who have delegated authority to apply the funds within the objects of the charity.

An organisation chart is given in Appendix A.

Since its inception, the Bright Northumbria name has been used on the charity's website and on all promotional materials. The name has been successfully adopted to promote the charity's work in definitive areas such as the arts (Bright healing arts) and international philanthropic partnerships (Bright international). In 2016 the charity launched Bright Communities to provide a focus for the general public to donate in support of all community services.

Charitable funds received by the charity are accepted, held and administered, as funds and property held on Trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and these funds are held on Trust by the corporate body.

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship lie with the corporate body. However, that body must act through individual persons in order to express its will. The individuals who are responsible for expressing the will of the Corporate Trustee are the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board i.e. the Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust.

During the year these directors were;

Non-Executive Directors:

- Professor Alan Richardson (Chairman of the Trust)
- Sir Alan Craft - Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
- Mr Martin Knowles
- Mr Malcolm Page (until 10th January 2022)
- Mrs Moira Davidson
- Mr Bernard McCardle
- Mr Andrew Besford

- Ruth Connorton
- Professor Roger Barton (until 31st May 2021)
- Mr Stephen McKinley (from 7th February 2022)
- Mr Phill Lobb (from 21st February 2022)

Executive Directors:

- Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive
- Mr. Paul Dunn, Executive Director of Finance
- Mrs. Birju Bartolli, Executive Director of Performance and Governance
- Mrs. Ann Stringer, Executive Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development
- Mrs Daljit Lally, Executive Director of Community Services (until 14th May 2021)
- Mr Jeremy Rushmer, Joint Medical Director
- Mrs Marion Dickson, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery & AHPs
- Dr Alistair Blair, Joint Medical Director
- Mrs Claire Riley Executive Director of Communications

All appointments to the Trust Board are made in accordance with the policy and procedures laid down in the NHS Code of Corporate Governance.

The Secretary of State for Health, in line with statutory requirements, approved the Chairman's appointment, and a panel comprising the minimum statutory members, including the Chairman, and an expert independent assessor, made the Chief Executive's appointment.

All other executive and non-executive appointments to the Trust Board were made following external advertisement and robust and transparent selection procedures.

The Charity receives a finance and administration service from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The arrangement provides finance, supplies and procurement, computer services, communications and fundraising services to the charity. The Trust charges the charity an annual fee for these services. Key personnel in the provision of this service are:

Mr. Michael Blackburn, Charity Accountant, provided advice to the Board regarding the management of the Charity's investments and, under delegated authority from the Corporate Trustee, has day to day responsibility for the financial management of the charity.
Ms Brenda Longstaff, Head of Bright Northumbria Charity, has responsibility for the strategic development of the charity, including links to the commercial sector and engagement with the local community.

Mr Blackburn and Ms Longstaff are employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department located at Northumbria House, Unit 7/8 Silver Fox Way, Cobalt Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE27 0QJ.

In order to safeguard the assets of the charity and ensure income is applied appropriately, the Corporate Trustee requires charitable funds procedures to comply with the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions and Schemes of Delegation.

Financial services are provided for the charity by the Finance Department of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. This allows the charity to benefit from the expertise and resources of the department and keeps costs to a minimum. In addition, services such as internal audit and procurement are also provided. As part of the annual audit plan, charitable funds are audited by the Trust's internal auditors. The Charity's accounts are also audited each year by the external auditors, KPMG LLP who also audit the Trust accounts.

8. REFERENCE AND ADMIN DETAILS

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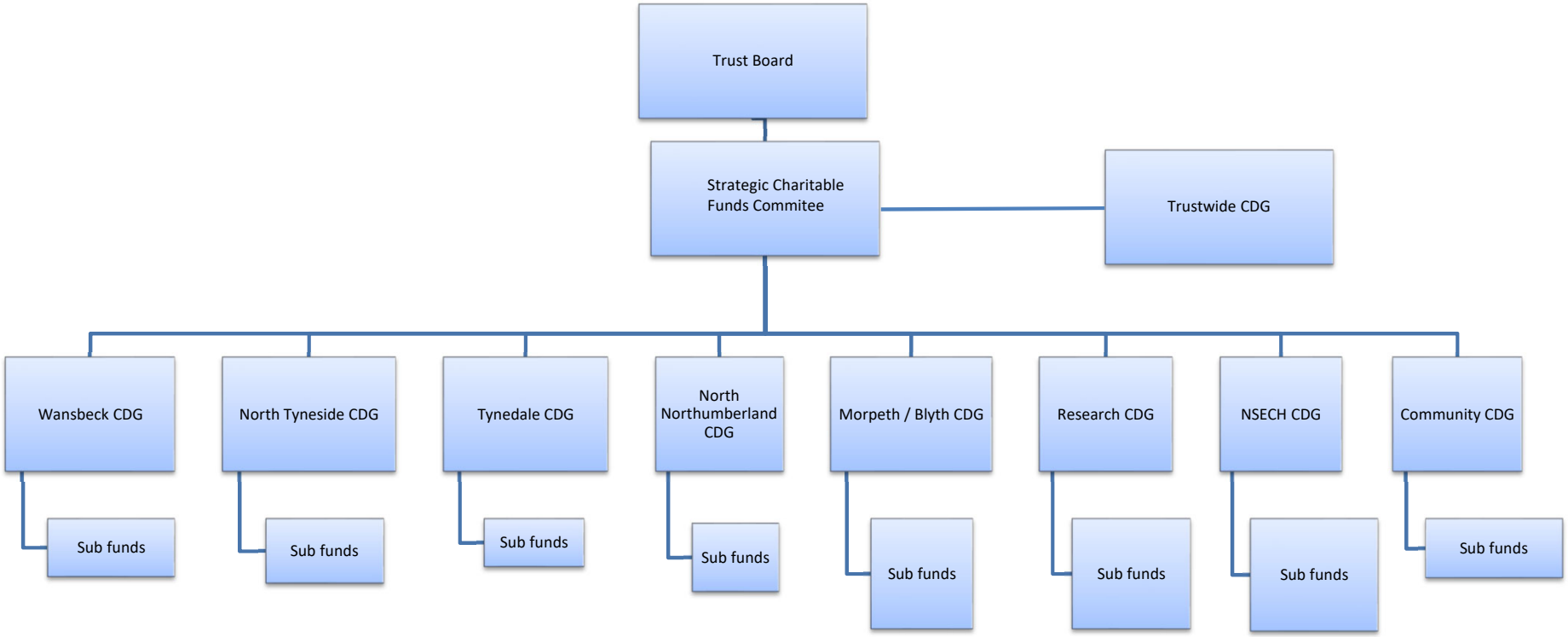
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APPENDIX A


Trust Board
Strategic Charitable Funds Commitee
Trustwide CDG
Wansbeck CDG
North Tyneside CDG
Tynedale CDG
North Northumberland CDG
Morpeth / Blyth CDG
Research CDG
NSECH CDG
Community CDG
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	Ethical Investment Fund COIF	Global Fund COIF	Total
Opening Balances	£'s	£'s	£'s
Book Cost 31/3/2021	1,098,588	1,100,000	2,198,588
Unrealized Gains b/f	45,722	446,439	492,161
Market Value 31/3/2021	**1,144,310**	**1,546,439**	**2,690,749**
Movements in Year			
Purchase Book Cost	500,000	200,000	700,000
b/f Gains realised	45,722	446,439	492,161
Unrealized Gains	90,490	128,497	1,192,161
Closing Balances			
Book Cost 31/3/2022	1,598,588	1,300,000	2,898,588
Total Unrealized Gains c/f	136,212	574,936	711,148
Market Value 31/3/2022	**1,734,800**	**1,874,936**	**3,609,736**

	Deposit Fund COIF	Deposit Fund Building Society	Total
Opening Balances	£'s	£'s	£'s
Book Cost 31/3/2021	350,000	31,192	381,192
Additions		0	0
Withdrawals	(300,000)	0	(300,000)
Market Value 31/3/2022	**50,000**	**31,192**	**81,192**

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed [and rules], subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The corporate trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2021-22

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Signed ……on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated……26th January 2023……..

Independent auditor's report to the Corporate Trustee of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the charity in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Charitie's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the trustees' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Charitie's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Charitie's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the trustees' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charitie's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Charity will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included.

- Enquiring of directors and inspection of policy documentation as to the Group's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, including the internal audit function, and the Group's channel for "whistleblowing", as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls and the risk of fraudulent revenue recognition, in particular the risk that revenue is recorded in the wrong period.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- We agreed a sample of transactions around year end to supporting documentation to test that revenue had been recorded in the correct period.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

The Charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related charities legislation), and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Whilst the Charity is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in

the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the Trustees' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. We are required to report to you if:

- based solely on that work, we have identified material misstatements in the other information; or
- in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Charities Act 2011 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Trustees' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page (i), the trustees are responsible for: the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities .

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Clare Partridge (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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2 February 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	214	123	**337**	839
Charitable activities	3	23	730	**753**	418
Investment income	4	48	35	**83**	60
Total incoming resources		285	888	**1,173**	1,317

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	56	0	**56**	40
Charitable activities	6	156	890	**1,046**	855
Total resources expended		212	890	**1,102**	895
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	127	92	**219**	381
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		127	92	**219**	381
Net incoming resources		200	90	**290**	803
Gross transfer between funds		(23)	23	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		177	113	**290**	803
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2021		2,185	1,622	**3,807**	3,004
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2022		2,362	1,735	**4,097**	3,807

The notes at pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	2,081	1,529	**3,610**	1,548	1,143	2,691
Total fixed assets		2,081	1,529	**3,610**	1,548	1,143	2,691
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	16	11	**27**	65	49	114
Short term investments and deposits	11	47	34	**81**	221	160	381
Cash at bank and in hand		241	177	**418**	351	270	621
Total current assets		304	222	**526**	637	479	1,116
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	23	16	**39**	0	0	0
Net current assets		**281**	**206**	**487**	650	466	1,116
Total net assets		2,362	1,735	**4,097**	2,185	1,622	3,807

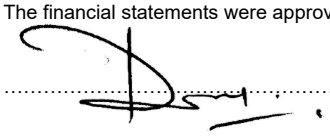
Funds of the charity

Income Funds

Unrestricted	12	2,362	0	**2,362**	2,155	0	2,155
Restricted	12	0	1,735	**1,735**	0	1,622	1,622
Total funds of the charity		2,362	1,735	**4,097**	2,198	1,609	3,807

The notes at pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 26th of January 2023 and signed by:



…… on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

……26th January 2023..... Date

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting

The accounts (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) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and

- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;

- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and

- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support.

e) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.
Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	173	41	**214**	602
Corporate Donations	18	0	**18**	13
Legacies	23	82	**105**	224
Total voluntary income	214	123	**337**	839

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	0	730	**730**	385
Other	23	0	**23**	33
Total activities for generating funds	23	730	**753**	418

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). All income from the operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under charitable activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	48	35	**83**	60
Other investments and deposit accounts	0	0	**0**	3
Total investment income	48	35	**83**	63

All investment income is derived from investments held in the UK.

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000	Total 20201 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	56	0	**56**	40
Total cost of generating funds	56	0	**56**	40

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000
Purchase of New Equipment		41	40	**81**	124
New Building and Refurbishment		3	40	**43**	15
Staff Education and Welfare		4	20	**24**	21
Patient Education and Welfare		62	91	**153**	107
IT Equipment and Software		0	0	**0**	0
Grants to Other Charities		0	16	**16**	38
Support Costs and Overheads	7	46	33	**79**	86
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		0	650	**650**	464
Total cost of charitable activities		156	890	**1,046**	855

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2022 £000	Total 2021 £000
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**6**	**6**	6
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**19**	**19**	19
Total governance costs	**0**	**25**	**25**	25
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**52**	**52**	52
Computer expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	4
Miscellaneous	**0**	**2**	**2**	5
Total other support costs	**0**	**54**	**54**	61
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**0**	**79**	**79**	86

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity

The £79,000 (2021: £86,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2022 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	1,548	1,143	**2,691**	1,310
Purchased- book cost	406	294	**700**	1,000
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	127	92	**219**	381
Gross transfer between funds	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	2,081	1,529	**3,610**	2,691

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2022 £000	Total 2021 £000
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**1,735**	1,144
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,875**	1,547
Total fixed assets investments	**3,610**	2,691

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	16	11	**27**	24
Other debtors	0	0	**0**	90
Total debtors	16	11	**27**	114

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 Total Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	23	16	**39**	0
Total creditors	23	16	**39**	0

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 £000	Total 2021 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2022 £000	Total 2021 £000
COIF Deposit account	29	21	**50**	350
Building Society Accounts	18	13	**31**	31
Total deposits	47	34	**81**	381

Total short term investments and deposits	47	34	**81**	381

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2022 (31 March 2021 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2021 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Berwick General Fund	35	0	0	1	0	36
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	48	2	0	3	0	53
Caroline's Comet Fund	55	1	(3)	4	0	57
Charisma Study Reseach	45	0	0	2	0	47
Chemo Unit Berwick	40	0	0	2	0	42
Diabetic Education Fund	38	5	0	1	0	44
Esprit Research Fund	109	0	(1)	7	0	115
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	82	7	0	5	0	94
ITU Trustwide	38	8	(1)	2	0	47
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	55	23	(4)	3	0	77
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	48	14	0	1	0	63
Palliative Care Northumbria	293	82	(40)	17	0	352
Parkinson Disease Fund	65	1	(1)	4	0	69
Profess Research Fund	27	0	0	1	0	28
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	24	4	(2)	2	0	28
Tanzania Educational Fund	32	1	0	3	0	36
Teardrop Project	83	13	(3)	5	0	98
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	35	4	(3)	0	0	36
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	66	5	(14)	5	0	62
Hexham Hospital General Fund	221	4	(2)	14	(33)	204
Breast Disease Fund	33	0	(9)	4	0	28
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	96	1	0	5	0	102
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	28	6	0	1	0	35
Covid 19 Donations Fund	35	3	0	2	0	40
Others	554	101	(129)	33	10	569
Total unrestricted funds	**2,185**	**285**	**(212)**	**127**	**(23)**	**2,362**

The unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2021 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	448	3	(73)	10	0	388
NVS Fund (Blyth)	62	12	(19)	2	0	57
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	141	259	(248)	4	(25)	131
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	171	268	(220)	18	0	237
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	59	3	(7)	4	0	59
North Northumberland CDG Fund	359	0	(8)	13	0	364
North Tyneside CDG Fund	425	29	(56)	16	(10)	404
Community CDG Fund	32	21	(1)	11	0	63
Others	(75)	293	(258)	14	58	32
Total restricted funds	**1,622**	**888**	**(890)**	**92**	**23**	**1,735**

Income and expenditure of the shops staffed by the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) are accounted for within separate funds - the NVS Funds. Periodically in the year any surpluses are transferred to Development Group funds. Expenditure on charitable activities funded by these surpluses is subsequently charged against the Development Group funds.

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
HVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
HVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
HVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
HVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Community CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to Northumberland Community Services
Unrestricted Funds	
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhsitle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharamcy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2022 (31 March 2021 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2021-2022		2020-2021	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net deficit for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net deficit for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	704,536,000	6,512,000	692,368,000	11,325,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March the value of the inter-company balance was £39,000, that is the charity was owed £39,000 from the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

Sir James Mackey
Birju Bartolli
Paul Dunn
Ann Stringer
Mr Jeremy Rushmer
Dr Alistair Blair
Marion Dickson
Daljit Lally (until 14th May 2021)
Claire Riley

Non-Executive Directors

Alan Richardson (Chair of Foundation Trust)
Martin Knowles
Malcolm Page (until 10th January 2022)
Moira Davidson
Bernard McCardle
Sir Alan Craft
Andrew Besford
Ruth Connorton
Roger Barton (until 31st May 2021)
Stephen McKinley (from 7th February 2022)
Phill Lobb (from 21st February 2022)

No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2021/22 (2020/21- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2021/22 (2020/21 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2021/22 (2020/21 - Nil).

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THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020/21

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1. FOREWORD

The Corporate Trustee of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity is pleased to present the Charity's annual report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The charity exists to support and enhance the National Health Services provided by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. These services cover a wide range of NHS treatments including maternity services, general medicine, cancer and chemotherapy, childrens services, cardiology, trauma and orthopedics and many more. The charity's aim is always to use donations to enhance the patient experience above and beyond what can be provided solely from mainstream NHS funding.

The report covers a year which saw the Covid-19 pandemic have a significant effect of the charity both in terms of the activities it was able to carry out and focus on as well as the financial position of the charity.

Trustee Arrangement

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, namely the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Corporate Trustee of the charity acts through the decisions and actions of the executive and non-executive members of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Board. Where statute permits, the Board delegates authority for the review of strategy, activity and compliance to a sub-committee of the Board called the Strategic Charitable Funds Committee, the 'CFC'.

The Committee aims to meet a minimum of twice per year.

Minutes of the CFC are presented to and reviewed by the full Trust Board.

Criteria

When applying the income of the Charity, the Corporate Trustee must have regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance, the two key principles of which are that the activities of the charity must;

1) Bring identifiable benefits and it must be clear what these benefits are; and

2) The benefits must be to the whole public, or sections of the public.

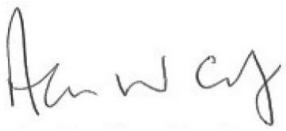
The Corporate Trustee is satisfied that the charity meets these requirements by improving the standard of medical care and improving the environment in hospitals and health services that

are used by the whole of the population of Northumberland and North Tyneside. The Corporate Trustee is satisfied it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit.

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with Part VI of the Charities Act 2011 and the second edition of the Charities SORP FRS 102. The Charity's report and accounts include all the separately established funds for which the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the sole beneficiary.

The Corporate Trustee is very grateful to all of the donors who have given so generously to the Charity over the past year. The funds which have been received will make a great difference to patient care in a number of ways, by adding the extra comforts and amenities that are not able to be provided by core NHS funds, the Corporate Trustee would like to say a big thank you to all who have raised funds or donated to the Charity and to all volunteers who have given their time to raise money and provide improved services for our patients.

Approved on behalf of the Corporate Trustee



Sir Alan Craft – Non-Executive Director and Chair of Charitable Funds Committee*



Paul Dunn – Executive Director of Finance

Dated : 25TH November 2021

2. ABOUT BRIGHT NORTHUMBRIA

History

The charity was formed on 18 May 2000 as the "umbrella" charity for Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Funds. Northumbria Healthcare provides health services to the population of Northumberland and North Tyneside. Northumbria Healthcare was formed by the merger of four NHS Trusts, Cheviot and Wansbeck NHS Trust, North Tyneside Healthcare NHS Trust, Northumberland Community NHS Trust and Hexham hospital (formerly part of the Royal Victoria Infirmary NHS Trust). The charities administered by these Trusts were brought under one umbrella to form the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity.

In August 2011 the charity adopted the brand name ''***Bright Northumbria''*** by registration with the Intellectual Property Office. The charity agreed to develop a name that would be best suited for marketing and promotional purposes.

Objectives and activities

The governing documents for the funds consist of a declaration of trust dated 18 May 2000.

The governing document states the charity's principle objective as being:

"… for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service".

More specifically, the charity aims to support charitable initiatives, which would not normally be financed by NHS exchequer funding, to enhance and add additional value to the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the Trust area.

Mission

The mission statement of the charity is as follows;

''The Northumbria Healthcare Charity aims to oversee the appropriate use of charitable funds to ensure that the objectives of the Charity are met to support patient care, invest in medical equipment, enhance the patient environment, promote training and education and support research to enhance the delivery of healthcare to the communities within the Trust area, which includes Northumberland and North Tyneside. In doing so, the Charity encourages the timely disbursement of charitable funds according to the donors' wishes and will aim to hold no more than eighteen months average income in reserve.''

The governing document does not place any specific restrictions on the use of the funds other than that implied by the charity's main object.

The Corporate Trustee has also reflected on how the charity has performed against objectives set for the year including; raising the profile of the charity within the Trust area, monitoring the

spending pattern of charitable funds against agreed parameters for spending on patient centred initiatives, medical equipment, hospital environment, staff welfare and education, and medical research and also increasing engagement with local communities through involvement in charitable projects. At the end of the year the level of activity within the spending categories was found to be in accordance with the parameters agreed by the Corporate Trustee. This had addressed the Corporate Trustee's wishes that spending should not be unduly weighted towards the purchase of medical equipment.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities, and feel that as our objectives benefit the non-fee paying patients of the NHS Foundation Trust that this therefore meets the public benefit requirements. The Corporate Trustee also considers how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives it has set.

Working Relationships

The charity's principle relationship is with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The charity also works closely with other local charities and voluntary groups in order to co-ordinate fundraising and spending plans.

During the year no member of the Trust Board had any related party transactions with the charity.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust remains indebted to the 140 volunteers from independently registered charities which support the work of the Trust.

Leagues of Friends are active at four of the Trust's hospitals at Berwick, Alnwick, Rothbury and Haltwhistle and provide many generous donations in the form of medical equipment and patient comforts. The Hospital Radio Service operates at Wansbeck General Hospital and North Tyneside General Hospital.

Other groups such as the Total Hip User Group (THUG), INFLAME Arthritis Support, Coping with Cancer Support Group and the Top2Toe therapeutic service for cancer patients regularly contribute their time and efforts to raise funds to benefit patients in their areas of interest. The special volunteer groups are made up of many former patients who have experienced treatment for a particular health problem. They offer peer to peer support, providing information from personal experiences and also answering key questions, so that new patients feel supported as they navigate hospital processes.

3. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements in the Year

Bright Northumbria also provides grants through Charity Development Groups (CDGs) at The Northumbria, Wansbeck General Hospital, North Tyneside General Hospital and Hexham General Hospital.

The CDGs provide a fair and transparent mechanism for staff across all areas to access funding for charitable projects that enhance the experience of our patients. Funding for the CDGs comes from legacies, general donations and profits raised by site Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) shops.

Patient welfare – to provide additional comforts to enhance the patient experience.

Medical equipment – to ensure that our patients have access to the latest technology and that additional equipment is made available to improve the patient experience and support members of staff who are delivering their care.

Patient environment – to use the arts to develop and deliver high quality interior design projects for areas of special need and sensitivity that help to support the needs of patients and their relatives.

Staff education – to support professional development of members of staff and allow access to training that would not normally be funded through standard funding streams.

Infrastructure development – to develop new ways of working and encourage the development of new IT solutions, to benefit our patients.

Research – to support a continuous programme of research, which aims to improve treatment for thousands of patients across the NHS.

A number of new high level projects were developed during the year to benefit local communities and members of staff.

Public support in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic

As the COVID 19 pandemic unfolded in March 2020, the charity began to receive an unprecedented number of enquiries, donations and offers of help - these ranged from financial in the form of online donations and cheques sent in the post, to individuals setting up fundraising pages and challenges. In addition, there were vast offers of PPE and gifts for staff including food deliveries, toiletries, snacks, Easter eggs, also donations of scrub bags and knitted hearts.

These offers of help came from across the community and included local schools, supermarkets, vets, restaurants, shops, as well as local companies, community groups and individuals.

In order to facilitate this, the charity team stepped back from planned activities to coordinate and support this huge effort - working with the executive team (for PPE donations), supplies teams, staff restaurants and the staff health and wellbeing team.

In order to deal with the high volume of phone calls all members of the team manned the phonelines. New systems were put in place with the hospital supply/distributions teams so that each donation could be booked in, given a delivery slot and held in quarantine before distribution. Items were then distributed to our 10 hospitals and major community sites for onward delivery to 11,000 staff. Our COVID volunteers delivered to remote community locations in far flung areas of the trust ensuring that all staff could benefit from the huge generosity of our community.



In addition, the charity worked with the Health and Wellbeing team and volunteers to make up and distribute 269 wellbeing boxes for staff at all base sites and across the community.

Many of the large donations were also shared with local foodbanks, women’s and men’s refuges and refugee centres.

Appeal

Building on the unprecedented support for the NHS and the new national awareness of NHS charities, at the beginning of April 2020 the charity launched the '#StandingbyNorthumbria' appeal which was publicised on social media and in the local press. The appeal raised £51,304 within a few months.



Members of the public came forward to organise fundraising events, make mascots for NHS staff, donate toiletries and create special posters to raise funds for the charity.

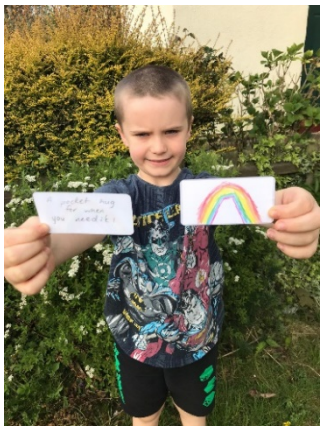






In addition to the activities outlined above, the charity also received a variety of gifts from children – ranging from Easter eggs bought with pocket money to artwork including hand-made cards from Emmaville primary school in Ryton.

One eight-year old boy, Stefan Ormston, sent in 'pocket hugs' – so patients and staff could have a hug when they needed it. This story was featured in the Evening Chronicle newspaper.





For the Love of the North, a local gift shop based in Whitley Bay, sold a range of prints featuring a ‘love will get us through this’ message with 25% of the sales going to Bright. By January 2021, they had raised a total of £10,000.

With thanks to funding provided by NHS Charities Together, and the wonderful support of volunteer machinists in the community, Bright also provided hundreds of handmade laundry bags to support our staff as they packaged uniforms to take home safely.





The laundry bags were also provided to junior doctors as a small gesture to thank them for all of their hard work during the coronavirus pandemic and to help them feel welcomed and supported in the trust.

Bright also provided around 200 blue bags for families experiencing loss and bereavement, ensuring they had a comforting and discreet way of taking their loved ones belongings home

NHS Charities Together grants

In addition to the appeal, the charity received a number of grants from NHS Charities Together to enable the charity to respond quickly to support staff and patients. This helped in a number of ways:

At work: During the first hectic weeks following lockdown the charity responded to the immediate needs of patients, staff and volunteers. Heavy use of PPE caused discomfort and the charities fast distribution of high-quality hand creams and moisturisers, and emergency toiletries, was an immediate success with frontline staff in hospitals and in the community. This enabled staff to cope with a new and challenging regime.

For home: Shortages of essential food items and long queues at supermarkets caused a lot of stress for staff. The introduction of fruit & veg grab bags and pop up mini markets for food essentials were a great success with positive feedback on Staff Facebook, from staff side (unions) and executive forums.

For exercise: Many staff commented that when they were taking exercise, the public would often challenge them for being outside. The ***Keep the NHS Running*** t-shirts, with a social distancing message on the back, gave our staff the confidence to be out and about exercising which helped them to mentally de-stress. They especially enjoyed that, when wearing the t-shirts, people passing in cars beeped their horns in support. The colourful running t-shirts were designed by staff and over 1,000 t shirts were distributed across the trust. Many were awarded to staff as prizes for going the extra mile during the coronavirus pandemic.





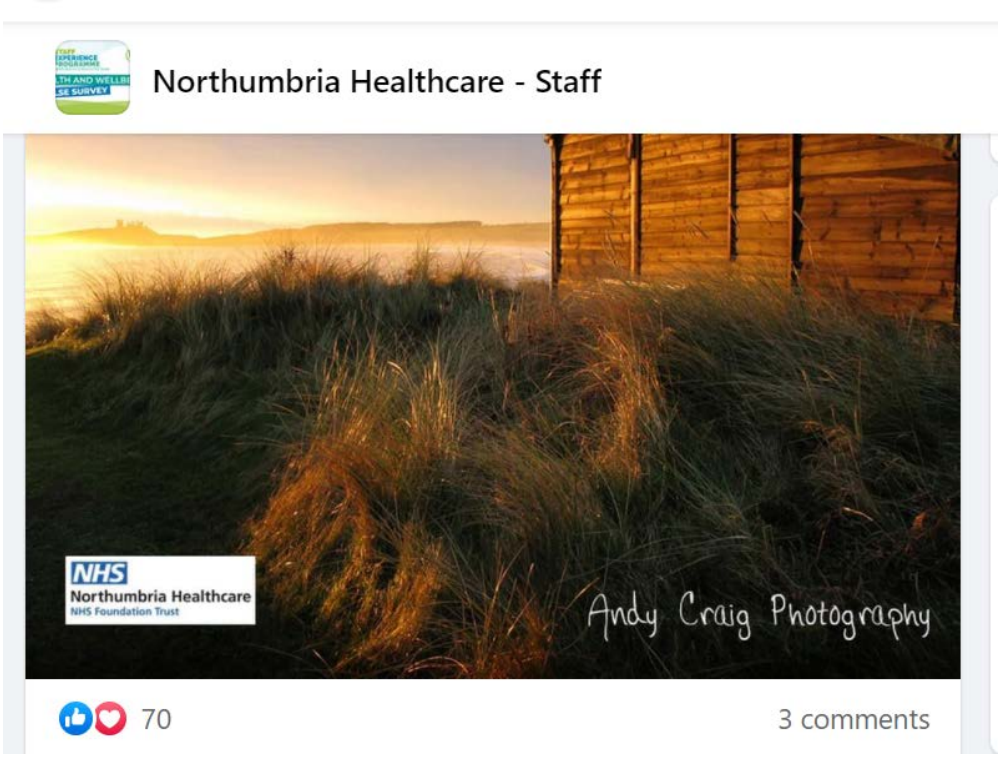
Wellbeing: Working with the staff health and wellbeing team, the charity distributed a comprehensive box of goodies to all 11,000 staff across all trust sites and services. Again, feedback was received by email and Staff FaceBook message – all very positive in maintaining morale over the key seven weeks at the height of the crisis. Our volunteers at home also received weekly phone calls and regular news bulletins.

The key outcomes have been that the charity has been recognised for being acutely engaged during the crisis and reacting swiftly to put measures in place that have made a real tangible difference to the wellbeing of staff and volunteers.



Healing arts

Sadly, much of the planned programme for the arts had to be put on hold due to the COVID 19 pandemic as access to many areas within the hospital was restricted. This meant that environmental updates could not be undertaken and all regular ward-based activities such as musical performances and craft sessions were cancelled.



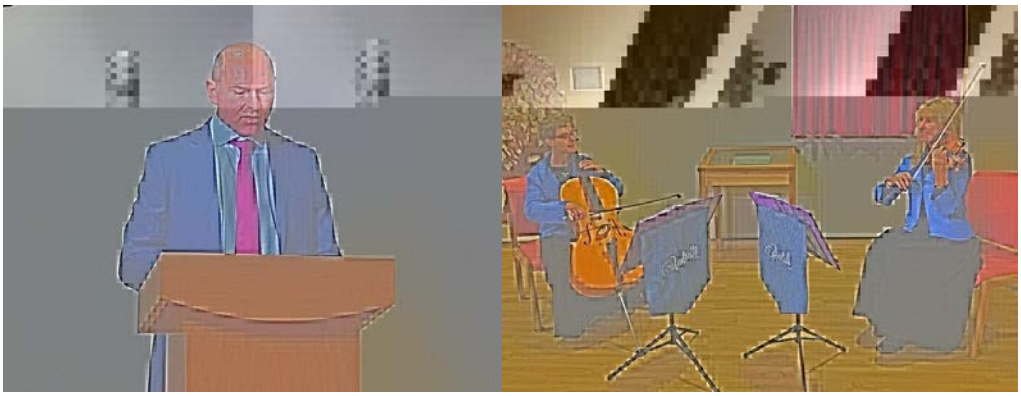
During the difficult weeks at the height of the pandemic, the patient experience team shared photographs by a local photographer, Andy Craig on the staff facebook page. The images proved to be uplifting and popular amongst the staff. Andy offered to share his images for exhibitions of his work across hospital sites.

In October 2020, an arts project involving care homes in Northumberland and North Tyneside was launched to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The project involved care home residents at Collingwood Court in North Shields and Castle View in Alnwick. Art workshops, were led by a local artist in partnership with care home staff and residents and due to Covid-19 restrictions took place online via video.

Residents were provided with resource packs and invited to share memories and anecdotes about World War 1, passed on to them by older relatives, family friends or history lessons at school. The workshops ran for several weeks, with residents creating their own individual artworks. The finished work has been framed and displayed within the care homes to provide a lasting focus for further reminiscence.

A time for reflection and remembering



A special remembrance event was held at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Hospital to remember those who lost their lives to COVID 19 and to support staff who continued to work through the pandemic.

Due to social distancing, the service was filmed and broadcast to staff on 2nd December. All staff received a service card and tealight (LED) so they could join the event virtually at a time to suit their schedule. Many staff who were required to shield for prolonged periods felt a renewed connection with their colleagues by being able to join the service from home.

COVID 19 memorial artwork - ‘A rainbow of hope’



Glass artist, Claudia Phipps was commissioned to create a special memorial artwork for each of the trust's acute sites. The theme of the artwork was based on nature and incorporated the colours of the rainbow which become synonymous with the pandemic. The first artwork, was officially unveiled by Sir James Mackey at the memorial event.

Environment



During the first lockdown the charity undertook a re-design of the volunteer-run café/shop at North Tyneside General Hospital.

The café, which opened on 1st July 2020, has been transformed into an environment which provides a positive, comfortable, and relaxing space for all users, whatever their needs may be. All profits from sales in the volunteer-run shop are used to improve patient experience at the hospital.

Ward 1 Wansbeck General Hospital – during the pandemic a number of rooms across the trust were made available for staff to take breaks away from the wards.





Volunteering

More than 400 existing volunteers were required to stand down, on Government advice due to age, health reasons or living with someone with an underlying health condition during the coronavirus pandemic. This led to a suspension of many volunteering roles, particularly those whose work had been supporting patients and staff on wards.

An urgent call out was made to the public and 141 volunteers were recruited to step in to help. Many had been furloughed from work and wanted to help the NHS. Due to the number of volunteers who came forward, there was a need develop a new method to fast track through the system due to the urgency to have the volunteers in position quickly. A number of new volunteering roles were devised as an extra pair of hands to help out on wards and departments.

The volunteer-run shops sourced good quality local fruit and vegetables and hard to get general items such as flour, yeast and toilet rolls, so that staff could access these items at their workplace rather than stand in queues at their local supermarket.

In 2020 the Volunteer Service were awarded Investors in Volunteering for the second time. The Investors in Volunteering is an opportunity for volunteer-involving organisations to benchmark the quality of their Volunteer Management Programme.

D/deaf Awareness

Although routine training of staff to raise awareness of the communication needs of the trust's D/deaf patients had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, a limited number of bespoke sign classes were allowed to proceed to provide essential training for emergency staff, critical care staff, health trainers and receptionists. Throughout the pandemic D/deaf patients experienced

significant communications difficulties due to the wearing of face masks and the inability to lip read.

The Northumbria Trust was the first NHS trust to support Usher syndrome awareness day on 2nd March 2021.

Partnerships

Following a successful pilot in 2013 the charity has continued to work with the Newcastle Eagles basketball team to communicate important health messages to schoolchildren across Northumberland and North Tyneside through their highly successful Hoops for Health programme. As part of the programme the children are invited to participate in an arts competition and the resulting images can be seen on display within our hospitals across the trust. Hoops4Health operates in 20 schools across the trust area and has a reach of 1500 children.

During the pandemic the Newcastle Eagles developed new ways to support our staff and patients through a programme of activities that included: Singing for Memories connecting older patients in care homes with local school children, a staff exercise challenge with one of the coaches and a stroller club to provide social interaction for new mothers.





The children from Preston Grange Primary School were involved in the wonderful virtual project with the residents from Redesdale Court.

Funding from NHS Charities Together also enabled the charity to reach out to the BAME community. The trust's lead chaplain agreed to discuss existing literature available for staff on the intranet regarding cultural Issues around death and bereavement with the Barefeet Group (Ashington) which represents more than 150 people who have come to live in the UK from overseas.

The group launched a Talking Heads project whereby members of Barefeet were able to discuss cultural traditions around death. This led to the development of new teaching materials for staff and a folding pocket-sized leaflet accessible to all staff detailing cultural issues around death and bereavement

During COVID the charity opened new lines of communication with Northumberland County Council to establish links to communities in need. Since then the charity has organised an appeal across all trust sites for pre-loved school clothing to be provided for distribution to families in need.

The Bright charity has also arranged for the recycling of used furniture within the trust that otherwise may be disposed of through the council's wide network of community enterprises that would welcome office furniture and all types of cupboards and seating.

Nightingale Cottages

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic the NHS has faced a number of challenges and our staff have been so grateful for the support given freely by our communities.

Towards the end of 2020, Gillian Baker-Cresswell and Nikki Brierley, two cottage owners from north Northumberland, approached Northumbria Healthcare to offer respite breaks for NHS staff who needed rest and recuperation. The first few breaks were so well received by the healthcare staff who were offered the mini breaks, that it was decided to expand the scheme to include other cottage owners in the Northumbria area, so that more staff could benefit. Gillian and Nikki branded the project as Nightingale Cottages.

International Philanthropic Programme

The trust works in partnership with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) in northern Tanzania to deliver teaching and training and assist in the improvement of healthcare in the country. During 2020 and 2021, all visits to our partner organisation, KCMC, have been suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, the partnership has continued to work together on a major international project to raise awareness around Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) with funding from the Fleming Fund and Commonwealth Partnership on Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS). The project has been very successful, despite the challenges of the past year, and has led to a greater awareness of the importance of correct use of antibiotics within the hospital and the communities it serves.



The Trust charity is mindful that charitable funds are to be used for public benefit to enhance patient care. Each year consideration is given to key areas for development and all initiatives or new projects must fall within the areas for investment agreed by the Charity Trustees.

4. FUTURE PLANS

Future plans

The charity will be working to support the development of a purpose-built staff health and wellbeing hub at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, including rest areas and gymnasium. The staff will be involved in the development of arts exhibitions for the facility and participate in creative activities.

The charity will launch a small research grant scheme to encourage staff with innovative ideas to come forward to receive support to develop their ideas.

A number of projects are to be developed to support our BAME network. The trust has staff who have cultural heritage in more than 90 countries across the world.

Further projects are being planned to enhance the hospital environment to benefit our patients, staff and visitors.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

A full set of accounts for the financial year 2020/21 are included within this report. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been audited by KPMG LLP, who have opined that the accounts represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity.

General Financial Review

The year under review saw an increase in resources of £803,000. This represented an excess of income over expenditure of £422,000. Charitable income increased compared with previous years although there was a change to the nature of income. Charitable expenditure saw a significant decrease however as the NHS focused entirely on dealing with the pandemic. In addition, the charity's investment increased in value by £381,000. Total net funds therefore are £3,807,000 at 31 March 2021.

The fund reserves represent approximately four and a half years non-committed expenditure. The Corporate Trustee aims to reduce reserves to approximately one and a half years' non-committed expenditure (see policy on reserves in section 6). Although above target in the short term the Corporate Trustee is not uncomfortable with the level of reserves as it provides a level of investment income sufficient to cover the charity's administration costs in a period of low interest rates.

Strategic Development

A key part of the charity's strategy is to increase the levels of donated income by improving publicity in order to attract donations and also by organising more fund raising events. Alongside seeking to increase income levels the Corporate Trustee is also encouraging the more timely application of donations and legacies received in order to reduce the levels of reserves. The Corporate Trustee will however ensure that all income is applied in a measured and appropriate way.

The Corporate Trustee has set parameters within which it intends to keep charitable spending. These parameters are:

Medical Equipment	25-45%
Environment Improvement	25-45%
Patient Education and welfare	25-45%
Staff Education and Welfare	5-15%
Research	5-15%

Finally the Corporate Trustee aims to reduce the number of individual funds by encouraging collaboration between similar services on different sites thereby increasing the potential for larger financial investments.

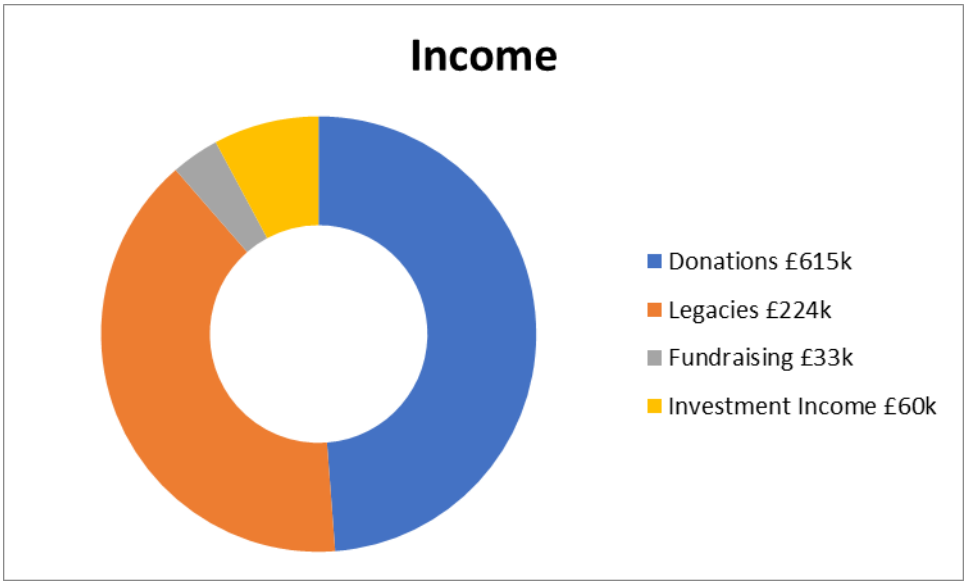
Income (excluding NVS sales)

Income for the year was £932,000. This compares with £701,000 for the previous year. The increase in income was principally due to a higher level of the charity's share of national donations to the NHS in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations received directly from the public fell due to less hospital visits and covid restrictions resulted in fewer public fundraising events. The actual income amounts were:

Income Source	2020/21	2019/20
Donations	£615,000	£342,000
Legacies	£224,000	£279,000
Investment income	£60,000	£55,000
Fundraising	£33,000	£25,000
Total	**£932,000**	**£701,000**

Donations includes the £392,000 Bright received from national Covid-19 appeals co-ordinated by NHS Charities Together which includes money donated to the Captain Tom appeal.

The Corporate Trustee is extremely grateful to all donors for their contributions no matter how large or small.



NVS Shops Profits

In addition to the donated income reported above in previous years a significant source of income for the charity are sales from the shops at North Tyneside Hospital, Wansbeck Hospital, Hexham Hospital, Northumbria Emergency Care Hospital and Blyth Hospital. These shops are

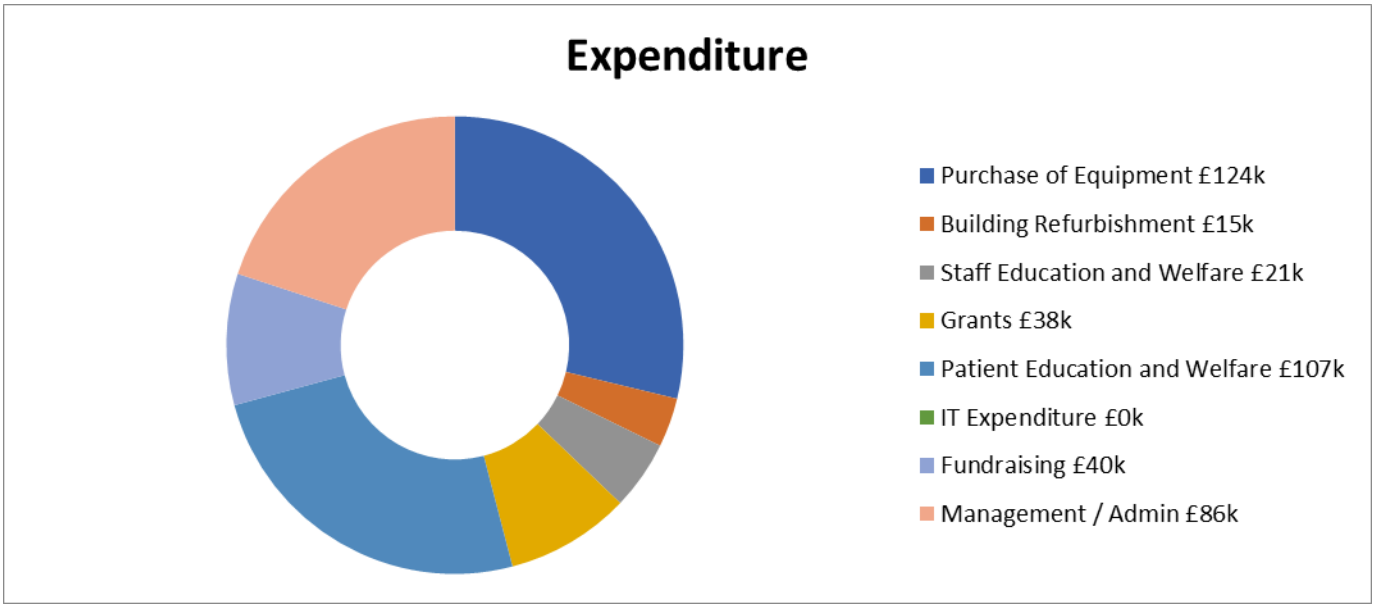
run by volunteers and provide the essentials that patients and visitors, as well as staff, require when in hospital.

During the year the shops generated sales of £385,000 against costs of £464,000 resulting in a deficit of £79,000. This deficit was a direct result of the effects of the pandemic. Since the outbreak of Covid -19 there has been a significant reduction in shop income due to the restrictions on hospital visitors. The longer terms effects on the trading income for the charity are unclear however the Corporate Trustee is prepared to adapt the NVS shops to changing times in order to ensure they continue to provide a valuable service to patients, visitors and staff on hospital sites.

Expenditure (excluding purchases for the NVS shops)

Expenditure for the year was £431,000 (previous year £722,000) which consisted of:

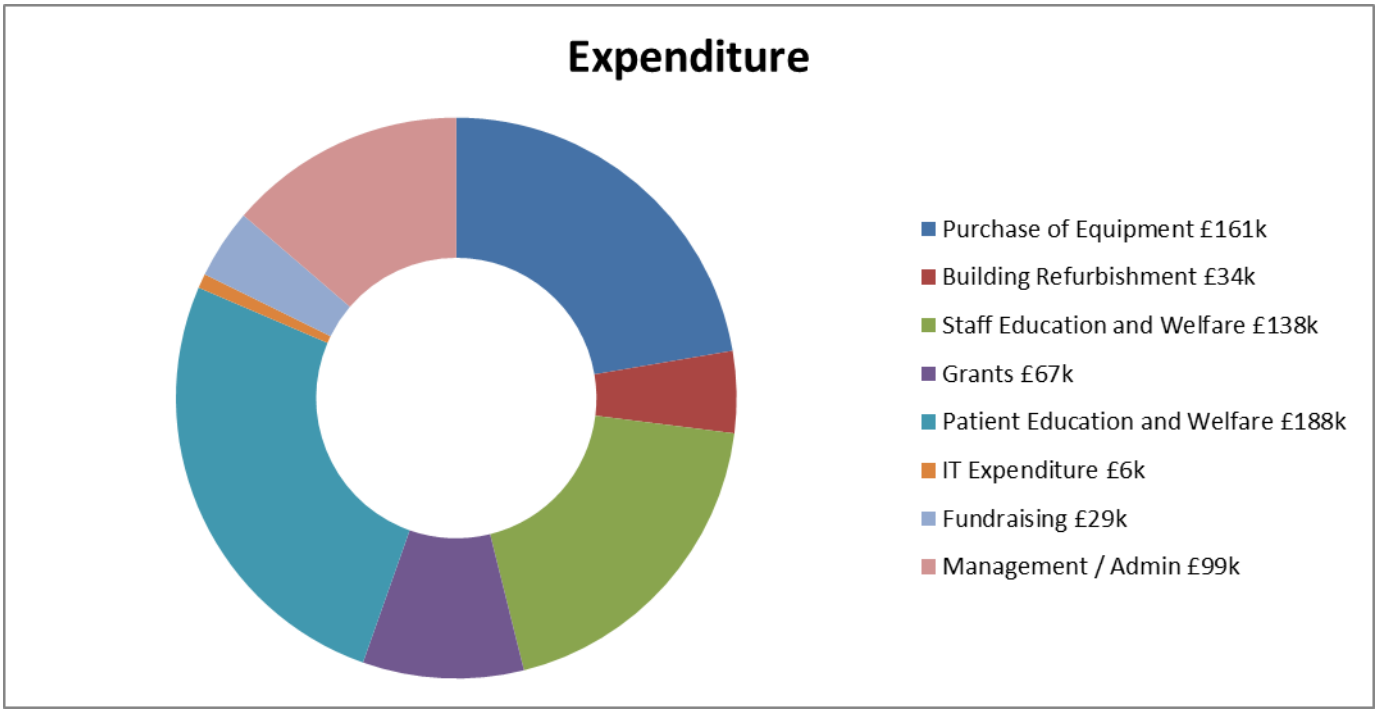
Expenditure Type	2019/20	2019/20
Patient related expenditure	£284,000	£450,000
Staff related expenditure	£21,000	£138,000
IT Expenditure	£0	£6,000
Management and administration	£86,000	£99,000
Fundraising costs	£40,000	£29,000
Total	**£431,000**	**£722,000**



Expenditure by Type

Total expenditure fell into the following categories:

Expenditure Category	2020/21	2019/20
Purchase of equipment	£124,000	£161,000
Building refurbishment	£15,000	£34,000
Staff education and welfare	£21,000	£138,000
Patient education and welfare	£107,000	£188,000
IT equipment	£0	£6,000
Grants to other charities	£38,000	£67,000
Management / admin costs	£86,000	£99,000
Fundraising	£40,000	£29,000
Total	**£431,000**	**£722,000**



The reduction in expenditure was due to NHS staff being fully occupied with fighting the pandemic and therefore being unable to focus on enhancing services which is the normal driver behind the charitable expenditure.

Monitoring of Performance

The Corporate Trustee does not set detailed budgets for the charity's activities except occasionally in the case of specific projects. Instead, responsibility for managing the individual funds as referred to in section 7 Governance, is delegated to the managers of each fund. Upon request managers of funds are required to submit annual fundraising and spending plans for review by the Charitable Funds Committee.

The Charitable Funds Committee regularly monitors fund balances to ensure that funds do not go into deficit, or if they do, to ensure that funds are brought back into surplus as soon as possible. In addition the Charitable Funds Committee monitors the funds that are available for Charity Development Groups to expend and arrange for the timely deployment of these funds.

Review of Investments and Deposits

At 31 March 2021, the charity had £2,691,000 (market value) which was invested for long term growth and on short term deposits.

All of this £2,691,000 was held in multi asset based investments the capital value of which can fluctuate;

Investment Type	Book Cost	Market Value	Cumulative Unrealised Gain
Long Term multi asset based	£2,310,000	£2,691,000	£381,000
Total	**£2,310,000**	**£2,691,000**	**£381,000**

Long term multi asset investments are units owned in common investment funds which are managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. The CCLA is wholly owned by a number of charities and deals exclusively with the investment of charity money. One of the charities that jointly owns CCLA Ltd is COIF Charity Funds. The common investment funds which the Northumbria charity has invested in are managed by COIF Charity Funds.

The Charitable Funds Committee meets annually with a representative from COIF to discuss the general investment climate and outlook, and reviews the charity's investments accordingly.

These investment funds have the aim of producing long term capital growth coupled with a steady level of income by having a widely diversified portfolio, investing only in established companies with strong balance sheets and with dividends covered by profits. The CFC makes use of benchmarking information when reviewing its investment portfolio.

The Corporate Trustee has carefully considered investment options and is satisfied that risks involved in investing in COIF funds are satisfactorily spread and are minimized whilst leaving the

opportunity for future growth. They will not overreact to any adverse market movements as the investments are held for long term growth.

In addition £381,000 is held in deposit accounts with variable interest rates;

Investment Type	Book Cost	Market Value	Unrealised Gain /(Loss)
Instant access	£381,000	£381,000	-
Total	**£381,000**	**£381,000**	-

Full details of the movements in investments and deposit accounts are given in Appendix B.

Investment Income

During the year, investments yielded a total of £60,000 in interest (2019/20 - £55,000). The average investment yield during the year was 2.61% (2019/20 - 1.57%).

Ethical Investment fund - 2.78% (2019/20 – 3.19%)
Global Equity Fund - 3.08% (2019/20 – 2.99%)
Deposit fund COIF - 0.01% (2019/20 – 0.17%)

6. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Risk Management / Exposure to Risks

The Corporate Trustee has identified the major risks to the charity which can be summarised as:

1. That the charity is not operating within its objects as defined in the charity's governing document.

2. That accounting transactions are inappropriately or inadequately reported.

3. Expenditure is inappropriately high resulting in a faster depletion of funds than approved by the Corporate Trustee.

4. That expenditure is inappropriately low resulting in lost opportunities for charitable funds.

5. Investments are not properly safeguarded, resulting in loss of funds.

The Corporate Trustee has established systems to ensure that these risks are kept at a minimum. Namely:

1. A Charitable Funds Committee which reviews policy, financial activity and investment performance. The members of the committee are all Executive and Non-executive directors of the Trust.

2. The existence and compliance with Standing Financial Instructions.

3. An adequately qualified and resourced finance function

4. The establishment of internal financial control systems which are reviewed annually by an Internal Audit department.

5. Reporting and review of audit findings to an Audit Committee.

6. Annual audit of systems and accounts by external auditors.

Policy on Reserves

‘’The Corporate Trustee considers that in the medium term it should be the aim that reserves should be not less than 12 month's non-committed expenditure and not greater than 18 month's non-committed expenditure. This would currently equate to reserves of approximately £800,000 to £1,200,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that this level of reserves is consistent with applying income on a measured, planned and coordinated basis. The level of reserves is reported to the charitable funds committee on a quarterly basis. In the short term the Corporate Trustee considers that a level of reserves significantly greater than this amount is acceptable as it provides the charity with an appropriate level of investment income in a period of exceptionally low interest rates and relatively low inflation.

The current levels of reserves represent approximately four and a half years non- committed expenditure (based on the last three years expenditure). The effects of the pandemic however have contributed to the increase in reserve levels. Charitable expenditure was unusually low in the reporting year principally due to NHS staff being fully occupied with the pandemic and therefore not able to work on initiatives and developments that would result in charitable expenditure. The charity therefore expects to see an increase in charity expenditure as the NHS comes out of the pandemic and the country returns to normal.

Appropriate action to establish or maintain reserves at the required level will be decided upon by the committee. The Charities Development Lead conducts an annual review of the spending strategies of individual funds in order to monitor and ensure these funds fit in with overall reserves policy.''

Total current reserves levels are £3,807,000; however of this approximately £892,000 is ***committed to future projects*** and £381,000 results from unrealized investment gains meaning that non-committed reserves are approximately £2,534,000 which is in excess of the medium term target level. The most significant reserve item is £316,000 which is reserved for the when the redevelopment of Berwick Hospital takes place which is expected to be completed in 2022.

The Corporate Trustee is comfortable with this level of reserves but is actively working with managers of funds that have been unspent for a number of years to apply the money to the furtherance of the charity's aims.

The policy on reserves was formally adopted by the Charitable Funds Committee in June 2017 and was reviewed 2021 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statement of Policy on Investments

The policy which the charity operated during 2019/20 was established in July 2013 and last reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee in December 2019.

The main objectives of the investments are;

- To achieve sufficient income to cover the administrative costs of the charity
- Retain the majority of investments in liquid deposit funds
- Only use deposit funds with institutions with a AAA or equivalent short term risk rating
- Use funds not held on deposit to achieve medium to long term capital growth whilst minimizing risks

For deposit funds the following funds are authorised;

- COIF Deposit Fund
- The Charity Aid Foundation Bank (CAF)
- Yorkshire Bank
- Nat West Bank Plc
- Lloyds Bank Plc
- The Government Banking Service (GBS)

The Corporate Trustee is satisfied with COIF's approach to ethical investments which is to avoid investment in companies whose main business is gambling, tobacco and armaments, where this is 50% or more of turnover. In addition COIF applies routine informed shareholder voting to reflect best corporate governance practice and to ensure acceptable policies are followed, for example in the area of human rights.

Investments are made in accordance with the powers conferred upon the Corporate Trustee by the Trustees Investment Act 2000.

In addition to financial investments the Corporate Trustee will consider Programme Related Investments (PRI). PRI uses charitable resources to finance charitable and other organisations in a way that is:

- wholly in furtherance of the charity's stated aims
- for public rather than private benefit
- expected to produce some financial return for the charity (but this is not the main reason for doing so)

PRI differs from grant making because a grant is made to further the charity's aims with no expectation of a financial return.

PRI can take form of;

- Loans
- Equity investments
- Revenue participation – the charity gets a financial return based on revenue/profits made by an organisation in return for providing capital for a particular initiative.
- Outcome based finance. A social bond typically between a public sector body and investor where the former commits to pay the latter for producing improved social outcomes.

When making PRI the Corporate Trustee will act in the best interests of charity and ensure that

- Their charity funds are only being used to further its stated aims
- Any private benefit arising from the investment is necessary, reasonable and in the interests of the charity.

7. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Corporate Trustee fulfills its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund and, by designating funds, the Corporate Trustee respects the wishes of our generous donors to benefit patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients, carers and staff.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Strategic Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Fund. The Committee is required to:

- Control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources;
- Provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income;
- Ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the Investment Policy approved by the Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is continually reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations; and,
- Keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the charity.

In order to ensure the committee always acts in the interests of the charity rather than the NHS corporate body, representatives of both staff and public governors are co-opted onto the committee in a non-voting capacity to observe and to contribute to the decision making process.

All members of the Trust Board receive information about the charity, including minutes of the Charitable Funds Committee, annual report and accounts and the Charity Commission guidance ''The Essential Trustee:what you need to know,what you need to do''. The Chairman of the CFC gives new members of the Trust Board a briefing on the current policies and priorities for the charitable funds. In addition training and guidance from finance staff, internal audit officers, investment advisors and legal advisors is provided to members of the Trust Board.

So far as members of the Trust Board are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps they ought to have taken as a member of the Board in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of the information.

Organisational Structure

The main Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity, registered Charity Number 1083122, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on 18 May 2000. The charity is constituted of approximately 225 individual funds (2019/20: 220) as at 31 March 2021 and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds held and disclose separately all material funds.

Operating below the Charitable Funds Committee are nine Charity Development Groups (CDGs) dividing the Trust's area into six geographical areas plus a group for research funds, a group for Trust wide charitable initiatives managed by the CFC and a group for Community based initiatives.

There is a central budget for administration (including finance, publicity and audit costs) which is funded from investment income.

CDGs have funds allocated from reserves and from any unrestricted donations, fundraising proceeds and legacies that are received. Any member of staff is invited to bid for funds to finance equipment or projects which meet the objects of the charity. CDGs are an open forum with all staff and other interested parties e.g. voluntary groups, invited to attend and contribute. Each group meeting is chaired by a non-executive director. After discussion, funds are allocated to bids on a consensus basis.

For day to day operational and management purposes the charity is further divided into some 212 funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of accounts held and disclose separately all material funds. These are managed by Trust officers such as Heads of Service and Ward Managers who have delegated authority to apply the funds within the objects of the charity.

An organisation chart is given in Appendix A.

Since its inception the Bright Northumbria name has been used on the charity's website and on all promotional materials. The name has been successfully adopted to promote the charity's work in definitive areas such as the arts (Bright healing arts) and international philanthropic partnerships (Bright international). In 2016 the charity launched Bright Communities to provide a focus for the general public to donate in support of all community services.

Charitable funds received by the charity are accepted held and administered as funds and property held on Trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and these funds are held on Trust by the corporate body.

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship lie with the corporate body. However, that body must act through individual persons in order to express its will. The individuals who are responsible for expressing the will of the Corporate Trustee are the members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board i.e. the Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust.

During the year these directors were;

Non-Executive Directors:

- Professor Alan Richardson (Chairman of the Trust)
- Sir Alan Craft Chair of Charitable Funds Committee
- Mr Martin Knowles
- Mr Malcolm Page
- Mrs Moira Davidson
- Mr Bernard McCardle
- Mr Andrew Besford
- Ruth Connorton
- Professor Roger Barton

Executive Directors:

- Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive
- Mr. Paul Dunn, Executive Director of Finance
- Mrs. Birju Bartolli, Executive Director of Performance and Governance
- Mrs. Ann Stringer, Executive Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development
- Mrs Daljit Lally, Executive Director of Community Services
- Mr Jeremy Rushmer, Medical Director
- Mrs Marion Dickson
- Mrs Claire Riley Executive Director of Communications

All appointments to the Trust Board are made in accordance with the policy and procedures laid down in the NHS Code of Corporate Governance.

The Secretary of State for Health, in line with statutory requirements, approved the Chairman's appointment, and a panel comprising the minimum statutory members, including the Chairman, and an expert independent assessor, made the Chief Executive's appointment.

All other executive and non-executive appointments to the Trust Board were made following external advertisement and robust and transparent selection procedures.

The Charity receives a finance and administration service from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The arrangement provides finance, supplies and procurement, computer services, communications and fundraising services to the charity. The Trust charges the charity an annual fee for these services. Key personnel in the provision of this service are:

Mr. Michael Blackburn, Charity Accountant, provided advice to the Board regarding the management of the Charity's investments and, under delegated authority from the Corporate Trustee, has day to day responsibility for the financial management of the charity.

Ms Brenda Longstaff, Head of Charity Development, Volunteering, International Partnership, Arts and Patient Environment, has responsibility for the strategic development of the charity, including links to the commercial sector and engagement with the local community.

Mr Blackburn and Ms Longstaff are employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department located at Northumbria House, Unit 7/8 Silver Fox Way, Cobalt Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE27 0QJ.

In order to safeguard the assets of the charity and ensure income is applied appropriately, the Corporate Trustee requires charitable funds procedures to comply with the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions and Schemes of Delegation.

Financial services are provided for the charity by the Finance Department of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. This allows the charity to benefit from the expertise and resources of the department and keeps costs to a minimum. In addition, services such as internal audit and procurement are also provided. As part of the annual audit plan, charitable funds are audited by the Trust's internal auditors. The Charity's accounts are also audited each year by the external auditors, KPMG LLP who also audit the Trust accounts.

8. REFERENCE AND ADMIN DETAILS

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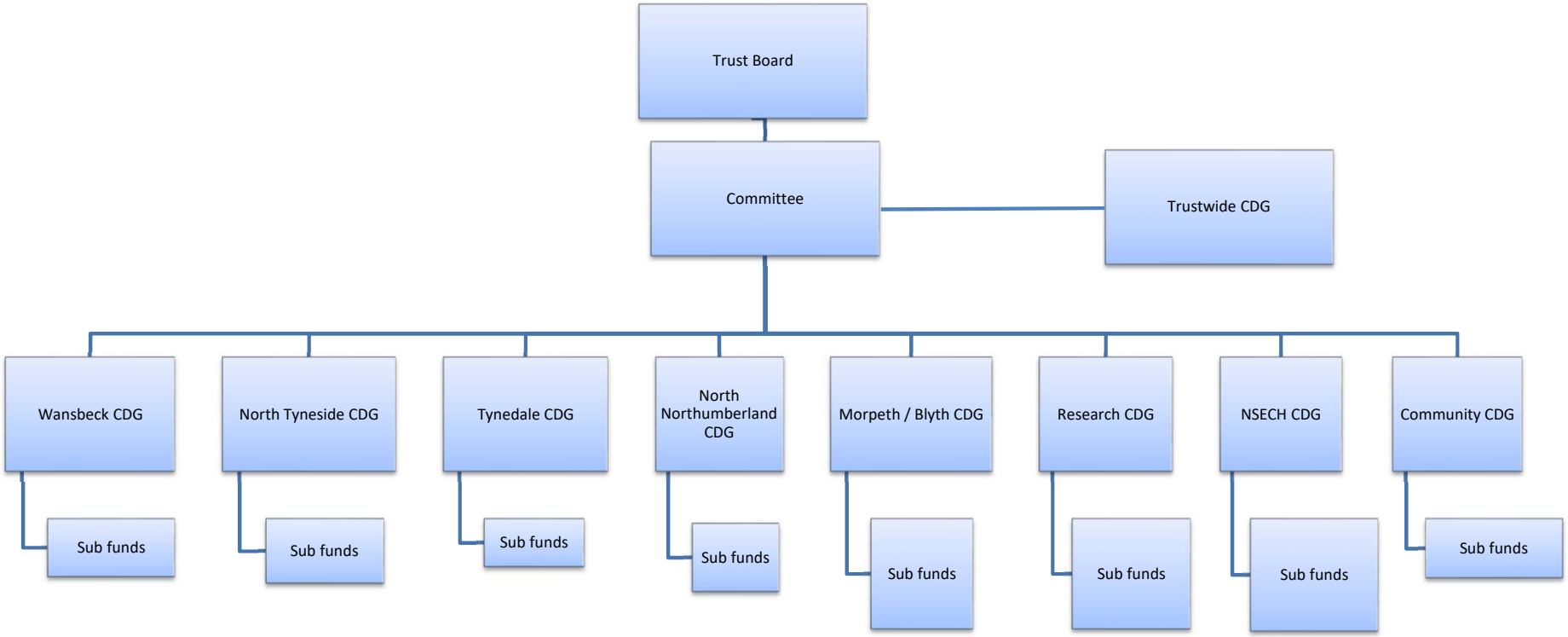
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APPENDIX A


Trust Board
Committee
Trustwide CDG
Wansbeck CDG
North Tyneside CDG
Tynedale CDG
North Northumberland CDG
Morpeth / Blyth CDG
Research CDG
NSECH CDG
Community CDG
Sub funds
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	Ethical Investment Fund COIF	Global Fund COIF	Total
Opening Balances	£'s	£'s	£'s
Book Cost 31/3/2020	98,588	1,100,000	1,198,588
Unrealized Gains b/f	29,792	81,224	111,016
Market Value 31/3/2020	**128,380**	**1,181,224**	**1,309,604**
Movements in Year			
Purchase Book Cost	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
b/f Gains realised	29,792	81,224	111,016
Unrealized Gains	15,930	365,215	1,111,016
Closing Balances			
Book Cost 31/3/2021	1,098,588	1,100,000	2,198,588
Total Unrealized Gains c/f	45,722	446,439	492,161
Market Value 31/3/2021	**1,144,310**	**1,546,439**	**2,690,749**

	Deposit Fund COIF	Deposit Fund Building Society	Total
Opening Balances	£'s	£'s	£'s
Book Cost 31/3/2020	950,000	16,192	966,192
Additions	400,000	15,000	415,000
Withdrawals	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)
Market Value 31/3/2021	**350,000**	**31,192**	**381,192**

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed [and rules], subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The corporate trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020-21

The accounts of the funds held on trust by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the Trustees under section 98(2) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (as amended) which the Secretary of State has, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

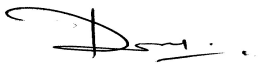
STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is the corporate trustee of the funds held on trust under paragraph 16(c) of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990 unless Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust charitable funds are registered with the Charity Commission.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charitable funds held on trust is to apply income for any charitable purpose relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.



Signed ……on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

Dated…….25th November 2021……..

Independent auditor's report to the Corporate Trustee of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the charity in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the charity or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the charity's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the trustees' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the charity's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the trustees' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the charity will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included.

- Enquiring of directors and inspection of policy documentation as to the Group's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

- Reading Board minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls and the risk of fraudulent revenue recognition, in particular the risk that revenue is recorded in the correct period.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.
We performed procedures including:
- We agreed a sample of transactions from March and April 2021 to supporting documentation to test that revenue had been recorded in the correct period.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

As the Charity is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

The Charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.
Whilst the Charity is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the Trustees' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. We are required to report to you if:

- based solely on that work, we have identified material misstatements in the other information; or

- in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Charities Act 2011 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Trustees' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 2i, the trustees are responsible for: the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Clare Partridge
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
KPMG LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
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2 December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Income

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
Donations and legacies	2	386	453	**839**	621
Charitable activities	3	33	385	**418**	1,121
Investment income	4	38	22	**60**	55
Total incoming resources		457	860	**1,317**	1,797

Expenditure

Fundraising costs	5	40	0	**40**	29
Charitable activities	6	193	662	**855**	1,534
Total resources expended		233	662	**895**	1,563
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	8, 11	221	160	**381**	15
Gains on disposal of investment assets	8, 11	0	0	**0**	0
Total gains on investment assets		221	160	**381**	15
Net incoming resources		445	358	**803**	249
Gross transfer between funds		0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		445	358	**803**	249
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2020		1,740	1,264	**3,004**	2,755
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2021		2,185	1,622	**3,807**	3,004

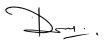
The notes at pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
Investments	8	1,548	1,143	**2,691**	757	553	1,310
Total fixed assets		1,548	1,143	**2,691**	757	553	1,310
Current assets:							
Debtors	9	65	49	**114**	136	98	234
Short term investments and deposits	11	221	160	**381**	801	580	1,381
Cash at bank and in hand		364	257	**621**	46	33	79
Total current assets		650	466	**1,116**	983	711	1,694
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	0	0	**0**	0	0	0
Net current assets		**650**	**466**	**1,116**	983	711	1,694
Total net assets		2,198	1,609	**3,807**	1,740	1,264	3,004
Funds of the charity							
Income Funds							
Unrestricted	12	2,185	0	**2,185**	1,740	0	1,740
Restricted	12	0	1,622	**1,622**	0	1,264	1,264
Total funds of the charity		2,185	1,622	**3,807**	1,740	1,264	3,004

The notes at pages 3 to 14 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Corporate Trustee on 25th of November 2021 and signed by:



…… on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

……25th November 2021 …… Date

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting

The accounts (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) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Corporate Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about Northumbria Healthcare's charitable funds ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

The charity's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The only obligated expenditure the charity is committed to in the next twelve months is the administration costs of running the charity. There are sufficient reserves to meet this commitment for the foreseeable future.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity's Corporate Trustee and parent undertaking, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk). In these financial statements, the charity is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust include the equivalent disclosures, the charity has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

As the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102.33A and has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned members of this group.

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain investments which are included at fair value.

1.2 Income

a) Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income is recognised in the accounts of the charity when all of the following conditions are met;

i) Entitlement – control over the rights or other assets to the economic benefit has passed to the charity;

ii) Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity; and

iii) Measurement - the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

b) Gifts in kind

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

iii) 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.

c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind (e.g. the provision of free accommodation) is included in the accounts with an equivalent amount in ongoing resources, if there is a financial cost borne by another party. The value placed on such income is the financial cost of the third party providing the resources.

d) Legacies

Pecuniary and residuary legacies are accounted for as income once the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled. If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

Income from reversionary interest of 'life interest' legacies is treated as receivable when conditions associated with the payment have been recognised (e.g. death of a life tenant). Any material assets bequeathed to the charity but subject to a life tenancy interest held by a third party are disclosed in the accounts.

e) NVS Shops

All sales made in the NVS shops are in cash and are recognised at the point of sale. The principal purchases of goods to be sold are paid for on a direct debit basis at the end of each month and hence no creditors are required to be recognised. Any year end inventory in shops is excluded from the accounts as the Corporate Trustee does not consider it to be material.

1.3 Expenditure

Charitable expenditure is expenditure related to the aims and objectives of the charity.
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met;

- There is a present level of constructive obligation resulting from a past event;
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement; and

- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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

a) Cost of raising funds

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

b) Grants payable

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily for the relief of those who are sick. Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payments have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when;

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant;

- We have a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant; and

- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Corporate Trustee has control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Corporate Trustee and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised. Where an intention has been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability will be disclosed.

c) Governance Costs

Governance costs are classified as a support cost and therefore have been apportioned between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

d) Support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs and IT support.

e) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 6.

1.4 Investment Fixed Assets

i) Investment fixed assets are shown at market value.

ii) Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex-div.

iii) Other investment fixed assets are included at Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.
Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the Corporate Trustee's best estimate of market value.

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

1.5 Staff and Pension Costs

No staff were directly employed by the charity during the year.

1.6 Structure of Funds

When 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 or
- an endowment fund

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds which the Corporate Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are also classified as designated funds. The major funds held within these categories are disclosed on notes 12.1 and 12.2.

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and open market value (or the date or purchase if later).

1.8 Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments.

1.10 Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
Donations from individuals	181	421	**602**	277
Corporate Donations	12	1	**13**	65
Legacies	193	31	**224**	279
Total voluntary income	386	453	**839**	621

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
HVS Shops	0	385	**385**	1,096
Other	33	0	**33**	25
Total activities for generating funds	33	385	**418**	1,121

The above income relates to shops at The Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital at Cramlington, North Tyneside General Hospital, Wansbeck and Hexham Hospitals and Blyth Hospital.

The shops sell refreshments and general provisions to patients and visitors to the hospital. The shops are staffed by volunteers working under the name of the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS). All income from the operation are made available to the charity and expenditure of the profits is included under Note 6 under charitable activities.

4. Investment income

Total gross income	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	**0**	0
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund	38	22	**60**	52
Other investments and deposit accounts	0	0	**0**	3
Total investment income	38	22	**60**	55

All investment income is derived from investments held in the UK.

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000	Total 2020 Total Funds £000
Fundraising costs	40	0	**40**	29
Total cost of generating funds	40	0	**40**	29

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000	Total 2020 Total Funds £000
Purchase of New Equipment		48	76	**124**	161
New Building and Refurbishment		11	4	**15**	34
Staff Education and Welfare		13	8	**21**	138
Patient Education and Welfare		62	45	**107**	188
IT Equipment and Software		0	0	**0**	6
Grants to Other Charities		9	29	**38**	67
Support Costs and Overheads	7	50	36	**86**	99
Costs of good sold - HVS Shops		0	464	**464**	841
Total cost of charitable activities		193	662	**855**	1,534

7. Allocation of Governance, support costs and overheads

	Raising Funds £000	Allocted to cost of charitable activities £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Governance - External Audit	**0**	**6**	**6**	6
Governance - Other costs	**0**	**19**	**19**	20
Total governance costs	**0**	**25**	**25**	26
Financial administration and accountancy costs	**0**	**52**	**52**	67
Computer expenses	**0**	**4**	**4**	4
Miscellaneous	**0**	**5**	**5**	2
Total other support costs	**0**	**61**	**61**	73
Total governance, support costs and overheads	**0**	**86**	**86**	99

Financial Services and Governance costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by Trust employees these services to the charity. External Audit fees are a direct cost to the charity

The £84,000 (2020: £99,000) of support costs is included within the Cost of Charitable Activities (Note 6).

The charity does not directly employ any members of staff. The governance and financial services used by the charity are provided by employees of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The cost of providing these services is recharged to the charity by the Foundation Trust. Costs are calculated on the basis outlined above.

8. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

8.1 Fixed Asset Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Year Ended 2021 Total Funds £000	Year Ended 2020 Total Funds £000
Market value at start of year	757	553	**1,310**	1,295
Purchased- book cost	570	430	**1,000**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	221	160	**381**	15
Gross transfer between funds	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	1,548	1,143	**2,691**	1,310

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

8.2 Market value at 31 March	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Common Investment Fund;		
COIF Ethical Income Fund	**1,144**	129
COIF Global Equity Fund	**1,547**	1,181
Total fixed assets investments	**2,691**	1,310

There are no direct investments held outside the UK. Both common investment fund holdings are considered to be material and are disclosed. There are no individual listed investments in fixed asset investments.

9. Analysis of Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000	Total 2020 Total Funds £000
Accrued income	14	10	**24**	16
Other debtors	51	39	**90**	217
Total debtors	65	49	**114**	233

Accrued income represents income earned but not yet received on investments.

10. Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 Total Funds £000	Total 2020 Total Funds £000
Trade creditors	0	0	**0**	0
Total creditors	0	0	**0**	0

Creditors consist of money owed to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in respect of goods and services bought by the charity but initially paid for by the Trust

11. Short Term Investments and Deposits

Short term Investments	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Market value at start of year	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation unrealised	0	0	**0**	0
Net gain on revaluation realised	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - book cost	0	0	**0**	0
Proceeds of sale - Realised gain on disposal	0	0	**0**	0
Market value at end of year	0	0	**0**	0

Deposits	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
COIF Deposit account	203	147	**350**	1,350
Building Society Accounts	18	13	**31**	31
Total deposits	221	160	**381**	1,381
Total short term investments and deposits	221	160	**381**	1,381

Analysis of Funds

12. Endowment Funds

The charity held no endowment funds at 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020 - nil.)

Material funds

12.1 Unrestricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2020 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2021 £000
Berwick General Fund	31	0	0	4	0	35
Cardiology Fund (WGH)	43	1	0	4	0	48
Caroline's Comet Fund	47	3	0	5	0	55
Charisma Study Reseach	40	0	0	5	0	45
Chemo Unit Berwick	36	1	(1)	4	0	40
Diabetic Education Fund	30	4	0	4	0	38
Esprit Research Fund	99	0	0	10	0	109
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	70	4	0	8	0	82
ITU Trustwide	42	5	(12)	3	0	38
Oncology Day Unit (WGH)	54	15	(19)	5	0	55
Oncology Fund (NTGH)	45	9	(10)	4	0	48
Palliative Care Northumbria	228	45	(10)	30	0	293
Parkinson Disease Fund	59	0	(1)	7	0	65
Profess Research Fund	24	0	0	3	0	27
Special Care Baby Unit - Trustwide	22	0	0	2	0	24
Tanzania Educational Fund	31	0	(2)	3	0	32
Teardrop Project	71	6	(2)	8	0	83
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	32	1	(2)	4	0	35
Haltwhistle Hospital Fund	79	4	(23)	6	0	66
Hexham Hospital General Fund	76	121	(2)	26	0	221
Breast Disease Fund	30	0	0	3	0	33
NTGH - Ward 22 Stroke Ward	14	75	(6)	13	0	96
Pharmacy Charitable Fund	18	6	0	4	0	28
Covid 19 Donations Fund	0	55	(25)	5	0	35
Others	519	102	(118)	51	0	554
Total unrestricted funds	**1,740**	**457**	**(233)**	**221**	**0**	**2,185**

The unrestricted funds of the charity are designated funds i.e. there is no legal restriction on the use of the funds however the Corporate Trustee has earmarked the funds to be used for a particular purpose in the future. This purpose is indicated by the name given to these designated funds.

12.2 Restricted Funds	Balance 31 March 2020 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Gains / (losses) on Revaluation £000	Other Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2021 £000
Covid 19 Donations Fund	0	392	0	56	0	448
NVS Fund (Blyth)	55	4	(3)	6	0	62
NVS Fund (Cramlington)	165	112	(148)	12	0	141
NVS Fund (North Tyneside)	175	136	(155)	15	0	171
NVS Fund (Wansbeck)	38	33	(18)	6	0	59
North Northumberland CDG Fund	376	0	(54)	37	0	359
North Tyneside CDG Fund	402	0	(16)	39	0	425
Others	53	183	(268)	(11)	0	(43)
Total restricted funds	**1,264**	**860**	**(662)**	**160**	**0**	**1,622**

Income and expenditure of the shops staffed by the Northumbria Volunteer Service (NVS) are accounted for within separate funds - the NVS Funds. Periodically in the year any surpluses are transferred to Development Group funds. Expenditure on charitable activities funded by these surpluses is subsequently charged against the Development Group funds.

12.3 Details of Material Funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
Restricted Funds	
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For donations made in repsonse to the pandemic restricted to specific purposes
HVS Fund (Blyth)	General purposes restricted to the Blyth area
HVS Fund (Cramlington)	General purposes restricted to the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
HVS Fund (North Tyneside)	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
HVS Fund (Wansbeck)	General purposes restricted to the Wansbeck area
North Northumberland CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Northumberland area
North Tyneside CDG Fund	General purposes restricted to the North Tyneside area
Unrestricted Funds	
Berwick General Fund	General purposes of Berwick hospital
Cardiology Fund	Improving cardiology services at Wansbeck Hospital
Caroline's Comet Fund	Promote the understanding of practices in palliative care
Charisma Study Research	Researching stroke prevention
Chemo Unit Berwick	Chemotherapy Unit at Berwick Hospital
Diabetic Education Fund	To support education for Diabetes staff
Esprit Research Fund	For research into causes of strokes
Hexham Cancer Equipment Fund	To purchase equipment for cancer services at Hexham hospital
ITU Trustwide	For the Trustwide Intensive Care Service
Oncology Day Unit WGH	For improving patient experience at the Oncology day unit
Oncology Fund	For oncology treatments and staff education
Palliative Care Northumbria	Support for palliative care patients in North Tyneside and Northumberland
Parkinson's Disease Fund	For research into Parkinson's disease
Profess Research Fund	To promote stroke prevention research
Special Care Baby Unit	For improving facilities within SCBU Trustwide
Tanzania Education Fund	Undertake research supported by British Council
Teardrop Project	Support for bereaved families after infant death
WGH Palliative Care (Oasis Room)	Improving palliative care services at Wansbeck Hospital
Haltwhiste Hospital Fund	For the general purposes of Hexham Hospital
Hexham Hospital General Fund	For general purposes at Haltwhsitle Hospital
Breast Disease Fund	Improving Breast disease services Trustwide
Ward 22 Stroke Fund	For the general purposes of the Stroke Ward North Tyneside
Pharamcy Charitable Fund	For support of Pharamcy services Trustwide
Covid 19 Donations Fund	For the general purpose sof the charity Trustwide

13. Commitments, Liabilities and Provisions

The charity had no commitments, liabilities or provisions at the 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020 - nil).

14. Connected Organisations

	2020-2021		2019-2020	
Name, nature of connection, description of activities undertaken and details of any qualifications expressed by their auditors	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net deficit for the Connected Organisation £	Turnover of Connected Organisation £	Net surplus for the Connected Organisation £
The Charity is administered by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust Board members are representatives of the Corporate Trustee of the Charity	692,368,000	11,325,000	587,149,000	13,490,000

15. Related Party Transactions

The Charity is connected to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, it being the sole Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The Board of Directors of the Foundation Trust therefore have direct control of the charity through their control of the Foundation Trust. The Charity's objectives are to apply income and capital for any charitable purpose relating to services provided by the Foundation Trust and therefore the resources expended relate to the Foundation Trust in this way.

During the year the charity had a number of inter-company transactions with the Foundation Trust. At the 31 March the value of the inter-company balance was £90,000, that is the charity was owed £90,000 from the Foundation Trust.

During the year none of the members of the Foundation Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust.

The charity is included within the consolidated financial statements of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, for which copies may be obtained from the Trust website (www.northumbria.nhs.uk).

Members of the Foundation Trust Board:

Executive Directors

Sir James Mackey
Birju Bartolli
Paul Dunn
Ann Stringer
Mr Jeremy Rushmer
Marion Dickson
Daljit Lally
Claire Riley

Non-Executive Directors

Alan Richardson (Chair of Foundation Trust)
Martin Knowles
Malcolm Page
Moira Davidson
Bernard McCardle
Sir Alan Craft
Andrew Besford
Ruth Connorton
Roger Barton

No remuneration was paid to members of the Trust Board in 2020/21 (2019/20- Nil). No expenses were paid to Trust Board members in 2020/21 (2019/20 - Nil). No Trustee indemnity insurance was paid in 2020/21 (2019/20 - Nil).