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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Statement from the Executive Chair

2022 continued to be another a year of challenge but also of opportunity for the charity.

Between 2019-2022, LATCH remained constant in its support of families during the pandemic and as the charity co-existed with the corona virus whilst populations built up immunity and resilience to the long-term consequences of a global infection.

International communities do face a sustained period of global inflation, which, coupled with rising prices on energy and food and increasing interest rates on borrowing, casts a heavy burden on families, their income and their ability to manage the cost-of-living challenges. Recession is impacting on world markets and trading. These are all issues which are likely to have a negative impact on the public, private and voluntary sectors. As a charity in the third sector, LATCH is not immune from these challenges.

However, LATCH has been able to maintain effectively its core aims and services during 2022. The support of our patients and their families has been the key priority for the charity. Trustees have been responsive and reactive to service provision and continuity of care and support. Operational matters have been executed efficiently by the LATCH team to ensure support for patients and families remains at the core of the ethos and mission of the charity.

2022 was a satisfactory year for LATCH in financial terms, as discussed in the Financial Review. Income from donations recovered strongly following two years when fundraising capability was inevitably restricted by the pandemic, while expenditure continued to grow modestly.

2022 witnessed a steady flow of patients and families into the newly refurbished Rainbow ward funded by the charity. As the lead centre for paediatric oncology in South and Mid Wales, West and East Wales, it has been so rewarding to see our patients and families benefitting from the enhanced surroundings from diagnosis to treatment. It is a unique centre of expertise in South Wales and provides the specialist medical and support staff with the excellent facilities to deliver their clinical tasks. The staff on the ward and our social workers work steadfastly to promote a family atmosphere for those in their care to support in this superior environment. The commitment and dedication of the LATCH social workers, Mrs Helen Clark, Mrs Rachel Shorto and Mrs Katie Thomas provides excellent support and care to the patients and families.

Once again, another significant investment from LATCH has strengthened our long-established relationship with the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the Children's Hospital for Wales, a relationship to which we are steadfastly committed.

The governance of LATCH is a unique feature of the charity, where trustees take an active interest in the charity's development and activities. I would like to pay tribute to the contribution of the trustees to the strategic leadership of the charity and in particular to thank the following trustees for their diligent contributions in the following areas: Quality assurance and resources, (Mr John Milner), Financial management, audit and risk, (Mr Peter Patterson), Fundraising and engagement, (Mrs Sandra Owen) and Research and continuous professional development (Ms Sarah Lloyd).

After many years of substantial and dedicated service to LATCH, Ms Lloyd gave up her role of trustee in November 2022. We will miss her and thank her for her commitment to LATCH.

The trustees were delighted to appoint Mrs Harriet Morgan, highly qualified and experienced solicitor, who is the Head of Charities and the Not for Profit Team and a partner in a leading legal firm based in Cardiff.

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The trustees would also like to thank Ms Ceri Hogg, Early Phase Research Nurse, for her association with LATCH and her contribution to patients and their families.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Annual General Meeting took place prior to the Board meeting on 28th September 2022, at which our auditors presented the Annual Report for 2021.

With regard to staffing, we said farewell to the following staff:

- Mrs Jade Morgan, our general manager since 2019 and who had led the charity through the demanding years of Covid-19. We thank her for her contribution and give her our good wishes for her new post.
- Mrs Michelle Wellman, the family support worker, for her thoughtful care of patients and families

One of the priorities for 2022 was to review the structure of the administration team of LATCH. The following changes were made to the charity's administration:

In July,

- Mrs Menai Owen-Jones was appointed as consultant Chief Executive Officer for LATCH. Menai has substantial expertise and experience in the voluntary sector. She set to work very swiftly to discover the needs of the charity and as a result an interim staffing structure was approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th September 2022, with the following actions being completed during this reporting period:

In October,

- Mrs Viktoria Gaspar, our bookkeeper, was appointed as Finance Manager and Bookkeeper.

We welcomed the following to the team

- Ms Lisa Davies was engaged as a consultant Fundraising and Engagement Officer.
- Mrs Helen White was appointed as an Administrator.

The trustees express their gratitude to the LATCH administration team and their commitment to their roles at all times, to the clinical staff, all members of medical team and support staff and Ms Sian Jones, Ward Manager for Rainbow ward, for their unstinting and selfless care and dedication to their patients and to Mrs Ceri Philips, Deputy Manager of the Children's Hospital for Wales and Mrs Alison Oliver, Clinical Service Lead, Children's Hospital for Wales for their staunch support of LATCH.

On behalf of the trustees and staff, may I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the significant contribution of all branches, our voluntary ambassadors in Wales, our international supporters and those on social media. Much thought and planning took place in 2022 for the 40th anniversary of LATCH, the outcome of which will be seen in 2023 as the celebrations mark this milestone in the work of the charity.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aims and objectives of LATCH ('the Charity') are to relieve children suffering from cancer and leukaemia who have been referred to the Paediatric Oncology Unit based in the Children's Hospital at the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, and to support their families by such charitable means as the trustees see fit. Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The trustees believe that they have furthered these objects through practical and financial help as shown in the accompanying audited accounts.

Statement from the Chief Executive Officer

2022 was a period of development for the organisation, with focus in particular in the second half of the year on commencing a programme of investment in the charity's governance, infrastructure and operations, alongside the sustained delivery of our valued support services to children, young people and their families, despite staffing pressures experienced during the reporting period.

Covid-19 continued to impact on the operations of the charity, including limiting our ability to provide ward-based and hospital-based activities for children and their families, due to visiting and other restrictions at the Children's Hospital for Wales. Despite this, our dedicated team of social workers provided individualised support to each of LATCH'S families, to help ease the burden of their often gruelling, long and uncertain cancer journey. On average during 2022, we worked with 120 families at any one time. We received frequent positive feedback from families about the value and quality of our social work service, including through thank you cards, letters and social media feedback posts. During 2022 also, 65 of our families benefitted from a week's stay in one of our seaside holiday caravans in South Wales - again a much-valued service offering respite and a chance for families to make memories together.

LATCH also provides a significant grants funding programme for our families, to help them with the financial impact of a cancer diagnosis. We saw in 2022 how the cost-of-living crisis was impacting considerably on some of our families, with increasing utility bills and other day-to-day costs adding additional strain, and more worry, at an already extremely difficult time in their lives. LATCH continued to deliver its important financial grants during the year providing grants totalling more than £362,767. The number of grant payments to families rose substantially for the third year running from 914 in 2020, 1072 in 2021 to 1,112 in 2022. Compared to 2021 also, we provided a further £66,838 in grants, which is a 23% increase year-on-year.

Following the completion of the significant Rainbow ward project in 2021, when LATCH provided £1.2m of funding for a transformational upgrade of the Ward's facilities, we continued in 2022 to support the Children's Hospital with funding for further equipment and capital items, and contributions towards NHS clinical staff training and projects that demonstrate clear benefit to children and young people with cancer or leukaemia.

LATCH's family accommodation provision in the Children's Hospital for Wales, which is located closely to Rainbow ward, also continued to see considerable usage by our families, with an average occupancy rate of 60% over a year, across all eight of our bedrooms. We provided 1,640 days of accommodation in total for LATCH families in 2022 and this service is particularly used by our families travelling a distance from West Wales to the hospital, based in Cardiff.

In the latter part of the 2022, significant work was undertaken in producing phase one of an organisation development project, this included designing an interim staffing structure, which was approved by the Board in September 2022, for implementation during 2022-23. Much work was completed during 2022 in implementing this project. Phase two of the organisation development project will follow in 2023 to focus on other important aspects of organisation design including reviewing the charity's vision, mission and values, strategy and brand, as we strategically plan the future of LATCH.

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There were a number of governance and operational achievements during 2022, including undertaking a data protection audit, improvements in our financial process with the adoption of digital solutions, a full review of our holiday caravans commenced and the early development of a policies framework and accompanying policies, as the trustees recognise the importance of good governance and investing in this area for the future of the charity.

The period leading up to Christmas 2022 saw another busy time for LATCH - an annual highlight in the calendar. Thanks to the generosity of so many individuals, businesses and our community across Wales, we distributed hundreds of donated gifts and presents to our children and families across the region, for them to enjoy, and we were able to reintroduce our very popular 'Build a Bear' activity day for our families - the first time since Covid-19 began.

During 2022 we also saw many fundraising initiatives (e.g. coffee mornings, half marathons and marathons, cycle rides and sponsored challenges) and activities across Wales, kindly organised by our supporters, to whom we are indebted.

Planning started in 2022 for an exciting programme of activities to mark the charity's 40th Anniversary in 2023 and priorities for the organisation for the year ahead were also formulated.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising and engagement

During 2022 LATCH engaged a Fundraising and Engagement Officer, contracted to deliver its fundraising initiatives and to support activities carried out by volunteers, including patients, families, friends, volunteers, ambassadors, branches and donors from Wales and from national and international donors and supporters.

LATCH is dependent on the generosity of the public throughout Wales for the charity's income. No funds are received from Welsh Government, health boards or other statutory sources. There are several branches throughout South Wales that regularly undertake fund-raising activities of a wide-ranging nature. The trustees remain indebted to them, and to the public, locally, nationally and internationally, for their kindness and generosity in making donations and promoting the invaluable work that LATCH does. There will always be children and families who need LATCH and the specific assistance LATCH can offer them.

The trustees' primary objective is to ensure that the charity supports children and their families from diagnosis, through treatment and at times, sadly, through bereavement.

The trustees extend their thanks to the following funders for their generous support during 2022:

Hodge Bank Foundation
Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club
Crane Fund for Women and Children 2022
C2Cycling Fundraising - Cardiff to Edinburgh 2022
Carten 100 - Cardiff to Tenby Bike Ride
EUI Limited (Admiral Insurance)
Advanta Foundation
YMCA - 1910 Trust

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

The year 2022 was a satisfactory one in financial terms for LATCH. Income from donations recovered strongly following two years when fundraising capability was inevitably restricted by the pandemic, while expenditure continued to grow modestly.

Total unrestricted income rose by more than 60% between 2021 and 2022, thanks to an increase in income from donations of close to 77%. Unrestricted income from donations and legacies totalled £668,954 in 2022, compared with £377,144 in 2021, regaining a more typical pre-pandemic level. LATCH saw an increase in legacy income during 2022, including an increase in trusts income and one-off donations from sponsored events compared with 2021.

However, the lingering impact of the global pandemic and its aftermath, and the severe cost-of-living pressures facing many people, will continue to challenge the charity's ability to maintain its level of financial support. Even in 2022, the level of income generation dipped disturbingly during the second half of the year, which may give an early indication of the financial pressures facing the entire charitable sector as a result of the continuing cost-of-living crisis. LATCH must therefore continue its ongoing work to develop its fundraising capabilities in order to support strategic income generation into the future.

The Charity spent £829,355 (unrestricted funds) on charitable activities in 2022. This included a further £73,570 of capital expenditure, mainly additional costs associated with the refurbishment of Rainbow ward on top of the £1.2 million donated by LATCH for this purpose in 2021. Excluding capital spending, unrestricted expenditure grew from £698,561 in 2021 to £755,785 in 2022, an increase of 8%. Within this, spending on charitable services to patients grew by 10% between 2021 and 2022.

The surplus of unrestricted income over expenditure (excluding capital spending) amounted to £45,583 in 2022, following a deficit of £196,577 in 2021.

The trustees monitor income and expenditure at all board meetings and at calendared budget monitoring meetings and through direct contact between the Treasurer and the Finance Manager and CEO. Trustees also set an annual budget and the Treasurer monitors and reports the Charity's performance against the budget throughout the year.

The trustees have agreed a multi-year programme of investment in the governance, infrastructure and strategic development of the organisation. The years 2023 and 2024 will continue to build on progress made in 2022, moving focus towards producing the charity's new strategy, brand review and strategic focus on income generation and digital development.

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Investment policy and objectives

Cazenove Capital were appointed as the investment manager for the LATCH investment portfolio with effect from spring 2021. Since then, the portfolio has been invested in Cazenove's RMAF (Responsible Multi-Asset Fund), which adheres to the LATCH trustees' agreed policy that there should be no direct investment in companies where a significant share of profits emanates from tobacco or arms sales.

Cazenove are asked to maintain a level of income appropriate and commensurate with the agreed portfolio investment profile and risk structure, looking to deliver total returns over the short to medium term at least in line with inflation. The RMAF has a target of inflation (CPI) plus 4% per annum, net of fees, over rolling ten-year periods.

The asset allocation policy adopted by Cazenove allows the degree of flexibility required to respond to market conditions. The portfolio structure, performance and asset allocation are regularly reviewed at trustees' meetings, and trustees are satisfied that the investment profile and risk structure remain appropriate.

The trustees note that investment income for the year 2022 amounted to £122,379. After deducting investment management fees of £7,425, net investment income was £114,954, a modest rise on the net income of £111,582 in 2021.

As at 30th December 2022, the total value of the LATCH investment portfolio was £2,898,137 (31st December 2021: £3,230,005). The fall in the value of the portfolio during 2022 reflects the considerable degree of turbulence on global financial markets as a result of the after-effects from the pandemic, especially on global supply chains, war in Ukraine, and rising inflationary pressures and interest rates.

A sum of £300,000 has been designated within the reserves to support future (unspecified) medium term capital project developments.

The trustees are grateful to the portfolio investment managers for their continued expertise and active management of the portfolio and will continue to look to them to maximise the Charity's investment income at all times.

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Reserves policy

The trustees' agreed reserves policy is that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level sufficient to cover normal (pre-pandemic) direct charitable expenditure over the medium term (defined as three to five years). The reserves policy was reaffirmed by trustees following a review in November 2022. It was recommended that the policy should be reviewed again as part of a forthcoming strategic review of the charity's activities.

The level of reserves (held in the investment portfolio) amounted to £2,898,137 on 30th December 2022, equivalent to 3.4 times the level of charitable expenditure in 2022.

The trustees have taken account of several factors in the setting of reserves policy, including:

- The reserves provide financial stability as well as the means to meet core objectives despite risks to the values of the investment portfolio arising from economic uncertainty and the impact of shocks such as the pandemic.
- The Charity's income is volatile in nature, while it faces a consistently high expenditure commitment.
- Direct charitable expenditure covers both long-term commitments and annual services to patients such as comfort grant payments. Expenditure on specific capital projects is met from a designated, separate reserve.

The current economic and social climate remains extremely difficult for both health providers and for families of children with cancer. It is for this reason the trustees will continue to seek to utilise its reserves in the coming years in order to maintain a balance between protecting existing expenditure commitments, being able to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise, and supporting capital investment that will achieve lasting benefits in accordance with the Charity's aims and objectives. The accumulation of income paid out from the investment portfolio, including in the form of interest and dividends, allows this to be done while conforming with the agreed reserves policy.

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**FUTURE PLANS
Priorities for 2023**

What	Key objectives
Fundraising and Marketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Deliver 40th Anniversary Programme of activities, including a fundraising appeal.2. Complete preparations for LATCH's Ambassadors' programme, including new policies and procedures and commence rolling out the programme.3. Grow social media presence and deliver quality content.4. Improve content on the current website, including regularity and type of content.
Governance and Compliance:Policies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Approval and implementation of new Policies' Framework and Map in place, with the majority of new policies required, completed by September 2023.6. Implement Data Protection Audit recommendations.7. Continue programme of Board development.8. Develop the charity's risks management.
Organisation development and strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Project plan and commence Phase 2 Organisation Development (strategic review).
Finance Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. New financial policies and procedures produced, aligned with the Organisational Policies Framework.11. Continue to deliver clean financial audit for 2022.12. Continue streamlining and improving financial processes.13. Prepare a budget for 2024, including a new Fundraising Plan.
Infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">14. Complete mapping of digital systems and plan the introduction of new Customer Relationship Management database software.15. Complete implementation of interim staffing structure (Phase 1 Organisation Development Project).
External Affairs and Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">16. Deliver a Reception event at the Senedd to mark 40th Anniversary of LATCH.17. Appoint and induct new Patrons to the charity.18. Develop new external connections for the charity and build relations with existing stakeholders.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">19. Provide a high quality social work service and support in the region of 120 families at any one time.

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20. Deliver a programme of support services events, including family events and ward-based activities.

21. Review LATCH Accommodation provision and management.

22. Grants - provide grants support for families ensuring alignment with the current Grants Policy.

23. Grants - provide grants' support for health care professionals' projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, The Memorandum and Articles, and constitutes a charitable company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by general meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and are subject to retirement by rotation and re-appointment, if approved, by the Annual General meeting.

Organisational structure

The trustees are also directors of the Company. They oversee the running of the Charity and maintain their responsibilities. For the purposes of the operational running of the charity the trustees have appointed a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and replaced the Charity's General Manager role with a Head of Operations (HOS). The Chair and Treasurer are the two officers of the charity. The Board of Trustees receives financial reports from the Treasurer at the five calendared board meetings. The Finance Manager leads and manages all day-to-day financial matters of the charity and reports to the CEO and HOS. A Facilities and Administration Manager leads and manages the facilities and administration functions of the charity and reports to the HOS. The CEO and HOS take decisions in accordance with the overall agreed budget for the year and based the policies and protocols agreed by the trustees. The CEO presents a written report to the trustees at every board meeting and an operative Risks Register is in place.

It is the adopted practice of the trustees to seek to add to their number from suitably qualified professional people or from those who have actively supported the Charity. They ensure that adequate training is given to any incoming trustee to enable them to discharge their responsibility in a proper manner. Each is given access to a current copy of the Charity Commission's publication CC3 and CC3a.

During the year the maintenance of the Charity's accounting records and the financial reporting framework has remained unchanged. The Treasurer continues to monitor closely the financial activities of the Charity and reports directly to the Board of Trustees. At their meeting to adopt the audited accounts of the Charity, the trustees also review the governance and structure of the Charity to ensure that its arrangements remain appropriate and effective. Trustees also consider the Charity's risk register on a periodic basis.

There are no subsidiary charities or other related activities. LATCH is a stand-alone charity. All directors are trustees of LATCH, details of which appear below.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04735773 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1100949

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Registered office

Children's Hospital for Wales
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Trustees

Mrs Sian Howell
Mrs Emma Hingston (resigned 26.6.23)
Mr Lyn David Howell
Mr Philip Reardon Smith
Mr John Milner
Mr James Rudolf
Miss Sarah Lloyd (resigned 30.11.22)
Mrs Sandra Owen
Ms Susan Gwyer-Roberts
Mr Peter Patterson
Mrs Harriet Angharad Morgan (appointed 30.11.22)

Auditors

Xeinadin Audit Limited
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of LATCH Welsh Children's Cancer Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

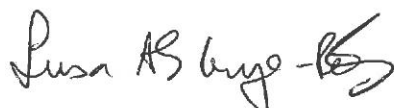
This report has been prepared having given due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Trustees Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Gwyer-Roberts', followed by a stylized flourish or initial.

Ms Susan Gwyer-Roberts - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of LATCH Welsh Children's Cancer Charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 20 to the financial statements, 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 charitable company'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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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

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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

The audit was planned on the basis that the testing undertaken and procedures carried out would have a reasonable expectation of detecting any instances of irregularity including fraud. The plan involved assessing the risk of the financial statements containing material misstatements taking into account various factors such as the control systems in place, the standard of record keeping and an assessment of the influence and role of the stakeholders involved. The audit plan was followed and benefitted from the audit teams knowledge of the client. They considered how fraud may occur and where the financial statements may be susceptible to error.


Suitable transaction sample testing was made on the high risk areas of the financial statements. Enquiries were made of the company directors for information and explanations as required during the course of the audit and any contentious areas appropriately challenged to ensure that sufficient audit evidence was obtained.

The procedures and testing undertaken as a result of our risk assessments were deemed sufficient to identify material errors for which adjustment was then made in the financial statements. There is however no guarantee that all errors, including those related to fraud, would be identified as part of the audit. 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 Report of the Auditors.

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Use of our report

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



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25 September 2023

LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	668,954	90,000	758,954	395,743
Investment income	3	123,811	-	123,811	119,993
Other income		8,603	-	8,603	4,847
Total		801,368	90,000	891,368	520,583
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	36,882	-	36,882	28,803
Charitable activities	5				
Services to patients		792,473	18,599	811,072	1,856,027
LATCHmosphere maintenance		-	-	-	14,100
Total		829,355	18,599	847,954	1,898,930
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(331,868)	-	(331,868)	368,327
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(359,855)	71,401	(288,454)	(1,010,020)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,828,188	18,599	3,846,787	4,856,807
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		3,468,333	90,000	3,558,333	3,846,787

The notes form part of these financial statements

LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 04735 773)

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	7	7
Investments	13	2,898,137	3,230,005
		<u>2,898,144</u>	<u>3,230,012</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	157,225	49,503
Cash at bank		646,241	671,107
		<u>803,466</u>	<u>720,610</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(143,277)	(103,835)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>660,189</u>	<u>616,775</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,558,333</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>3,558,333</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		3,468,333	3,828,188
Restricted funds		90,000	18,599
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>3,558,333</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ms Susan Gwyer-Roberts - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(148,677)	(1,646,137)
Net cash used in operating activities		(148,677)	(1,646,137)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		-	(3,429,578)
Sale of fixed asset investments		-	4,620,623
Interest received		1,432	2,132
Dividends received		122,379	117,861
Net cash provided by investing activities		123,811	1,311,038
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(24,866)	(335,099)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		671,107	1,006,206
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		646,241	671,107

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(288,454)	(1,010,020)
Adjustments for:		
Losses/(gain) on investments	331,868	(368,327)
Interest received	(1,432)	(2,132)
Dividends received	(122,379)	(117,861)
Increase in debtors	(107,722)	(2,376)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	39,442	(145,421)
Net cash used in operations	<u>(148,677)</u>	<u>(1,646,137)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	671,107	(24,866)	646,241
	<u>671,107</u>	<u>(24,866)</u>	<u>646,241</u>
Total	<u>671,107</u>	<u>(24,866)</u>	<u>646,241</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

In light of the challenging circumstances post the global pandemic and including political and economic turbulence, trustees ought to consider any financial risk to the Charity in the coming twelve-month period.

It is possible that charitable income will remain subdued as a result of the continuing economic uncertainties and that the value of our investment portfolio may also be adversely affected by turbulence in global financial markets.

Further, our charitable expenditure remains constant due to the ongoing needs of families for grant payments, the salary commitments and service level agreements in place. LATCH still holds a healthy cash balance outside of our investment portfolio, which can be used to fund ongoing commitments. Our reserves policy ensures that we have sufficient free reserves to fund expenditure for a number of years. On that basis, LATCH is considered to remain a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

The charitable company recognises grants on the performance model basis.

Grants that do not impose specified future performance-related conditions are recognised as income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable.

Grants that impose specified future performance-related conditions are recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Tangible Fixed Assets are initially recorded at cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and fund raising events - branch	191,075	113,108
Donations and fund raising events - central	313,541	248,791
Bereavements & legacies	153,728	12,276
Sale of promotional items	1,467	1,969
Grant income	99,143	19,599
	<u>758,954</u>	<u>395,743</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Dividends and fixed interest securities	122,379	117,861
Interest on cash deposits	1,432	2,132
	<u>123,811</u>	<u>119,993</u>

LATCH WELSH CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising activities	<u>29,457</u>	<u>22,524</u>

Investment management costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Investment management fees	<u>7,425</u>	<u>6,279</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>36,882</u>	<u>28,803</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Services to patients	<u>686,293</u>	<u>124,779</u>	<u>811,072</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants and comfort payments	476,501	381,620
Funded posts	131,307	156,929
Capital contribution Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust	73,570	1,200,369
Hospital equipment	4,915	2,844
LATCHmosphere	-	14,100
	<u>686,293</u>	<u>1,755,862</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Services to patients	<u>91,687</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>32,429</u>	<u>124,779</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,760	5,520
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	2,400	1,890
	<u>8,160</u>	<u>7,410</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were reimbursed expenses of £474 (2021: £161) during the year incurred wholly and necessarily in the performance of charitable activities.

10. STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	377,144	18,599	395,743
Investment income	119,993	-	119,993
Other income	4,847	-	4,847
Total	<u>501,984</u>	<u>18,599</u>	<u>520,583</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	28,803	-	28,803
Charitable activities			
Services to patients	1,856,027	-	1,856,027
LATCHmosphere maintenance	14,100	-	14,100
Total	<u>1,898,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,898,930</u>
Net gains on investments	368,327	-	368,327
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(1,028,619)</u>	<u>18,599</u>	<u>(1,010,020)</u>

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	4,856,807	-	4,856,807
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>3,828,188</u>	<u>18,599</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>89,353</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>89,346</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>7</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>7</u>

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	3,230,005
Unrealised gains	(331,868)
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,898,137</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,898,137</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,230,005</u>

Investment assets outside the UK are shown below.

Investments can be further analysed as follows:

	2022		2021	
	UK £	Overseas £	UK £	Overseas £
Listed Investments	96,839	1,764,317	115,268	2,296,939
Other	<u>824,573</u>	<u>212,408</u>	<u>603,885</u>	<u>213,913</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

	<u>921,412</u>	<u>1,976,725</u>	<u>719,153</u>	<u>2,510,852</u>
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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments & other debtors	<u>157,225</u>	<u>49,503</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	39,638	-
Funded posts & other accruals	103,639	103,835
	<u>143,277</u>	<u>103,835</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	720	4,544
Between one and five years	2,699	18,176
In more than five years	-	17,636
	<u>3,419</u>	<u>40,356</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	7	-	7	7
Investments	2,898,137	-	2,898,137	3,230,005
Current assets	713,466	90,000	803,466	720,610
Current liabilities	(143,277)	-	(143,277)	(103,835)
	<u>3,468,333</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>3,558,333</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,528,188	(359,855)	3,168,333
Designated	300,000	-	300,000
	<u>3,828,188</u>	<u>(359,855)</u>	<u>3,468,333</u>
Restricted funds			
Julian Hodge	18,599	(18,599)	-
YMCA	-	90,000	90,000
	<u>18,599</u>	<u>71,401</u>	<u>90,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,846,787</u>	<u>(288,454)</u>	<u>3,558,333</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	801,368	(829,355)	(331,868)	(359,855)
Restricted funds				
Julian Hodge	-	(18,599)	-	(18,599)
YMCA	90,000	-	-	90,000
	<u>90,000</u>	<u>(18,599)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,401</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>891,368</u>	<u>(847,954)</u>	<u>(331,868)</u>	<u>(288,454)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	3,856,807	(1,028,619)	700,000	3,528,188
Designated	1,000,000	-	(700,000)	300,000
	<u>4,856,807</u>	<u>(1,028,619)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,828,188</u>
Restricted funds				
Julian Hodge	-	18,599	-	18,599
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,856,807</u>	<u>(1,010,020)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,846,787</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	501,984	(1,898,930)	368,327	(1,028,619)
Restricted funds				
Julian Hodge	18,599	-	-	18,599
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>520,583</u>	<u>(1,898,930)</u>	<u>368,327</u>	<u>(1,010,020)</u>

Unrestricted Funds

The general reserve represents the funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

Designated funds represent monies set aside for the following:

- £300k relating to medium term capital project development.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds relate to monies received from YMCA to fund social worker salaries for 3 years from 2023.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

20. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other incorporated charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.