

VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1118076

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE OCULAR HEALTH OF HOMELESS AND DESTITUTE PEOPLE IN THE UK WHO ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACCESS MAINSTREAM SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NHS BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE HIGH QUALITY AND FREE AT THE POINT OF USE OCULAR HEALTH SERVICE, INCLUDING SCREENING AND THE PROVISION OF SPECTACLES, THAT MEETS THE IMMEDIATE VISUAL NEEDS OF OUR BENEFICIARIES IN A SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, FRIENDLY AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: VCHP provide free eyecare services to homeless and other vulnerable people in UK in an accessible and friendly environment in which they feel safe, welcome and comfortable. We aim to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and other vulnerable people in the UK and include the provision of spectacles that meets their immediate visual needs.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK
- Scotland
- Birmingham City
- Brighton And Hove
- Bristol City
- Devon
- Gloucestershire
- Leeds City
- Manchester City
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£469,048	£413,117	-	-
2024-03-31	£265,780	£262,752	-	-
2023-03-31	£152,326	£160,978	-	-
2022-03-31	£106,506	£113,302	-	-
2021-03-31	£104,808	£95,247	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ELAINE STYLES	Chair	
David Oliver		2024-10-01
Emma Low		2021-07-20
Gillian Syme		2024-02-13
Harinder Paul		2014-08-01
Paul Chapman-Hatchett		2024-09-17
Sean Lawe		2024-10-01

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Trustees Report

& Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Chair's report

for the year ended 31st March 2025

Purpose

Vision Care is a national charity that champions the right to sight for all people affected by homelessness.

Mission

We improve eye health through direct services and work to remove barriers through advocacy and education.

Vision

We envision a future where no one is denied the right to sight because of their housing status.

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Introduction

As I look back on 2024–25, I am filled with pride at how much Vision Care for Homeless People has achieved, and deep gratitude for the dedication and compassion that underpin everything we do.

This has been a year of growth, innovation, and renewed connection. We opened new clinics in **Edinburgh and Plymouth**, expanding our reach to people affected by homelessness in Scotland and the South West. Our **Domiciliary Pilot Project** in Yorkshire proved to be one of the most successful ways we've ever reached patients — taking eye care directly to where people are, and showing that 88% of those we saw would not otherwise have accessed support. These achievements show that when barriers are removed, lives can change.

We have also strengthened the partnerships that make our work possible. From the continued generosity of **STEPPER EYEWEAR, Specsavers, Scope Eyecare, Théa Pharmaceuticals Ltd, and The Body Doctor Ltd**, to the collective fundraising efforts and generosity of optical practices, students, and individuals across the country, our supporters have ensured that VCHP can continue to provide free, professional eye care to those who need it most. The recognition of our partnership with Specsavers at the **Third Sector Awards**, where we were Highly Commended for Small Corporate Partnership of the Year, was a proud moment that reflected the dedication of everyone involved.

At the heart of all this progress are our volunteers. They give their time, expertise, and kindness in clinics week after week, offering sight-saving care with empathy and respect. Their stories — like those of Claire in Birmingham and Tom in Bristol — remind us what can be achieved when skilled professionals are given the chance to make a difference.

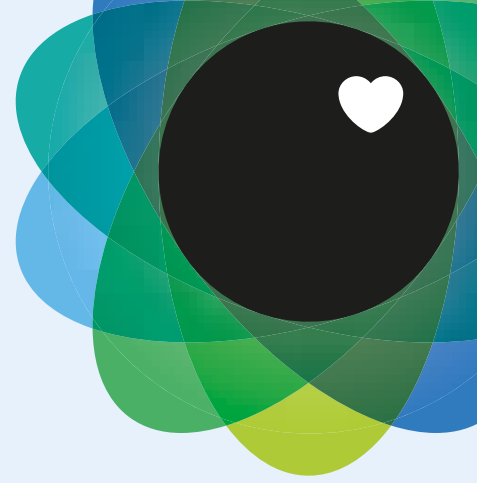
Financially, this has been a year of careful stewardship and positive momentum. We are emerging from a period of recovery and renewal with solid foundations, thanks to the generosity of our funders and donors, and the strategic leadership of our team. Every pound raised and every partnership built helps sustain our clinics and invest in new models of care that reach further than ever before.

As we move into the new financial year, we are also embarking on the next chapter in our journey: the launch of **VCHP's new three-year strategy**. Developed collaboratively with the Board, staff, volunteers, and partners, it sets out our vision for growth, influence, and deeper impact — ensuring that as need rises, our response remains compassionate, sustainable, and effective.

As we look ahead to 2025–26, we do so with optimism and determination. The need for accessible, compassionate eye care remains great — and so too does our belief that anyone experiencing homelessness deserves the chance to see clearly.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank everyone who has been part of VCHP's journey this year — our staff, volunteers, funders, partners, and supporters. Together, we are not only restoring sight, but also helping people see a brighter future for themselves.

Elaine Styles Chair of Vision Care for Homeless People



“At the heart of all this progress are our volunteers. They give their time, expertise, and kindness in clinics week after week”

A year of Vision Care in numbers:

10 UK CLINICS



1257

Eye examinations

722 Sessions volunteered

135

Volunteers - optometrists, dispensing opticians and optical assistants



40

Ready readers dispensed



1489

Pairs of glasses dispensed

Achievements

This year has been one of significant growth and innovation for Vision Care.



Yorkshire Domiciliary Pilot:

We launched a new domiciliary service pilot in Yorkshire, bringing essential eye care directly to people experiencing homelessness in the places where they are already accessing support services. This approach removes many of the practical and emotional barriers that can prevent people from accessing care. Early results show it to be **four times more effective than our static clinic in Leeds**, with **271 people receiving sight tests and support** — many of whom might otherwise have gone without the care they need.

First Clinic Outside of England:

We opened our first clinic outside England, marking a major milestone in expanding our reach and impact. This demonstrates the adaptability and scalability of our model to meet need across the UK.

Strengthening Partnerships:

We deepened collaborations with key partners, enabling more integrated pathways to eye care. These partnerships (detailed in the following summary of our year) not only support sustainable service delivery but also help us reach more people with complex needs.

Around the year

April 2024



Our long-standing friends at **STEPPER EYEWEAR** continued their incredible support for the fifth year running, pledging **£11,000** towards the running costs of our Birmingham clinic at **SIFA Fireside**. Thanks to this continued partnership, our team can keep the clinic's doors open every Monday, offering vital eye care and glasses to people experiencing homelessness across the city.

During a visit to the clinic, Peter Reeve, Managing Director of Stepper UK, spent the morning with the local VCHP team, meeting volunteers and learning more about the difference their support makes. The visit sparked further generosity, with donations of frames and sunglasses and even new ideas for sourcing equipment.

Peter shared:

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to support the vital work VCHP does. That we can help in providing eyecare for the vulnerable in the Birmingham community aligns with our belief that frames are primarily a medical device and quality eyecare should be available to all."

May 2024

May saw the start of our **Domiciliary Pilot Project in Yorkshire**, an ambitious one-year initiative to bring eye care directly to people affected by homelessness across East and West Yorkshire. Working with two dedicated teams from **Specsavers Home Visits**, we took our service into hostels and day centres — meeting people where they were and offering vital sight-saving support to those unable to visit a clinic.

Looking back, the pilot proved to be one of our most successful ways of reaching people this year. We carried out **271 eye tests**, reaching **four times as many people** as our Leeds clinic saw in the same period. **Crucially, 88% of the people we saw told us they would not have sought eye care unless we brought the service to them that day** — powerfully underscoring the value of meeting people where they are.

The insights from this project are already shaping how we design and deliver future services, helping us ensure that even more people can access the care — and the confidence — that good vision brings.



Picture shows the York team: Georgia Mae Thompson, Paula Conway(optometrist) and Emma Donnelly

June 2024

June marked a huge milestone for VCHP with the **launch of our first clinic in Scotland**, based at the newly renovated **Wellness Centre at Crisis Skylight Edinburgh**.

The new clinic offers free, comprehensive eye care to people affected by homelessness in the city — from sight tests to dispensing glasses — delivered from two fully equipped testing and dispensing rooms. Being located within the Crisis Wellness Centre means people can also access a range of other health and wellbeing services, from podiatry and hairdressing to massage, sexual health support, and vaccinations, all under one roof.

The launch event brought together a wonderful mix of people — partners, supporters from across the optical industry, third sector organisations keen to refer their clients, and of course our dedicated VCHP volunteers. Their enthusiasm and collaboration captured what VCHP is all about: bringing people together to make quality eye care accessible for everyone, no matter their circumstances.

From launch to the end of this reporting period, the Edinburgh clinic carried out **62 sight tests**, marking a strong and encouraging start for our work in Scotland.



July 2024

In July, we shone a light on the dedication of our volunteers — the heart of every VCHP clinic. In Birmingham, **Volunteer Clinic Manager Claire Wier, FBDO**, has been leading our team at **SIFA Fireside** for the past three years, bringing care, compassion, and clinical excellence to people who might otherwise go without.



Claire describes her experience as deeply rewarding:

“There is no pressure to sell anything. It really goes to the grass roots of why we went into optics – to help people to see. I love the role – we are such a friendly team and the service we provide is so appreciated. I do understand people’s nervousness about volunteering, but you immediately get to see the bigger picture. I come out of the clinic sessions feeling a different person as we have really helped, and it gives you a greater appreciation of your own life.”

Since Claire joined the clinic in Digbeth, the team has detected and referred cases including a macular hole, suspected glaucoma, cataracts, and blepharitis — vital early interventions that can prevent sight loss.

“These patients seem to take it in their stride,” Claire explains. “Eyesight is not a priority for them and they generally don’t think about having a sight test with so many other things on their mind. It is good that we can offer our service. We have a fully equipped clinic and I just love these four hours on a Monday.”

Her words capture the essence of VCHP’s mission — providing expert eye care where it’s most needed, and restoring not only sight, but dignity and confidence.

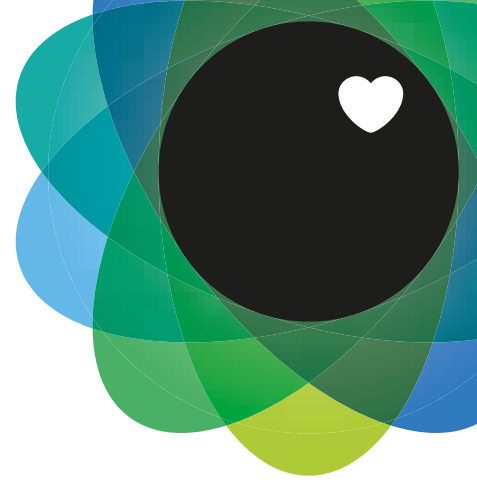
August 2024

Vision Care were thrilled to receive a grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund towards the purchase of an iCare Tonometer for use in one of our clinics. An iCare Tonometer is a piece of equipment used to measure eye pressure and is one of the instruments required for Glaucoma screening. Glaucoma is a common eye condition where the optic nerve which connects the eye to the brain becomes damaged. Glaucoma is a serious medical condition and can lead to loss of vision if it’s not diagnosed and treated early

September 2024

September was a month of partnership and recognition.

The Body Doctor Ltd supported our **Domiciliary Pilot Project in East and West Yorkshire** with donations of **120 bottles of hypoallergenic antibacterial spray** and **120 bottles of eye drops**, bringing relief and comfort to people who often have no access to essential eye care products.



Longstanding partners **Scope Eyecare & Healthcare** also increased their support with a **£2,000 donation**, helping us reach more patients. During a visit to our **London Skylight clinic**, **Daniel Achilles**, Medical and Professional Affairs Advisor, said:

“We’re so happy to be able to support the amazing work that VCHP does and the impact they have on so many lives.”

Adding to the celebrations, VCHP and **Specsavers** were **Highly Commended** in the **Small Corporate Partnership of the Year** category at the **Third Sector Awards**. The recognition reflected the impact of our collaboration — from opening new clinics to piloting innovative ways of delivering care through our domiciliary project. Staff from both organisations attended, including Specsavers volunteers who give their time in VCHP clinics, alongside **Stan Burridge, Director of Expert Focus**, who has helped us embed the voices of people with lived experience into our service development.



October 2024

October was a month of action and awareness as we marked both **World Homelessness Day** and **World Sight Day**.



With the involvement of VCHP staff and volunteers, we ran an **additional clinic at our Skylight London site**, as well as an **extra domiciliary session in Yorkshire** with the **Specsavers Bradford team**. The team visited a new venue at **Wakefield Baptist Church**, which provides drop-in and night services for people in need. Specsavers also provided thoughtful **care packages** for patients at both locations. Meanwhile, volunteers from our **Manchester clinic** joined other local organisations at the **Manchester Homelessness Partnership Health Event**, helping to showcase the range of support available across the city.



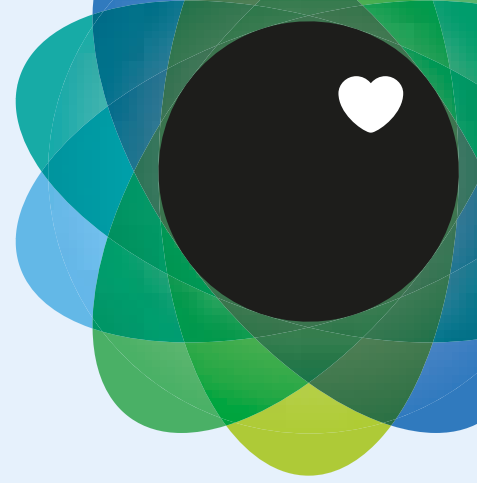
October also marked a milestone in the South West — **the first anniversary of our Bristol clinic**. In its first year, the clinic dispensed **74 pairs of glasses** to patients who had struggled to access eye care elsewhere. Volunteer optometrist **Tom Boyd** shared:

“I started volunteering as soon as it opened, having been inspired by how VCHP has filled a gap in care for a group of people very much in need. My first clinic was emotional, grounding, humbling, purposeful and deeply satisfying.”

“One patient — a highly myopic man who’d been without glasses for six months — was functionally visually impaired. When he picked up his new spectacles, he was able to get on with his life again.””

From London to Bristol, Manchester to Yorkshire, October captured the spirit of VCHP: collaboration, compassion, and care that restores both sight and dignity.





November 2024

November saw the exciting **opening of our new clinic in Plymouth**, based at the Shekinah **Mission Day Centre** — extending VCHP’s reach to people affected by homelessness in the South West.

The clinic has been made possible through the generous support and collaboration of **Specsavers**, the **University of Plymouth**, local **optical suppliers**, and **independent practices**, all coming together to make access to eye care possible for those most in need.

Figures from **Shelter** highlight the scale of that need: around **885 people are experiencing homelessness in Plymouth**, with more than **11,000 on the social housing waiting list**. In its **first three months of operation**, the clinic carried out **43 sight tests**, helping people who might otherwise have gone without the care they need.

By working together, we’re helping ensure that sight — something so vital for wellbeing, confidence, and opportunity — is not out of reach for anyone.



December 2024

December brought a wave of generosity as supporters across the country found creative ways to raise funds and awareness for VCHP.

In the **Specsavers North Division**, stores came together to support eye care for people experiencing homelessness through a host of inventive fundraisers — from personal and team walking challenges to raffles, “Guess the Number of Contact Lenses in a Jar,” an ice bath challenge, and donating **50% of OCT fees** over the course of a week.

Elsewhere, **Aves Opticians** ran a **Spectacles MOT fundraiser** in support of our clinics, and staff at



Specsavers Exeter donated toiletries to create thoughtful **personal care goodie bags** for patients at our Exeter clinic.

In London, **Medicine Man Productions** and **Cost of Living Crisis concerts** hosted a **Christmas party benefit**, featuring film screenings and live music, raising funds for both VCHP and a local homelessness shelter.

We also saw a wonderful response to our **Christmas Appeal**, with companies and individuals generously donating to support our work in 2025 and choosing to send **VCHP Christmas e-cards** in place of traditional cards — helping us end the year with kindness, connection, and hope.

Théa Pharmaceuticals Ltd rounded off their year of fundraising for VCHP as one of their charities of support, with the company match funding monies raised through the year from event **ticket sales**, and **staff fundraising**, bringing the total to **£7,714**.

Together, these acts of generosity helped us close 2024 with renewed energy and optimism, ready to reach even more people with sight-saving care in 2025.

January 2025

We began the new year by supporting **Crisis at Christmas** as patients returned to collect the glasses prescribed during the festive season clinics. Our volunteers helped at the **Crisis collection days**, ensuring that **130 pairs of spectacles** — with prescriptions ranging from **+5D to -15.25D** — were ready to be dispensed to people who otherwise might have continued to struggle with poor vision.

Vision Care for Homeless People has been proud to support **Crisis** since **2003**, providing annual vision clinics and dispensing glasses as part of this life-changing initiative. It's a partnership that continues to restore not only sight, but confidence and hope, year after year.



February 2025

February saw the return of **Out of the Box Optoveristy Challenge** — our annual student competition and fundraiser — and this year was a record-breaker.

Ninety-five students from 12 universities took part, in a mix of online and in-person events designed to bring optical students together from across the UK. The event raised record funds for VCHP through student and company donations, while also inspiring the next generation of eye care professionals.

Participants learned about **inequalities in access to eye care** and how VCHP is helping to remove those barriers. They discovered opportunities to **volunteer with VCHP**, met optical professionals from sponsoring companies, and experienced both an **optical hospital setting** and a rich learning environment provided by **Out of the Box Optics**, the event organisers.

The enthusiasm and generosity of everyone involved reflected a shared commitment to building a more inclusive, compassionate future for eye care.





March 2025

We ended the year by stepping out in solidarity with people affected by homelessness.

In March, **14 VCHP supporters** joined other charities for the **London Homeless Walk**, a sponsored night-time event organised by the **London Homeless Collective**. Together, participants walked through the streets of London to raise funds and shine a light on the daily hardships faced by people without a safe place to call home.

Our team — made up of **VCHP staff and volunteers**, their friends and families, and **three colleagues from Théa Pharma UK** — raised over **£10,000** in sponsorship. These vital funds will help us continue providing free eye care and glasses to people experiencing homelessness across the country.

The event was a moving reminder of why our work matters — and the power of walking side by side to bring about change.



Looking Ahead...

2026 promises to be an exciting and transformative one for Vision Care. We look forward to launching our new three-year strategy — a bold and hopeful plan to grow our impact and ensure that everyone, no matter their circumstances, can access the eye care they deserve.

At the time of writing (November 2025) Vision Care is delighted to announce that a key part of this next chapter has been a refreshed brand identity that better reflects who we are: person-centred, inclusive, and focused on breaking down barriers to care.

1

Become the leading authority on eye care for people experiencing homelessness

We will build on our experience and expertise to be a trusted voice, sharing knowledge, insight, and leadership to improve access to eye care nationally.

2

Remove barriers to eye care by influencing policy and research

We will work alongside partners, policymakers, and people with lived experience to shape systems that make eye care fairer, more inclusive, and easier to access.

3

Facilitate the direct delivery of eye care services

We will continue to grow and strengthen our services so that more people experiencing homelessness can receive high-quality, compassionate eye care in the places where they feel safe and supported.

Reference & administrative information

Trustees

Elaine Catherine Styles
Harinder Singh Paul
Charanjit Bharj [Resigned 26 November 2024]
Janice English [Resigned 26 August 2025]
Robert Greene
Aubrey Ayoade
Emma Low
Gillian Syme
Sean Lawe [Appointed 1 October 2024]
David Oliver [Appointed 1 October 2024]
Paul Chapman-Hatchett [Appointed 17 September 2024]
Martin Lucas [Appointed 1 July 2025]

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Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including net income or expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the Executive Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

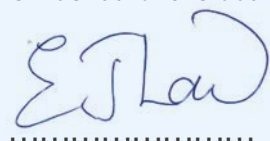
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding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

Independent examiner

We appointed Anthony Epton as our independent examiner.

Anthony Epton was re-appointed as independent examiner of the charity at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



Emma Low

Chair of Trustees

Date: 05/11/2025

Governance

Vision Care for Homeless People was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 10th December 2004 and registered with the Charity Commission 22nd February 2007. The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New Directors are recruited through Reach volunteering among other sources, following a review of skills requirements within the Board and the charity as a whole. They visit a clinic, meet volunteers and staff and are interviewed by existing Directors. New trustees are given induction information and are supported in their new role by the Chair, other Trustees and the Chief Executive. Terms of office are for three years and Directors retire in rotation.

Management

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive, who reports to the Board. Staff and volunteers are led by the Chief Executive.

Public Benefit Statement

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Vision Care for Homeless People is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness and associated issues. Through its activities, Vision Care for Homeless People seeks to reduce the eye health inequality faced by people experiencing homelessness by delivering the eye care and spectacles they require. Through high calibre research and evaluation projects, combined with effective lobbying, Vision Care for Homeless People aims to facilitate substantial improvements in eye care for homeless people.

The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Vision Care for Homeless People's progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk management:

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As a board, on an annual basis, the Trustees review the major risks that the charity faces. For identified risks, systems have been established to take necessary steps for mitigation. Trustees can provide reasonable assurance that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy:

Trustees have reviewed their reserves policy, in the light of an ongoing reduction in NHS income since the pandemic and with a view to their plans to increase the number of clinics and services the charity provides. The trustees now aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately nine to twelve months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level is sufficient given the anticipated levels of income generated from the NHS, charitable grants and donations and their relative risk profiles. We will work to maintain the reserve targets without in any way compromising the pressing charitable activities that we are committed to undertake. The trustees review reserves on a regular basis and take into account the level of income and expenditure and other on-going commitments. Reserves in excess of 6 months of anticipated General Operating costs are maintained in liquid form in a deposit account. Further reserves are on deposit to gain a higher interest rate. These accounts are reviewed by trustees periodically.

Objectives

The objective of the charity is to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We include screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

During the year, the Directors focused the charity's efforts on the continued development and strengthening of its service delivery. Two new static clinics were opened, bringing the total number of static sites to 11. In parallel, the organisation undertook a review of how its services can maximise their impact for people experiencing homelessness, including the implementation of innovative approaches such as the Yorkshire Domiciliary Pilot. The Board also prioritised strengthening governance and organisational structure, including the recruitment of new trustees, to support the charity's growth and future direction. Work commenced on the development of a new organisational strategy to guide the charity's direction and priorities through to 2028.

Treasurers summary

Vision Care for Homeless People: Financial Review 2024/25

Vision Care has demonstrated strong financial growth in the current year. Total income reached £469,048, significantly exceeding the previous year's £265,780—an increase of approximately 76%. Expenditure also increased substantially to £413,117 in line with the charity's expansion of services, compared with £262,752 in 2023/24, representing a 57% rise in total costs.

Balance Sheet Strength

As of 31 March 2025, Vision Care's financial position has strengthened compared with the previous year. Total reserves stand at £203,761, comprising designated funds (£14,514), general funds (£143,284), and restricted funds (£45,963). This reflects a positive increase from total funds of £147,830 in 2023/24.

The Board made a conscious decision to generate a modest surplus this year in order to build the charity's unrestricted reserves. This approach provides greater financial resilience as we expand our clinical footprint and support new areas of delivery such as domiciliary care and regional clinic development.

At present, however, the charity is not meeting its existing reserves policy, which reflects the organisation's historic operating scale. The planned growth of Vision Care means that both the required level of reserves and the policy framework itself need to be reviewed. Over the coming year, the Board will therefore review the reserves policy in line with good practice and the organisation's current and future operating model. The intention is to ensure that the policy remains proportionate, achievable, and aligned with the charity's risks and ambitions. Strengthening unrestricted reserves remains a

priority as we work toward compliance with the revised policy once agreed.

Notwithstanding the current position in relation to the reserves policy of the charity, Vision Care continues to operate as a going concern and will do for the foreseeable future.

Key Developments

The financial growth this year reflects the charity's successful expansion, including opening new clinics in Edinburgh and Plymouth and piloting domiciliary services in Yorkshire. The Specsavers partnership has continued to provide substantial support, with restricted income also strengthened through grants from several funders.

Operating costs increased in parallel with service expansion, particularly staff costs needed to support volunteers and operational infrastructure across ten UK clinic locations.

Financial Health Assessment

The organisation continues to demonstrate sound financial management with improving cash reserves, healthy unrestricted funds, and a positive net income position. The designated equipment reserve of £14,514 remains modest but appropriate for anticipated optical equipment replacement. Current liabilities of £38,549 are well covered by current assets, and the charity maintains sufficient reserves to manage operational risks while delivering on planned service growth.

The charity is in advanced discussion with its largest donor Specsavers, for a further significant multiyear funding commitment. We are also pursuing additional multi-year funding sources in order to optimise the sustainability and diversity of our income portfolio

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the Year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton

Anthony Epton BA, FCA, CTA, FCIE

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Chartered Accountants

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Date: 9/12/2025

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations	3	-	53,511	53,511	21,155
Charitable activities	4	278,015	127,505	405,520	240,727
Investments	5	-	3,264	3,264	2,915
Other income		-	6,753	6,753	983
Total income		278,015	191,033	469,048	265,780
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	31,092	31,092	15,926
Charitable activities		284,516	97,509	382,025	246,826
Total expenditure	6	284,516	128,601	413,117	262,752
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	(6,501)	62,432	55,931	3,028
Net movement in funds		(6,501)	62,432	55,931	3,028
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward	13	52,464	95,366	147,830	144,802
Total funds carried forward		45,963	157,798	203,761	147,830

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

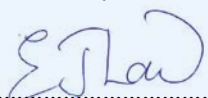
	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	10		8,486		8,302
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	8,182		5,230	
Cash at bank and in hand		225,642		193,626	
		<u>233,824</u>		<u>198,856</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(38,549)		(59,328)	
Net current assets			195,275		139,528
Net assets			<u>203,761</u>		<u>147,830</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted funds			45,963		52,464
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		14,514		14,514	
General fund		143,284		80,852	
			<u>157,798</u>		<u>95,366</u>
Total funds			<u>203,761</u>		<u>147,830</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 5 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Emma Low
Director
Company registration no. 05309978

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

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

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

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Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

i) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

j) Operating leases

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

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	33%
Clinic equipment (New)	20%
Clinic equipment (Second hand)	33%
IT Equipment (New)	33%
IT Equipment (Second hand)	50%

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

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

n) Creditors and provisions

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

o) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Year ended 31 March 2025

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	-	21,155	21,155
Charitable activities	198,381	42,346	240,727
Investment Income	-	2,915	2,915
Other income	-	983	983
Total income	198,381	67,399	265,780
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	-	15,926	15,926
Charitable activities	194,730	52,096	246,826
Total expenditure	194,730	68,022	262,752
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	3,651	(623)	3,028
Transfer between funds	2,208	(2,208)	-
Net movement in funds	5,859	(2,831)	3,028
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward	46,605	98,197	144,802
Total funds carried forward	52,464	95,366	147,830

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	53,511	-	53,511	21,155
	53,511	-	53,511	21,155

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Year ended 31 March 2025

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
NHS Contracts	20,184	-	20,184	17,120
Sovereign Healthcare CT	-	3,000	3,000	-
Charles & Elsie Sykes CT	-	3,000	3,000	-
The Linnet CT	-	1,000	1,000	-
WO Street Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	2,000	2,000	-
Albert Hunt	5,000	-	5,000	-
Ernest Kleinwort	-	3,000	3,000	-
Brighton Nursing Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
Norman Family CT	-	2,000	2,000	-
David Gibbons	-	2,000	2,000	-
N Smith Ct Settlement	-	800	800	-
Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	-	1,620	1,620	-
Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Greenhall Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Sir Jules Thorn	-	2,000	2,000	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Chalcroft CT	5,000	-	5,000	-
Awards for All - Big Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	-
Awards for All Scotland	-	10,611	10,611	-
Specsavers Projects	-	-	-	25,226
Hedley Foundation	-	-	-	3,400
John James Bristol Foundation	-	-	-	3,474
LNER	-	-	-	12,000
Nationwide Community Foundation	-	-	-	32,500
Small Donations Restricted to Clinics	-	1,468	1,468	1,796
Specsavers	97,321	194,516	291,837	135,211
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	11,000	11,000	10,000
	127,505	278,015	405,520	240,727

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	3,264	-	3,264	2,915
	3,264	-	3,264	2,915

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6 Analysis of expenditure

				2025	2024
	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	26,885	201,989	-	228,874	169,851
Fundraising	4,207	-	-	4,207	1,067
Administration	-	49,729	-	49,729	34,216
Other costs	-	128,651	636	129,287	56,598
Independent Examination	-	-	1,020	1,020	1,020
	31,092	380,369	1,656	413,117	262,752
Governance costs	-	1,656	(1,656)	-	
Total expenditure 2025	31,092	382,025	-	413,117	
Total expenditure 2024	15,926	246,826	-		262,752

Of the total expenditure, £128,601 was unrestricted (2024: £68,022) and £284,516 was restricted (2024: £194,730).

7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	3,212	2,783
Independent examiner's fee	933	933

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8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	199,084	155,826
Social security costs	15,952	6,804
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	7,079	4,365
Other staff costs	759	2,856
	<u>222,874</u>	<u>169,851</u>

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year over £60,000 (2024: None).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £80,467 (2024: £66,722).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £0).

One trustee was reimbursed £346 in expenses during the year (2024: £0).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £0)

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 9.5 (2024: 8.7), FTE 5.4 (2024: FTE 4.6).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures	
	Fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At the start of the year	51,403	51,403
Additions	3,396	3,396
At the end of the year	54,799	54,799
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	43,101	43,101
Charge for year	3,212	3,212
At the end of the year	46,313	46,313
Net book value		
Brought forward	8,302	8,302
Carried forward	8,486	8,486

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Contract income receivable	2,799	-
HMRC	-	2,060
Prepayments	5,383	3,170
Total	8,182	5,230

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors and accruals	2,293	1,617
Taxation and social security	1,830	728
Deferred income	34,426	56,983
Total	38,549	59,328

£34,426 deferred income in respect of a grant from Garfield Weston and Awards for All Wales for FYE 2026.

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13 Movements in Funds

	At the start of the year	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards for All - England	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Awards for All - Scotland	-	10,611	(5,520)	-	5,091
Brighton Nursing Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Charles & Elsie Sykes CT	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
David Gibbons	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	1,800	-	(600)	-	1,200
Ernest Kleinwort	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
GETT Glos	1,563	-	(521)	-	1,042
Glos CCG (Refraction Unit)	1,838	-	(610)	-	1,228
Greenhall Foundation	-	4,000	(324)	-	3,676
Hedley Foundation	3,400	-	(679)	-	2,721
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
John James Bristol Fund	2,777	-	(697)	-	2,080
Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation	-	5,000	(87)	-	4,913
LNER	2,711	-	(2,711)	-	0
N Smith Ct Settlement	-	800	(800)	-	-
Norman Family CT	-	2,000	(1,374)	-	626
Sir Jules Thorn	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Small Donations	-	1468	-	-	1,468
Sovereign Healthcare CT	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Specsavers	38,375	194,516	(212,973)	-	19,918
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	11,000	(11,000)	-	-
The Linnet CT	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
WO Street Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	-	1,620	(1,620)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	52,464	278,015	(284,516)	-	45,963
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Reserve	14,514	-	-	-	14,514
General Funds	80,852	191,033	(128,601)	-	143,284
Total unrestricted funds	95,366	191,033	(128,601)	-	157,798
Total Funds	147,830	469,048	(413,117)	-	203,761

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

Restricted Funds

Awards for All - England

In April 2024 Big Lottery Awards for All granted £20,000 towards the management of operational and clinical compliance of our clinics.

Awards for All – Scotland

In October 2024 Big Lottery Awards for All granted £10,611 towards opening and running of the first VCHP clinic in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Brighton Nursing Trust

In September 2024, The Brighton Nursing Trust made a grant of £5,000 towards running our Brighton clinic.

CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust

In December 2024, The CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust made a grant of £1,000 towards running our Birmingham clinic.

Chalk Cliff Trust

In November 2024, The Chalk Cliff Trust granted £2,000 towards the running cost of Brighton clinic.

Charles & Elsie Sykes CT

In August 2024 Charles & Elsie Sykes CT granted £3,000 toward the running costs of Leeds clinic.

David Gibbons

In July 2024 David Gibbons granted £2,000 towards the running of Exeter clinic.

Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust

In May 2022, the Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trusts made a donation to purchase an iCare tonometer for VCHP Birmingham

Ernest Kleinwort

In June 2024 Ernest Kleinwort granted £3,000 towards the running of Brighton clinic.

GETT Gloucester

In April 2022, Gloucester Eye Therapy Trust (GETT) made a grant of £2,605 towards purchase of an I-care tonometer for the Gloucester clinic.

Gloucester ICB

In February 2022, Gloucester ICB followed their start up grant for VCHP Gloucester with a further grant of £3,419 towards equipment and furniture.

Greenhall Foundation

In December 2024 the Greenhall Foundation granted £4,000 towards the running cost of Leeds clinic.

Hedley Foundation

In November 2023, the Hedley Foundation donated £3,400 for an i-Care tonometer for the VCHP Stratford Clinic.

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Hospital Saturday Fund

In August 2024, The Hospital Saturday Fund granted us £2000 towards purchase of an I-care tonometer for our clinics.

John James Bristol Foundation

In September 2023, John James Bristol Foundation donated £3,474 for an i-Care tonometer for the VCHP Bristol Clinic.

Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation

In December 2024 The Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation granted £5,000 towards the running costs of our Leeds clinic.

LNER

In April 2023, LNER granted £12,000 towards VCHP Leeds Clinic's running costs.

N Smith Ct Settlement

In January 2025, the N Smith Ct Settlement granted us £800 towards the running of cost of Manchester clinic.

Norman Family CT

In August 2024, the Norman Family charitable trust made a grant of £2000 towards the running of Exeter clinic.

Sir Jules Thorn

In December 2024, Sir Jules Thorn made a grant of £2000 towards the running costs of all clinics.

Small Donations Restricted to Clinics

Organisations and Individuals made donations within the year towards the operating costs of specific clinics and these were utilised for those clinics within the year.

Sovereign Healthcare CT

In April 2024 Sovereign Healthcare CT granted £3000 towards the running costs of Leeds clinic.

Specsavers

Since June 2022, Specsavers has supported VCHP with grant funding towards capacity building, new clinic development and projects.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2024, Stepper donated £11,000 towards the Birmingham Clinic's running costs.

The Linnet CT

In August 2024, the Linnet charitable trust granted us £1,000 towards the running costs of Bristol clinic.

WO Street Foundation

In October 2024 the WO Street Foundation granted us £3,000 towards the running cost of Manchester clinic.

Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers

In October 2024 the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers granted us £1,620 towards the cost of our glazing and range improvements programme.

Unrestricted and Designated funds**Designated Equipment reserve**

The equipment replacement fund has been designated towards optical diagnostic equipment within clinics.

14 Related party transactions

There are no related transactions to disclose for the year (2024: none).



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VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1118076

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VISION CARE

FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE LTD

Trustees Report & Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2024



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Chair's report

for the year ended 31st March 2024

Our mission statement

“**Vision Care for Homeless People**” is a charity set-up to provide eyecare services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in an environment in which they feel welcome and comfortable.

Our aims

We aim to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We provide screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles, that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

Our aspirations

Our aim is to expand this service nationwide in all the major cities, so we can make a difference to as many homeless and vulnerable people as we can. We are actively working towards that.

Introduction

It is a privilege to introduce our annual report, highlighting another year of dedicated service to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our communities. Throughout this past year, we have remained focused on our mission: providing high-quality eye care to homeless and vulnerable people who might otherwise go without. Access to vision care can transform lives, opening up opportunities for work, education, and a better quality of life. We are immensely proud of the impact we have made, despite the growing challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness.

This year has brought many hurdles, from the rising cost of living to increased demand for our services. Yet, through the tireless efforts of our volunteers, staff, and partners, we have been able to expand our reach to new locations in Bristol and Stratford, ensuring more people have access to the essential care they need. We are especially grateful to our supporters, whose generosity enables us to continue delivering this life-changing service. As you review this report, I hope you are as inspired as I am by the stories of resilience and the positive changes that your support has helped us bring about. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our work. Together, we are giving people not just the gift of sight, but the chance for a brighter future.



*Elaine Styles,
Chair of Vision Care
for Homeless People*

AROUND THE YEAR

making progress for eye health for homeless people

April 2023

100th patient for Gloucester Clinic

We've been running a weekly clinic in Gloucester at the City Mission for a number of months now. A milestone was reached in April – when the team dispensed their 100th patient! Damien was very pleased with his new glasses.



May 2023

Donner Optometrists in Bookham, completed the 23 mile long **Surrey Three Peaks Challenge** in 10 hours on the 6th May, raising £700 for VCHP as well as funds for another charity.



Experts by Experience

In May 2023, Vision Care for Homeless People and Specsavers set up an **Experts by Experience** group in Bristol. The group of 10 is supported by Expert Focus, a consultancy staffed by people with experience of homelessness. A key feature of the way we are working with Specsavers, is the understanding that we need to listen and learn from people who have been affected by homelessness to improve services.



The group will help us all to continue learning and listening to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and help shape service provision during this time of growth.

June 2023

National Sunglasses Day appeal

We launched an appeal for sunglasses on **National Sunglasses Day 27th June** and were delighted to receive over 1600 pairs from optical suppliers who answered our call to help our patients protect their eyes from the dangers of UV exposure. This response meant we were able to offer free sunglasses to patients across our clinics over the summer.

VISION CARE
FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Sunglasses

Grab a **FREE** pair of sunnies

UV from the sun can be damaging for our eyes, and we want to help prevent this. Vision Care for Homeless People encourages you to look after your eyes. Optical companies donated sunglasses to help protect your eyes this summer. **We also have clinics where we check your eye's health and supply you with glasses to aid your vision for free. Come to the nearest clinic to you for a free eye check, glasses or sunglasses.**

Birmingham-Opening hours

Every Monday
9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Vision Care for Homeless People
SilaFireside
48-52 Allicock Street
Birmingham
B9 4DY
Nearest Station:
Bordesley station OR
Bus 37 to Deritend (Gibb Street)

Contact

0121 766 1077
Ring to check if our clinic is open.

Charity number: 118076 4884232404

On 24th June Wolf Eyewear invited peers from across optics to join them for some muddy networking and fundraising for 3 sight related charities, including VCHP. They took part in a **10K Wolf Run**. Elaine Styles, Chair of VCHP, staff members David Brown and William Brown and VCHP volunteer Peter Greedy joined the event.



Pictured – the 'Wolf Pack' at the start and Peter, Elaine, David & William – at the end. The event raised £2000 for VCHP.

July 2023

Specsavers partnership launch event

On 7th July we held a joint event in Bristol with Specsavers to share news of our growth plans – supported by Specsavers through a three-year collaboration to help VCHP achieve some ambitious goals. We aim to accelerate the development of new VCHP Branches across the UK, with a goal of 24 in five years' time – including a clinic in Bristol itself. We also want to work with practices and groups of opticians to run pop up clinics for people affected by homelessness in their local area. And we want to collaborate with all partners in the optical industry to grow understanding of and help to communicate the barriers faced by homeless and vulnerable people in accessing eye care, whilst influencing the political, regulatory, commissioning, and contracting landscape to make improvements.

Pictured here- members of the Experts by Experience user group at the launch, with then Bristol West MP and Shadow Leader of the House of Commons,



Thangham Debbonaire, Dame Mary Perkins, Co-Founder and Director of Specsavers, and Harinder Paul, Co-Founder of Vision Care for Homeless People.

August 2023

Raising awareness in the communities we serve

In August we set up a display about VCHP in **The Eastgate Shopping Centre – Gloucester** to raise awareness of the charity and our clinic in Gloucester city centre which runs every Monday at the Gloucester City Mission VCHP.



October 2023

We opened our 9th VCHP clinic in October, in Bristol, based in the **NHS Homeless Health Service at the Compass Centre, Jamaica Street, BS2. Bristol** has a high level of need for our service with **3224** people recorded as homeless in **2023** and **20065** people on waiting list for social housing.

September 2023

VCHP celebrates 20 years

In September VCHP welcomed volunteers and supporters to a special celebration of **20 years** since the charity was first set up by 4 optometrists in response to the unmet eyecare needs of people experiencing homelessness. The event was held at the Salesforce Tower in sight of the first VCHP eyecare clinic in Aldgate. In the past 20 years since our charity was founded Vision Care for Homeless People have **helped improve the sight of over 18,000 people** who would otherwise have missed out on eyecare.



November 2023

Our call for practices to hold occasional Out of Hours clinics in their communities is gathering momentum. As well as offering a great free service to people who would otherwise miss out on eyecare practices have found they are a great way to bring staff teams together.

On Tuesday 14th November **Bayfields Opticians and Audiologists Egham** ran another clinic after practice opening hours for people experiencing homelessness.

All patients seen in the clinic required spectacles, which will hopefully make a big improvement to daily life. Ben Richardson and Alison Lamb performed the sight tests and Amy Hopkins, Chelsey Wilson and Daryl Kimber dispensed the spectacles. Kelly Scales the Berkshire Rough Sleep Coordinator did a wonderful job transporting patients to the practice. Bayfields kindly donated the frames and Zeiss kindly donated the spectacle lenses. The feedback from the patients has been extremely positive and the Egham Bayfields team plan on running more of these successful clinics in the future.



A year of Vision Care in numbers:

9 UK CLINICS

873

Eye examinations

96

Ready readers dispensed

100's

of referrals, repairs, advice sessions and dry eye drops given

114

Volunteers - optometrists, dispensing opticians and optical assistants

6

Grants from charitable trusts and foundations, worth a total of

£198,381 

1052

Pairs of glasses dispensed

722 Total volunteering sessions

Leeds

Manchester

Birmingham

Gloucester

Bristol

Exeter

Stratford

London

Brighton

December 2023

CEO Hannah Telfer and Clinic Development Manager Karen Gennard attended a Parliamentary reception organised by Specsavers on improving access to care which was hosted by MP Marsha de Cordova.

This event had three clear demands which hope to make significant impact to improve access to eye care.

These were:

- **NHS funded sight tests and spectacles for all homeless people**
- **Access to NHS domiciliary services at day centres, shelters or hostels without the barrier of the 48 hour pre-visit notification requirement in England.**
- **Free replacement NHS glasses if broken, lost or stolen due to homelessness**

The event brought together MPs, policy makers, charities and representatives of the optical industry. There was a video which told some of the stories of our Experts by Experience Participation Panel in Bristol. Dame Mary Perkins, Co- founder of Specsavers and our Patron, clearly articulated that only by coming together as an optical industry can we make the change to make the life of people experiencing homelessness easier. VCHP hopes that this is the start of significant progress in promoting health equality and driving policy change to better meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

‘There was such incredible support for making a difference for those people experiencing homelessness who are unable to access the eye care they need. I can’t wait to start seeing the real change that is needed.’



Optometrist Shaneela Joshi organised 3 pop up clinics over Christmas at Lifeshare’s drop in service for people experiencing homeless in Manchester, helped by a small team of volunteers.

Over the three days they saw 21 guests, 14 of whom needed prescription glasses which are being glazed by Caledonian Optical. In addition the team gave out 3 pairs of ready readers. One guest wanted narrower frames than the team had to offer so was referred on to the VCHP clinic at Cornerstone day centre, where she was fitted out with 2 pairs this week - for near and far sight.

‘Her reading had changed a bit but her frame and lenses were very worn so a new set would really make a difference.’ said Shaneela, who is pictured here with one of the team, Shreya Khattry.



January 2024

Crisis at Christmas glasses collection day

Glasses collection day for London's Crisis at Christmas Opticians Service saw smiles all round.

Volunteers took delight in dispensing to the Crisis at Christmas guests who returned for the collection day in January to pick up their glasses. 138 pairs, with powers ranging from +9.5D to -13D were produced with frames kindly donated by Specsavers and lenses and glazing by EssilorLuxottica.



February 2024

February saw the reopening of our London Skylight clinic with new optical equipment and furniture from Specsavers, a top of the range test chart from Thomson Software and a clinical sink donated by friends of VCHP, Marcos Klorman and Evelyn Velleman. Located just two doors down from its previous location, the new clinic space is set to make a significant impact on our ability to provide essential healthcare services to those experiencing homelessness in our community.



March 2024

Stratford clinic opening

The Stratford Clinic marks the 9th milestone on our journey to opening 24 clinics by March 2028. Located within the Doctors of the World facility in Stratford, East London, this clinic expands our mission to provide vital vision care to underserved communities.

Achievements

CLINIC EXPANSION:

This year, VCHP took significant strides toward our goal of opening 24 clinics by 2028, with the launch of new locations in Bristol and Stratford. These clinics mark an exciting beginning to our ambitious expansion plan, made possible through the invaluable support of Specsavers. Thanks to these new clinics, we were able to serve 163 additional patients this year, providing them with essential eye care and bringing us closer to bridging the vision care gap for people experiencing homelessness.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT:

Our team of dedicated volunteers continues to grow, with 20 new volunteers joining our VCHP family, bringing our volunteer base to an inspiring 114 individuals. Every week, these committed volunteers deliver compassionate and professional eye care to patients in need, ensuring that each visit provides not only essential medical support but also dignity and respect.

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS:

VCHP remains steadfast in its mission to remove barriers to eye care for people experiencing homelessness. This year, we've elevated our advocacy efforts by engaging with the optical sector and the public, with support from our Patron, Dame Mary Perkins, and Specsavers. Together, we are championing greater awareness and solutions within the optical community to make vision care accessible for all.

FUNDRAISING: We successfully raised £267,985 in funds through various campaigns, grants and donations enabling us to sustain and plan for the growth of our services. With thanks going to:

- Hedley Foundation
- John James Bristol Foundation
- LNER Community Investment
- Nationwide Community Fund
- Specsavers
- Stepper UK Ltd

Future plans & looking ahead

The upcoming year is full of exciting developments for VCHP. Notably, we are on track to become a registered charity in Scotland, with plans to open our first clinic outside of England in Edinburgh. This expansion marks a significant milestone as we explore new methods of delivering care and upgrade our lens options to further meet the needs of our patients.

Our priorities for the year ahead include:

1

Optimising Service Delivery

We will refine our processes to improve patient experience and ensure that our services meet the unique needs of people experiencing homelessness.

2

Enhancing reach

By strengthening our signposting and service formats, we aim to maximize service uptake, connecting with more individuals who need our care.

3

Moderinising our online presence

We're updating our website to more effectively represent VCHP and engage both beneficiaries and supporters, making it easier for people to connect with our mission.

4

Scaling our operation

To support our growing network of clinics, we are developing a staffing structure that accommodates expansion and enhances the quality of our service delivery.

5

Streamlining volunteer engagement

Adapting our onboarding process will allow us to better match volunteers with our evolving needs, ensuring that each volunteer is set up for meaningful engagement.

6

Strengthening accountability

By refining our monitoring and evaluation model, we'll ensure that we're continuously meeting our objectives and making the most effective use of our resources.

Through these initiatives, we're building a robust foundation for sustainable growth and deepening the impact of our vision care services for those most in need.

We remain committed to our vision of a world where everyone, regardless of their housing status, has access to the eye care they deserve.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Reference & administrative information

Trustees	Elaine Catherine Styles Harinder Singh Paul Charanjit Bharj Janice English Robert Greene Aubrey Ayoade Ian Catlin [Resigned 28 November 2024] Moses Soussis [Resigned 28 November 2023] Emma Low Gillian Syme [Appointed 13 February 2024]
Company registered number	05309978
Charity registered number (England and Wales)	1118076
Charity number (Scotland)	SCO53215
Registered office	C/o Crisis Skylight 50 Commercial Street London, E1 6LT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Kensington High Street Branch
Independent Examiner	Anthony Epton Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG www.goldwins.co.uk

Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including net income or expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the Executive Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent examiner

We appointed Anthony Epton as our independent examiner.

Anthony Epton was re-appointed as independent examiner of the charity at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



Elaine Styles

Chair of Trustees

Date: 28/11/2024

Governance

Vision Care for Homeless People was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 10th December 2004 and registered with the Charity Commission 22nd February 2007. The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New Directors are recruited through Reach volunteering among other sources, following a review of skills requirements within the Board and the charity as a whole. They visit a clinic, meet volunteers and staff and are interviewed by existing Directors. New trustees are given induction information and are supported in their new role by the Chair, other Trustees and the Chief Executive. Terms of office are for three years and Directors retire in rotation.

Management

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive, who reports to the Board. Staff and volunteers are led by the Chief Executive.

Public Benefit Statement

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Vision Care for Homeless People is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness and associated issues. Through its activities, Vision Care for Homeless People seeks to reduce the eye health inequality faced by people experiencing homelessness by delivering the eye care and spectacles they require. Through high calibre research and evaluation projects, combined with effective lobbying, Vision Care for Homeless People aims to facilitate substantial improvements in eye care for homeless people.

The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Vision Care for Homeless People's progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk management:

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As a board, on an annual basis, the Trustees review the major risks that the charity faces. For identified risks, systems have been established to take necessary steps for mitigation. Trustees can provide reasonable assurance that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy:

Trustees have reviewed their reserves policy, in the light of an ongoing reduction in NHS income since the pandemic and with a view to their plans to increase the number of clinics and services the charity provides. The trustees now aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately nine to twelve months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level is sufficient given the anticipated levels of income generated from the NHS, charitable grants and donations and their relative risk profiles. We will work to maintain the reserve targets without in any way compromising the pressing charitable activities that we are committed to undertake. The trustees review reserves on a regular basis and take into account the level of income and expenditure and other on-going commitments. Reserves in excess of 6 months of anticipated General Operating costs are maintained in liquid form in a deposit account. Further reserves are on deposit to gain a higher interest rate. These accounts are reviewed by trustees periodically.

Vision

The vision of the charity is:

We want homeless and vulnerable people to receive the eye-care and spectacles they need. Over the next five years we will ensure that 40% of people who are homeless, either street sleepers or those in temporary hostels and shelters in England, are receiving eye-care every two years.

Objectives

The objective of the charity is to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We include screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

During the year, Directors focused the charity's work on 8 supporting objectives, which are:

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING – Our board, committees and managers efficiently manage resources using up to date and accurate operational, financial and performance data.

FINANCE SYSTEMS – Our finance and administration systems are simple, efficient, clear and robust from procurement to audit.

OPERATIONS – Our clinics are run with care, are effective and all procedures are consistently practised.

IDENTIFY AND MEET NEEDS – By identifying and understanding unmet eye care needs amongst the homeless & vulnerable, we open two new sustainable eye services a year, whilst maintaining existing services.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT – Our many volunteers feel valued, develop their skills and experience, and make a significant long-term impact on all aspects of our work.

COMMISSIONING AND FUNDING – By active implementation of our fundraising strategy we recruit many new funding partners each year which we invest in growing the charity.

CHAMPIONING EYE CARE – We champion the cause of equitable eye care for homeless and vulnerable people.

PROFILE AND PR – We have local and national recognition as both excellent and worthwhile from a burgeoning number of individual supporters and advocates.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the Year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

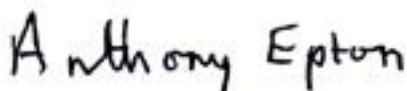
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Anthony Epton BA, FCA, CTA, FCIE
Goldwins Limited
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
West Hampstead
London NW6 2EG
28th November 2024

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations	3	-	21,155	21,155	32,186
Charitable activities	4	198,381	42,346	240,727	117,574
Investments	5	-	2,915	2,915	1,321
Other income		-	983	983	1,245
Total income		198,381	67,399	265,780	152,326
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	15,926	15,926	17,535
Charitable activities		194,730	52,096	246,826	143,443
Total expenditure	6	194,730	68,022	262,752	160,978
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	3,651	(623)	3,028	(8,652)
Transfer between funds		2,208	(2,208)	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,859	(2,831)	3,028	(8,652)
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward	13	46,605	98,197	144,802	153,454
Total funds carried forward		52,464	95,366	147,830	144,802

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	10		8,302		7,599
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	5,230		6,822	
Cash at bank and in hand		193,626		157,592	
		<u>198,856</u>		<u>164,414</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(59,328)		(27,211)	
Net current assets			139,528		137,203
Net assets			<u>147,830</u>		<u>144,802</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted funds			52,464		46,605
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		14,514		14,514	
General fund		80,852		83,683	
			<u>95,366</u>		<u>98,197</u>
Total funds			<u>147,830</u>		<u>144,802</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 28 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Elaine Styles
Director
Company registration no. 05309978

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

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

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

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

i) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

j) Operating leases

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

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	33%
Clinic equipment (New)	20%
Clinic equipment (Second hand)	33%
IT Equipment (New)	33%
IT Equipment (Second hand)	50%

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Year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

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

n) Creditors and provisions

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

o) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	7,014	25,172	32,186
Charitable activities	99,714	17,860	117,574
Investment Income	-	1,321	1,321
Other income	-	1,245	1,245
Total income	106,728	45,598	152,326
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	-	17,535	17,535
Charitable activities	83,972	59,471	143,443
Total expenditure	83,972	77,006	160,978
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	22,756	(31,408)	(8,652)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	22,756	(31,408)	(8,652)
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward	23,849	129,605	153,454
Total funds carried forward	46,605	98,197	144,802

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	21,155	-	21,155	32,186
	21,155	-	21,155	32,186

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Year ended 31 March 2024

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
NHS Contracts	17,120	-	17,120	17,860
Specsavers Projects	25,226	-	25,226	-
Hedley Foundation	-	3,400	3,400	-
John James Bristol Foundation	-	3,474	3,474	-
LNER	-	12,000	12,000	-
Nationwide Community Foundation	-	32,500	32,500	-
Small Donations Restricted to Clinics	-	1,796	1,796	-
Specsavers	-	135,211	135,211	-
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	10,000	10,000	-
Gloucester CCG A grant	-	-	-	4,500
Albert Hunt Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
GETT Gloucester	-	-	-	2,605
LOC Gloucester	-	-	-	6,613
Nationwide Community Foundation	-	-	-	25,000
Specsavers B NCDM 1	-	-	-	30,000
Vision Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Awards for All	-	-	-	9,996
	42,346	198,381	240,727	117,574

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	2,915	-	2,915	1,321
	2,915	-	2,915	1,321

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Year ended 31 March 2024

6 Analysis of expenditure

				2024	2023
	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	14,859	152,887	2,105	169,851	121,155
Fundraising	1,067	-	-	1,067	368
Administration	-	34,216	-	34,216	21,765
Other costs	-	56,320	278	56,598	16,905
Independent Examination	-	-	1,020	1,020	785
	15,926	243,423	3,403	262,752	160,978
Governance costs	-	3,403	(3,403)	-	
Total expenditure 2024	15,926	246,826	-	262,752	
Total expenditure 2023	17,535	143,443	-		160,978

Of the total expenditure, £68,022 was unrestricted (2023: £77,006) and £194,730 was restricted (2023: £83,972).

7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	2,783	4,707
Independent examiner's fee	850	850

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Year ended 31 March 2024

8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	155,826	99,119
Social security costs	6,804	1,857
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	4,365	2,778
Other staff costs	2,856	17,401
	<u>169,851</u>	<u>121,155</u>

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year over £60,000 (2023: None).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £66,722 (2023: £40,891).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £0).

Trustees were not reimbursed any expenses during the year (2023: £0).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £0)

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 8.7 (2023: 7.0), FTE 4.6 (2023: FTE 3.3).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited**Notes to the financial statements**

Year ended 31 March 2024

10 Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures	
	Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
At the start of the year	47,917	47,917
Additions	3,486	3,486
Disposals	-	-
At the end of the year	51,403	51,403
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	40,318	40,318
Charge for year	2,783	2,783
At the end of the year	43,101	43,101
Net book value		
Brought forward	7,599	7,599
Carried forward	8,302	8,302

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Contract income receivable	-	2,172
HMRC	2,060	2,265
Prepayments	3,170	2,385
Total	5,230	6,822

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	1,617	2,211
Taxation and social security	728	-
Deferred income	56,983	25,000
Total	59,328	27,211

£56,983 deferred income in respect of a grant from Specsavers towards running and development costs

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13 Movements in Funds

	At the start of the year	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards for All - England	8,367	-	(8,367)	-	-
Clothworkers Foundation	720	-	(720)	-	-
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	2,400	-	(600)	-	1,800
GETT Gloucester	2,084	-	(521)	-	1,563
Gloucester CCG	2,448	-	(610)	-	1,838
Gloucester LOC	3,613	-	(3,613)	-	-
Hedley Foundation	-	3,400	-	-	3,400
John James Bristol Foundation	-	3,474	(697)	-	2,777
LNER	-	12,000	(9,289)	-	2,711
Nationwide Community Foundation	200	32,500	(34,280)	1,580	-
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	5,066	-	(5,066)	-	-
Small Donations Restricted to Clinics	-	1,796	(1,796)	-	-
Specsavers	13,835	135,211	(110,671)	-	38,375
Stepper UK Ltd.	2,923	10,000	(13,066)	143	-
Vision Foundation	4,949	-	(5,434)	485	-
Total Restricted Funds	46,605	198,381	(194,730)	2,208	52,464
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Reserve	14,514	-	-	-	14,514
General Funds	83,683	67,399	(68,022)	(2,208)	80,852
Total unrestricted funds	98,197	67,399	(68,022)	(2,208)	95,366
Total Funds	144,802	265,780	(262,752)	-	147,830

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Restricted Funds

Awards for All - England

In September 2022 Big Lottery Awards for All granted £9,996 towards opening a new VCHP clinic in Stratford London.

Clothworkers Foundation - Air Purifiers

In July 2021, the Clothworkers Foundation made a commitment of £5,400 to fund the purchase of air purifying units to help reopen clinics post covid. £2,700 spent on air purifiers, then from 6/12/22 the funder allowed the remainder to be spent on IT for clinics.

Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust

In May 2022, the Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trusts made a donation to purchase an iCare tonometer for VCHP Birmingham

GETT Gloucester

In April 2022, Gloucester Eye Therapy Trust (GETT) made a grant of £2,605 towards purchase of an I-care tonometer for the Gloucester clinic.

Gloucester ICB

In February 2022, Gloucester ICB followed their start up grant for VCHP Gloucester with a further grant of £3,419 towards equipment and furniture.

Gloucester LOC

In July 2022, Gloucester Local Optical Committee (LOC) made a grant of £6.613 towards running the clinic.

Hedley Foundation

In November 2023, the Hedley Foundation donated £3,400 for an i-Care tonometer for the VCHP Stratford Clinic.

John James Bristol Foundation

In September 2023, John James Bristol Foundation donated £3,474 for an i-Care tonometer for the VCHP Bristol Clinic.

LNER

In April 2023, LNER granted £12,000 towards VCHP Leeds Clinic's running costs.

Nationwide Community Foundation

In November 2021, the Nationwide Community Foundation made a commitment of £50,000 towards the cost eye care for homeless people in London for financial years commencing March 2022 and March 2023.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

In June 2019, The Trust made a commitment to £19,884 towards the Homeless Voices research project.

Small Donations Restricted to Clinics

Organisations and Individuals made donations within the year towards the operating costs of specific clinics and these were utilised for those clinics within the year.

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Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2022, Stepper donated £7,157 towards the Leeds Clinic's running costs. In April 2023, Stepper donated £10,000 towards the Birmingham Clinic's running costs.

Vision Foundation

In October 2022, the Vision Foundation's Resilience Fund made a grant of £10,000 towards VCHP's London operations and operations management while reopening its clinics.

Unrestricted and Designated funds

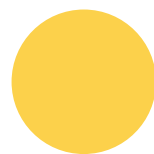
Designated Equipment reserve

The equipment replacement fund has been designated towards optical diagnostic equipment within clinics.

14 Related party transactions

There are no related transactions to disclose for the year (2023: none).

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Accounts

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Trustees Report & Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2023



Vision Care for Homeless People is registered as a charity in England and Wales, **Charity No. 1118076** and as a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales, **Company No. 05309978**

Helping homeless people see a brighter future

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Chair's report

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Our mission statement

“**Vision Care for Homeless People**” is a charity set-up to provide eyecare services to homeless people in an environment in which they feel welcome and comfortable.

Our aims

We aim to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We provide screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles, that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

Our aspirations

Our aim is to expand this service nationwide in all the major cities, so we can make a difference to as many homeless and vulnerable people as we can. We are actively working towards that.

Introduction

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, staff, donors, partners, and fellow trustees for their unwavering commitment to our cause. It is through your support and determination that we have been able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of homeless individuals.

We continued to work tirelessly to address the vision care needs of homeless individuals across the UK. We remained dedicated to our mission of ensuring that everyone, regardless of their housing status, has access to quality eye care.

I'm delighted to present, on behalf of the board of trustees, this report on our progress and impact over the last year.

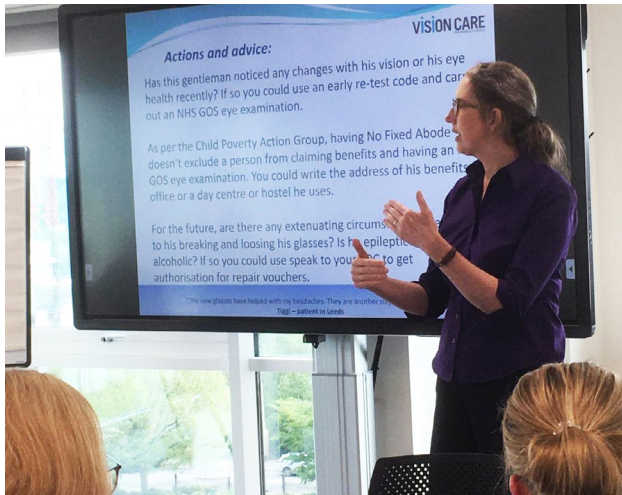


*Elaine Styles,
Chair of Vision Care
for Homeless People*

AROUND THE YEAR

making progress for eye health for homeless people

April 2022



We were invited to **Eyecare Glasgow** as their charity partners, and had a VCHP information stand and a raffle, with prizes donated by generous optical companies. I also spoke on homeless eye care to a very receptive audience of practitioners.



I was very surprised to receive the **Eyecare Hero Award** at the Eyecare Education Awards in Glasgow 2022. I am proud of the hard work our Vision Care for Homeless People team carry out enabling homeless people to see a brighter future.

We have received amazing support from the Eyecare team and the whole optical industry.



One of the patients our Gloucester clinic team helped in April was Mr K, who had been getting by with pound shop glasses but needed prescription glasses for both distance and close vision.

We were able to sort him out with his first varifocals.

We also helped a young man from Sudan who had no glasses but is -6.00 diopters myopic – and couldn't even see the biggest letters in the chart.

This was the first pair of glasses he had ever had.



June 2022

We kicked off June by celebrating National Volunteers Week and we sent out a huge 'thank you' during **Small Charity Week** to all of the people and businesses that enable the charity to reach increasing numbers of homeless people every year.



Left to right: Sofia, Victoria and Claire – who are part of our Birmingham clinic volunteer team.

August 2022



Optelec made Vision Care for Homeless People their charity of the year in 2022 and were delighted to visit the Birmingham Clinic and donate some much-needed equipment. James Fossey, Sales & Marketing Manager, said it was by far one of the most gratifying decisions they could have made.

James Fossey, Sales & Marketing Manager – Optelec centre, Left: Helen Harms, Manager of Volunteer Operations. Right: clinic assistant, Claire Weir.

“We specialise in equipment for those with Sight Loss, and to have a visual impairment, and be living homeless must be awful. On top of this, factors of poor vision can be a result of many things, including poor diet, lack of sleep and skipping eye tests. We wanted to do all we can for Vision Care for Homeless People.”

As a result of the visit Optelec donated a new automatic Focimeter, along with a new printer which was urgently needed.

September 2022

Ricky Patel, Optometrist and Clinical Tutor at University of Plymouth reflects on his experiences about volunteering.



“Eye opening and rewarding are two phrases that come to mind about the experience I have had so far working at Vision Care for Homeless People.

Being able to make a difference to someone less fortunate or in difficult circumstances by providing an eye examination is rewarding as it can have such a big impact. With Covid-19, many people have had fewer interactions with others. Being able to listen to service users, show empathy and provide them with the knowledge that their eyes are healthy makes me remember why I decided to become an Optometrist. I wanted to make a difference and I feel I am doing that at VCHP.

A patient that is prominent in my memory was someone who had cataracts for a long time, likely the most dense I have seen. To be able to explain cataracts to the patient and start the process off with a referral to the hospital eye service was very rewarding.

Another instance was a patient who had sadly been attacked and as a result, left without any glasses. He was myopic and could only see approximately 25cm away from himself. We were able to arrange new glasses free of charge and he was extremely grateful. It was really satisfying to know what a difference I was able to make to his quality of life.”

October 2022

In October we marked two really important dates – **World Sight Day** – a day when we reflected on the fact that quality eye care should be available for everyone. We sent out a call to action to eye-care professionals across the UK, to pay extra attention to optimising access for everyone to the very best eye-care services.



Also **World Homeless Day** was another important day – and we took great joy from supporting optometry students at University of the West of England baking cakes with ingredients that are good for eye health! They brilliantly raised funds and awareness of our work.

A year of Vision Care in numbers:

● Leeds
● Manchester

● Birmingham
● Gloucester

London ●

● Brighton

7 UK CLINICS

548

Eye examinations

45

Ready readers dispensed

100's

of referrals, repairs, advice sessions and dry eye drops given

703

Pairs of glasses dispensed

95

Volunteers - optometrists, dispensing opticians and optical assistants

11

Grants from charitable trusts and foundations, worth a total of

£106,871 ♥

580

Total volunteering sessions

December 2022

VCHP's New Clinic Development Manager, Karen Gennard, worked with dispensing optician Lauren Kearney from **OutsideClinic** to run a pop-up clinic at Swindon Night Shelter – the Haven.



'The Haven is a busy centre in Queen's Drive in Swindon, providing a wide range of services and they approached us, keen to support homeless people with their eye care. We contacted the Integrated Care Board to see if they would like to work with us to find a way to reduce health inequalities. and whilst we have a long-term aim to develop a static clinic to support the homeless and vulnerable across Swindon and Wiltshire, we decided to run a pop up in the meantime.'

'This was a real collaboration of people and suppliers. OutsideClinic allowed Lauren time to help this get up and running and also supplied a fantastic domiciliary kit to use on the day. Frames were supplied by Wolf Eyewear and Specsavers and Norville2020 in Gloucester provided all the glazing. On the day Lauren and I saw 11 patients from a wide variety of backgrounds and nationalities, all of them required glasses and most had not been tested for many years if at all. We also made a couple of referrals to GP/Secondary care.

It definitely showed me that things we often take for granted, like a simple pair of reading glasses, can make such a difference. It was a really lively and fun day out, the staff at the Haven were so welcoming and the atmosphere was one of warmth and inclusion. It would be great to work with them again. Huge thanks to all that supported us, but especially to Lauren – this wouldn't have happened without her!'

January 2023

Crisis at Christmas patients were delighted to receive their much-needed specs at the **Spitalfields Vision Care for Homeless People** clinic, in London, during January, following the clinics run by volunteer optometrists and dispensing opticians during December.

Essilorluxottica provided the glazing for more than 100 pairs of glasses with a range of prescriptions which will enable people to live more safely and to engage with the world. Additionally, eleven patients were referred for further care from the Crisis clinics.

Anna Bazsah, a London Dispensing Optician, who volunteered for the first time at Crisis at Christmas, was also on hand for the dispensing day:

"I really enjoyed being involved and doing a really good deed for people. We had a great team and I was pleased that a colleague had told me about volunteering – I will definitely do it again."



It was good to see several opticians practices respond to our call to run pop-up or drop-in services for people affected by homelessness over the winter season. One ran at Lifeshare in Manchester, led by former VCHP Trustee Shaneela Joshi. For these special clinics, the optical industry always steps in to help with frames, glazing, optical equipment and supplies.

February 2023



Left to right, Zahraa Khan (Herts), Isabelle Horrocks (UWE), Isa Sheikh (UWE), Nuvneet Kaur (Glasgow).

Optoversity Challenge 2023 raised £8,400. A total of 71 students registered, from 13 universities, and the overall winner was Isa Sheikh, a third year optometry student for University of the West of England, helping to take his team into the overall lead – winning for the second year in a row. Second place went to the students at Aston and third place to Bradford University. Now in its seventh year of supporting Vision Care for Homeless People through student sponsorship, the event has raised a total of £33,000 for the charity.

Also in February, we had the delight of attending **100% Optical 2023**, Excel – Working with Out of the Box Optics on ‘Treasure Trail’ and final of Optoversity Challenge, talks before seminar sessions. Out of the Box Optic’s workshop attracted 40 students, who donated £10 to VCHP to register. The Trainee Treasure Trail visited 10 exhibitors who each paid £100 plus donated a prize.

March 2023

Generous independent practice, **Perspective Optometrics** supported VCHP in a very specific way. Rupal Shah and her independent practice donated £40 from each private eye exam during February towards our work. In March 2023 we received a donation of £1160 in total. Thank you to all supporters who are stepping forward in new and refreshing ways to help the charity financially.

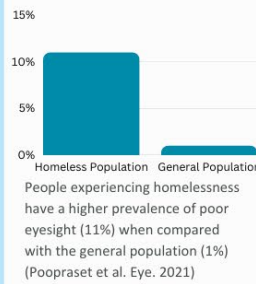
Advocacy overview

HOMELESS VOICES PROJECT

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Experts by Experience

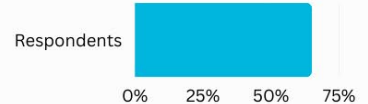
EYE SIGHT ISSUES



Many struggle without glasses for months or even years.

"I've been without them for about 5 years now. And I love reading. So I am starting to get really bad eye-strain, and that, like, blurred vision, and that, like "

BARRIERS TO EYE CARE

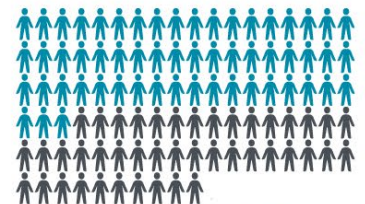


65% of respondents had been put off from going to an optician for one or more of these reasons:

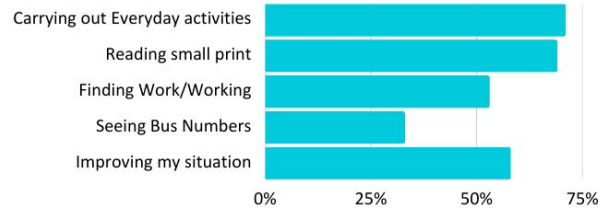
Glasses were too expensive	32%
Didn't know if eligible for free eye tests/glasses	28%
Not a priority for them	28%
Didn't feel comfortable going to a high street optician	17%
Knew they were not entitled to free eye tests and glasses	10%
Other reasons (gave a variety of other reasons including the staff not being friendly and feeling they were being look down at, they were happy buying reading glasses instead, they disliked crowded busy environments or due to problems with their mental health)	12%

57% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE ONE OR MORE EYE CARE NEEDS

Half of those with eye care needs had been without their glasses for an average of 50 weeks.



How would having eyeglasses help people experiencing homelessness?



A survey of 168 people experiencing homelessness in London and focus groups to identify eye care needs of homeless people and the barriers they face in obtaining opticians services.

"Being on the street and that and losing pairs and pairs getting broken, or lost. Not being replaced mostly."

"I had an eye-test 20 years ago in the army."

Care and Respect

"The kind of services that are delivered with care and respect, you know? Regardless if you are homeless, or who you are, regardless of whether you are upper class, middle class, lower class, it does not really matter but care and respect, that is all I kind of ever ask for."

References Homelessness and equity of access to NHS eye care: the urgent need for reform, David Brown, Elaine Styles, Stan Burridge, British Journal of Healthcare Management, May 2023.



VCHP homeless voice research was included as a comment article in the **British Journal of Healthcare Management**. Whilst we were disappointed not to publish in a journal at this time, we are pleased to have had positive circulation of our findings.

Specsavers and **Crisis** started working together to remove healthcare barriers for people experiencing homelessness in relation to eye care and hearing. Professional bodies like **LOCSU** and **AOP** have also been focusing on improving homeless eye health, so we would like to use this momentum and strengthen this collaboration.

Achievements:

CLINICS: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presented significant challenges, affecting our ability to conduct in-person clinics. We continued implementing safety measures to ensure the safety of our volunteers and homeless clients. We started the year with four clinics reopened: Skylight two days a week, Manchester weekly, Leeds fortnightly, Exeter ad hoc. Gloucester reopened in April, Birmingham in May and Brighton in March 2023. Our eye clinics conducted sessions in seven locations across the UK, providing eye exams, prescription glasses, and referrals for those in need.

PARTNERSHIPS: We strengthened our collaborations with local shelters, healthcare providers, optical practices, optical companies and government agencies to expand our reach and better serve homeless and vulnerable people.

EYE CARE ACCESS: We delivered eye care services to homeless individuals, offering vision tests, prescription glasses, and other necessary eye care treatments.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT: The dedication of our 80 volunteer optometrists and support staff remained a cornerstone of our success, allowing us to increase the number of people we could assist.

POP-UPS: Encouraged more optical practices to run pop-up clinics – OneSight from EssilorLuxottica Foundation ran a pop-up clinic in Manchester.

FUNDRAISING: We successfully raised £131,900 in funds through various campaigns, grants, and donations, enabling us to sustain and plan for expand our services. With thanks going to:

- The Nationwide Community Foundation.
- Stepper UK Ltd
- The Albert Hunt Charitable Trust
- Beatrice Laing Trust
- LNER Community Investment
- Gloucester Integrated Care Board
- Gloucester Local Optical Committee
- Gloucester Eye Therapy Trust
- Specsavers
- Vision Foundation
- Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
- Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust
- Awards for All

Future plans & looking ahead

Moving ahead into 2023/4, we fully expect to be developing, negotiating and nurturing a formal collaboration with Specsavers following a firm offer to provide funding for a two day a week New Clinic Development Manager (NCDM) for a one-year period. The full agreement was finally signed in April 2023. Looking forward we are committed to increasing our clinics to 24 over the next 5 years.

Additional plans for the coming twelve months include:

1

A collaborative project with **Specsavers** to hear from patients about their stores and support them sharing these to improve eyecare for all people experiencing homelessness. We will once again work with Stan Burrige at Expert Focus to facilitate this.

2

Expanding our **outreach efforts** to reach even more homeless individuals in need; looking at expanding into Scotland particularly in the new Crisis centre in Edinburgh.

3

Strengthening partnerships with local organisations to enhance our services and support.

4

Work with more **Integrated Care Boards** for funding of new clinics where they pay for all patients, not just the ones automatically eligible for NHS General Ophthalmic Services.

5

Governance review – the board will undertake a facilitated review, explore priorities and refine its working practices and division of roles.

6

Continue to **build diverse income** from a combination of grant-making sources, individual givers and fundraisers, corporate partners - including SMEs in the optical industry as well as high street brands.

7

Continuing to **adapt to evolving health and safety measures** while maintaining the quality of care.

We remain committed to our vision of a world where everyone, regardless of their housing status, has access to the eye care they deserve.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Reference & administrative information

Trustees	Elaine Catherine Styles Harinder Singh Paul Charanjit Bharj Janice English Robert Greene Aubrey Ayoade Ian Catlin Anthony Blackman (resigned 24 th Feb 2023) Moses Soussis Emma Low
Company registered number	05309978
Charity registered number	1118076
Registered office	C/o Crisis Skylight 50 Commercial Street London, E1 6LT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Kensington High Street Branch
Independent Examiner	Anthony Epton Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG www.goldwins.co.uk

Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including net income or expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the Executive Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent examiner

We appointed Anthony Epton as our independent examiner.

Anthony Epton was re-appointed as independent examiner of the charity at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



Elaine Styles

Chair of Trustees

Date: 28/11/2023

Governance

Vision Care for Homeless People was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 10th December 2004 and registered with the Charity Commission 22nd February 2007. The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New Directors are recruited through Retired Executives Action Clearing House among other sources, following a review of skills requirements within the Board and the charity as a whole. They visit a clinic, meet volunteers and staff and are interviewed by existing Directors. New trustees are given induction information and are supported in their new role by the Chair, other Trustees and the Chief Executive. Terms of office are for three years and Directors retire in rotation.

Management

The Board has three subcommittees:

- Funding and PR
- Finance and HR
- Operations

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive, who reports to the Board. An Executive Team comprising Chair, Treasurer and Development Director meet between trustee meetings. Staff and volunteers are led by the Chief Executive.

Public Benefit Statement

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Vision Care for Homeless People is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness and associated issues. Through its activities, Vision Care for Homeless People seeks to reduce the eye health inequality faced by people experiencing homelessness by delivering the eye care and spectacles they require. Through high calibre research and evaluation projects, combined with effective lobbying, Vision Care for Homeless People aims to facilitate substantial improvements in eye care for homeless people.

The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Vision Care for Homeless People's progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk management:

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. As a board, on an annual basis, the Trustees review the major risks that the charity faces. For identified risks, systems have been established to take necessary steps for mitigation. Trustees can provide reasonable assurance that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy:

Trustees have reviewed their reserves policy, in the light of an ongoing reduction in NHS income since the pandemic and with a view to their plans to increase the number of clinics and services the charity provides. The trustees now aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately nine to twelve months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level is sufficient given the anticipated levels of income generated from the NHS, charitable grants and donations and their relative risk profiles.

We will work to maintain the reserve targets without in any way compromising the pressing charitable activities that we are committed to undertake. The trustees review reserves on a regular basis and take into account the level of income and expenditure and other on-going commitments. Reserves in excess of 6 months of anticipated General Operating costs are maintained in liquid form in a deposit account. Further reserves are on deposit to gain a higher interest rate. These accounts are reviewed by trustees periodically.

Vision

The vision of the charity is:

We want homeless and vulnerable people to receive the eye-care and spectacles they need. We aim to help all people affected by homelessness across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to be accessing the eye care they need, from a combination of our own clinics, specialised services we have facilitated, or improved care pathways within the NHS.

Objectives

The objective of the charity is to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We provide screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

During the year, Directors focused the charity's work on 8 supporting objectives, which are:

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING – Our board, committees and managers efficiently manage resources using up to date and accurate operational, financial and performance data.

FINANCE SYSTEMS – Our finance and administration systems are simple, efficient, clear and robust from procurement to audit.

OPERATIONS – Our clinics are run with care, are effective and all procedures are consistently practised.

IDENTIFY AND MEET NEEDS – By identifying and understanding unmet eye care needs amongst the homeless & vulnerable, we open two new sustainable eye services a year, whilst maintaining existing services.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT – Our many volunteers feel valued, develop their skills and experience, and make a significant long-term impact on all aspects of our work.

COMMISSIONING AND FUNDING – By active implementation of our fundraising strategy we recruit many new funding partners each year which we invest in growing the charity.

CHAMPIONING EYE CARE – We champion the cause of equitable eye care for homeless and vulnerable people.

PROFILE AND PR – We have local and national recognition as both excellent and worthwhile from a burgeoning number of individual supporters and advocates.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the Year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton

Anthony Epton BA, FCA, CTA, FCIE

Goldwins Limited

Chartered Accountants

75 Maygrove Road

West Hampstead

London NW6 2EG

15th December 2023

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations	3	7,014	25,172	32,186	56,484
Charitable activities	4	99,714	17,860	117,574	39,283
Investments	5	-	1,321	1,321	419
Other income		-	1,245	1,245	10,320
Total income		106,728	45,598	152,326	106,506
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	17,535	17,535	8,728
Charitable activities		83,972	59,471	143,443	104,574
Total expenditure	6	83,972	77,006	160,978	113,302
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	22,756	(31,408)	(8,652)	(6,796)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		22,756	(31,408)	(8,652)	(6,796)
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward	13	23,849	129,605	153,454	160,250
Total funds carried forward		46,605	98,197	144,802	153,454

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

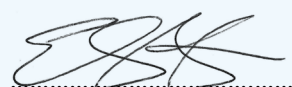
	Note	2023	2023	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	10		7,599		3,130
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	6,822		14,938	
Cash at bank and in hand		157,592		186,483	
		<u>164,414</u>		<u>201,421</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(27,211)		(51,097)	
Net current assets			137,203		150,324
Net assets			<u>144,802</u>		<u>153,454</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted funds			46,605		23,849
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		14,514		14,514	
General fund		83,683		115,091	
			<u>98,197</u>		<u>129,605</u>
Total funds			<u>144,802</u>		<u>153,454</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 28 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Elaine Styles
Director
Company registration no. 05309978

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

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

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

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

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Year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

i) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

j) Operating leases

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

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	33%
Clinic equipment (New)	20%
Clinic equipment (Second hand)	33%
IT Equipment (New)	33%
IT Equipment (Second hand)	50%

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

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

n) Creditors and provisions

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

o) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	-	56,484	56,484
Charitable activities	30,536	8,747	39,283
Investment Income	-	419	419
Other income	-	10,320	10,320
Total income	30,536	75,970	106,506
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	-	8,728	8,728
Charitable activities	39,310	65,264	104,574
Total expenditure	39,310	73,992	113,302
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(8,774)	1,978	(6,796)
Transfer between funds	(4,514)	4,514	-
Net movement in funds	(13,288)	6,492	(6,796)
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward	37,137	123,113	160,250
Total funds carried forward	23,849	129,605	153,454

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations	7,014	25,172	32,186	56,484
	7,014	25,172	32,186	56,484

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
NHS Contracts	17,860	-	17,860	8,747
Gloucester CCG A grant	-	4,500	4,500	-
Albert Hunt Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
GETT Gloucester	-	2,605	2,605	-
LOC Gloucester	-	6,613	6,613	-
Nationwide Community Foundation	-	25,000	25,000	-
Specsavers B NCDM 1	-	30,000	30,000	-
Vision Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Awards for All	-	3,000	3,000	-
Stepper UK Ltd (Leeds)	-	9,996	9,996	-
Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-	7,152
Gloucester CCG	-	-	-	5,400
	-	-	-	17,984
	17,860	99,714	117,574	39,283

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1,321	-	1,321	419
	1,321	-	1,321	419

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Year ended 31 March 2023

6 Analysis of expenditure

				2023	2022
	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Governanc e Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	17,167	103,021	967	121,155	82,250
Fundraising	368	-	-	368	1,536
Administration	-	21,765	-	21,765	17,485
Other costs	-	16,905	-	16,905	11,246
Independent Examination	-	-	785	785	785
	<u>17,535</u>	<u>141,691</u>	<u>1,752</u>	<u>160,978</u>	<u>113,302</u>
Governance costs	-	1,752	(1,752)	-	
Total expenditure 2023	<u>17,535</u>	<u>143,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,978</u>	
Total expenditure 2022	<u>8,728</u>	<u>104,574</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>113,302</u>

Of the total expenditure, £77,006 was unrestricted (2022: £73,992) and £83,972 was restricted (2022: £39,310).

7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	4,707	3,051
Independent examiner's fee	654	648

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8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	99,119	71,044
Social security costs	1,857	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	2,778	1,707
Other staff costs	17,401	-
	<u>121,155</u>	<u>72,751</u>

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year over £60,000 (2022: None).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £40,891 (2022: £37,358).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £0).

Trustees were not reimbursed any expenses during the year (2022: £0).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £0)

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 7.0 (2022: 5.75), FTE 3.3 (2022: FTE 2.3).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited**Notes to the financial statements****Year ended 31 March 2023****10 Tangible fixed assets**

	Fixtures	
	Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
At the start of the year	38,741	38,741
Additions	9,176	9,176
Disposals		
At the end of the year	47,917	47,917
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	35,611	35,611
Charge for year	4,707	4,707
At the end of the year	40,318	40,318
Net book value		
Brought forward	3,130	3,130
Carried forward	7,599	7,599

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Contract income receivable	2,172	12,819
HMRC	2,265	-
Prepayments	2,385	2,119
Total	6,822	14,938

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	2,211	1,097
Taxation and social security	-	-
Deferred income	25,000	50,000
Total	27,211	51,097

£25,000 deferred income in respect of a grant from Nationwide Community Foundation

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13 Movements in Funds

	At the start of the year	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Green Hall Foundation	440	-	(440)	-	-
Lions Chichester	560	-	(560)	-	-
Masonic Lodge Sussex	990	-	(990)	-	-
Hedley Foundation	787	-	(787)	-	-
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	6,671	-	(1,605)	-	5,066
Gwyneth Forrester Trust	2,890	-	(2,890)	-	-
Stepper UK Ltd.	5,392	-	(5,392)	-	-
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	7,014	(4,091)	-	2,923
Clothworkers Foundation - Air Purifiers	2,700	-	(1,980)	-	720
Gloucester CCG B Grant	3,419	-	(971)	-	2,448
Gloucester CCG A grant	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
Albert Hunt Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
GETT Gloucester	-	2,605	(521)	-	2,084
LOC Gloucester	-	6,613	(3,000)	-	3,613
Nationwide Community Foundation	-	25,000	(24,800)	-	200
Specsavers B NCDM 1	-	30,000	(16,165)	-	13,835
Vision Foundation	-	10,000	(5,051)	-	4,949
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	-	3,000	(600)	-	2,400
Awards for All	-	9,996	(1,629)	-	8,367
Total Restricted Funds	23,849	106,728	(83,972)	-	46,605
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Reserve	14,514	-	-	-	14,514
General Funds	115,091	45,598	(77,006)	-	83,683
Total unrestricted funds	129,605	45,598	(77,006)	-	98,197
Total Funds	153,454	152,326	(160,978)	-	144,802

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Restricted Funds

Green Hall Foundation

In January 2019, the Foundation made a grant of £2,200 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Lions Chichester

In February 2019, the Lions made a grant of £2,800 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Masonic Lodge Sussex

In June 2018, the Lodge made a grant of £4,950 towards a field screener for eye tests in Brighton.

Hedley Foundation

In July 2018, The Trust made a grant towards glaucoma screening equipment for East London clinics and equipment covers for Birmingham.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

In June 2019, The Trust made a commitment to £19,884 towards the Homeless Voices research project.

Gwyneth Forrester Trust

In April 2020, the Trust made a grant of £15,000 to pay for the post of Manager of Volunteer Operations to continue for a further year.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2021, Stepper donated £7,152 towards the Leeds Clinic's running costs.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2022, Stepper donated £7,157 towards the Leeds Clinic's running costs.

Clothworkers Foundation - Air Purifiers

In July 2021, the Clothworkers Foundation made a commitment of £5,400 to fund the purchase of air purifying units to help reopen clinics post covid. £2,700 spent on air purifiers, then from 6/12/22 the funder allowed the remainder to be spent on IT for clinics.

Gloucester CCG A grant

In July 2021, Gloucester CCG made a commitment of £33,450 over 1 year towards start up costs of a clinic, of which £19,065 was for a one day a week new clinic development manager (optometrist) plus start up costs.

Gloucester CCG B Grant

In February 2022, Gloucester CCG followed their start up grant for VCHP Gloucester with a further grant of £3,419 towards equipment and furniture.

Albert Hunt Charitable Trust

In November 2022, the Albert Hunt Charitable Trust made a grant of £3,000 towards operating clinics with homeless day centres.

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Year ended 31 March 2023

GETT Gloucester

In April 2022, Gloucester Eye Therapy Trust (GETT) made a grant of £2,605 towards purchase of an I-care tonometer for the Gloucester clinic.

LOC Gloucester

In July 2022, Gloucester Local Optical Committee (LOC) made a grant of £6,613 towards running the clinic.

Nationwide Community Foundation

In November 2021, the Nationwide Community Foundation made a commitment of £50,000 towards the cost eye care for homeless people in London for financial years commencing March 2022 and March 2023.

Specsavers B NCDM 1

In June 2022, Specsavers made a grant of £30k towards new clinic development.

Vision Foundation

In October 2022, the Vision Foundation's Resilience Fund made a grant of £10,000 towards VCHP's London operations and operations management while reopening its clinics.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

In April 2022, the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation made a grant of £5,000 towards the running costs of optician clinics for homeless people based in homeless day centres in cities across England.

Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust

In May 2022, the Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trusts made a donation to purchase an iCare tonometer for VCHP Birmingham

Awards for All

In September 2022 Big Lottery Awards for All granted £9,996 towards opening a new VCHP clinic in Stratford, London.

Unrestricted and Designated funds

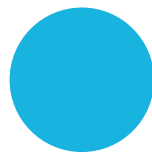
Designated Equipment reserve

The equipment replacement fund has been designated towards optical diagnostic equipment within clinics.

14 Related party transactions

There are no related transactions to disclose for the year (2022: none).

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VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1118076

Accounts

Registered number:05309978
Charity number: 1118076

VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE LIMITED

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year ended 31 March 2022

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

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Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Reference and Administrative information

Trustees	Elaine Catherine Styles Harinder Singh Paul Charanjit Bharj Janice English Robert Greene Aubrey Ayoade Ian Catlin Anthony Blackman Moses Soussis Emma Low (appointed 20 th July 2021)
Company registered number	05309978
Charity registered number	1118076
Registered office	C/o Crisis Skylight 66 Commercial Street London, E1 6LT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Kensington High Street Branch
Independent Examiner	Anthony Epton Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG www.goldwins.co.uk

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

Trustees' Report

Governance

Vision Care for Homeless People was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 10th December 2004 and registered with the Charity Commission 22nd February 2007. The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New Directors are recruited through Retired Executives Action Clearing House among other sources, following a review of skills requirements within the Board and the charity as a whole. They visit a clinic, meet volunteers and staff and are interviewed by existing Directors. New trustees are given induction information and are supported in their new role by the Chair, other Trustees and the General Manager. Terms of office are for three years and Directors retire in rotation.

Management:

The Board has three subcommittees:

- Funding and PR
- Finance and HR
- Operations

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the General Manager, who reports to the Board. An Executive Team comprising Chair, Treasurer and General Manager meet between trustee meetings. Staff and volunteers are led by the General Manager.

The governance processes for local branches include:

- Reporting to trustees via local leadership team meeting minutes.
- Annual branch clinic risk assessment, which includes actions, responsible person, and target date.
- Annual lead team branch development plan and report.
- Branch lead team evaluation form (maturity profile) to help branches improve their performance.
- Bi-annual Quality in Optometry audit performed internally.

Public Benefit Statement:

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Vision Care for Homeless People is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission.

The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness and associated issues. Through its activities, Vision Care for Homeless People seeks to reduce the eye health inequality faced by people experiencing homelessness by delivering the eye care and spectacles they require. Through high calibre research and evaluation projects, combined with effective lobbying,

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

Vision Care for Homeless People aims to facilitate substantial improvements in eye care for homeless people.

The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Vision Care for Homeless People's progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk management:

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Through the Finance and HR subcommittee, the Trustees regularly review the major risks that the charity faces. For identified risks, systems have been established to take necessary steps to manage those risks. Trustees can provide reasonable assurance that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy:

Trustees have reviewed their reserves policy, in the light of an ongoing reduction in NHS income since the pandemic and with a view to their plans to increase the number of clinics and services the charity provides. The trustees now aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately nine to twelve months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level is sufficient given the anticipated levels of income generated from the NHS, charitable grants and donations and their relative risk profiles.

We will work to maintain the reserve targets without in any way compromising the pressing charitable activities that we are committed to undertake. The trustees review reserves on a regular basis and take into account the level of income and expenditure and other on-going commitments. Reserves in excess of 6 months of anticipated General Operating costs are maintained in liquid form in a deposit account. Further reserves are on deposit to gain a higher interest rate. These accounts are reviewed by trustees periodically.

Vision

The vision of the charity is:

We want homeless and vulnerable people to receive the eye-care and spectacles they need.

Over the next five years we will ensure that 40% of people who are homeless, either street sleepers or those in temporary hostels and shelters in England, are receiving eye-care every two years.

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

Objectives

The objective of the charity is to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We include screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

During the year, Directors focused the charity's work on 8 supporting objectives, which are:

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING - Our board, committees and managers efficiently manage resources using up to date and accurate operational, financial and performance data.

FINANCE SYSTEMS - Our finance and administration systems are simple, efficient, clear and robust from procurement to audit.

OPERATIONS - Our clinics are run with care, are effective and all procedures are consistently practised.

IDENTIFY AND MEET NEEDS - By identifying and understanding unmet eye care needs amongst the homeless & vulnerable, we open two new sustainable eye services a year, whilst maintaining existing services.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - Our many volunteers feel valued, develop their skills and experience, and make a significant long-term impact on all aspects of our work.

COMMISSIONING AND FUNDING - By active implementation of our innovative fundraising strategy we recruit many new funding partners each year and make a surplus, which we invest in growing the charity.

CHAMPIONING EYE CARE - We champion the cause of equitable eye care for homeless and vulnerable people.

PROFILE AND PR - We have local and national recognition as both excellent and worthwhile from a burgeoning number of individual supporters and advocates.

Chair's Report

Our mission statement:

"Vision Care for Homeless People" is a charity set-up to provide eyecare services to homeless people in an environment in which they feel welcome and comfortable.

Our aims:

We aim to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We include screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles, that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

Our aspirations:

Our aim is to expand this service nationwide in all the major cities, so we can make a difference to as many homeless and vulnerable people as we can. We are actively working towards that.

Introduction:

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the charity... and a special thank you to those of you who volunteer with us. You are vital to the service we offer to homeless people. You work in our clinics, testing, dispensing or assisting. You are members of the Branch Lead Teams which look after those clinics. You help us develop new ideas and run special projects. You do sponsored events and fundraise for the charity. Thank you all.

We describe ourselves as a volunteer led charity. We want our volunteers to both have a good experience from their involvement and gain experience that will be useful to them. Our Branch Teams are a great place to develop leadership and project management abilities. We have over 100 brilliant volunteers across our clinics supported by a small staff team.

We started the year with all our clinics closed due to Covid restrictions, but we were hard at work behind the scenes planning the processes, risk assessments, policies and equipment required to re-open our clinics safely. We had obtained the required PPE, trained our volunteers on how to use PPE and purchased purification units for each of the test rooms with a grant from Clothworkers Foundation. All our volunteers and staff received their vaccinations and were stocked up with Lateral flows for twice weekly testing.

General News:

May 2021 Back in the clinic in St George's Crypt, Leeds today!

Optometrist Caroline and clinic assistant Kamila are familiarising themselves with our new computerised patient management system. No more record cards as our teams now have tablets - purchased from the student fundraising from Optoversity Challenge 2021!

June 2021 - A six-month Kick Start charity assistant was recruited to enable Salesforce onboarding, vetting and training for new and returning volunteers. They also carried out website work, updating Christmas Spectacle collateral and Student Shadowing project. A volunteer optometrist later took on

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this role of working with City University Optometry School to continue the student shadowing scheme, where students can attend a clinic and shadow an optometrist, with specific learning goals for each year group.

July 2021 welcomed Emma Low as a new trustee. Emma is a fundraising consultant who is a partner at small charity specialist agency, Nova Fundraising and has over 25 years' experience of working in the not-for profit sector across a wide spectrum of causes including health and social welfare and the fields of women's rights and international aid. Almost 20 years ago Emma was Head of Fundraising at Crisis and her commitment to supporting the homeless community has continued throughout her career.

Emma said "I was absolutely thrilled to be invited to join the trustee board at Vision Care for Homeless People. I have watched and supported their progress intently over the past few years. It's fabulous to see what a huge impact they are having, bringing sight to homeless people across the UK. As someone who has been dependent on glasses (now contact lenses) since the age of 11, has a father with glaucoma and grew up with a granny limited by untreated cataracts, I recognise the importance of good eye-sight and can empathise with anyone who is optically challenged or who has failing eye-health – let alone combined with the insecurity of having no home, sleeping rough or sofa surfing.

21st July 2021 One of the most exciting things to happen this year was the opening of our new Gloucester clinic. We formed by a partnership with the Gloucester Clinical Commissioning Group and the Gloucester Local Eye Health network. The CCG provided funding for one day a week New Clinic Development Manager for a year, plus £5,00 towards start up costs, and ongoing payment for non-NHS eligible patients for the 1st year of operation.

We were delighted to introduce Karen our clinic development manager for the Gloucester clinic:
'Hi All, I'm Karen Gennard, an Optometrist based in Gloucestershire. I have 20 years-worth of experience in the field and am currently based at Norville's Independent Eyecare in Cheltenham. Before this I had worked 10 years at Norville Opticians in Gloucester City Centre. I love working with the general public but I'm aware that for some people our services can be difficult to access, providing a high-quality service can be hard, and general funding to the homeless and vulnerable in society is an area that can be overlooked. Gloucestershire LOC have been working with Gloucestershire CCG to secure funding for VCHP to provide a clinic in the centre of Gloucester. This will be housed within the Homeless Healthcare team at the Rikenel Centre."

October 2021 STEPPER EYEWEAR supports Leeds clinic with a generous donation supporting the Leeds Vision Care for Homeless People clinic with a donation of more than £7,000, announced on World Homeless Day (10th October). It follows STEPPER's generous financing of the Manchester clinic last year.

Peter Reeve, Managing Director of the eyewear company visited the clinic within St Georges' Crypt in Leeds last week and saw at first hand the valuable work which VCHP carries out. "The VCHP clinics are very well equipped and provide a professional service with a great team and we are delighted to be associated with them" said Peter, pictured here with 2 of the clinic volunteers.

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December 2021, Brighton College's choir spread the message about reaching out to the local community with a moving version of "When I Needed A Neighbour". They highlighted the need to re-open our Brighton clinic – which was forced to close at the start of the pandemic – the song inspired people to think about the 80% of homeless people have never had an eye examination.

We finally have the go ahead to open a new clinic in Stratford. This project has been in the pipeline for so long. It started prior to Covid lockdown and has been paused pending permissions since. We look forward to working with Doctors of the World and serving refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in the East of London.

Activities:

We have been gradually reopening our clinics and they have been a lot quieter due to lower numbers of patients attending to space them out for social distancing. Four of our clinics operated during the financial year: Leeds reopened on 13th April 2021, Skylight London reopened on 23rd June 2021, Manchester reopened 15th September 2021, and Exeter reopened on 4th February 2022. We carried out 404 eye examinations and dispensed 317 pairs of glasses of which 252 were single vision and 65 were bifocals.

The Crisis at Christmas Opticians and Eyecare Service, which we run in partnership with Crisis UK, restarted in December 2021. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, homeless people were being housed in hotels and for the Opticians Service we converted a hotel bedroom in Lancaster Gate into a well-equipped eye care clinic base. In addition, the volunteer teams took domiciliary kits loaned by the optical industry out to two other Crisis at Christmas centres. Overall, the Opticians Teams conducted 50 eye tests and dispensed 19 single vision spectacles, 7 bifocals and 24 ready readers. 17 guests were referred for further investigations or treatment.

Advocacy:

Due to Covid there was no further progress with advocacy as all NHS energies were understandably directed to the current critical crisis. We will resume our efforts to reduce the eye health inequality that homeless people face when the pandemic situation settles.

Plans for Future:

It is currently difficult to estimate the full future need as the current tough financial situation is driving an increasing number of people into crisis. VCHP is looking to significantly increase the number of its regional clinics.

We run clinics in seven cities across England so only meet a small percentage of the need for eye care for homeless and vulnerable people. Our vision is to ensure that 40% of homeless people in England are receiving eye-care every two years. To go some way towards achieving that, we plan to open many new clinics in homeless persons day centres. You can come and volunteer in one of our clinics or start building a team to open a clinic in your town or city.

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VCHP consider partnering with high street opticians to be important to help people experiencing homelessness to progress to mainstream services and to reach areas where numbers are too few to justify an in-house service. We have developed different models of how partnerships with high street opticians could operate. VCHP would like to test these models with potential partners like high street practices or domiciliary opticians.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including net income or expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the Executive Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent examiner

We appointed Anthony Epton as our independent examiner.

Anthony Epton was re-appointed as independent examiner of the charity at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



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Elaine Styles

Chair of Trustees

Date: 29/11/2022

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Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the Year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton
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Date: 6 December 2022

Anthony Epton BA, FCA, CTA, FCIE
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Chartered Accountants
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London NW6 2EG

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations	3	-	56,484	56,484	44,973
Charitable activities	4	30,536	8,747	39,283	58,948
Investments	5	-	419	419	347
Other income		-	10,320	10,320	540
Total income		30,536	75,970	106,506	104,808
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	8,728	8,728	7,561
Charitable activities		39,310	65,264	104,574	87,686
Total expenditure	6	39,310	73,992	113,302	95,247
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	(8,774)	1,978	(6,796)	9,561
Transfer between funds		(4,514)	4,514	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,288)	6,492	(6,796)	9,561
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward	13	37,137	123,113	160,250	150,689
Total funds carried forward		23,849	129,605	153,454	160,250

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022	2022	2021	2021
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	10		3,130		5,414
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	14,938		1,041	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>186,483</u>		<u>163,954</u>	
		201,421		164,995	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(51,097)</u>		<u>(10,159)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>150,324</u>		<u>154,836</u>
Net assets			<u>153,454</u>		<u>160,250</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted funds			23,849		37,137
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		14,514		10,000	
General fund		<u>115,091</u>		<u>113,113</u>	
			<u>129,605</u>		<u>123,113</u>
Total funds			<u>153,454</u>		<u>160,250</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 29 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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Elaine Styles

Director

Company registration no. 05309978

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

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

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

i) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

j) Operating leases

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

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	33%
Clinic equipment (New)	20%
Clinic equipment (Second hand)	33%
IT Equipment (New)	33%
IT Equipment (Second hand)	50%

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

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

n) Creditors and provisions

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

o) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2021 Total
	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	-	44,973	44,973
Charitable activities	50,218	8,730	58,948
Investment Income	-	347	347
Other income	-	540	540
Total income	50,218	54,590	104,808
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	-	7,561	7,561
Charitable activities	56,657	31,029	87,686
Total expenditure	56,657	38,590	95,247
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(6,439)	16,000	9,561
Transfer between funds	(3,227)	3,227	-
Net movement in funds	(9,666)	19,227	9,561
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward	46,803	103,886	150,689
Total funds carried forward	37,137	123,113	160,250

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations	56,484	-	56,484	44,973
	56,484	-	56,484	44,973

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
NHS Contracts	8,747	-	8,747	8,730
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	-	-	-	9,942
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,500
CAF Resilience Fund	-	-	-	19,747
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Gwyneth Forrester Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Ian Askew Charitable Trust	-	-	-	500
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	-	-	7,611
Waitrose Community Matters	-	-	-	333
Big Lottery – Awards for All	-	-	-	(9,415)
Stepper UK Ltd (Leeds)	-	7,152	7,152	-
Clothworkers Foundation	-	5,400	5,400	-
Gloucester CCG	-	17,984	17,984	-
	8,747	30,536	39,283	58,948

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	419	-	419	347
	419	-	419	347

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6 Analysis of expenditure

				2022	2021
	Cost of raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Governance Costs £	Total £	Total £
Staff costs	7,192	74,369	689	82,250	59,881
Fundraising	1,536	-	-	1,536	479
Administration	-	17,485	-	17,485	11,312
Other costs	-	11,056	190	11,246	22,860
Independent Examination	-	-	785	785	715
	8,728	102,910	1,664	113,302	95,247
Governance costs	-	1,664	(1,664)		
Total expenditure 2022	8,728	104,574	-	113,302	95,247
Total expenditure 2021	7,561	87,686	-	95,247	

Of the total expenditure, £73,992 was unrestricted (2021: £38,590) and £39,310 was restricted (2021: £56,657).

7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	3,051	6,033
Independent examination	648	600

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8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	71,044	55,956
Social security costs	-	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,707	850
	<u>72,751</u>	<u>56,806</u>

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year over £60,000 (2021: None).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £37,358 (2021: £28,900).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: £0).

Trustees were not reimbursed any expenses during the year (2021: £13).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £0)

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 5.75 (2021: 4.08), FTE 2.3 (2021: FTE 1.6).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures	
	Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
At the start of the year	37,974	37,974
Additions	767	767
Disposals	-	-
At the end of the year	38,741	38,741
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	32,560	32,560
Charge for year	3,051	3,051
At the end of the year	35,611	35,611
Net book value		
Brought forward	5,414	5,414
Carried forward	3,130	3,130

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Contract income receivable	12,819	-
Prepayments	2,119	1,041
Total	14,938	1,041

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	1,097	10,153
Taxation and social security	-	6
Deferred income	50,000	-
Total	51,097	10,159

£50,000 deferred income in respect of a grant from Nationwide Community Foundation towards the cost of running services in London in FYE 2023 and FYE 2024.

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13 Movements in Funds

	At the start of the year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds					
Pret Foundation	165	-	(165)	-	-
Dame Mary Perkins	4,514	-	-	(4,514)	-
Green Hall Foundation	520	-	(80)	-	440
Lions Chichester	1,480	-	(920)	-	560
Masonic Lodge Sussex	1,980	-	(990)	-	990
Hedley Foundation	1,390	-	(602)	-	788
Sir Hailey Stewart Trust	6,867	-	(196)	-	6,671
Evan Cornish Foundation	3,691	-	(3,691)	-	-
Gwyneth Forrester Trust	11,234	-	(8,345)	-	2,889
Stepper UK Ltd (Manchester)	5,296	-	(5,296)	-	-
Stepper UK Ltd (Leeds)	-	7,152	(1,760)	-	5,392
Clothworkers	-	5,400	(2,700)	-	2,700
Gloucester CCG	-	17,984	(14,565)	-	3,419
Total Restricted Funds	37,137	30,536	(39,310)	(4,514)	23,849
Unrestricted Funds					
Equipment Reserve	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Dame Mary Perkins	-	-	-	4,514	4,514
General Funds	113,113	75,970	(73,992)	-	115,091
Total unrestricted funds	123,113	75,970	(73,992)	4,514	129,605
Total Funds	160,250	106,506	(113,302)	-	153,454

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Restricted Funds

Pret Foundation

In November 2016 the Pret Foundation made an award of £7,400 towards setting up the new Exeter Clinic. Part of the award was used for equipment purchase.

Dame Mary Perkins

In August 2017, Dame Mary Perkins donated £7,600 to underwrite the costs of fundraising events. In July 2021, Dame Mary unrestricted the balance.

Green Hall Foundation

In January 2019, the Foundation made a grant of £2,200 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Lions Chichester

In February 2019, the Lions made a grant of £2,800 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Masonic Lodge Sussex

In June 2018, the Lodge made a grant of £4,950 towards a field screener for eye tests in Brighton.

Hedley Foundation

In July 2018, The Trust made a grant towards glaucoma screening equipment for East London clinics and equipment covers for Birmingham.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

In June 2019, The Trust made a commitment to £19,884 towards the Homeless Voices research project.

Evan Cornish Foundation

In April 2020, the Foundation made a grant of £5,000 towards the Leeds Clinic.

Gwyneth Forrester Trust

In April 2020, the Trust made a grant of £15,000 to pay for the post of Manager of Volunteer Operations to continue for a further year.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2020, Stepper donated £7,611 towards the Manchester Clinic's running costs.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2021, Stepper donated £7,152 towards the Leeds Clinic's running costs.

Clothworkers Foundation

In July 2021, the Clothworkers Foundation made a commitment to fund the purchase of air purifying units to help reopen clinics post covid.

Gloucester CCG

In July 2021, Gloucester CCG made a commitment of £33,450 over 1 year towards start up costs of a clinic, including a one day a week new clinic development manager (optometrist) and costs for homeless and vulnerable people not being served by NHS provision then added to the commitment in February 2022 with a further grant of £3,419 towards equipment and furniture.

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Unrestricted and Designated funds

Designated Equipment reserve

The equipment replacement fund has been designated towards optical diagnostic equipment within clinics.

14 Related party transactions

There are no related transactions to disclose for the year (2021: none).

VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1118076

Accounts

Registered number:05309978
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VISION CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE LIMITED

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year ended 31 March 2021

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

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Reference and Administrative information

Trustees	Elaine Catherine Styles Harinder Singh Paul Charanjit Bharj Janice English Robert Greene Aubrey Ayoade Ian Catlin Anthony Blackman Moses Soussis
Company registered number	05309978
Charity registered number	1118076
Registered office	C/o Crisis Skylight 66 Commercial Street London, E1 6LT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Kensington High Street Branch
Independent Examiners	Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG www.goldwins.co.uk

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited

Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees Report

Governance

Vision Care for Homeless People was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 10th December 2004 and registered with the Charity Commission 22nd February 2007. The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New Directors are recruited through Retired Executives Action Clearing House among other sources, following a review of skills requirements within the Board and the charity as a whole. They visit a clinic, meet volunteers and staff and are interviewed by existing Directors. New trustees are given induction information and are supported in their new role by the Chair, other Trustees and the General Manager. Terms of office are for three years and Directors retire in rotation.

Management:

The Board has three subcommittees:

- Funding and PR
- Finance and HR
- Operations

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the General Manager, who reports to the Board. An Executive Team comprising Chair, Treasurer and General Manager meet between trustee meetings. Staff and volunteers are led by the General Manager.

The governance processes for local branches include:

- Reporting to trustees via local leadership team meeting minutes.
- Annual branch clinic risk assessment, which includes actions, responsible person, and target date.
- Annual lead team branch development plan and report.
- Branch lead team evaluation form (maturity profile) to help branches improve their performance.
- Bi-annual Quality in Optometry audit performed internally.

Public Benefit Statement:

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, Vision Care for Homeless People is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission.

The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness and associated issues. Through its activities, Vision Care for Homeless People seeks to reduce the eye health inequality faced by people experiencing homelessness by delivering the eye care and spectacles they require. Through high calibre research and evaluation projects, combined with effective lobbying,

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Vision Care for Homeless People aims to facilitate substantial improvements in eye care for homeless people.

The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Vision Care for Homeless People's progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Risk management:

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Through the Finance and HR subcommittee, the Trustees regularly review the major risks that the charity faces. For identified risks, systems have been established to take necessary steps to manage those risks. Trustees can provide reasonable assurance that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy:

Trustees have reviewed their reserves policy, in the light of an ongoing reduction in NHS income since the pandemic and with a view to their plans to increase the number of clinics and services the charity provides. The trustees now aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately nine to twelve months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level is sufficient given the anticipated levels of income generated from the NHS, charitable grants and donations and their relative risk profiles.

We will work to maintain the reserve targets without in any way compromising the pressing charitable activities that we are committed to undertake. The trustees review reserves on a regular basis and take into account the level of income and expenditure and other on-going commitments. Reserves in excess of 6 months of anticipated General Operating costs are maintained in liquid form in a deposit account. Further reserves are on deposit to gain a higher interest rate. These accounts are reviewed by trustees periodically.

Vision

The vision of the charity is:

We want homeless and vulnerable people to receive the eye-care and spectacles they need.

Over the next five years we will ensure that 40% of people who are homeless, either street sleepers or those in temporary hostels and shelters in England, are receiving eye-care every two years.

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Objectives

The objective of the charity is to preserve, protect and promote the ocular health of homeless and vulnerable people in the UK who are unwilling or unable to access mainstream services available through the NHS. We include screening of ocular health and the provision of spectacles that meets the immediate visual needs of our beneficiaries.

During the year, Directors focused the charity's work on 8 supporting objectives, which are:

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING - Our board, committees and managers efficiently manage resources using up to date and accurate operational, financial and performance data.

FINANCE SYSTEMS - Our finance and administration systems are simple, efficient, clear and robust from procurement to audit.

OPERATIONS - Our clinics are run with care, are effective and all procedures are consistently practised.

IDENTIFY AND MEET NEEDS - By identifying and understanding unmet eye care needs amongst the homeless & vulnerable, we open two new sustainable eye services a year, whilst maintaining existing services.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - Our many volunteers feel valued, develop their skills and experience, and make a significant long-term impact on all aspects of our work.

COMMISSIONING AND FUNDING - By active implementation of our innovative fundraising strategy we recruit many new funding partners each year and make a surplus, which we invest in growing the charity.

CHAMPIONING EYE CARE - We champion the cause of equitable eye care for homeless and vulnerable people.

PROFILE AND PR - We have local and national recognition as both excellent and worthwhile from a burgeoning number of individual supporters and advocates.

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Chair's Report

We had a very uncertain start to the year. All our clinics were closed, and we were worried about encountering funding and operational challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I would like to thank the whole team for the calm and professional way they have managed this year despite the personal stress and anxiety that they would have been experiencing.

In March 2021 we set up an Executive Team consisting of myself, the General Manager and Treasurer to meet fortnightly to consider and act on the changing situation. We developed and initiated cost savings and considered the furloughing of staff. Initially we only furloughed our part time optometrist on 100% salary of which we claimed 80% from Government Job Retention Scheme.

The remaining staff worked on the set-up and implementation of Sales Force. We enrolled some of the volunteers to test the rota and training modules. By July volunteer rotas and self-service were tested and ready. We also had COVID-19 mandatory training and tracking ready along with Covid-19 individual risk assessments prepared.

A charity recovery plan was initiated for when restrictions were eased. The General Manager and I kept up to date with discussions within the optical industry on the shape of future services and the likely changes in clinical practice. The trustees considered longer term threats and opportunities post Covid-19, including recession, financial constraints, and increased demand for homeless services.

In July around 10% of volunteers were willing to attend clinics, but medical "return to clinic assessments" meant some would be prevented from returning (e.g., over 70's). It wasn't until 1st October 2020 that Broadway re-opened with our London Optometrist and assisted by members of staff.

In January 2021 when we entered the third lockdown and the clinics closed again, we decided to use flexible furlough for the General Manager, the Manager of Volunteer Operations and our London Optometrist. Projects, volunteer recruitment and return to clinic processes continued but with flexibility to reduce hours where they were not needed for current operations.

General news:

GSK IMPACT Award – We were delighted to have been one of the 10 charities to win this award, chosen from more than 400 charities across the UK. The award provides funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing.

This award highlighted the brilliant work of all our dedicated volunteers who faithfully run the clinics and helped call attention to the need for eye care services that reach out to homeless and vulnerable people. As well as receiving £30,000 in unrestricted funding, VCHP will receive expert support and leadership development provided by The King's Fund. They also made a film, the recording of which was undertaken at St George's Crypt in Leeds, which was luckily completed on the 9th March just in time before everything started to shut down due to COVID-19.

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In October 2020, the General Manager and myself attended a brilliant 3-day on-line leadership training programme on subjects including financial management, governance, having difficult conversations, communications, how to motivate others, social media, and PR. We decided that our brand needs to be meaningful in people's lives and the General Manager proposed that a culture of support for emerging leadership needs to be better communicated through our organisation. We also set up some partnership links for working with other voluntary and community organisations, along with NHS and local authorities.

Fundraising - Our Corporate and Community fundraiser continued to build connections within the optical industries with companies and individuals. She set up regular social media updates to maintain interest in the charity. One donation of £1,000 came out of the blue and an eBay seller chose VCHP after an online search. In April 2020 volunteers took part in the 2.6 Challenge and later in the year Captain Tom 100 Challenge.

Our Corporate and Community fundraiser started to implement the Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout) fundraising platform as an alternative to Virgin Money Giving. This will improve event management, such as Optoversity Challenge, with functions which include automatic creation of fundraising pages.

Out of the Box Optics' Optoversity Challenge - the inter-University competition for final-year Optometry students, was held on-line on the 21st March. Testing their knowledge against teams from eleven UK optometry schools, the 80 competing students had a lot of fun with quizzes, multiple choice questions and other challenges. The event, which raised an impressive £8,097 for VCHP, saw City University students take top place, followed by UWE students in second place and third place went to Aston. A host of generous optical companies were also able to engage with the students through some of the questions relating to current optical technology, diagnostics, and therapeutics.

In December we applied to the Kick Start scheme for a 25 hour-a-week trainee for six months which was approved.

Gloucester - One of the most exciting things to happen this year was an approach from the Gloucester Clinical Commissioning Group who have some funds to put towards homeless optical services. This has led to a partnership to open a new branch clinic in Gloucester.

CET

We continued to work with iCET to produce a peer review case discussion presentation highlighting some of the ocular health problems that people experiencing homelessness face. The presentation stimulated discussion on the best clinical ways to manage these health problems and highlighted the links to other charities and organisations who can assist. It was delivered at the Eyecare 2021 2-day conference which was held on-line and later in the year was also delivered at other on-line events. iCET has announced that they are making VCHP their charity partner for 2022.

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Activities:

Between the first and second lockdowns, we were only able to run 14 clinics during the year attended by 45 homeless patients. A further 22 patients were helped by remote provision of replacement glasses. Unfortunately, despite comprehensive preparations, the Crisis at Christmas Opticians and Eyecare Service for 2020 was cancelled by Crisis at short notice.

Advocacy:

Due to Covid there was no further progress with advocacy as all NHS energies were understandably directed to the current critical crisis. We will resume our efforts to reduce the eye health inequality that homeless people face when the pandemic situation settles.

Support:

The charity receives some funding through General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) NHS contracts for each of its regular clinics. However, this year only 30% of its patients were eligible for NHS eye tests at the point of service, so the charity made up the difference through gifts in kind, volunteers and fundraising. No NHS funding is currently available for the Crisis at Christmas Opticians Service.

We are grateful, for the support of our friends in the optical industry who offer many gifts in kind to support our service.

We received £19,747 from CAF Resilience Fund towards reopening and running clinics to be utilised between October 1st, 2020 and 31st March 2021.

We thank Stepper UK who provided a grant towards our running costs during the year.

Our work is largely funded by the many volunteers and supporters who donate or fundraise each year.

Plans for Future:

It is currently difficult to estimate the full future need. On 26 March 2020, the Government asked local authorities in England to "help make sure we get everyone in". The rough sleeping taskforce worked with local authorities and other partners to try to ensure those accommodated through Everyone In were helped into longer-term accommodation and as few people as possible return to life on the streets. We hope that this initiative may have helped to reduce the numbers of people experiencing homelessness but with the tough financial situation post pandemic, there may be an increase in demand for our services.

Our plans include:

- Recover from the impact of COVID19 and re-open clinics
- Referral's project – ensuring people receive the medical care they require
- Homeless Voices – Publish the Experts by Experience Project
- Open a new clinic in Gloucester and look for other locations

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including net income or expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the Executive Committee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent examiner

We appointed Goldwins Chartered Accountants as our independent examiner. Since our turnover is under £1 million, we do not need an audit.

A resolution proposing that Goldwins be re-appointed as independent examiner of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



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Elaine Styles

Chair of Trustees

Date: 30/11/2021

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Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 March 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the Year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton

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Chartered Accountants
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14 December 2021

Vision Care for Homeless People Limited
Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations	3	-	44,973	44,973	49,598
Charitable activities	4	50,218	8,730	58,948	150,559
Investment income	5	-	347	347	35
Other income		-	540	540	64
Total income		50,218	54,590	104,808	200,256
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	7,561	7,561	14,611
Charitable activities		56,657	31,029	87,686	116,127
Total expenditure	6	56,657	38,590	95,247	130,738
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	7	(6,439)	16,000	9,561	69,518
Transfer between funds		(3,227)	3,227	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,666)	19,227	9,561	69,518
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward	13	46,803	103,886	150,689	81,171
Total funds carried forward		37,137	123,113	160,250	150,689

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	10		5,414		11,618
Current assets:					
Debtors	11	1,041		7,546	
Cash at bank and in hand		163,954		134,302	
		<u>164,995</u>		<u>141,848</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(10,159)		(2,777)	
Net current assets			154,836		139,071
Net assets			<u>160,250</u>		<u>150,689</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted funds			37,137		46,803
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		10,000		10,000	
General fund		<u>113,113</u>		<u>93,886</u>	
			123,113		103,886
Total funds			<u>160,250</u>		<u>150,689</u>

For the financial Year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 30 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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Elaine Styles

Director

Company registration no. 05309978

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

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

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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

i) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

j) Operating leases

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

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	33%
Clinic equipment (New)	20%
Clinic equipment (Second hand)	33%
IT Equipment (New)	33%
IT Equipment (Second hand)	50%

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash at bank and in hand

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

n) Creditors and provisions

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

o) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2020 Total
	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	-	49,598	49,598
Charitable activities	79,552	71,007	150,559
Investment Income	-	35	35
Other income	-	64	64
Total income	79,552	120,704	200,256
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	-	14,611	14,611
Charitable activities	58,051	58,076	116,127
Total expenditure	58,051	72,687	130,738
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	21,501	48,017	69,518
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	21,501	48,017	69,518
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward	25,302	55,869	81,171
Total funds carried forward	46,803	103,886	150,689

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations	44,973	-	44,973	49,598
	44,973	-	44,973	49,598

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
NHS Contracts	8,730	-	8,730	33,007
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	-	9,942	9,942	-
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	1,500	1,500	-
CAF Resilience Fund	-	19,747	19,747	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Gwyneth Forrester Trust	-	15,000	15,000	-
Ian Askew Charitable Trust	-	500	500	-
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	7,611	7,611	-
Waitrose Community Matters	-	333	333	-
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	21,750
GSK King's Fund Impact Award	-	-	-	30,000
The Fore	-	-	-	8,000
Norman Family Trust	-	-	-	1,000
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,500
Autotrader Community Fund	-	-	-	5,000
Big Lottery – Awards for All	-	(9,415)	(9,415)	10,000
CB & HH Taylor Charitable Trust	-	-	-	500
Eveson Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Manchester Guardian Society CT	-	-	-	2,000
Morrisons Foundation	-	-	-	5,450
Peoples Postcode Trust	-	-	-	17,500
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	-	-	-	9,942
Yorkshire Building Society CF	-	-	-	410
	8,730	50,218	58,948	150,559

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	347	-	347	35
	347	-	347	35

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6 Analysis of expenditure

				2021	2020
	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Governance Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	7,082	51,959	840	59,881	100,414
Fundraising	479	-	-	479	1,217
Administration	-	11,312	-	11,312	7,158
Other costs	-	22,639	221	22,860	21,289
Independent Examination	-	-	715	715	660
	7,561	85,910	1,776	95,247	130,738
Governance costs	-	1776	(1,776)		-
Total expenditure 2021	7,561	87,686	-	95,247	130,738
Total expenditure 2020	14,611	115,767	-	130,378	

Of the total expenditure, £38,590 was unrestricted (2020: £72,687) and £56,657 was restricted (2020: £58,051).

7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	6,033	3,455
Independent examination	715	680

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8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	55,956	70,333
Social security costs	-	1,473
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	850	1,137
	56,806	72,943

None of the employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year over £60,000 (2020: None).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £28,900 (2020: £34,856).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2020: £0).

Trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year of £13 (2020: £251).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £0)

The average number of employees (headcount based on the number of staff employed) during the year was 4.08 (2020: 5.7), FTE 1.6 (2020: FTE 2.39).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures	
	Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
At the start of the year	37,974	37,974
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At the end of the year	37,974	37,974
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	26,356	26,356
Charge for year	6,204	6,204
At the end of the year	32,560	32,560
Net book value		
Brought forward	11,618	11,618
Carried forward	5,414	5,414

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Contract income receivable	-	5,104
Prepayments	1,041	2,442
Total	1,041	7,546

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	10,153	1,508
Taxation and social security	6	1,269
Total	10,159	2,777

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13 Movements in Funds

	At the start of the year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds					
Pocklington Trust	1,170	-	1,170	-	-
Pret Foundation	341	-	176	-	165
Dame Mary Perkins	4,514	-	-	-	4,514
Green Hall Foundation	1,080	-	560	-	520
Lions Chichester	1,920	-	440	-	1,480
Masonic Lodge Sussex	2,970	-	990	-	1,980
Hedley Foundation	1,992	-	602	-	1,390
City Bridge Trust	10,359	-	10,359	-	-
Big Lottery Awards for All	9,684	(9,415)	269	-	-
Hospital Saturday Fund	889	-	889	-	-
Morrison's Foundation	1,087	-	1,087	-	-
Norman Family Charitable Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
People's Postcode Trust	8,755	-	5,528	(3,227)	-
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	1,042	9,942	4,117	-	6,867
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
CAF Resilience Fund	-	19,747	19,747	-	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	5,000	1,309	-	3,691
Gwyneth Forrester Trust	-	15,000	3,766	-	11,234
Ian Askew Charitable Trust	-	500	500	-	-
Stepper UK Ltd.	-	7,611	2,315	-	5,296
Waitrose Community Matters	-	333	333	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	46,803	50,218	56,657	(3,227)	37,137
Unrestricted Funds					
Equip Reserve	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
City Bridge Trust C19 Recovery	-	4,375	4,375	-	-
People's Postcode Trust (unrestricted)	-	-	-	3,227	3,227
General Funds	93,886	50,215	34,215	-	109,886
Total unrestricted funds	103,886	54,590	38,590	3,227	123,113
Total Funds	150,689	104,808	95,247	-	160,250

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Restricted Funds

29th May 1961 Charitable Trust

In September 2019, the Trust made a grant of £1,500 towards the running of the London clinics

Big Lottery Awards for All

In January 2020, Awards for All made a grant of £10,000 towards first year costs of new Stratford clinic in London. Due to Covid restrictions the grant could not be fully utilised within one year so the balance of the grant £9,415 is repayable to Awards for All.

CAF Resilience Fund

In December 2020, the Fund made a grant of £19,747 towards VCHP's core work to be spent by 31st March 2021

City Bridge Trust

In 2017, the Trust committed £37,100 over 3 years towards a Manager of Volunteer Operations post.

Dame Mary Perkins

In August 2017, Dame Mary Perkins donated £7,600 to underwrite the costs of fundraising events.

Evan Cornish Foundation

In April 2020, the Foundation made a grant of £5,000 towards the Leeds Clinic.

Green Hall Foundation

In January 2019, the Foundation made a grant of £2,200 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Gwyneth Forrester Trust

In April 2020, the Trust made a grant of £15,000 to pay for the post of Manager of Volunteer Operations to continue for a further year.

Hedley Foundation

In July 2018, The Trust made a grant towards glaucoma screening equipment for East London clinics and equipment covers for Birmingham.

Hospital Saturday Fund

In August 2019 the Fund made a grant of £2,000 towards the volunteer training and management systems project.

Ian Askew Charitable Trust

In August 2020, the Trust made a grant of £500 towards the Brighton clinic.

Lions Chichester

In February 2019, the Lions made a grant of £2,800 towards a field screener for eye tests in Shepherd's Bush.

Masonic Lodge Sussex

In June 2018, the Lodge made a grant of £4,950 towards a field screener for eye tests in Brighton.

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Morrison's Foundation

In September 2019, the Foundation made a grant of £5,450 towards the volunteer training and management systems project

Norman Family Charitable Trust

In April 2020, the Norman Trust made a grant of £1,000 to the Exeter clinic.

People's Postcode Trust

In May 2019, the Trust made a grant of £17,500 towards the volunteer training and management systems project. The final £3,227 was unrestricted by the Trust.

Pocklington Trust

In January 2017, the Trust made a grant towards a portable field screener for mobile opticians services.

Pret Foundation

In November 2016 the Pret Foundation made an award of £7,400 towards setting up the new Exeter Clinic. Part of the award was used for equipment purchase.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

In June 2019, The Trust made a commitment to £19,884 towards the Homeless Voices research project.

Stepper UK Ltd.

In April 2020, Stepper donated £7,611 towards the Manchester Clinic's running costs.

Waitrose Community Matters

In July 2020, VCHP's Exeter clinic received £333 from its local Waitrose store.

Unrestricted and Designated funds

City Bridge Trust C19 Recovery Fund

The Trust made an unrestricted grant of £4,375 which was designated for use in the London clinics.

Designated Equipment reserve

The equipment replacement fund has been designated towards optical diagnostic equipment within clinics.