

# CHILDREN'S ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE

England & Wales · Charity number 1124897

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2008-07-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE GOOD HEALTH OF CRITICALLY ILL OR INJURED CHILDREN BY: -1) THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO TRANSFER THEM TO APPROPRIATE FACILITIES; AND2. TO PROMOTE BEST PRACTICE IN THE STABILISATION AND TRANSPORT; AND3. ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF ALL STAFF WITHIN THE CATS TEAM AND AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL INVOLVED IN THEIR CARE.

**Activities:** The aim of the service is to improve and standardise care for the critically ill child requiring intensive care. The CATS Charity was set up to raise funds to support the needs of our service and ensure that we can, along with our NHS funding provide the best equipment and care suitable for the transport environment. This includes supporting our staffs education, training and well-being.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Area of benefit: NATIONAL
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£56,271	£24,396	-	-
2024-03-31	£38,249	£38,372	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,955	£39,491	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,040	£29,142	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,861	£11,329	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr DANIEL HENRY LUTMAN		
Dr PADMANABHAN RAMNARAYAN		
Emma Sturgess		2019-01-01
LYNN SHIELDS		
MARK ANTHONY CLEMENT		

**CHILDREN'S ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Children's Acute Transport Service

Other names charity is known by

CATS

Registered charity number (if any)

1124897

Charity's principal address

Ground Floor, Ormond House

26-27 Boswell Street

London

Postcode

WC1N 3JZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Clement	Treasurer		
2	Lynn Shields	Secretary		
3	Daniel Lutman			
4	P Ramnarayan			
5	Emma Sturgess			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity Accountant	Veritas Accountants	49 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 3NG

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	The Charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
Trustee selection methods	As the main aim of the charity is to improve on the quality of care delivered to the critically ill child all of the trustees have the skills, knowledge and experience to be able to identify areas that would benefit from additional charity input Additional trustees will be selected by the existing panel of trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve sickness and to promote and protect the good health of critically ill or injured children by-

- 1) The provision of services to safely transfer the critically ill child to appropriate facilities
- 2) To promote best practice in the stabilisation and emergency transport environment
- 3) To advance the education of all staff within the CATS team and at the local hospital involved in their care.
- 4) Supporting our staffs education training and well being

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Children's Acute Transport Service is a specialised service designed to make intensive care rapidly available to critically ill children mainly in the North Thames region although this could be anywhere in the UK depending on their clinical need.

Most hospitals do not have a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) - paediatric intensive care is only provided in a small number of specialist units. However, most critically ill children initially present to hospitals without a PICU. The Children's Acute Transport Service (CATS) facilitates the safe and speedy transfer of these children to a PICU.

CATS deploy a skilled paediatric intensive care team to assist in the treatment of critically ill children both before and during transfer to ICU. We offer telephone consultation, liaison with sub-specialists and skilled inter-hospital transport within one service.

The Children's Acute Transport Service aims to provide the highest quality paediatric intensive care for children and their families from the first point of contact to the final unit destination.

The service:

- Provides easy access and service coordination for referring children's units
- Facilitates improvements in transport provision for critically ill children
- Provides the flexibility to meet fluctuating demands
- Provides telephone advice and a triaging facility for all referrals
- Facilitates the delivery of the most appropriate care in the most appropriate place for any infant or child requiring Intensive Care

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

One of our key aims is to ensure continued close collaboration with our referring hospitals across our region in order to support them in the initial stabilisation and management of the critically ill child. We do this by providing a comprehensive outreach education programme in conjunction with our NHS partners.

From April 2024 we have been running a hybrid platform for outreach education. We have maintained the more frequent and shorter sessions on-line for case discussions, while reintroducing on-site sessions to support simulated learning.

The charity supported the purchase of an online package "Slido" used to support our education programme which is used consistently in the education we provide.

**What we have managed to deliver has been incredible and down to the commitment of our team.**

**Internal**

- 140 Twenty Minute "snapshot" education sessions focusing on clinical management and logistical challenges of transport. These are consultant delivered and open to all paediatric critical care trainees, both medical and nursing, across our intensive care units.
- 3 annual update days (7 hrs each). These are multidisciplinary sessions incorporating clinical and non-clinical staff from our service. The focus of these days are clinical and logistical challenges and leadership in critical care transport. These are delivered through immersive simulation and group discussion.
- 6 practical ultrasound courses for our team as well as the intensive care registrars and Advanced Nurse Practitioner teams
- High consequence infectious diseases training for all staff – focussing on how to remain safe throughout the whole stabilisation and transfer process.
- 4 extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), simulation days. Focusing on safe delivery of this high-risk intervention, whilst in transit
- 15 minute focused training for all clinical staff, identified learning through risk assessment, new equipment and mandatory updates.

**External**

- CATS Forum (run twice with > 200 attendees), prior to the pandemic the Forum was face to face with a maximum of 60 people per session.
- 2 webinars convened to address topical injuries and disease including button battery ingestion, group A streptococcal and bronchiolitis. (200+ attendees)

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

- Faculty “One Heart Network” North Thames regional congenital heart disease day. These study days run 4 times per year and CATS consistently receives excellent feedback about the positive impact it makes to staff caring for acutely unwell patients in district general hospitals
- Contribute to the North Thames Paediatric Network, monthly education webinars. (500+ participants).
- Monthly outreach question and answer sessions for families who’s baby has an antenatal diagnosis of a cardiac lesion and will need CATS input post delivery.
- Many of the changes we made during the pandemic to the delivery of our education programme have continued to be utilised going forward, with a gradual re-introduction of face-to-face sessions, and study days.
- The first face to face multi professional team day was very successful with the teams enjoying the in- person interactions and practical scenarios that are essential to enhance leadership and communication skills, and also have a positive effect on team building.
- Presentations at 9th World Congress of the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS 2024), showcasing innovation in expanding acute paediatric transport capabilities.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The charity received a total of £56,270 from donations in 24/25.

The majority of our spend was on a bespoke incubator heating equipment: £4,045, parent comfort packs: £4,956, and staff education: £7,640.

As our charity income year on year is quite small it is sometimes necessary to reserve much of the income donations in order to accumulate enough funds for the purchase of specialist medical equipment which can be quite expensive.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Mark Clement	
<b>Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1124897**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2025  
for  
Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Veritas Accountants & Advisory Limited  
The Lexicon  
Mount Street  
Manchester  
M2 5NT**

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

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## **Childrens Acute Transport Service**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

To relieve sickness and to promote and protect the good health of critically ill or injured children by-

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- 2) To promote best practice in the stabilisation and emergency transport environment
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##### **Significant activities**

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## **Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Charitable activities**

One of our key aims is to ensure continued close collaboration with our referring hospitals across our region in order to support them in the initial stabilisation and management of the critically ill child. We do this by providing a comprehensive outreach education programme in conjunction with our NHS partners.

Since April 2020 all our outreach sessions have been delivered virtually offering shorter more frequent sessions, which has been well received by our district general hospitals.

The scope of the education programme provided by CATS has increased dramatically with use of virtual platforms which has facilitated many more doctors and nurses being able to attend our sessions.

The charity supported the purchase of an online package "Sido" used to support our education programme which is used consistently in the education we provide.

What we have managed to deliver has been incredible and down to the commitment of our team.

#### **Internal**

- 136 Ten Minute "snapshot" education sessions focusing on clinical management and logistical challenges of transport. These are consultant delivered and open to all paediatric critical care trainees, both medical and nursing, across our intensive care units.
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### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Financial position**

The charity received a total of £56,270 from donations in 24/25.

The majority of our spend was on a bespoke, fully versatile, critical care transport: £4,281 and parent comfort packs: £5,125

As our charity income year on year is quite small it is sometimes necessary to reserve much of the income donations in order to accumulate enough funds for the purchase of specialist medical equipment which can be quite expensive.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1 April 2008.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

E Sturgess  
M Clement  
D Lutman  
P Ramnarayan  
L Shields

As the main aim of the charity is to improve on the quality of care delivered to the critically ill child, all of the trustees have the skills, knowledge and experience to be able to identify areas that would benefit from additional charity input. Additional Trustees will be selected by the existing panel of Trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Charity number  
1124897

Principal address  
Ground Floor  
Ormon House  
26-27 Boswell Street  
London  
WC1N 3JZ

**Trustees**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> October 25 and signed on its behalf by:

Lyn Shields  
Trustee

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

		<b>31.3.25</b>	<b>31.3.24</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Donations and legacies		56,270	38,248
Investment income	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>56,271</b>	<b>38,249</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
Get Well Friends packages		24,396	38,372
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>31,875</b>	<b>(123)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		137,734	137,857
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>169,609</b>	<b>137,734</b>

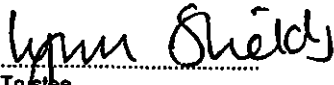
The notes form part of these financial statements

Childrens Acute Transport Service

Balance Sheet  
31st March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		169,609	137,734
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>169,609</u>	<u>137,734</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>169,609</u>	<u>137,734</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>169,609</u>	<u>137,734</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	5	<u>169,609</u>	<u>137,734</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>169,609</u>	<u>137,734</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/10/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

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

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

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

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	38,248
Investment income	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>38,249</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Charitable activities	
Get Well Friends packages	38,372

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(123)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	137,857
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>137,734</u>

**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/4/24 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/25 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,734	31,875	169,609
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,734</u>	<u>31,875</u>	<u>169,609</u>

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

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,271	(24,396)	31,875
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>56,271</u>	<u>(24,396)</u>	<u>31,875</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/4/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,857	(123)	137,734
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,857</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>137,734</u>

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,249	(38,372)	(123)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,249</u>	<u>(38,372)</u>	<u>(123)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,857	31,752	169,609
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,857</u>	<u>31,752</u>	<u>169,609</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	94,520	(62,768)	31,752
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>94,520</u>	<u>(62,768)</u>	<u>31,752</u>

**6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	<b>31.3.25</b>	<b>31.3.24</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	-	1
Donations	56,270	38,247
	<u>56,270</u>	<u>38,248</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>56,271</b>	<b>38,249</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Training courses	6,024	828
Get Well Friends packages	5,125	6,562
Training equipment	4,282	22,440
Travel cost	1,422	-
	<u>16,853</u>	<u>29,830</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Just Giving Fees	562	562
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	1,523	2,403
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	780	720
Administrative support	4,678	4,857
	<u>5,458</u>	<u>5,577</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>24,396</b>	<b>38,372</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>31,875</b>	<b>(123)</b>

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**CHILDREN'S ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1124897

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2023		31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Children's Acute Transport Service
Other names charity is known by	CATS
Registered charity number (if any)	1124897
Charity's principal address	Ground Floor, Ormond House
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	London
	Postcode WC1N 3JZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Clement	Treasurer		
2	Lynn Shields	Secretary		
3	Daniel Lutman			
4	P Ramnarayan			
5	Emma Sturgess			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity Accountant	Veritas Accountants	49 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 3NG

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust association company)

The Charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

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**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Mark Clement	
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Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)

Treasurer	
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Date

1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024  
for  
Childrens Acute Transport Service**

Veritas Accountants & Advisory Limited  
The Lexicon  
Mount Street  
Manchester  
M2 5NT

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Contents of the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

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## **Childrens Acute Transport Service**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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## **Childrens Acute Transport Service**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

**Principal address**

Ground Floor  
Ormon House  
26-27 Boswell Street  
London  
WC1N 3JZ

**Trustees**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....16/1/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

*Lyran Shields*  
.....  
Trustee

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		38,248	83,955
Investment income	2	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>38,249</u>	<u>83,956</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3	-	5,598
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Get Well Friends packages		<u>38,372</u>	<u>33,894</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>38,372</u>	<u>39,492</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(123)	44,464
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		137,857	93,393
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>137,734</u></u>	<u><u>137,857</u></u>

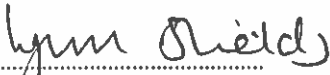
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Childrens Acute Transport Service

Balance Sheet  
31st March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		137,734	137,857
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>137,734</u>	<u>137,857</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>137,734</u>	<u>137,857</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>137,734</u>	<u>137,857</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>137,734</u>	<u>137,857</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>137,734</u>	<u>137,857</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16/1/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

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

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

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

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

**Raising donations and legacies**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Support costs	-	5,398
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,398</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Childrens Acute Transport Service

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	83,955
Investment income	1
<b>Total</b>	<u>83,956</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	5,598
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Get Well Friends packages	<u>33,894</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>39,492</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	44,464
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	93,393
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,857	(123)	137,734
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,857</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>137,734</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,249	(38,372)	(123)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,249</u>	<u>(38,372)</u>	<u>(123)</u>

Childrens Acute Transport Service

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

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General fund	122,205	(77,864)	44,341
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**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Childrens Acute Transport Service**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

	<b>31.3.24</b>	<b>31.3.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	1	1
Donations	38,247	83,954
	<u>38,248</u>	<u>83,955</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1	1
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>38,249</b>	<b>83,956</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Training courses	828	3,788
Get Well Friends packages	6,562	5,183
Training equipment	22,440	24,505
	<u>29,830</u>	<u>33,476</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Just Giving Fees	562	418
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	2,403	200
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	720	720
Administrative support	4,857	4,678
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**CHILDREN'S ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1124897

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month April	Year 2022	<b>To</b>	Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month March	Year 2023

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Children's Acute Transport Service

Other names charity is known by

CATS

Registered charity number (if any)

1124897

Charity's principal address

Ground Floor, Ormond House

26-27 Boswell Street

London

Postcode

WC1N 3JZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Clement	Treasurer		
2	Lynn Shields	Secretary		
3	Daniel Lutman			
4	P Ramnarayan			
5	Emma Sturgess			
6				
7				
8				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity Accountant	Veritas Accountants	49 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 3NG

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Section B                      Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	The Charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
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## Section E

## Financial review

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### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Clement	
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Treasurer	
Date	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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<b>Charity number</b>	1124897
<b>Principal address</b>	Ground Floor Ormond House 26-27 Boswell Street London WC1N 3JZ
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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## **CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

### **T/A CATS**

#### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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#### **Financial review**

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

**T/A CATS**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**Structure, governance and management**

The charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1 April 2008

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

L Shields

D Lutman

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As the main aim of the charity is to improve on the quality of care delivered to the critically ill child, all of the trustees have the skills, knowledge and experience to be able to identify areas that would benefit from additional charity input. Additional Trustees will be selected by the existing panel of Trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



L Shields

Trustee

Dated: 13/11/23

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

**T/A CATS**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on pages 10 to 19 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 9 June 2019. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at [http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA\\_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf](http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Childrens Acute Transport Service and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Childrens Acute Transport Service has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of Childrens Acute Transport Service. You consider that Childrens Acute Transport Service is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	83,954	30,040
Investments	3	1	1
<b>Total income</b>		<u>83,955</u>	<u>30,041</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	4	<u>39,491</u>	<u>29,142</u>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		44,464	899
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>93,393</u>	<u>92,494</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		<u><u>137,857</u></u>	<u><u>93,393</u></u>

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**T/A CATS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

Notes	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	137,857		93,393	
Net current assets		<u>137,857</u>		<u>93,393</u>
<b>Income funds</b>				
Unrestricted funds		<u>137,857</u>		<u>93,393</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

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L Shields  
Trustee

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**1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**2 Donations and legacies**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	83,954	30,040

**3 Investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable	1	1

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**4 Charitable activities**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Courses	-	2,236
Get Well Friends packages	-	8,950
Training equipment	24,505	-
Travel	1,194	-
Sundries	1,731	1,624
Charitable expenditure heading 8	-	11,388
	<u>27,430</u>	<u>24,198</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	-	216
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	12,061	4,728
	<u>39,491</u>	<u>29,142</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>39,491</u>	
	<u>39,491</u>	
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>29,142</u>
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**5 Support costs**

	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Just Giving fee	417	-	417	216	Support
Accountancy	-	720	720	720	Governance
Administrative Support	-	10,924	10,924	4,008	Governance
	<u>417</u>	<u>11,644</u>	<u>12,061</u>	<u>4,944</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>12,061</u>	<u>12,061</u>	<u>4,944</u>	
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**6 Trustees**

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**7 Employees**

There were no employees during the year.

**8 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
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## **T/A CATS**

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	83,954	30,040
Investments	<b>4</b>	1	1
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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

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L Shields  
**Trustee**

# CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE T/A CATS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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## 1 Accounting policies

### Charity information

Childrens Acute Transport Service is a INSERT CONSTITUTIONAL DETAIL.

### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments method.

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Cash received and spent includes assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Cash received and spent includes transactions made through bank accounts and cash transactions.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when it is received.

Legacies are recognised on receipt.

### 1.5 Resources expended

### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	83,954	30,040
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4 Investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**5 Charitable activities**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Courses	3,788	2,236
Get Well Friends packages	5,183	8,950
Training equipment	24,505	11,388
Sundries	200	1,624
	<u>33,676</u>	<u>24,198</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	417	216
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	5,398	4,728
	<u>39,491</u>	<u>29,142</u>
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<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>39,491</u>	
	<u><u>39,491</u></u>	
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>29,142</u>
		<u><u>29,142</u></u>

**6 Support costs**

	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Just Giving fee	417	-	417	216	Support
Accountancy	-	720	720	720	Governance
Administrative Support	-	4,678	4,678	4,008	Governance
	<u>417</u>	<u>5,398</u>	<u>5,815</u>	<u>4,944</u>	
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**7 Trustees**

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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**8 Employees**

There were no employees during the year.

**9 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

**CHILDREN'S ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1124897

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# Accounts

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Trustees</b>	L Shields D Lutman P Ramnarayan M Clement E Sturgess
<b>Charity number</b>	1124897
<b>Principal address</b>	Ground Floor Ormond House 26-27 Boswell Street London WC1N 3JZ
<b>Accountants</b>	Veritas Accountants and Advisory Limited 1st Floor 49 Peter Street Manchester M2 3NG

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**  
**T/A CATS**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as conferred by section 133 of The Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act"), and complies with the Charity's Trust Deed.

**Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are to relieve sickness and to promote and protect the good health of critically ill or injured children by;

- The provision of services to safely transfer the critically ill child to appropriate facilities;
- To promote best practice in the stabilisation and emergency transport environment;
- To advance the education of all staff within CATS team and at the local hospital involved in their care.
- Supporting our staffs' education, training and wellbeing.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are unchanged from previous years.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Children's Acute Transport Service is a specialised service designed to make intensive care rapidly available to critically ill children mainly in the North Thames and East Anglia regions.

Most hospitals do not have a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) - paediatric intensive care is only provided in a small number of specialist units. However, most critically ill children initially present to hospitals without a PICU. The Children's Acute Transport Service (CATS) facilitates the safe and speedy transfer of these children to a PICU.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
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**Achievements and performance**

One of our key aims is to ensure close collaboration with our referring hospitals across our region in order to support them in the initial stabilisation and management of the critically ill child. We do this by providing a comprehensive outreach education programme in conjunction with our NHS partner.

Since April 2020 all of the outreach sessions have been delivered virtually offering shorter more frequent sessions, which has been well received by our district general hospitals.

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**What we have managed to deliver has been incredible and down to the commitment of our team.**

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- 144 Ten Minute "snapshot" education sessions with many dedicated to covering the safety aspects of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with 6-10 attendees at each session
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**Financial review**

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The charity received a total of £30,040 (2021: £12,854) from donations in 21/22.

The majority of our spend was on Baby pods £11,388 (2021: Get Well Friends packages £5,192).

As our charity income year on year is quite small it is sometimes necessary to reserve much of the income donations in order to accumulate enough funds for the purchase of specialist medical equipment which can be quite expensive.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**Structure, governance and management**

The charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1 April 2008

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

L Shields

D Lutman


P Ramnarayan

M Clement

E Sturgess

As the main aim of the charity is to improve on the quality of care delivered to the critically ill child, all of the trustees have the skills, knowledge and experience to be able to identify areas that would benefit from additional charity input. Additional Trustees will be selected by the existing panel of Trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

  
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L Shields  
Trustee  
Dated: 16/9/2022

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
T/A CATS**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION  
OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CHILDRENS ACUTE  
TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service for the year ended 31 March 2022, set out on pages to 9 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 9 June 2019. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at [http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA\\_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf](http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Childrens Acute Transport Service and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Childrens Acute Transport Service has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of Childrens Acute Transport Service. You consider that Childrens Acute Transport Service is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Childrens Acute Transport Service. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

**Veritas Accountants and Advisory Limited**

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49 Peter Street  
Manchester  
M2 3NG

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**CHILDRENS ACUTE TRANSPORT SERVICE**  
**T/A CATS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	30,040	12,854
Investments	3	1	7
<b>Total income</b>		<u>30,041</u>	<u>12,861</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	4	29,142	11,329
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		899	1,532
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		92,494	90,962
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2022</b>		<u><u>93,393</u></u>	<u><u>92,494</u></u>

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**T/A CATS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		93,393		92,494	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>93,393</u>		<u>92,494</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>93,393</u>		<u>92,494</u>
			<u>93,393</u>		<u>92,494</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

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L Shields  
Trustee

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**1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**2 Donations and legacies**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	30,040	12,854
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**3 Investments**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	1	7
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

**4 Charitable activities**

	2022 £	2021 £
Courses	2,236	1,210
Get Well Friends packages	8,950	5,192
Training equipment	-	151
Sundries	1,624	691
Charitable expenditure heading 8	11,388	-
	<u>24,198</u>	<u>7,244</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	216	360
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	4,728	3,725
	<u>29,142</u>	<u>11,329</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>29,142</u>	
	<u>29,142</u>	
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2021</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>11,329</u>
		<u>11,329</u>

**5 Support costs**

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	2021 £	Basis of allocation
Just Giving fee	216	-	216	360	Support
Accountancy	-	720	720	780	Governance
Administrative Support	-	4,008	4,008	2,945	Governance
	<u>216</u>	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,944</u>	<u>4,085</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>216</u>	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,944</u>	<u>4,085</u>	

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**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

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**6 Trustees**

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**7 Employees**

There were no employees during the year.

**8 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	<b>Period start date</b>			<b>To</b>	<b>Period end date</b>		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month April	Year 2020		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month March	Year 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Children's Acute Transport Service
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	CATS
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1124897
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Ground Floor, Ormond House
	26-27 Boswell Street
	London
	<b>Postcode</b> WC1N 3JZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Eithne Polke	Treasurer		
2	Lynn Shields	Secretary		
3	Daniel Lutman			
4	P Ramnarayan			
5	Mark Clement			
6	Emma Sturgess			
7				
8				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity Accountant	Veritas Accountants	49 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 3NG

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust deed, association, committee)

The Charity is constituted by trust deed with the declaration signed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008

Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointment, by election)

As the main aim of the charity is to improve on the quality of care delivered to the critically ill child all of the trustees have the skills, knowledge and experience to be able to identify areas that would benefit from additional charity input  
Additional trustees will be selected by the existing panel of trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve sickness and to promote and protect the good health of critically ill or injured children by-

- 1) The provision of services to safely transfer the critically ill child to appropriate facilities
- 2) To promote best practice in the stabilisation and emergency transport environment
- 3) To advance the education of all staff within the CATS team and at the local hospital involved in their care.
- 4) Supporting our staffs education training and well being

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

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#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

One of our key aims is to ensure continued close collaboration with our referring hospitals across our region in order to support them in the initial stabilisation and management of the critically ill child. We do this by providing a comprehensive outreach education programme in conjunction with our NHS partners.

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity received a total of £30,040 (2021: £12,854) from donations in 21/22.

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As our charity income year on year is quite small it is sometimes necessary to reserve much of the income donations in order to accumulate enough funds for the purchase of specialist medical equipment which can be quite expensive.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any

ethical investment policy adopted.

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**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
Full name(s)	Mark Clement
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Trustee

Date

31/08/2022
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