

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1129387

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06606603](#)

Registered 2009-05-05

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO HEAL AND RELIEVE SICK DISABLED AND AGED PERSONS FROM THE DISABILITIES AND INFIRMITIES WITH WHICH THEY ARE AFFLICTED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS: 1. BY ESTABLISHING FITTING OUT STOCKING AND MAINTAINING A LIBRARY SPECIALISING IN NEURO-SURGICAL AND NEUROLOGICAL MEDICINE AND ALLIED NEURO-SCIENCES CONCERNED BOOKS AND JOURNALS AND SUCH AUXILIARY GOODS ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT TOGETHERWITH NECESSARY FURNITURE FIXTURES AND FITTINGS AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR DISCRETIONMAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSES 5.2 TO 5.3 OF THE TRUST DEED)..

Activities: The Charity's objects are to heal and relieve sick disabled and aged persons from the disabilities and infirmities with which they are afflicted in relation to neurosurgical and neurological medicine.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£25,837	£65,372	-	-
2024-04-05	£25,578	£98,640	-	-
2023-04-05	£26,580	£66,424	-	-
2022-04-05	£24,660	£50,331	-	-
2021-04-05	£27,376	£42,330	-	-
2020-04-05	£34,028	£53,145	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN ANDREW FERGUSON	Chair	
JANET WINNARD		
NIHAL GURUSINGHE		
Nicholas Daniel Park		2015-09-15

Accounts

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(Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

**For The Year Ended
5 April 2025**

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name	The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation
Charity Registration Number	1129387
Company Registration Number	06606603
Trustees/Directors	J A Ferguson N Gurusinghe J Winnard N D Park J Eccles
Registered Office	7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD
Secretary	Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Independent Examiner	Nicola Mason MHA Chartered Accountants Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
Solicitors	Napthens 7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue to meet their objectives in the current year. Since April 2025 the Trustees have agreed substantial funding for new research programmes at Lancashire University, and have agreed to fund a research programme led by Manchester University to review a new diagnostic system from the Oxford Nanopore Technology.

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Responsibilities of the trustees

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Signed by order of the trustees



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Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

Registered office:
7 Winckley Square
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 3JD

March 30, 2026
Date:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 set out on pages 6 to 12.

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 company'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 that in any material respect:

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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Nicola Mason
For and on behalf of
MHA
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Richard House
Winckley Square
Preston
PR1 3HP

Date: **March 30, 2026**
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**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2025 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		2,000	1,932
Investment income		23,837	23,316
Other income		-	330
Total incoming resources	3	25,837	25,578
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,295	5,376
Charitable activities		60,077	93,264
Total resources expended	4	65,372	98,640
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(39,535)	(73,062)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(44,612)	30,323
Net income/(expenditure)		(84,147)	(42,739)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2023		725,116	767,855
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2024		640,969	725,116

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		591,806		435,778
Current assets					
Debtors	6	4,196		3,694	
Cash at bank		49,217		291,824	
		53,413		295,518	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,250)		(6,180)	
Net current assets			49,163		289,338
Net assets			640,969		725,116
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			640,969		725,116
Total charity funds			640,969		725,116

For the financial year ended 5 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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.

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

March 30, 2026

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

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**J A Ferguson
Trustee**

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2025 £	Year ended 5 April 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	2,000	1,932
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	8,869	8,428
CCLA Investments COIF	-	-
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	-	9,104
Brunner Investment Trust	1,490	833
F&C Investment Trust	887	818
BB Healthcare Trust	1,461	1,651
Scottish Mortgage Trust	170	164
Schroeder Asian return	1,150	1,100
Johnson and Johnson	1,200	1,218
Automatic Data Processing Inc	81	-
Microsoft Corporation	33	-
Givaudan	239	-
	15,580	23,316
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	8,257	330
	25,837	25,578

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4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2025 £	Year ended 5 April 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	41,493	76,209
Library services	9,831	5,881
	51,324	82,090
Support costs		
Insurance	423	391
Accounting and administration fees	5,280	4,288
Bank charges	-	60
Sundry expenses	540	2,775
Governance – Accountancy fees/Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	2,510	3,660
	8,753	11,174
Total charitable activities	60,077	93,264
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	5,295	5,376
	65,372	98,640

Project funding includes: £30,304 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution) and £7,446 University of Lancashire Grant.

	2025 £	2024 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	-	3,050
- Independent examination of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	2,500	-

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5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2024	Additions	Sales proceeds	Change in value	Market value at 5 April 2025	Cost at 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
M & G Investments Charifund	142,696	-	-	(1,557)	141,139	95,484
CCLA investments COIF Charities	13	-	-	-	13	12
Johnson & Jonson 2.45% corporate bond	47,899	-	-	362	48,261	49,998
Brunner Investment Trust	65,250	-	-	(5,450)	59,800	50,113
F&C Investment Trust	57,767	-	-	(202)	57,565	50,065
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	41,393	-	-	(10,494)	30,899	50,649
Scottish Mortgage Trust	35,760	-	-	(1,544)	34,216	49,663
Schroder Asian Plc	45,000	-	-	(2,600)	42,400	49,949
UK Treasury 3.25% Automatic Data	-	19,597	-	119	19,716	19,597
Processing	-	19,952	-	(2,199)	17,753	19,952
Microsoft Corporation	-	19,763	-	(3,018)	16,745	19,763
Amazon	-	20,323	-	(5,735)	14,588	20,323
Deere & Co	-	19,427	-	(2,758)	16,669	19,427
Zurich Insurance Group	-	20,415	-	(34)	20,381	20,415
Siemens	-	19,158	-	(3,661)	15,497	19,158
Givaudan	-	21,459	-	(750)	20,709	21,459
Alcon AG	-	20,455	-	(2,080)	18,375	20,455
Premier Miton Investment Funds	-	20,090	-	(3,010)	17,080	20,090
	-					
	435,778	200,639	-	(44,612)	591,806	596,572

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2025 was £596,559 (2024: £435,765) The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2025 was £13 (2024: £13).

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6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2025 £	Year ended 5 April 2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	4,196	3,693

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2025 £	Year ended 5 April 2024 £
Accruals	4,250	6,180

8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	591,806	435,778

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Plans for future periods

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THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Responsibilities of the trustees

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint MHA as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed by order of the trustees



Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

Registered office:
7 Winckley Square
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 3JD

Date: 25/2/2025

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3 and 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that have had a direct effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context relate to the Charities Act;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

Use of our report

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

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Nicola Mason MA(Cantab) FCA DChA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of MHA, Statutory Auditor
Preston, United Kingdom

Date:

MHA is the trading name of McIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2024 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		1,932	1,184
Investment income		23,316	25,363
Other income		330	33
Total incoming resources	3	25,578	26,580
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,376	5,588
Charitable activities		93,264	60,836
Total resources expended	4	98,640	66,424
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(73,062)	(39,844)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		30,323	(38,643)
Net income/(expenditure)		(42,739)	(78,487)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2023		767,855	846,342
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2024		725,116	767,855

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

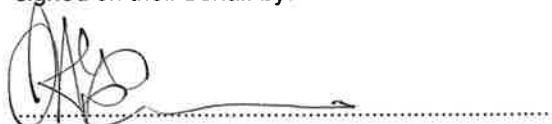
**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		435,778		691,613
Current assets					
Debtors	6	3,694		3,738	
Cash at bank		<u>291,824</u>		<u>75,024</u>	
		295,518		78,762	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(6,180)</u>		<u>(2,520)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>289,338</u>		<u>76,242</u>
Net assets			<u>725,116</u>		<u>767,855</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			<u>725,116</u>		<u>767,855</u>
Total charity funds			<u>725,116</u>		<u>767,855</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 4/2/2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



**J A Ferguson
Trustee**

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2024 £	Year ended 5 April 2023 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	1,932	1,184
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	8,428	10,438
CCLA Investments COIF	-	104
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	9,104	10,203
Brunner Investment Trust	833	1,075
F&C Investment Trust	818	777
BB Healthcare Trust	1,651	1,656
Scottish Mortgage Trust	164	142
Schroeder Asian return	1,100	850
Johnson and Johnson	1,218	118
	23,316	25,363
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	330	33
	25,578	26,580

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2024 £	Year ended 5 April 2023 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	76,209	47,819
Library services	5,881	4,387
Lecture fees and expenses		-
	<u>82,090</u>	<u>52,206</u>
Support costs		
Insurance	391	47
Accounting and administration fees	4,288	3,521
Bank charges	60	42
Sundry expenses	2,775	1,595
Governance - Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	<u>3,660</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>11,174</u>	<u>8,630</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>93,264</u>	<u>60,836</u>
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	<u>5,376</u>	<u>5,588</u>
	<u>98,640</u>	<u>66,424</u>

Project funding comprises: £32,073 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution) and £44,136 UCLAN Grant.

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	<u>3,050</u>	<u>2,050</u>

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2023 £	Additions £	Sales proceeds £	Change in value £	Market value at 5 April 2024 £	Cost at 5 April 2024 £
M & G Investments Charifund	145,878	-	-	(3,182)	142,696	95,484
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	284,257	-	(286,158)	1,901	-	95,806
CCLA investments COIF Charities	12	-	-	1	13	12
BMO Commercial Johnson & Jonson 2.45% corporate bond	48,985	-	-	(1,086)	47,899	49,998
Brunner Investment Trust	52,500	-	-	12,750	65,250	50,113
F&C Investment Trust	51,562	-	-	6,205	57,767	50,065
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	40,015	-	-	1,378	41,393	50,649
Scottish Mortgage Trust	25,704	-	-	10,056	35,760	49,663
Schroder Asian Plc	42,700	-	-	2,300	45,000	49,949
BP Ordinary Share	-	-	-	-	-	-
	691,613	-	(286,158)	30,323	435,778	454,730

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2024 was £435,7765 (2023: £691,601). The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2024 was £13 (2023: £12).

6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2024 £	Year ended 5 April 2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,693	3,738

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2024 £	Year ended 5 April 2023 £
Accruals	6,180	2,520

8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	435,778	691,613

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1129387

Accounts

Company No: 06606603

Charity No: 1129387

**The Sydney Driscoll
Neuro-Science Foundation**
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

**For The Year Ended
5 April 2023**

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name	The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation
Charity Registration Number	1129387
Company Registration Number	06606603
Trustees/Directors	J A Ferguson N Gurusinghe J Winnard N D Park J Eccles
Registered Office	7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD
Secretary	Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Statutory Auditor	MHA Moore and Smalley Chartered Accountants Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
Solicitors	Napthens 7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law are pleased to present their present their combined directors and trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (October 2019)

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and was incorporated on 30 May 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited from time to time by the existing trustees on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the administration and delivery of health services fund raising and where it is perceived that they are qualified to deliver other relevant experience and skills to the charity. The trustees are actively seeking to appoint additional suitable directors and trustees.

Trustees induction and training

Upon appointment the trustees are generally appraised in meetings of the financial position and the objects of the charity and of relevant ongoing programmes for delivery of these objects.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. The trustees who served during the period are set out on page 1. The trustees meet quarterly.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to heal and relieve sick, disabled and aged persons from the disabilities and infirmities with which they are afflicted in one or more of the following ways:

- By establishing, fitting out and stocking and maintaining a library specialising in neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences containing books and journals and such auxiliary goods items and equipment, together with the necessary furniture and fixtures and fittings as the trustees in their discretion may consider advisable for the use of medical practitioners.
- By promoting and funding research and education and generally by developing the practice of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences by such means as the trustees may in their absolute discretion deem to be appropriate and by disseminating for the public benefit any useful results obtained from any research and/or developments.
- By acquiring or assisting in the acquisition or provision of such plant machinery and equipment as the trustees in their absolute discretion may deem appropriate for use in conjunction with the practice and development of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Achievement and performance

The details of the charity's income and expenditure for the year and its net assets at 5 April 2023 are on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements. In summary, the charity generated income of £26,580 (2022 £24,660) in the year to fund expenditure of £66,424 (2022 £50,331).

During the accounting period the trustees have continued their sponsorship of the maintenance of a brain tissue bank at the Tissue Culture Laboratory at Royal Preston Hospital. They have continued the funding and development of the SDNF Neurosciences Library situated in the neuroscience department at Royal Preston Hospital. The trustees are engaged with The School of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Central Lancashire in relation to the sponsorship of research projects relating to neuro oncology. They have entered into an agreement with the University to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which are intended to use the full contribution. Payments totalling £24,935 have been made in the year. The trustees have engaged an independent consultant to advise regarding fundraising and the development of an updated website. The trustees have also provided grants to support individual neuroscience trainees during the year.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is reviewed regularly by the trustees and takes account of the demand for funds. Due to the volatility in the investment markets, the trustees were content to hold high levels of cash deposits during the year. They are continuing to review this policy and to take advice from their investment advisers, Messrs J M Finn & Co. The trustees will not invest in companies associated with the tobacco industry.

Financial review

Reserves policy

At 5 April 2023 the charity held unrestricted reserves of £767,855. The trustees have the power to apply both capital and income towards the objects of the Foundation. The trustees' current policy and practice is to spend the income and to make up any shortfall required to maintain their sponsorship of approved projects out of capital. They are prepared in appropriate circumstances to make significant grants out of capital towards suitable projects and two particular projects are currently under consideration.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources are the historic endowment received under the will of Mrs Lucille Driscoll and income generated thereon. During the relevant accounting year the trustees have received significant additional grants from patients of Royal Preston Hospital and their families.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue to meet their objectives in the current year.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Responsibilities of the trustees

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In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint MHA Moore and Smalley as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed by order of the trustees



Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

Registered office:
7 Winckley Square
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 3JD

Date:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3 and 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that have had a direct effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context relate to the Charities Act;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

Use of our report

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

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Nicola Mason (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
MHA Moore and Smalley
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Richard House
Winckley Square
Preston
PR1 3HP

Date:

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2023 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		1,184	434
Investment income		25,363	24,218
Other income		33	8
Total incoming resources	3	26,580	24,660
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,588	5,822
Charitable activities		60,836	44,511
Total resources expended	4	66,424	50,333
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(39,844)	(25,673)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(38,643)	41,467
Net income/(expenditure)		(78,487)	15,794
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2022		846,342	830,548
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2023		767,855	846,342

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

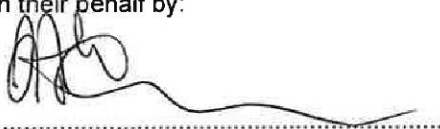
**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		691,613		798,318
Current assets					
Debtors	6	3,738		3,700	
Cash at bank		<u>75,024</u>		<u>51,117</u>	
		78,762		54,817	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(2,520)</u>		<u>(6,793)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>76,242</u>		<u>48,024</u>
Net assets			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
Total charity funds			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 19/3/24 and are signed on their behalf by:



**J A Ferguson
Trustee**

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	1,184	434
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	10,438	10,842
CCLA Investments COIF	104	40
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	10,203	9,730
Glaxosmithkline Ordinary shares	-	987
Brunner Investment Trust	1,075	1,008
F&C Investment Trust	777	522
BB Healthcare Trust	1,656	799
Scottish Mortgage Trust	142	61
Schroeder Asian return	850	-
Johnson and Johnson	118	-
BP Ordinary shares	-	37
BMO Commercial Property Trust	-	192
	25,363	24,218
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	33	8
	26,580	24,660

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4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	47,819	29,717
Library services	4,387	4,365
Lecture fees and expenses	-	1,542
	<u>52,206</u>	<u>35,624</u>
Support costs		
Insurance	472	1,027
Accounting and administration fees	3,521	5,138
Bank charges	42	20
Sundry expenses	1,595	77
Admin Fee	-	576
Governance - Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,049</u>
	<u>8,630</u>	<u>8,887</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>60,836</u>	<u>44,511</u>
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	<u>5,588</u>	<u>5,822</u>
	<u>66,424</u>	<u>50,333</u>

Project funding comprises: £21,554 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution) and £24,935 UCLAN Grant.

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	<u>2,050</u>	<u>1,980</u>

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5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2022 £	Additions £	Sales proceeds £	Change in value £	Market value at 5 April 2023 £	Cost at 5 April 2023 £
M & G Investments Charifund	197,370	-	(41,234)	(10,259)	145,877	95,484
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	309,302	-	(25,107)	62	284,257	116,239
CCLA investments COIF Charities	51,730	-	(51,827)	109	12	12
BMO Commercial Johnson & Jonson 2.45% corporate bond	-	49,998	-	(1,013)	48,985	49,998
Brunner Investment Trust	52,500	-	-	-	52,500	50,113
F&C Investment Trust	50,286	-	-	1,276	51,563	50,065
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	50,350	-	-	(10,335)	40,015	50,649
Scottish Mortgage Trust	41,280	-	-	(15,576)	25,704	49,663
Schroder Asian Plc	45,500	-	-	(2,800)	42,700	49,949
BP Ordinary Share	-	-	-	-	-	-
	798,318	49,998	(118,168)	(38,536)	691,613	512,172

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2023 was £134,367 (2022: £146,136). The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2023 was £12 (2022: £51,730).

6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,738	3,700

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Accruals	2,520	6,793

8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	691,613	798,318

Company No: 06606603

Charity No: 1129387

**The Sydney Driscoll
Neuro-Science Foundation**
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

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5 April 2023**

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name	The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation
Charity Registration Number	1129387
Company Registration Number	06606603
Trustees/Directors	J A Ferguson N Gurusinghe J Winnard N D Park J Eccles
Registered Office	7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD
Secretary	Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Statutory Auditor	MHA Moore and Smalley Chartered Accountants Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
Solicitors	Napthens 7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law are pleased to present their present their combined directors and trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (October 2019)

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and was incorporated on 30 May 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited from time to time by the existing trustees on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the administration and delivery of health services fund raising and where it is perceived that they are qualified to deliver other relevant experience and skills to the charity. The trustees are actively seeking to appoint additional suitable directors and trustees.

Trustees induction and training

Upon appointment the trustees are generally appraised in meetings of the financial position and the objects of the charity and of relevant ongoing programmes for delivery of these objects.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. The trustees who served during the period are set out on page 1. The trustees meet quarterly.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to heal and relieve sick, disabled and aged persons from the disabilities and infirmities with which they are afflicted in one or more of the following ways:

- By establishing, fitting out and stocking and maintaining a library specialising in neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences containing books and journals and such auxiliary goods items and equipment, together with the necessary furniture and fixtures and fittings as the trustees in their discretion may consider advisable for the use of medical practitioners.
- By promoting and funding research and education and generally by developing the practice of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences by such means as the trustees may in their absolute discretion deem to be appropriate and by disseminating for the public benefit any useful results obtained from any research and/or developments.
- By acquiring or assisting in the acquisition or provision of such plant machinery and equipment as the trustees in their absolute discretion may deem appropriate for use in conjunction with the practice and development of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Achievement and performance

The details of the charity's income and expenditure for the year and its net assets at 5 April 2023 are on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements. In summary, the charity generated income of £26,580 (2022 £24,660) in the year to fund expenditure of £66,424 (2022 £50,331).

During the accounting period the trustees have continued their sponsorship of the maintenance of a brain tissue bank at the Tissue Culture Laboratory at Royal Preston Hospital. They have continued the funding and development of the SDNF Neurosciences Library situated in the neuroscience department at Royal Preston Hospital. The trustees are engaged with The School of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Central Lancashire in relation to the sponsorship of research projects relating to neuro oncology. They have entered into an agreement with the University to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which are intended to use the full contribution. Payments totalling £24,935 have been made in the year. The trustees have engaged an independent consultant to advise regarding fundraising and the development of an updated website. The trustees have also provided grants to support individual neuroscience trainees during the year.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is reviewed regularly by the trustees and takes account of the demand for funds. Due to the volatility in the investment markets, the trustees were content to hold high levels of cash deposits during the year. They are continuing to review this policy and to take advice from their investment advisers, Messrs J M Finn & Co. The trustees will not invest in companies associated with the tobacco industry.

Financial review

Reserves policy

At 5 April 2023 the charity held unrestricted reserves of £767,855. The trustees have the power to apply both capital and income towards the objects of the Foundation. The trustees' current policy and practice is to spend the income and to make up any shortfall required to maintain their sponsorship of approved projects out of capital. They are prepared in appropriate circumstances to make significant grants out of capital towards suitable projects and two particular projects are currently under consideration.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources are the historic endowment received under the will of Mrs Lucille Driscoll and income generated thereon. During the relevant accounting year the trustees have received significant additional grants from patients of Royal Preston Hospital and their families.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue to meet their objectives in the current year.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Responsibilities of the trustees

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint MHA Moore and Smalley as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed by order of the trustees



Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

Registered office:
7 Winckley Square
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 3JD

Date:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3 and 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that have had a direct effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context relate to the Charities Act;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

Use of our report

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

.....
Nicola Mason (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
MHA Moore and Smalley
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Richard House
Winckley Square
Preston
PR1 3HP

Date:

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2023 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		1,184	434
Investment income		25,363	24,218
Other income		33	8
Total incoming resources	3	26,580	24,660
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,588	5,822
Charitable activities		60,836	44,511
Total resources expended	4	66,424	50,333
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(39,844)	(25,673)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(38,643)	41,467
Net income/(expenditure)		(78,487)	15,794
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2022		846,342	830,548
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2023		767,855	846,342

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

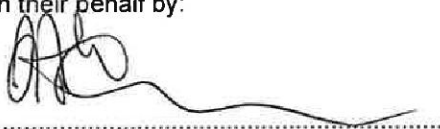
**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		691,613		798,318
Current assets					
Debtors	6	3,738		3,700	
Cash at bank		<u>75,024</u>		<u>51,117</u>	
		78,762		54,817	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(2,520)</u>		<u>(6,793)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>76,242</u>		<u>48,024</u>
Net assets			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
Total charity funds			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 19/3/24 and are signed on their behalf by:



**J A Ferguson
Trustee**

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	1,184	434
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	10,438	10,842
CCLA Investments COIF	104	40
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	10,203	9,730
Glaxosmithkline Ordinary shares	-	987
Brunner Investment Trust	1,075	1,008
F&C Investment Trust	777	522
BB Healthcare Trust	1,656	799
Scottish Mortgage Trust	142	61
Schroeder Asian return	850	-
Johnson and Johnson	118	-
BP Ordinary shares	-	37
BMO Commercial Property Trust	-	192
	25,363	24,218
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	33	8
	26,580	24,660

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4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	47,819	29,717
Library services	4,387	4,365
Lecture fees and expenses	-	1,542
	<u>52,206</u>	<u>35,624</u>
Support costs		
Insurance	472	1,027
Accounting and administration fees	3,521	5,138
Bank charges	42	20
Sundry expenses	1,595	77
Admin Fee	-	576
Governance - Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,049</u>
	<u>8,630</u>	<u>8,887</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>60,836</u>	<u>44,511</u>
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	<u>5,588</u>	<u>5,822</u>
	<u>66,424</u>	<u>50,333</u>

Project funding comprises: £21,554 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution) and £24,935 UCLAN Grant.

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	<u>2,050</u>	<u>1,980</u>

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5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2022 £	Additions £	Sales proceeds £	Change in value £	Market value at 5 April 2023 £	Cost at 5 April 2023 £
M & G Investments Charifund	197,370	-	(41,234)	(10,259)	145,877	95,484
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	309,302	-	(25,107)	62	284,257	116,239
CCLA investments COIF Charities	51,730	-	(51,827)	109	12	12
BMO Commercial Johnson & Jonson 2.45% corporate bond	-	49,998	-	(1,013)	48,985	49,998
Brunner Investment Trust	52,500	-	-	-	52,500	50,113
F&C Investment Trust	50,286	-	-	1,276	51,563	50,065
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	50,350	-	-	(10,335)	40,015	50,649
Scottish Mortgage Trust	41,280	-	-	(15,576)	25,704	49,663
Schroder Asian Plc	45,500	-	-	(2,800)	42,700	49,949
BP Ordinary Share	-	-	-	-	-	-
	798,318	49,998	(118,168)	(38,536)	691,613	512,172

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2023 was £134,367 (2022: £146,136). The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2023 was £12 (2022: £51,730).

6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,738	3,700

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Accruals	2,520	6,793

8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	691,613	798,318

Company No: 06606603

Charity No: 1129387

**The Sydney Driscoll
Neuro-Science Foundation**
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

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**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name	The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation
Charity Registration Number	1129387
Company Registration Number	06606603
Trustees/Directors	J A Ferguson N Gurusinghe J Winnard N D Park J Eccles
Registered Office	7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD
Secretary	Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Statutory Auditor	MHA Moore and Smalley Chartered Accountants Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
Solicitors	Napthens 7 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3JD

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law are pleased to present their present their combined directors and trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (October 2019)

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and was incorporated on 30 May 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited from time to time by the existing trustees on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the administration and delivery of health services fund raising and where it is perceived that they are qualified to deliver other relevant experience and skills to the charity. The trustees are actively seeking to appoint additional suitable directors and trustees.

Trustees induction and training

Upon appointment the trustees are generally appraised in meetings of the financial position and the objects of the charity and of relevant ongoing programmes for delivery of these objects.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. The trustees who served during the period are set out on page 1. The trustees meet quarterly.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to heal and relieve sick, disabled and aged persons from the disabilities and infirmities with which they are afflicted in one or more of the following ways:

- By establishing, fitting out and stocking and maintaining a library specialising in neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences containing books and journals and such auxiliary goods items and equipment, together with the necessary furniture and fixtures and fittings as the trustees in their discretion may consider advisable for the use of medical practitioners.
- By promoting and funding research and education and generally by developing the practice of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences by such means as the trustees may in their absolute discretion deem to be appropriate and by disseminating for the public benefit any useful results obtained from any research and/or developments.
- By acquiring or assisting in the acquisition or provision of such plant machinery and equipment as the trustees in their absolute discretion may deem appropriate for use in conjunction with the practice and development of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

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Achievement and performance

The details of the charity's income and expenditure for the year and its net assets at 5 April 2023 are on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements. In summary, the charity generated income of £26,580 (2022 £24,660) in the year to fund expenditure of £66,424 (2022 £50,331).

During the accounting period the trustees have continued their sponsorship of the maintenance of a brain tissue bank at the Tissue Culture Laboratory at Royal Preston Hospital. They have continued the funding and development of the SDNF Neurosciences Library situated in the neuroscience department at Royal Preston Hospital. The trustees are engaged with The School of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Central Lancashire in relation to the sponsorship of research projects relating to neuro oncology. They have entered into an agreement with the University to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which are intended to use the full contribution. Payments totalling £24,935 have been made in the year. The trustees have engaged an independent consultant to advise regarding fundraising and the development of an updated website. The trustees have also provided grants to support individual neuroscience trainees during the year.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is reviewed regularly by the trustees and takes account of the demand for funds. Due to the volatility in the investment markets, the trustees were content to hold high levels of cash deposits during the year. They are continuing to review this policy and to take advice from their investment advisers, Messrs J M Finn & Co. The trustees will not invest in companies associated with the tobacco industry.

Financial review

Reserves policy

At 5 April 2023 the charity held unrestricted reserves of £767,855. The trustees have the power to apply both capital and income towards the objects of the Foundation. The trustees' current policy and practice is to spend the income and to make up any shortfall required to maintain their sponsorship of approved projects out of capital. They are prepared in appropriate circumstances to make significant grants out of capital towards suitable projects and two particular projects are currently under consideration.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources are the historic endowment received under the will of Mrs Lucille Driscoll and income generated thereon. During the relevant accounting year the trustees have received significant additional grants from patients of Royal Preston Hospital and their families.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue to meet their objectives in the current year.

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Responsibilities of the trustees

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint MHA Moore and Smalley as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed by order of the trustees



Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

Registered office:
7 Winckley Square
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 3JD

Date:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
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- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that have had a direct effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context relate to the Charities Act;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
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- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

Use of our report

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

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Nicola Mason (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
MHA Moore and Smalley
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

Richard House
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Date:

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2023 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		1,184	434
Investment income		25,363	24,218
Other income		33	8
Total incoming resources	3	26,580	24,660
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,588	5,822
Charitable activities		60,836	44,511
Total resources expended	4	66,424	50,333
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(39,844)	(25,673)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		(38,643)	41,467
Net income/(expenditure)		(78,487)	15,794
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2022		846,342	830,548
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2023		767,855	846,342

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

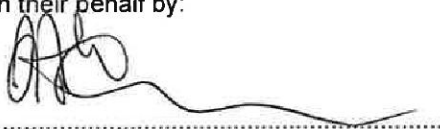
**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		691,613		798,318
Current assets					
Debtors	6	3,738		3,700	
Cash at bank		<u>75,024</u>		<u>51,117</u>	
		78,762		54,817	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(2,520)</u>		<u>(6,793)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>76,242</u>		<u>48,024</u>
Net assets			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>
Total charity funds			<u>767,855</u>		<u>846,342</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 19/3/24 and are signed on their behalf by:



**J A Ferguson
Trustee**

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	1,184	434
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	10,438	10,842
CCLA Investments COIF	104	40
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	10,203	9,730
Glaxosmithkline Ordinary shares	-	987
Brunner Investment Trust	1,075	1,008
F&C Investment Trust	777	522
BB Healthcare Trust	1,656	799
Scottish Mortgage Trust	142	61
Schroeder Asian return	850	-
Johnson and Johnson	118	-
BP Ordinary shares	-	37
BMO Commercial Property Trust	-	192
	25,363	24,218
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	33	8
	26,580	24,660

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4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	47,819	29,717
Library services	4,387	4,365
Lecture fees and expenses	-	1,542
	<u>52,206</u>	<u>35,624</u>
Support costs		
Insurance	472	1,027
Accounting and administration fees	3,521	5,138
Bank charges	42	20
Sundry expenses	1,595	77
Admin Fee	-	576
Governance - Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,049</u>
	<u>8,630</u>	<u>8,887</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>60,836</u>	<u>44,511</u>
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	<u>5,588</u>	<u>5,822</u>
	<u>66,424</u>	<u>50,333</u>

Project funding comprises: £21,554 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution) and £24,935 UCLAN Grant.

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	<u>2,050</u>	<u>1,980</u>

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5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2022 £	Additions £	Sales proceeds £	Change in value £	Market value at 5 April 2023 £	Cost at 5 April 2023 £
M & G Investments Charifund	197,370	-	(41,234)	(10,259)	145,877	95,484
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	309,302	-	(25,107)	62	284,257	116,239
CCLA investments COIF Charities	51,730	-	(51,827)	109	12	12
BMO Commercial Johnson & Jonson 2.45% corporate bond	-	49,998	-	(1,013)	48,985	49,998
Brunner Investment Trust	52,500	-	-	-	52,500	50,113
F&C Investment Trust	50,286	-	-	1,276	51,563	50,065
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	50,350	-	-	(10,335)	40,015	50,649
Scottish Mortgage Trust	41,280	-	-	(15,576)	25,704	49,663
Schroder Asian Plc	45,500	-	-	(2,800)	42,700	49,949
BP Ordinary Share	-	-	-	-	-	-
	798,318	49,998	(118,168)	(38,536)	691,613	512,172

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2023 was £134,367 (2022: £146,136). The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2023 was £12 (2022: £51,730).

6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,738	3,700

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2023 £	Year ended 5 April 2022 £
Accruals	2,520	6,793

8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	691,613	798,318

Accounts

Company No: 06606603

Charity No: 1129387

**The Sydney Driscoll
Neuro-Science Foundation**
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

**For The Year Ended
5 April 2021**

**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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**THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation

Charity Registration Number 1129387

Company Registration Number 06606603

Trustees/Directors J A Ferguson
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J Winnard
N D Park

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Secretary Mr John Andrew Ferguson

Statutory Auditor MHA Moore and Smalley
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THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law are pleased to present their present their combined directors and trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (October 2019)

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and was incorporated on 30 May 2008.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited from time to time by the existing trustees on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the administration and delivery of health services fund raising and where it is perceived that they are qualified to deliver other relevant experience and skills to the charity. The trustees are actively seeking to appoint additional suitable directors and trustees.

Trustees induction and training

Upon appointment the trustees are generally appraised in meetings of the financial position and the objects of the charity and of relevant ongoing programmes for delivery of these objects.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. The trustees who served during the period are set out on page 1. The trustees meet quarterly.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to heal and relieve sick, disabled and aged persons from the disabilities and infirmities with which they are afflicted in one or more of the following ways:

- By establishing, fitting out and stocking and maintaining a library specialising in neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences containing books and journals and such auxiliary goods items and equipment, together with the necessary furniture and fixtures and fittings as the trustees in their discretion may consider advisable for the use of medical practitioners.
- By promoting and funding research and education and generally by developing the practice of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences by such means as the trustees may in their absolute discretion deem to be appropriate and by disseminating for the public benefit any useful results obtained from any research and/or developments.
- By acquiring or assisting in the acquisition or provision of such plant machinery and equipment as the trustees in their absolute discretion may deem appropriate for use in conjunction with the practice and development of neuro-surgical and neurological medicine and allied neuro-sciences.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

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Achievement and performance

The details of the charity's income and expenditure for the year and its net assets at 5 April 2021 are on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements. In summary, the charity generated income of £27,376 in the year to fund expenditure of £42,330.

During the accounting period the trustees have continued their sponsorship of the development and maintenance of a brain tissue bank at the Tissue Culture Laboratory at Royal Preston Hospital and sponsored the SDNF annual award for research papers in neuroscience related work, although the annual SDNF lecture did not proceed because of the Covid pandemic. They have continued the funding and development of the SDNF Neurosciences Library situated in the neuroscience department at Royal Preston Hospital. The trustees are engaged with The School of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Central Lancashire in relation to the sponsorship of a new research project relating to neuro oncology. They have entered into an agreement with the University to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project has been delayed because of Covid related issues which have affected The University of Central Lancashire personnel but is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is reviewed regularly by the trustees and takes account of the demand for funds. Due to the volatility in the investment markets, the trustees were content to hold high levels of cash deposits at 5 April 2021. They are continuing to review this policy and to take advice from their investment advisers, Messrs J M Finn & Co. The trustees will not invest in companies associated with the tobacco industry.

Financial review

Reserves policy

At 5 April 2021 the charity held unrestricted reserves of £830,548. The trustees have the power to apply both capital and income towards the objects of the Foundation. The trustees' current policy and practice is to spend the income and to make up any shortfall required to maintain their sponsorship of approved projects out of capital. They are prepared in appropriate circumstances to make significant grants out of capital towards suitable projects.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources are the historic endowment received under the will of Mrs Lucille Driscoll and income generated thereon. During the relevant accounting year the trustees have received significant additional grants from patients of Royal Preston Hospital and their families.

Going concern

The Trustees have considered the impact of the Government response to Covid-19 on the activity of the charity. The expenditure of the charity is variable with few fixed costs. Income is not expected to reduce significantly and projects are continuing where possible. As a result, the Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue to meet their objectives in the current year.

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Responsibilities of the trustees

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint MHA Moore and Smalley as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed by order of the trustees



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Mr John Andrew Ferguson
Company Secretary

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Lancashire
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27/01/2021

Date:

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE SYDNEY DRISCOLL NEURO-SCIENCE FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3 and 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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Date: 04/02/2022
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

	Note	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2021 £	Total funds for the year ended 5 April 2020 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		829	5,082
Investment income		26,541	28,928
Other income		6	18
Total incoming resources	3	27,376	34,028
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		5,417	5,940
Charitable activities		36,913	47,205
Total resources expended	4	42,330	53,145
Net income/(expenditure) before investments		(14,954)	(19,117)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		147,155	(183,767)
Net income/(expenditure)		132,201	(202,884)
Reconciliation of funds			
Balance brought forward at 6 April 2020		698,347	901,231
Balance carried forward at 5 April 2021		830,548	698,347

All movements in both the current and prior year are in unrestricted funds and relate to continuing activities.

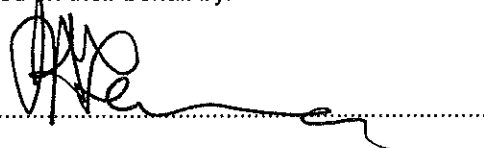
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		770,988		623,790
Current assets					
Debtors	6	4,265		4,467	
Cash at bank		<u>59,212</u>		<u>74,411</u>	
		63,477		78,878	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(3,917)</u>		<u>(4,321)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>59,560</u>		<u>74,557</u>
Net assets			<u>830,548</u>		<u>698,347</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted			<u>830,548</u>		<u>698,347</u>
Total charity funds			<u>830,548</u>		<u>698,347</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 27/01/21 and are signed on their behalf by:


J A Ferguson
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06606603

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1 Accounting policies

Legal form

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is as stated on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are in the detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of accounting

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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The Sydney Driscoll Neuro-Science Foundation 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 notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the impact of the Government response to Covid-19 on the activity of the charity. The expenditure of the charity is variable with few fixed costs. Income is not expected to reduce significantly and projects are continuing where possible. As a result, the Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the signing of the accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure, inclusive of VAT, is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

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.

Investments

Investments are stated on the balance sheet at market value. Unrealised gains and losses, and gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash held by the administrator, investment manager and banks.

Accruals

Accruals 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. These are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Books

Expenditure on books and periodicals is written off in the accounting period in which this is incurred.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the accounts. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key 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 financial year.

3 Incoming resources

	Year ended 5 April 2021 £	Year ended 5 April 2020 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	829	5,082
<i>Investment income</i>		
M & G Investments Charifund	12,462	16,133
CCLA Investments COIF	43	305
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	11,513	9,044
Glaxosmithkline Ordinary shares	1,880	1,880
BP Ordinary shares	201	324
BMO Commercial Property Trust	442	1,242
	26,541	28,928
<i>Other income</i>		
Bank interest	6	18
	27,376	34,028

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4 Resources expended

	Year ended 5 April 2021 £	Year ended 5 April 2020 £
Charitable activities		
Direct costs		
Project funding	19,100	23,222
Library services	-	6,105
Lecture fees and expenses	4,603	10,165
	<u>23,703</u>	<u>39,492</u>
Support costs		
Insurance	1,046	1,000
Accounting and administration fees	4,590	4,657
Web hosting	-	-
Bank charges	52	95
Sundry expenses	634	197
Admin Fee	5,000	-
Governance - Auditor's remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	1,888	1,764
	<u>13,210</u>	<u>7,713</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>36,913</u>	<u>47,205</u>
Cost of raising funds		
Investment management charges	5,417	5,940
	<u>42,330</u>	<u>53,145</u>

Project funding comprises: £19,100 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (institution).

	2021 £	2020 £
Auditor's remunerations consists of the following charges:		
- Audit of the financial statements (exclusive of VAT)	1,544	1,470
	<u>1,544</u>	<u>1,470</u>

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5 Investments

	Market value at 6 April 2020 £	Additions £	Sales proceeds £	Change in value £	Market value at 5 April 2021 £	Cost at 5 April 2021 £
M & G Investments Charifund	221,763	-	-	62,636	284,399	188,249
Blackrock Asset Management Charinco	296,205	-	-	89,373	385,578	168,910
CCLA investments COIF Charities	51,647	-	-	-	51,690	13,000
BMO Commercial Property Trust	15,801	-	-	598	16,399	23,000
Glaxosmithkline Ordinary Shares	35,001	-	-	(4,977)	30,024	31,439
BP Ordinary Share	3,373	-	-	(475)	2,898	6,202
	<u>623,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,156</u>	<u>770,988</u>	<u>430,800</u>

The aggregate amount of listed investments at 5 April 2021 was £32,922 (2020: £38,374). The aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2021 was £51,690 (2020: £51,647).

6 Debtors

	Year ended 5 April 2021 £	Year ended 5 April 2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	4,265	4,467
	<u>4,265</u>	<u>4,467</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 5 April 2021 £	Year ended 5 April 2020 £
Accruals	3,917	4,321
	<u>3,917</u>	<u>4,321</u>

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8 Trustees' remuneration, trustees' expenses and remuneration paid to key management personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current or previous year.

The charity had no paid key management personnel during the current or previous year.

9 Financial commitments

Approximately eight years ago the Foundation agreed on an informal basis to contribute approximately £12,400 to fund work at Royal Preston Hospital to extend and refurbish the neuroscience library. This work has been carried out by the Lancashire Teaching Hospital Trust which has not followed up the matter of this contribution and it is now considered unlikely that it will do so.

The Foundation entered into an agreement in 2019 with the University of Central Lancashire to contribute £100,000 over a period of three years to a jointly managed scheme for research into treatment of brain cancer. This project has been delayed because of Covid related issues which have affected The University of Central Lancashire personnel but is now proceeding and a series of research projects have been identified which will use the full contribution.

10 Taxation

The Foundation is a registered charity and consequently there is no liability to taxation on income derived from its charitable activities.

11 Financial instruments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at fair value through net income/expenditure	770,988	623,790