

BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY AND OTHER RELATED CHARITIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1138976

Details

Other names	BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY AND OTHER RELATED CHARITIES, AWYR LAS GOGLEDD CYMRU, BLUE SKY NORTH WALES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-11-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SEE CONSTITUENT CHARITIES

Activities: The Charity provides support for patients and service users through enhancing healthcare services within the area served by Betsi Cadwaladr University LHB. The Charity specifically funds: additional equipment and facilities in hospitals and the community; improvements to hospital environments; research and education programmes; extra staff well being support and other special projects.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Gwynedd
- Isle Of Anglesey
- Wrexham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,316,000	£1,800,000	£14,263,000	0
2024-03-31	£2,316,000	£1,623,000	£13,542,000	0
2023-03-31	£1,960,000	£1,784,000	£11,801,000	0
2022-03-31	£2,837,000	£1,397,000	£12,327,000	0
2021-03-31	£2,401,000	£1,774,000	£10,619,000	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY LOCAL HEALTH BOARD		2012-11-04

Linked charities

- BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY (1138976-1)
- NORTH WALES CANCER APPEAL (1138976-2)

Accounts

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and Other Related Charities

Annual Report and Accounts 2024 – 2025



The working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and Other Related Charities is 'Awyr Las'. The charity is also referred to as the North Wales NHS Charity.
Registered Charity Number 1138976

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Thank you.

Since becoming Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, I continue to be amazed by the difference that the Health Board Charity makes to the people of North Wales. With your help, we continue to make a significant positive impact for patients, service-users and NHS teams across the region.

It is not possible to feature all of the fantastic efforts that have gone into supporting the patients and staff this year but, as you will see in the Annual Report, you get a sense of the change that your efforts and support has made. This year, together we have funded a wide range of projects aimed at improving patient care and experience, driving innovation, and supporting the professional development and wellbeing of Health Board staff. The charity plays an important role in enhancing our health service across the region and everyone who has contributed in different ways should be very proud of what has been achieved.

The hard work and generosity of fundraisers, donors and partners – and of course the healthcare staff who play such an important role in making sure the charity's donations support the greatest needs of patients and healthcare services – is exceptional. This year again, I have met some of the many determined fundraisers, courageous patients, grateful families, passionate volunteers and devoted staff who together make the charity what it is.

Thanks to your support, the charity's activity has once again provided additional support for our healthcare services, and I have seen and heard the stories from those who have benefitted and I realise what an incredible impact the charity makes.

Within the report, and also below, we highlight just some of the projects and services that the charity has supported this year from your generosity in fundraising and donating:

- Complementary therapies and wigs for patients receiving cancer treatment
- Arts in Health activity projects and innovative Dementia Support and Mental Health Services programmes
- Improved clinical spaces in our hospitals and renovated carer and parental overnight accommodation facilities
- Additional wheelchairs and more comfortable chairs and furniture on wards and in day units, including bedside lockers and overbed tables



- A range of additional and modern equipment including ultrasound and echocardiograph machines that improve diagnosis and treatment and reduce waiting times
- Volunteering services
- Support for the Health Board's Staff Achievement Awards and Nursing and Midwifery Conference

I remain privileged to be involved with the Charity and get to witness what the general public and businesses who raise money for our valuable services accomplish. Our medics, nurses and support staff use the donations to make a difference to healthcare services for our patients and service users in North Wales.

In addition to the generous financial support that the charity receives, we also benefit from the generous support of our volunteers. Our Welcome Volunteers continue to provide a much needed and appreciated helping hand for patients, visitors and staff across our sites and services. My heartfelt thanks go to them for the precious time that they give for our patients and communities.

Thank you once again to every individual or organisation that has raised funds or donated this year and to all of those volunteers who have given so much time and energy to support the patients and staff. Without your combined efforts, drive, knowledge, expertise, positivity and determination, our patients and local communities would not have benefitted from all that you and the charity have provided this year.

Thank you,

DYFED JONES
CHAIR OF THE CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2026



*The Charitable Funds Committee oversees the charity on behalf of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, the Corporate Trustee. All funding requests over £5,000 must receive approval from the Charitable Funds Committee. Read more about the Charitable Funds Committee and the funding decisions taken here: [Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/charitable-funds-committee-betsi-cadwaladr-university-health-board)

Supporting patients and staff and continuing to make a real difference to services.

It is a great honour to continue in my role of Honorary President and this report gives me the opportunity to put on record my thanks to the hard-working Health Board staff and volunteers for all that they do to support patients, their families and other service users. Also, to recognise the supporters, fundraisers, donors and others in the community who do their very best to support the charity and to help make our health service the best it can be.

The charity covers the area served by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Using the funds so generously provided by our supporters we go above and beyond in funding projects and equipment in hospitals, health centres and across the community, supporting all areas of the health service in North Wales to do even more to improve health and wellbeing.

The charity's aim is to help our staff and patients, especially the most vulnerable in our communities, with the very best healthcare and wellbeing support in a timely way and when it is most needed. In practice, this means that donations and funds raised for the charity pay for things like new equipment and technology; additional services like complementary therapies and patients' days out; and specialist training and development opportunities for our staff and volunteers.

The charity does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government but its purpose is to support 'over and above' what the NHS provides. The aim is to help the people of North Wales by enhancing patient care and the wellbeing of staff by complementing the essential service that the NHS offers. Importantly, everything the charity achieves is thanks to the generous donations, legacies, grants and time it receives from generous supporters and organisations. Patients have benefited from new equipment and enhanced services; and staff and volunteers have benefitted from additional support and development; things that would not have been possible without this generosity.

Patients are at the heart of the charity, and the doctors, nurses, other professionals and support staff within our healthcare service are, together, the lifeblood of the charity. I could not be prouder of those who choose to volunteer, fundraise, donate or remember our services in their will. Thank you once again if you have chosen to support our charity in whichever way you can.

THE RT HON. LORD BARRY JONES
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CHARITY
JANUARY 2026



Achievements and Highlights 2024/25

Families, organisations, businesses and individuals made donations to, fundraised for, and left legacies in their wills to Awyr Las in 2024/25. All donations, fundraising income and legacies have, and will, make a difference for patients, their families and for NHS staff, volunteers and partners. Income this year has helped fund small comforts including toys and games for children and dementia patients, to big projects including equipment to improve services across the Health Board. Below are some examples of this year's activities:

Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Special Care Baby Unit Support Group

Helen Heath and Mandy Hughes have been fundraising for Ysbyty Glan Clwyd's SCBU Support Group "Cuddles" this year. Helen decided to raise funds for the neonatal unit after her granddaughter was born prematurely at 26 weeks.

Helen said: "The quick reaction and professionalism that all the staff gave my granddaughter to keep her safe was second to none. I can't fault the care and attention the ward gave to all of them. I really can't thank everyone enough, and to see my little granddaughter thriving makes what we did all worthwhile."



Charity Sky Dive for North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre



Jan Williams, a Tesco Abergele Community Champion, organised a sky dive in 2024 to raise money for prostate cancer patients at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre.

The team of skydivers; Michelle Sweet, Adam Radford, Lewis Radford and Selena Davies, raised an incredible £3,000 for the centre that went towards purchasing comfortable chairs, pillows, complementary therapies and more.

Money raised for Dewi Children's Ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd

A fantastic sum was raised for Dewi Ward, Ysbyty Gwynedd, thanks to the friends and family of young Noa who was admitted to the ward with symptoms of Kawasaki disease.

Noa received "second to none" care on the ward and, in thanks, the family wished to raise funds by running the 2024 Manchester Marathon. Their donation went towards continued improvements to the play facilities that helped Noa so much during his stay in hospital.

Rhydian, Noa's father, said: "Following the incredible care Noa recently received at Ysbyty Gwynedd, we decided to attempt the Manchester Marathon. The care was second to none, the wonderful and caring staff could not have done any more for Noa and us as a family."



Updated ChemoCare Interface

Cancer patient systems across the Health Board were improved with the purchase of an upgrade to the ChemoCare software, an electronic prescribing system used by the Cancer Division.

ChemoCare is used to prescribe, schedule and record administration of chemotherapy. The system holds essential information about patients undergoing cancer treatment. If a patient is admitted to hospital, accessing information about treatment is difficult and can vary between locations.

The purchase of this ChemoCare upgrade will allow access to treatment summaries by healthcare staff regardless of where the patient is admitted.

Funds raised by Sgt Dave Smith BEM and Wrexham Police FC

Over the last few years, Wrexham Police FC have raised in excess of £12,000 for Ysbyty Maelor Wrexham Children's Ward. Sgt Dave Smith, founder of Wrexham Police FC, arranged a series of charity football matches to raise the money and also secured a fantastic additional donation from Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, co-owners of Wrexham AFC, contributing to the overall total.

The football team provided enough funding for the Ward to purchase a new piece of equipment to support young patients receiving chemotherapy. Alongside fundraising, Wrexham Police FC have also donated hundreds of pounds worth of gifts to the children on the ward at Christmas-time, bringing smiles to patients' faces throughout the festive season.

In December 2024, Sgt Dave Smith was recognised in the King's New Year honours list and awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to the community in North Wales, and to Charity.



Ty Croeso Improvements



Charitable funds have been used towards the improvement of the existing Ty Croeso (Dawn Elizabeth House) parental accommodation in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. All of the existing rooms have been redesigned to accommodate en-suite facilities with one room also made accessible for wheelchair users.

The anticipated outcomes for those using the Ty Croeso accommodation are that parents, carers and siblings will be provided with a high-quality and peaceful 'home from home' setting within hospital grounds, helping to reduce stress and financial burden whilst their children receive care.

Nercwys Music Festival donates to Awyr Las

In 2024, the Nercwys Music Festival team chose Awyr Las as one of the beneficiaries of the event, donating £1,650 to our charitable funds. The donation has gone on to support both the Cardiology and Stroke Wards at Ysbyty Maelor Wrexham, which will enable them to purchase items that go over and above what the NHS can fund.



The Star Box Ball



The Star Box Ball charity event held in November 2024 raised an impressive amount of over £24,000 which, after event costs, will go towards funding over 500 Star Boxes. New patients who attend the Shooting Star Unit in Ysbyty Maelor Wrexham for chemotherapy treatment are welcomed into the service with the gesture of a Star Box. The Star Box contains small, luxury comforts to support patients through their cancer journey.

Second echocardiogram machine for community cardiology

This year, funds have been used to purchase a second echocardiogram machine for Ysbyty Maelor Wrexham's community cardiology in-reach service. The community service provides patients with assessment, diagnosis and treatment, improving patient outcomes and avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions.

The purchase of the echocardiogram machine will now double the team's service capacity. The overall aim is to improve local support for primary care as well as to relieve pressure on secondary care's highest-risk cardiology patient waiting lists, bringing an important safety net for patients waiting for echocardiography.

Additional biometry machine for Abergele Ophthalmology Unit

Funding was granted to Abergele's Ophthalmology Unit for a second high-speed biometry unit, which will now double their patient capacity. This machine is used by all clinicians performing cataract surgery in the unit. With the addition of a second biometry machine, the team expect to double available capacity of pre-operative assessments to 80 per week.

The additional biometry machine aims to reduce patient waiting times. It will also provide additional training capacity for doctors, which in turn brings more opportunities to perform timely cataract surgery, improving overall patient outcomes.

'Hear to Help' Audiology Vehicle



The 'Hear to Help' Audiology Vehicle, a first of its kind in Wales, continues to make a huge difference to rural North Wales communities since its launch in August 2024.

The fully refurbished, custom-fitted van has been kitted out with a soundproof room as quiet hearing test conditions can be difficult to conduct when out in the community. This allows audiologists from the Health Board to reach more patients for hearing tests and hearing aid fittings in rural areas across North Wales.



The project, which is completely charity-funded, has been made possible with the support of NHS Charities Together. The Audiology Vehicle now regularly improves the audiology team's outreach and complements the existing service in local hospitals, making it easier for people to manage their health at home and relieves the pressure for on-site services.

Gafael Llaw donation for Ysbyty Gwynedd sensory trolley

Following a donation from charity Gafael Llaw of money raised by Bangor-based Encor Choir, the children's unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd were able purchase a mobile sensory trolley to help stimulate and calm young patients receiving treatment at the unit.

The portable and practical trolley has many sensory features such as an illuminated bubble tube, a projector, tactile fibre optic lights and mirror ball, designed to offer sensory experiences in an otherwise clinical environment.

The staff at Dewi Ward said: "Thank you so much to Gafael Llaw and to everyone who raises money for the charity for this generous donation. The new trolley will make such a difference to us in many different situations."



Dr Emma Alofs takes on the London Marathon



Clinical Psychologist Dr Emma Alofs took on the London Marathon to raise funds for the Endoscopy Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd following her neuroendocrine tumour (NET) diagnosis. This is a rare tumour that can develop in many different organs of the body, affecting the cells that release hormones into the bloodstream.

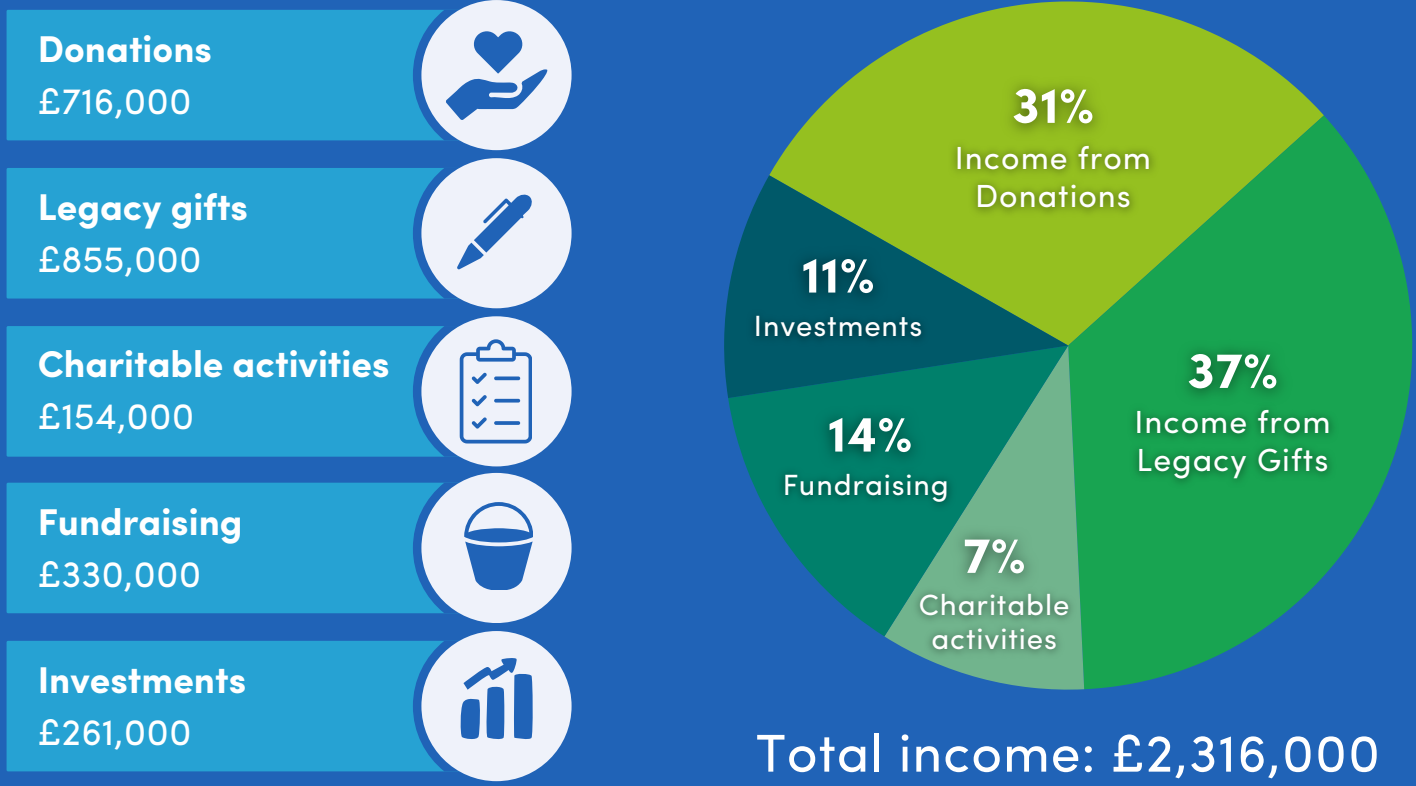
Emma said: "Although I am currently well, I remain under the care of the Gastroenterology team at Ysbyty Gwynedd and also the NET Specialist Unit in Liverpool. I am truly grateful for the support I have received from the NHS staff teams involved in my care since my diagnosis.

"The Endoscopy team have been absolutely amazing with me, they are so patient centred and I felt very looked after when I had my procedures there with them. For this reason, I am raising money for the department."

The year at a glance

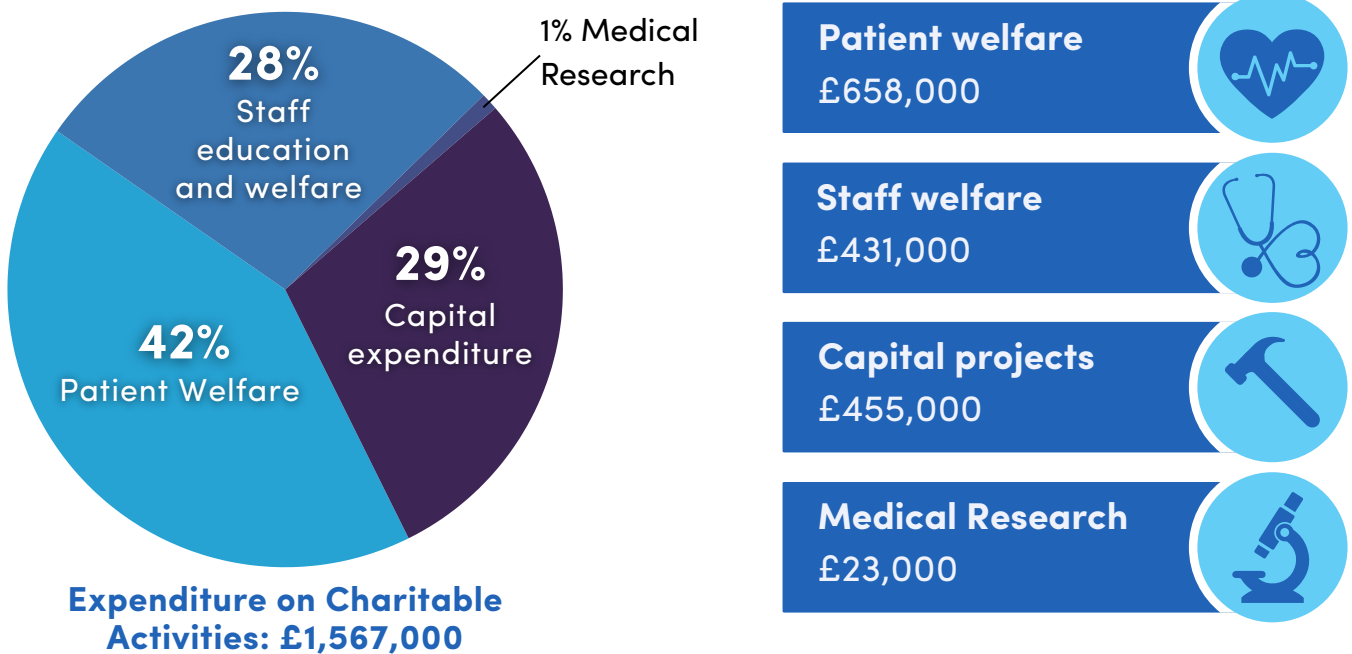
During the 2024/25 financial year, the charity received an incredible amount of donations that has, and will, enable us to fund research, equipment, training, and patient and staff amenities.

Income



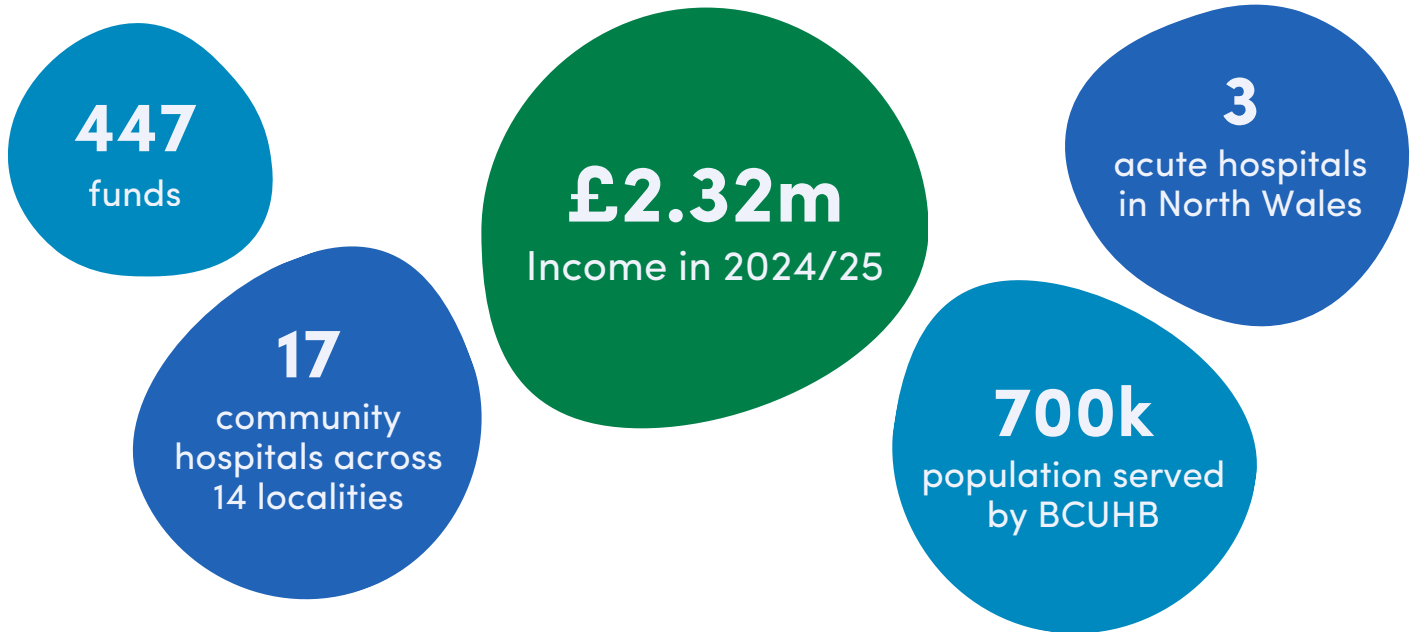
Distribution of expenditure

The charity has funded some amazing items that supports the Health Board to go over and above for patients, families and staff members across North Wales. Donations have been spent throughout the year on:



Background information

The charity covers the whole of North Wales and uses donations to improve healthcare in acute hospitals and community sites across the region. Almost every ward, department or service has a designated fund that can be used to fund things that go over and above what the NHS can provide.



*BCUHB provides a full range of primary, community, mental health and acute hospital services across its hospitals and a network of health centres, clinics, community health team bases and mental health units. BCUHB also coordinates the work of GP practices and the NHS services provided by dentists, opticians and pharmacists across the region.

Expenditure in priority areas

Cancer care, children's services and mental health are some of the charity's priority areas for improving care, treatment and support for patients and their families. During 2024/25, huge steps have been taken to provide care that is over and above what the NHS can provide.



What can be funded with your donations?

£10,000

5 x non-invasive ventilation machines for home use by MND and COPD patients

£1,000

Wigs for cancer and dermatology patients

£250

Mindfulness therapy sessions

£50

One nights' stay in our parental accommodation

£10

Crafts and activities for dementia patients

£5,000

2 x twin cots for our Special Care Baby Units

£500

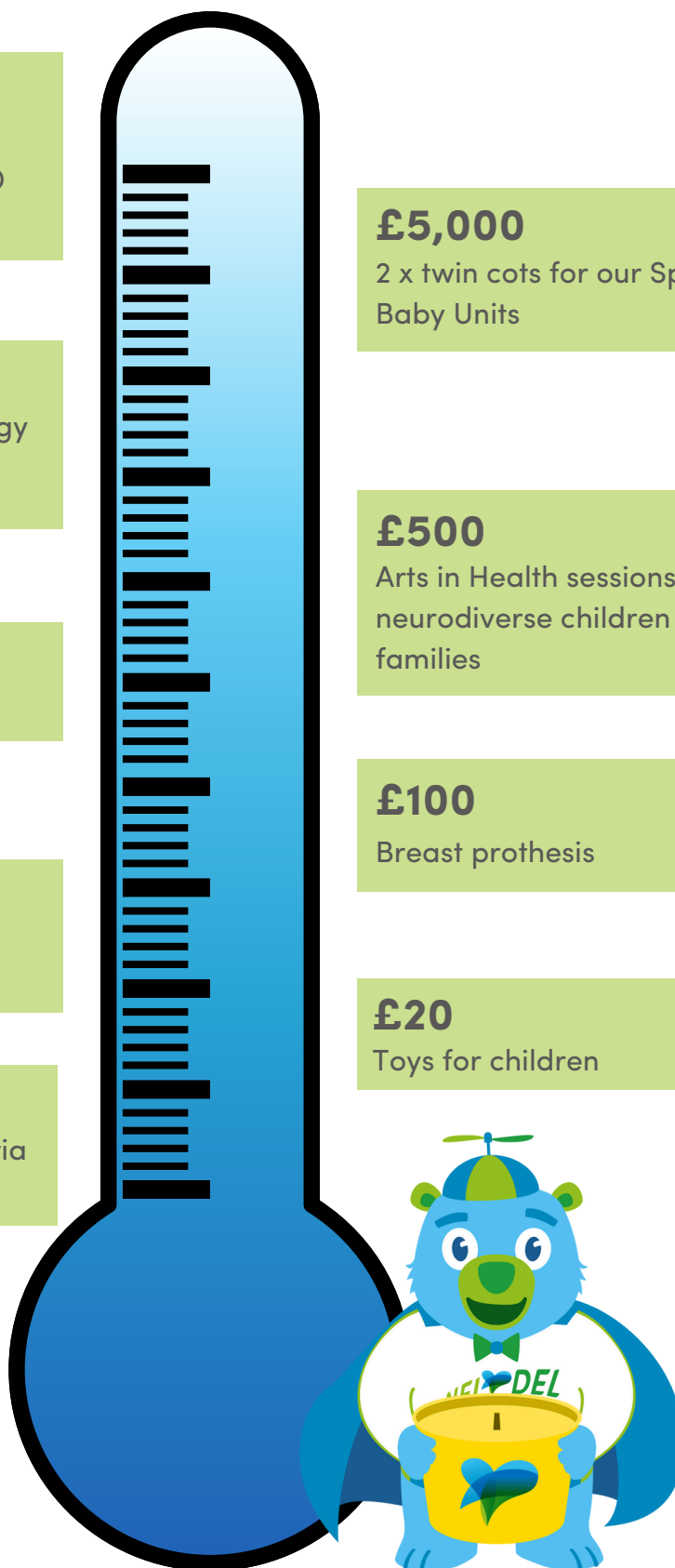
Arts in Health sessions for neurodiverse children and their families

£100

Breast prosthesis

£20

Toys for children



Legacy gifts

People remembering healthcare services in their wills leave a lasting legacy for patients and their families.

The NHS in North Wales is fortunate to be remembered by so many people each year who choose to support a hospital, healthcare service or priority programmes in their wills. Legacy gifts help fund research, cutting-edge equipment and special projects. The legacy of those who include a healthcare service in their will can be felt for many years by patients and staff who benefit from their generosity.

In 2024/25, the charity received an amazing total of £855,000 in legacy gifts, making a huge difference to patients and services across North Wales.

All legacies, large and small, help make a difference for patients.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind don't just demonstrate how generous North Wales' businesses and communities are; they put smiles on patients' brave faces.

Organisations across the UK are kind enough to donate gifts to hospitals during festive periods or to help with special projects. During 2024/25, the charity received gifts in kind worth more than £14,000 for the benefit of patients and staff.

All donated items and services, including food, toys, gardening supplies and other equipment are:

- Recorded and reported
- Reviewed by infection prevention and/or all relevant internal service teams so all necessary risk assessments can be completed in advance of receipt
- Appropriately acknowledged so those donating receive the recognition they deserve

A huge thank you goes to all of those individuals and organisations who have been kind enough to support healthcare services throughout the year. Your generosity has helped provide items that are over and above for patients, their families and staff.



Easter

At Easter, wards and departments are very grateful to receive lots of donations from individuals and organisations to help patients and staff celebrate the occasion. Across the Health Board, we received hundreds of Easter eggs for patients which were all distributed across the areas they were given to.

An incredible donation of Easter eggs was made to Children's Wards thanks to Llandudno Kia, Allington Hughes Law, MH Travel, the North Wales Crusaders, Core Highways, TU Copa, Santander Wrexham, Queens Park Scooter Club, FC United of Wrexham and Gareth Williams. The chocolate eggs were given out to patients over Easter to help bring joy whilst they are in hospital and attending appointments.



Christmas



Wards across the Health Board are extremely lucky to receive large donations of Christmas gifts throughout the festive period. Various donations of Christmas presents were received to give out to patients spending Christmas in hospital.

Aaron's Army had the pleasure of delivering 6 overflowing sacks of wonderful gift donations from the public to the Ysbyty Maelor Wrexham Children's Ward. Staff were overwhelmed by the generosity, and were truly grateful to everyone who contributed. The gifts made a huge difference to the children that were in hospital during the Christmas period.

A huge thank you also goes to individuals and organisations who donated gifts across all hospital sites, with gifts being received thanks to Wrexham Police FC, Carbon Zero Renewables, Airbus, Belief Charity, Tesco Cefn, Llandrillo College, Department for Work and Pensions, Llandudno Football Club, Girl Guides Caernarfon, Yodel, DHCW, Rhyl Football Club, Arriva Bus Drivers, RAF Valley and Vara Sports & Education.

We're so grateful to all from the business community who have supported the charity this year.

Each year, NHS services in North Wales are fortunate to be chosen by businesses and organisations to be charity partners.

Corporate supporters help boost support for wards and services by organising events and activities to fund much-needed projects to enhance the care patients receive. We're incredibly grateful to all businesses that have chosen to support wards and services this year, including:

- Tenet Consultants
- The Health Board's Staff Achievement Awards Sponsors:
 - Centerprise International
 - Wrexham University
 - Health Education and Improvement Wales
 - ID Medical
 - L Rowland & Co (Retail) Ltd, Rowlands Pharmacy
 - Llais Cymru
 - Bluestones Medical
 - Star Units Ltd
 - Gleeds
 - MPH Construction Ltd
 - Qioptiq
 - RL Datix
- The Star Box Ball
 - SistersandSeekers
 - Allington Hughes Law
 - Pure Perfection Aesthetics and Skin Clinic
 - Matex Lab UK (Neauvia)
 - MPH Construction Ltd



The Structure of the Charity

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board. Further details regarding the Charitable Funds Committee, including a copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference, are available on the Health Board's website here:

[Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#)

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's charitable funds, held within the charity. All voting members of the Health Board act as the Corporate Trustee of the charity. The committee meets quarterly.

Membership

Name	Position	Charitable Funds Committee Meeting Attendance 2024/25
Cllr Dyfed Jones	Charitable Funds Committee Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15/04/2024• 01/07/2024• 13/08/2024• 12/11/2024• 28/01/2025• 25/03/2025
Karen Balmer	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15/04/2024• 01/07/2024• 13/08/2024• 12/11/2024• 28/01/2025
Christopher Lothian-Field	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15/04/2024• 01/07/2024• 13/08/2024• 12/11/2024• 28/01/2025

Name	Position	Charitable Funds Committee Meeting Attendance 2024/25
Russell Caldicott	Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/04/2024 • 01/07/2024 • 13/08/2024 • 12/11/2024 • 28/01/2025 • 25/03/2025
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals and Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/11/2024
Jane Moore	Executive Director of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/03/2025
Chris Stockport	Executive Director Strategy and Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01/07/2024 • 13/08/2024 • 12/11/2024
Pam Wenger	Director of Corporate Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/04/2024
Dr Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director / Deputy Chief Executive Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/04/2024

Charitable fund advisors

Health service staff act as guardians for designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services or wards, enabling staff to gain prompt access to funding. Every fund is required to have at least two fund advisors who act as the authorised signatories on the fund for purchases up to £5,000, and receive monthly statements highlighting the income and expenditure for the fund.

Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the charity. Fund advisors, who are expected to complete a fund advisor accountability agreement on an annual basis, are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.

Charity support team

The charity's support team is focussed on streamlining its processes and develop relationships with other teams within the Health Board and with charitable partners and supporters to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor and partner care.

Finance, fundraising and engagement, communications and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. It is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives. The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied and include:

- Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- Providing direction and practical help to the charity's fund advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- Overseeing the Welcome Volunteers Services that operate within Ysbyty Gwynedd and Ysbyty Glan Clwyd
- Supporting independent charities - such as the Leagues of Friends - who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to the Health Board, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work.

Looking ahead

The Charity is going through a process to develop new strategic and operational plans which will align with the Health Board's three-year plan for 2025–28. The Health Board is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in North Wales and to provide high-quality, effective, and efficient healthcare services, working closely with communities and partners.

During 2025/26 the Charity will:

- Recruit a new Head of Fundraising
- Work with the Charitable Funds Committee to develop new plans
- Review the charity team's operational plan
- Maintain the existing charity policies and procedures and grant management processes and streamline activity where possible
- Tender for Investment Managers for 2025–28 in line with the investment policy of renewing at least every 5 years

Governance

Linked charities

The charity's registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active group, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity's funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals. The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year's annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity's governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the charity support team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity. The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the members of the Health Board for their work undertaken as trustee. Members of the Health Board are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS

Investment advisors: RBC Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR

Registered auditors: Audit Wales, 1 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, the charity invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2024/25, RBC Brewin Dolphin was the charity's investment manager.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

The current ethical investments policy states:

It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

- Alcoholic products;
- Tobacco products; and
- Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities.

Investment in companies:

- Which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation;
- Which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted. In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported.

The Trustee reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies which they judge might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the charity.

Investment strategy

The ethical framework has given direction to the investment manager to develop a suitable investment strategy. The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity.

During the financial year 2024/25, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy.

Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

BCUHB Board Membership 2024/25

The Health Board's Board membership is presented in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Charitable Funds Committee approves an operational budget on an annual basis, and reviews the activity of the charity support team on a quarterly basis in formal committee meetings. The committee papers are published on the Health Board website ([Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#)) and the meetings are open for members of the public to attend.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish its goal, the charity support team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas.

Charitable activity

The charity does not make grants to individuals. Grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The Trustee operates a scheme of delegation for charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day-to-day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustee in the charity's Standing Financial Instructions.

Complaints

The charity support team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or volunteers in 2024/25. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year, and when considering applications for grant funding, the Trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Applying for funding and evaluating requests for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outputs and outcomes, and how these will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities.

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a relevant fund advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests for funding. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able to meet the objectives set out by the applicant. To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require authorisation from members of the Charitable Funds Committee.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. Unrestricted funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Non-designated funds

Most wards, services and departments have a designated fund for their healthcare area. The charity support team can provide support where there is no designated fund and funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated funds.

When donors give to the charity without restrictions or specifying where they want the donation to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated funds. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority, as they allow services and departments who do not have their own designated fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are directed to priority projects. All donations help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.

The Executive Director of Finance is the fund advisor for non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Most of the income received by the charity is either restricted or designated for a particular ward or service area. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits what income is included in non-designated funds and therefore the goods and services that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

Designated funds

Within the charity, most donations sit in one of the 400 plus restricted and designated funds, representing almost every Health Board ward, service, department and project across North Wales. Designated funds are aligned with specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least two fund advisors named. It is the responsibility of fund advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives.

Fund advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department and the role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS who use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and staff. When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward or service level.

Fund advisors are the authorised signatories on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved on 28th January 2026, which carry an unqualified audit report. The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's Annual Report comments on key features of those accounts.

This year, total incoming resources was £2,316,000 (2023/24 - £2,316,000). Income from donations was £716,000, 31% of the charity's total income. Legacy gifts formed 37% of the charity's income (£855,000). Fundraising accounted for 14% of the charity's total income (£330,000) and income from charitable activities was 7% (£154,000). Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £261,000 in returns, equating to 11% of the charity's total income.

Total expenditure for the year was £1,800,000 (2023/24 - £1,623,000), made up of expenditure on raising funds of £233,000 and expenditure on charitable activities of £1,567,000.

Net gains on investments in the year were £205,000 (2023/24 - £1,048,000). The overall net movement in funds for the year was £721,000 positive (2023/24 - £1,741,000 positive), increasing overall fund balances at 31 March 2025 to £14,263,000.

Financial health

The assets and liabilities of the charity as at 31st March 2025 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2024. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	150
Investments	15	4,555	6,862	11,417	11,032
Total fixed assets		4,705	6,862	11,567	11,182
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	465	679	1,144	1,999
Cash and cash equivalents	17	974	1,421	2,395	1,245
Total current assets		1,439	2,100	3,539	3,244
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(322)	(469)	(791)	(803)
Net current assets		1,117	1,631	2,748	2,441
Total assets less current liabilities		5,822	8,493	14,315	13,623
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(21)	(31)	(52)	(81)
Total net assets		5,801	8,462	14,263	13,542
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	8,462	8,462	8,256
Unrestricted funds	21	5,786	0	5,786	5,271
Revaluation reserve	21	15	0	15	15
Total funds		5,801	8,462	14,263	13,542

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings, the trustees consider the risks facing the charity.

All charitable funding applicants are expected to review the risks associated with the funding request, and include the risks on their funding submissions.

Managing risk

The risks to the charity are reviewed regularly. Individual risk analysis is completed for all charity events and activities, for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the charity support team, and for funding applications submitted by Health Board staff.

Reserves

Reserves are the charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being properly managed and also provides an indicator of future funding needs and overall resilience.

The reserves policy takes into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. However, if reserves are too low then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy that includes a target level of reserves. As is good practice, the reserves policy is kept under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee reviews the reserves policy and target level of reserves annually. In March 2025, it was agreed that the target level of reserves would be set using a calculation based on the budgeted levels of expected expenditure (operational and grants activity) for the next three years and the average value of investments held over the last three years.

The charity's target level of reserves is based on the following calculation:

- One year's future operational costs based on the average value from budgets and plans for the next three years; plus
- 25% of the average value of fixed asset investments held based on their valuation at 31 March in the previous three years; plus
- Nine month's (75% of the annual) charitable activity (grants) expenditure based on the average value from budgets and plans for the next three years.

The target levels of reserves for 2025/26 is calculated as £4.24 million (2024/25 - £4.1 million).

Total funds of the Charity at 31 March 2025 were £14.26 million (2024: £13.54 million) of which £8.46 million is restricted and £5.80 million is unrestricted (2024: £8.26 million and £5.28 million). The Charity is therefore holding reserves (£5.80 million) at a higher level than the target value (£4.24 million).

The level of investment gains over the past 2 years of £1.25 million have contributed to the higher reserves level at 31 March 2025. The trustees will consider the strategy for investments, including the level of investments, and future spending plans in line with the updated three-year plan for the Health Board for 2025-28 during 2025/26.

Some of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of land held as tangible fixed assets (see tangible fixed assets, note 14 in the Accounts).

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two linked charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total Funds 2024-25 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	598	973	1,571
Charitable activities	3	58	96	154
Other trading activities	5	271	59	330
Investments	6	130	131	261
Total incoming resources		1,057	1,259	2,316
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	113	120	233
Charitable activities	8	528	1,039	1,567
Total expenditure		641	1,159	1,800
Net gains on investments	15	99	106	205
Net income		515	206	721
Transfer between funds	20	0	0	0
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		515	206	721
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	21	5,286	8,256	13,542
Total funds carried forward		5,801	8,462	14,263

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total Funds 2023-24 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	783	797	1,580
Charitable activities	3	12	204	216
Other trading activities	5	226	70	296
Investments	6	116	108	224
Total incoming resources		1,137	1,179	2,316
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	147	144	291
Charitable activities	8	658	674	1,332
Total expenditure		805	818	1,623
Net gains on investments	15	505	543	1,048
Net income expenditure		837	904	1,741
Transfer between funds	20	0	0	0
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		837	904	1,741
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	21	4,449	7,352	11,801
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The notes on pages 35 to page 51 form part of these accounts.

Signed:

Name: Dyfed Jones (Chair of Charitable Funds Committee)

Date: 28 January 2026

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	Total Funds 2024-25 £000	Total Funds 2023-24 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	19	1,069	(306)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	261	224
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	2,664	2,461
Purchase of investments	15	(2,588)	(2,834)
(Increase) / decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	(256)	216
Net cash provided by investing activities		81	67
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,150	(239)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	1,245	1,484
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	2,395	1,245

Note on the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

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

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from appeals or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub-analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment). The charity has no permanent or expendable endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors, and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year and deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable, whichever falls sooner.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability is disclosed.

g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5k.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

k) Investments

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

The SORP states the market value that reasonably reflects how the market could be expected to price the asset at the Balance Sheet date be used in valuing stocks and shares. Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at the middle market price at the close of business on the valuation date as quoted by the Investment Managers, Brewin Dolphin.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

n) Creditors

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

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

o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2. Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £1.39m (2023-24: £1.23m). Under the FReM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.54m (2023-24: £1.66m). The Charity reported liabilities with the Health Board as at 31st March 2025 of £0.16m (2023-24: £0.16m) which was paid in April 2025.

The audited accounts of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

All Board members are required to declare any interest they have that could affect their impartiality with regard to their work within the Charity and Health Board. Declarations are also required where an individual Board member does not have any interests to declare.

The declarations made by Directors and Board Members for 2024/25 are published below and are available on the Health Board's website at <https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/board-members/>

In addition to the Directors and Board Members, details are also included below for senior members of staff who attend the Charitable Funds Committee meetings and who may be in a position of influence over charitable funds. Except for the transactions listed below, the Charity did not have financial transactions with any other organisation recorded as a Declaration of Interest by Board Members during 2024-25 and considered to be a related party.

Name	Details of positions held during the financial year	Dates positions held	Details of interest declared
K Balmer CPFA	Independent Member	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Group CEO – Groundwork North Wales, Refurbs Flintshire & Wild Ground
Professor M Larvin	Independent Member	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Employee of Bangor University
Councillor D Jones	Independent Member	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Elected Member of Anglesey County Council
F Roberts	Associate Member	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Employee of Anglesey County Council
K Thomson	Head of Fundraising	01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Co-Deputy Chair – Association of NHS Charities (trading name NHS Charities Together)

Material transactions between the Charity and related parties disclosed during 2024-25 were as follows:	Expenditure with related party £'000	Amounts owed to related party £'000	Income from related party £'000	Amounts owed by related party £'000
Bangor University	5	5	1	1
Isle of Anglesey County Council	0	0	0	0
NHS Charities Together	3	0	20	0
Groundwork North Wales	0	0	0	0

3. Incoming resources

a. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Donations	598	118	716	901
Legacies	0	855	855	679
	598	973	1,571	1,580

b. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Grants	0	96	96	204
Charitable activities	58	0	58	12
	58	96	154	216

4. Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- Fund advisors – Within the Charity there are 447 (2023-24: 456) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5k and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- Fundraisers – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £330k in income from other trading activities during the financial year (2023-24 £296k).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	113	114	227	205
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	17	17	34	19
	130	131	261	224

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Fundraising office	79	85	164	215
Fundraising events	6	4	10	16
Investment management	19	21	40	36
Support costs	9	10	19	24
	113	120	233	291

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	406	49	455	349
Staff education and welfare	354	77	431	260
Patient education and welfare	647	11	658	726
Medical research	(18)	41	23	(3)
	1,389	178	1,567	1,332

Gifts in kind worth £14k were received and used for the benefit of patients and staff in 2024-25 and are included in the expenditure figures above (2023-24 £21k).

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees make grant awards based on invited applications from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities	Non-current liabilities	Total 31 March 2025	Total 31 March 2024
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	532	81	613	1,040
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities	55	(29)	26	(427)
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	587	52	639	613

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year, however some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts, are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further apportioned to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the average balance held in these funds during the year.

The charity does not directly employ any staff and therefore there are no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Governance				
External audit	6	42	48	26
Finance and administration	6	42	48	44
Total governance	12	84	96	70
Finance and administration	6	41	47	51
Other costs	1	53	54	10
	19	178	197	131

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2024-25 £000	Total Funds 2023-24 £000
Raising funds	9	10	19	24
Charitable activities	86	92	178	107
	95	102	197	131

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £48,162 (2023-24: £25,722) relates solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts. The remuneration of £48,162 reported in these accounts for 2024/25, includes £14,003 which related to an additional charge for the audit of the 2023/24 accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2024-25 £000	Freehold land 2023-24 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	150	150
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	150	150
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The land was independently and professionally valued at open market value by the District Valuer in March 2021. There has been no impairment to the land in 2024-25. The charity continues to review options on the use of the land and its future use.

15. Fixed asset investments

Movement in fixed assets investments

	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Market value brought forward	11,032	9,827
Add: additions to investments at cost	2,588	2,834
Less disposals at carrying value	(2,664)	(2,461)
Increase / (decrease) in cash awaiting investment	256	(216)
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	205	1,048
Market value as at 31 March	<u>11,417</u>	<u>11,032</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio which is managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy.

A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

In managing our portfolio, Brewin Dolphin Limited assess the risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Accrued income	1,132	1,978
Prepayments	0	0
Other debtors	12	21
	<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,999</u>

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Cash in hand	2,395	1,245
	<u>2,395</u>	<u>1,245</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	40	105
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	164	164
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	587	532
Other accruals	0	2
Deferred Income	0	0
	<u>791</u>	<u>803</u>
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	52	81
	<u>52</u>	<u>81</u>
Total creditors	<u>843</u>	<u>884</u>

19. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	721	1,741
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(205)	(1,048)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(261)	(224)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	855	(315)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(41)	(460)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	<u>1,069</u>	<u>(306)</u>

20. Transfer between funds

Following a change on 1 April 2023 to how charity costs are treated and allocated to restricted funds, there was no transfer between the unrestricted and restricted funds relating to net charity costs during 2023/24 or 2024/25.

21. Analysis of funds

a) Analysis of restricted income funds movements

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	194	4	(6)	0	0	192
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	250	5	(7)	0	0	248
Wrexham Medical Institute	320	6	(9)	0	0	317
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - YGC	121	16	(4)	0	0	133
Cancer Charitable Fund - YGC	719	88	(135)	0	0	672
General Fund - YGC	553	10	(16)	0	0	547
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	733	84	(27)	0	0	790
BCU Legacies Holding Fund	1,289	(274) *	0	0	0	1,015
NHS Charities Together Grants	173	24	(58)	0	0	139
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	750	14	(21)	0	0	743
Llandudno General Purposes	329	17	(10)	0	0	336
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purposes	155	3	(11)	0	0	147
Vascular (West) General Purpose Fund	438	14	(15)	0	0	437
Restricted Gain on Investments	543	0	0	0	106	649
Learning Disability Inpatients - BYN	121	2	(16)	0	0	107
Alaw Ward - Ysbyty Gwynedd	21	594	(101)	0	0	514
Kidney Disease Fund	3	380	(8)	0	0	375
Other Funds	1,544	272	(715)	0	0	1,101
	8,256	1,259	(1,159)	0	106	8,462

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100k or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies Holding Fund relates to the debtor for legacies where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably estimated but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final amount of legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the debtor is reversed out from the BCU Legacies Holding fund.
- *The negative £274k income reported against the BCU Legacies Holding Fund is the net movement of entries on that fund during the year. New legacy income of £600k has been included in the fund in 2024-25 but this is offset by a reversal of previous years' legacy debtors of £949k following receipt of funds during the year, and a £75k increase in debtor values due to changes in estimates from the previous year.

During 2024-25, legacies cash of £949k was received relating to amounts outstanding at 31 March 2024 and the debtors relating to these legacies were reversed within the BCU Legacies Holding fund. Income was allocated to the appropriate restricted and unrestricted funds in the year as per the table below:

Fund	Allocation of 2024-25 legacy income received	
	£'000	
Renal Patients/Staff Comfort Fund - YMW		10
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd		15
Cardiology Fund - East		2
Kidney Disease Fund		376
Dwyfor Community		25
Meirionydd Tywyn		2
Vascular Fund - West		6
Alaw Ward - Ysbyty Gwynedd		503
Llandudno Hospital		10
Total		949

b) Analysis of unrestricted and material designated funds movements and revaluation reserve

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	173	42	(41)	0	0	174
North Wales Psychiatric Fund	122	87	(5)	0	0	204
Cancer Charitable Fund - YGC	864	100	(30)	0	0	934
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	0	135
Alaw Ward - YG	984	183	(40)	0	0	1,127
General Funds - West	131	3	(4)	0	0	130
General Funds - Llandudno	129	2	(3)	0	0	128
#TeamIrfon	94	3	19	0	0	116
Unrestricted Gain on Investments	1,788	0	0	0	99	1,887
Other Funds	851	637	(537)	0	0	951
Unrestricted Funds	5,271	1,057	(641)	0	99	5,786
Revaluation Reserve	15	0	0	0	0	15
	5,286	1,057	(641)	0	99	5,801

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The Unrestricted Gain on Investments fund holds the unallocated gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The 'General Funds' include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100k or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year. No adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity has increased by £1,068k to the end of December 2025, as detailed below:

	31 March	31 December		
	2025	2025	Movement	Movement
	£000	£000	£000	%
Investments	<u>11,417</u>	<u>12,485</u>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>9.35%</u>

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds,
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control,
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption,
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 30 to 51 attached have been compiled from, and are in accordance with, the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.

Russell Caldicott
Trustee's Finance Representative

Date: 28 January 2026

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustee's Representatives are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Government, with the approval of HM Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Charity. In preparing these accounts, the Trustee's Representatives are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the First Minister for Wales with the approval of HM Treasury,
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Government. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Dyfed Jones
Trustee's Representative
Date: 28 January 2026

Russell Caldicott
Trustee's Finance Representative
Date: 28 January 2026

Audit Report

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity.

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 under the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including the material 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 my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31st March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of financial statements and regularity of public sector bodies in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other Information

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for:

- maintaining sufficient accounting records;
- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view;
- internal controls as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees anticipate that the services provided by the charity will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My 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 my 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. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, the charity's Head of Internal Audit and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in the following areas: management override and posting of unusual journals.

- Obtaining an understanding of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity’s framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity.
- Obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management, the Charitable Funds Committee and legal advisors about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and the Charitable Funds Committee; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and
- evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity’s controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

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

Other auditor’s responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Adrian Crompton
Date: 29 January 2026

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Appendix 1: Board and Committee Membership 2024/25

Health Board Members:

Name	Position	Board and Committee membership
Dyfed Edwards	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chair • Chair Remuneration Committee
Carol Shillabeer	Chief Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Remuneration Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • Lead Director People and Culture Committee
Dr Sreeman Andole	Interim Executive Medical Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.12.24) • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Audit Committee
Karen Balmer	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Audit Committee • Remuneration Committee • Charitable Funds Committee • People & Culture Committee
Clare Budden	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee • Remuneration Committee • People & Culture Committee
Russell Caldicott	Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Audit Committee • Lead Director Charitable Funds Committee • Lead Director Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum

Name	Position	Board and Committee membership
Imran Devji	Interim Chief Operating Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (02.09.24 to 31.03.25) • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee
Urtha Felda	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Remuneration Committee • Audit Committee • Quality, Safety and Experience Committee
Christopher Lothian-Field	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Remuneration Committee • Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Charitable Funds Committee
Cllr Dyfed Jones	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair People & Culture Committee • Chair Charitable Funds Committee • Remuneration Committee • Audit Committee
Professor Mike Larvin, Dean of Medicine	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Remuneration Committee
Dr Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (Up to 14.11.24) • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Planning, Population Health and Partnership Committee
Dr Jane Moore	Executive Director of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Planning, Population Health and Partnership Committee

Name	Position	Board and Committee membership
William Nichols	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Remuneration Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • People & Culture Committee • Planning, Population Health and Partnership Committee
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals and Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.08.24) • Lead Director Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Planning, Population Health and Partnership Committee • In attendance People & Culture Committee
Mike Parry	*Associate Board Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member • Chair of Stakeholder Reference Group
Fôn Roberts	*Associate Board Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member
Dr Chris Stockport	Executive Director of Transformation, Strategic Planning and Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (until 28.02.25) • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director Planning, Population Health and Partnership Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee
Paolo Tardivel	Interim Executive Director of Transformation, and Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.03.25) • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee

Name	Position	Board and Committee membership
Dr Caroline Turner	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Remuneration Committee • Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee
Rhian Watcyn Jones	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Audit Committee • Remuneration Committee • Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Mental Health Legislation Committee
Gareth Williams	Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Vice Chair • Chair of Performance, Finance & Information Governance Committee • Remuneration Committee • Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee • Chair of Mental Health Legislation Committee
Jane Wild	*Associate Board Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member
Angela Wood	Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee

Note: Positions marked as * are not formal members of the Board for voting purposes.



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**The address of the charity and
the Corporate Trustee's principal office is:**

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Thank you.

With your help, we have made a significant positive impact for patients, service-users and NHS teams across North Wales this year. Together, we have funded a wide range of projects aimed at improving patient care and experience, driving innovation, and supporting the professional development and wellbeing of healthcare staff. We've played an important role in enhancing our health service across the region, and everyone who has contributed in different ways should be very proud of what has been achieved.

The hard work and generosity of fundraisers, donors and partners – and of course the healthcare staff who play such an important role in both motivating supporters and in making sure the charity's donations support the greatest needs of patients and healthcare services – is extraordinary. I have been fortunate to have met some of the many determined fundraisers, courageous patients and their grateful families, passionate volunteers and devoted staff who together make the charity what it is. I feel both privileged and humbled in my role as Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee; I am always amazed at what those who raise money for our NHS services accomplish, and impressed with how clinicians and support staff use donations to make both subtle and transformational improvements to healthcare provision for communities in North Wales.

Thanks to the support of NHS Charities Together and a range of local partners, organisations and families, the charity's activity has once again provided far-reaching benefits for some of the most vulnerable in our communities. I play a part in deciding how the charity prioritises its grants, and hear descriptions of how the charitable funding will make a difference for patients, service users and staff, but it's when we hear stories from those who have benefitted from the support of the charity that it makes me realise what an incredible impact the charity has on our local communities. I've chosen to draw attention to just some of the many programmes, additional equipment and improvement to the physical environment of our hospitals, health centres and community sites, that the charity has agreed to fund* this year:

- Complementary therapies and wigs for patients receiving cancer treatment
- Music therapy for neurodiverse children and their families and a range of arts in health activities
- Innovative Dementia Support and Mental Health Services programmes to trial new ways of working
- New clinical spaces in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and the Shooting Star Unit
- Improved carer and parental accommodation facilities as well as bereavement spaces on acute hospital sites



- Additional and more comfortable furniture on wards and in day units and digital devices in acute hospitals
- An Audiology Van, to provide appointments and check-ups outside of hospital
- A range of additional and state-of-the art equipment from blood scanners to a colonoscope and ultrasound machinery
- Volunteering services and support for the Health Board's Staff Achievement Awards

This year the management of the Health Board's Welcome and Support Volunteer Service was transferred to the charity from the Royal Voluntary Service. Our Welcome and Support Volunteers have together answered more than 100,000 enquiries over the past 12 months, providing a helping hand for patients, visitors and staff. What a marvellous team we have! There is certainly a lot to celebrate and be thankful for.

The role played by NHS charities such as ours in supporting our health service has never been more important than it is today. Here in North Wales, we are committed to working with local communities, charitable partners, our staff, patients and many local supporters to ensure the support we receive through the charity can help our health care service be the very best it can be. These are challenging times, but the charity is well placed to help our NHS teams achieve impressive feats under difficult circumstances.

Thank you once again to all who have donated and to everyone who has given so much time and energy this year. Without your combined efforts, knowledge, expertise, positivity and determination, our patients and local communities would not have benefitted from the hundreds of important extras that the charity has provided this year.

Thank you,

DYFED JONES
CHAIR OF THE CHARITABLE FUNDS
COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2025



*The Charitable Funds Committee oversees the charity on behalf of its corporate Trustee. All funding requests over £5,000 must receive approval from the Charitable Funds Committee. Read more about the Charitable Funds Committee and the funding decisions taken here: [Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

What a difference you are making!

I revel in my role as Honorary President of this marvellous charity. It gives me the chance to thank the hard-working health service teams of staff and volunteers, and an opportunity to see communities right across North Wales at their very best, working together for a common cause to make our health service the best it can be.

A number of people ask what the charity is and what it does, and I delight in telling them. There are over 200 NHS charities across the UK, that together gift over £1 million every day of every year to enhance NHS services. Our charity is the NHS charity for North Wales, the area served by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

The charity funds projects and ideas in hospitals and the community through its 400 plus different funds, supporting everyone and all areas of the health service in North Wales. The charity's vision is to have exceptional care at all times in all hospitals across the region, and that everyone across our communities can lead healthier lives. The mission is to seek to maximise the resources of the charity to enhance patient care and the well-being of our NHS Teams. The charity plays a key role in embedding a culture within the Health Board that celebrates and encourages voluntary activity that will help strengthen our healthcare services. Importantly, this ambition aligns with the milestones laid out in Wales' 'Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015)'.

The charity's purpose is to help people, especially the most vulnerable people, across the region access the very best healthcare and wellbeing support in a timely way. In practice, this means that donations to the charity fund things like:

- Brand new equipment and technology
- Innovative research projects and trials
- Additional special services, for example, complementary therapies
- Extra patient comforts, such as more comfortable dialysis chairs
- Specialist training and development opportunities for NHS staff and volunteers

Everything that the charity funds goes over and above what the NHS provides, complementing what the NHS already offers. The charity does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government.



The enhancements made possible by donations to the charity help make sure that people in North Wales can benefit from better NHS services when they need them the most.

Importantly, everything the charity can do is thanks to donations and grants from people like you and philanthropic organisations. I know because I have seen with my own eyes and have spoken to patients who have benefited from new equipment we have funded, that this charity makes a real difference to the lives of patients and NHS staff, in ways that would not have been possible without donations and support.

The charity provides a meaningful, impactful means for those who want to support our health service to do so, in a way that supports local evidence-based priorities. Patients are at the heart of the charity, and the doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and support staff within our healthcare service are, together, the lifeblood of the charity. I could not be prouder of those who choose to volunteer, fundraise, donate or remember a health service in their legacy and the clinical teams who advise how the funds raised should be used to benefit their patients.

Thank you again if you have chosen to support a health care service close to your heart here in North Wales this year.

THE RT HON. LORD BARRY JONES
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CHARITY
JANUARY 2025



Highlights of 2023/24

April 2023

Six volunteers, including health care professionals and previous patients, came together to establish 'Star Box' to help support people receiving treatment for cancer in Wrexham.

Each year, around 20,000 people are diagnosed with cancer in Wales. These volunteers hatched a plan to make a small difference to those receiving treatment on the Shooting Star Unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. The 'Star Box' group were inspired to set up a dedicated fund for the 'Star Box' project after one of the members, Grace Parry, donated one hundred 'TREATment' Bags to the Unit after her treatment.

The bags included small, luxury comforts to support patients through their cancer journey, the feedback was extremely positive and staff knew they needed something else once they ran out. So, the Star Box was born!



May 2023

Throughout the month of May, Malcolm Pitts swam 10 miles and cycled 500 miles to raise money in memory of his wife, Yvonne, who passed away in 2006, 10 years after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Malcolm has been raising money for the charity since Yvonne's death, and has raised over £10,000 for Alaw Day Unit, Conwy Ward and the Emergency department at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Each year, Malcolm has increased his swimming and cycling to raise as much money as he can for the hospital that cared for Yvonne and has made a huge difference to patients, family and staff members with his work. Described as a 'remarkable person' by Sara Hardy-Roberts, the Alaw Unit Matron, Malcolm has become a much-loved familiar face in Ysbyty Gwynedd, having done so much to support the hospital and its patients.



June 2023

Survival rates of at home cardiac arrests are low, and for every minute that passes without Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or defibrillation, the chance of survival will decrease even more. For Rob Pierce, CPR and defibrillation saved his life when he was at home 12 months ago and suffered a heart arrhythmia, sending him into a cardiac arrest. Fortunately, Rob's wife was at home with him and performed CPR until paramedics arrived with a defibrillator. After 10 minutes, paramedics were able to restart Rob's heart and he was rushed to Wrexham Maelor's Critical Care Unit where he was placed into an induced coma.

Almost six months to the day following his cardiac arrest, Rob started working on the very wards he received treatment on and working alongside the teams that looked after him. To thank the Critical Care Unit for all their care and support, Rob and his new colleagues in the Portering Team climbed Yr Wyddfa and raised more than £2,200 that will go towards the new sensory garden and added extras for patients and their families. What an incredible story, and what an incredible team!



July 2023

Avid triathlete David Roberts raised more than £3,000 after completing 'Ironman UK' in July in celebration of the life of his mum, who passed away whilst on holiday in North Wales. David's family frequently holidayed at their caravan on Anglesey, and in June 2023 were visiting to see him take part in the Llanberis triathlon when his mum was unexpectedly taken ill and admitted to Ysbyty Gwynedd.

He said: "From the moment the paramedics arrived, to A&E and ICU, the level of care and compassion was exceptional." David's time to complete 'Ironman UK', in the most difficult conditions the race has ever witnessed, was a phenomenal 15 hours and 34 minutes. Thank you to David and to his family for their kind support in memory of his beloved mum.



August 2023

Fundraiser Bill Fowler completed a 75-mile bike ride raising over £1,000 for the Star Box fund following his cancer diagnosis in November 2021.

Bill began his chemotherapy treatment on the Shooting Star Unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital in February 2022. Bill had heard about the Star Box idea on the unit and wanted to raise money to support them.

Talking about his treatment on the unit, Bill said: "The staff on the Shooting Star Unit are an amazing bunch of individuals – without exception, every single member of the team displays an exemplary level of professionalism along with kindness, empathy and, perhaps most important of all, a great sense of humour! Undergoing chemotherapy treatment will never be easy, but the team create an environment which is calm, reassuring and supportive."

Thank you, Bill!



September 2023

One of the youngest fundraisers to support the charity this year, Griff, raised a superb £5,181 for the Wrexham Children's Ward! Griff was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in October 2021, he has been receiving constant treatment since then, and will be until February 2025.

Kathryn, Griff's Mum, said: "The Children's Ward at Wrexham Maelor Hospital is where Griff's journey began and it continues today. The staff on the ward have become our second family, they have supported us through some of our darkest moments. The Paediatric Oncology Nurses go above and beyond in their roles, always on the other end of the phone no matter what. They are amazing and we cannot express how much we appreciate them."

Griff's had a hugely positive impact on others receiving care on the Children's Ward, thanks to his fundraising efforts. We all appreciate you, Griff, and all who have supported you!



October 2023

In October 2023, the Welcome and Support Volunteering Service was transferred over to the Charity from the Royal Voluntary Service. The team of almost 70 volunteers support visitors to Ysbyty Gwynedd and Ysbyty Glan Clwyd with finding their loved ones, making their way to their appointments and with any general enquiries they have.

The fantastic volunteers, some of whom have been volunteering for over 25 years, together answer almost 100,000 enquiries each year.

Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Hospital Director, Jalibani Ndebele says: "Our Welcome Volunteers are such an important part of our hospital team. They make a real difference for our patients and visitors, who often remark on how friendly and supportive the volunteers are at what can be a very daunting time for people. The volunteers greet everyone who enters the building with smiles, warm words of encouragement and helpful directions and signposting. Many of us would literally be lost without our wonderful volunteers!"



November 2023

Janet Bell donated a beautiful piece of original artwork for the new Bereavement Suite at Ysbyty Gwynedd in November. The Bereavement Team at Ysbyty Gwynedd worked hard throughout the year to raise more than £16,000 to create this new bereavement suite in the hospital for families who sadly lose their babies within the first 28 days of life.

The piece of artwork will make the new suite feel more homely for families who wish to spend time with their baby. Thank you, Janet, for this extra touch. We're all very grateful!



December 2023

The voluntary team at 'Chemocare Bags' have been donating support packages to Alaw Ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd since 2020 and in December they marked an impressive milestone: this fantastic organisation has now given more than 1,000 of these support packs to new patients receiving cancer treatment since launching.

The bags are filled with comforting items to help new chemotherapy patients at the start of their treatment, the bags include fluffy socks, notebook and pen, colouring book and pencils, hand warmers, hand sanitiser, lip balm, mints and hand cream.

Small gestures like this can have a big impact on patients when they receive a diagnosis. Thank you to all involved!



January 2024



The Kindness and Empathy Awards nominations opened in January for the second time.

Jon Crabb, a retired Clinical Operational Manager in the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities team, gave a substantial donation in 2022 to support staff wellbeing, and inspired the Learning Disabilities Team to launch these awards to recognise kindness, empathy to patients, relatives, colleagues and others.

It is heart-warming to see staff members dedicate time to ensuring former colleagues are celebrated for going over and above their roles in this way.

February 2024

The Shooting Star Unit celebrated its 20th anniversary since it welcomed its first patient. In 1997, the Shooting Star Appeal was launched after staff in Wrexham Maelor Hospital identified the need to establish a designated cancer unit on the site to help improve care for patients with cancer.

By 2002, more than £2.5 million had been raised after people across the local community came together to support the appeal, and building work began. On 2nd February, 2004, the day unit opened, initially providing a day unit for 12 patients to receive chemotherapy and immunotherapy, an outpatient clinic with four consultation rooms and a women's unit with four suites.

Regular improvements to the Shooting Star Unit continue to be made, thanks to the generous support of grateful patients and supporters and the dedicated staff team. The commitment and efforts of those who launched the Shooting Star Appeal all those years ago can still be felt today in this treasured cancer unit.



March 2024

The Rotary Club of Llandudno spent two weeks in the winter months of 2023 planting almost 4,000 daffodil bulbs at Llandudno Hospital, and to the delight of staff and patients these beautiful flowers bloomed for spring in March.

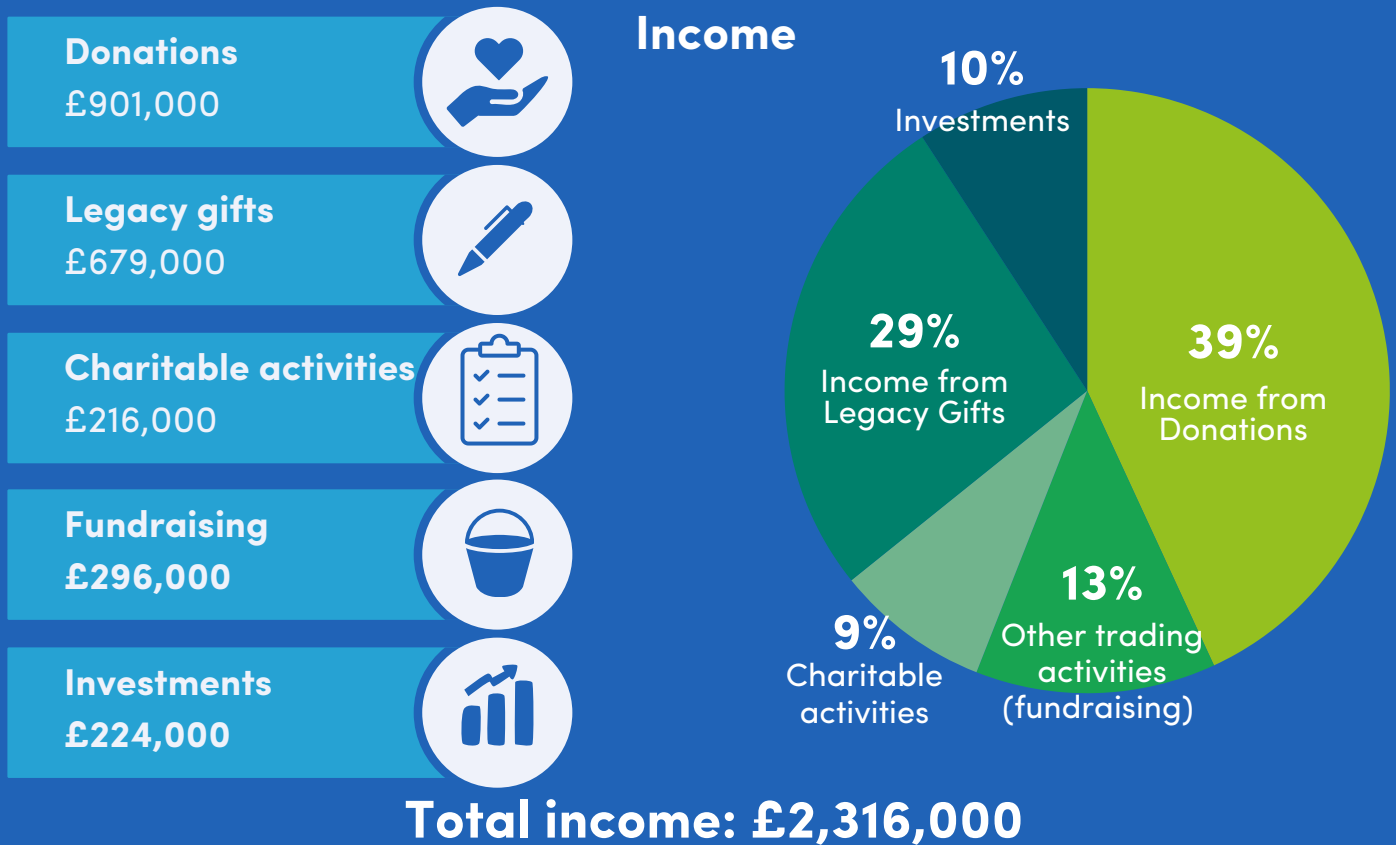
The daffodils were planted as part of a series of projects that the Llandudno Rotary and Llandudno Hospital are working on to enhance the outdoor spaces at the hospital, to improve patient, visitor and staff experience. The large lawn at the main entrance of the hospital became a field of gold, brimming with thousands of daffodils.

Huge thanks, wonderful Rotarians of Llandudno for planting all the bulbs. It was a demanding few days, but we all reaped the rewards of your labour when the stunning display of flowers bloomed!



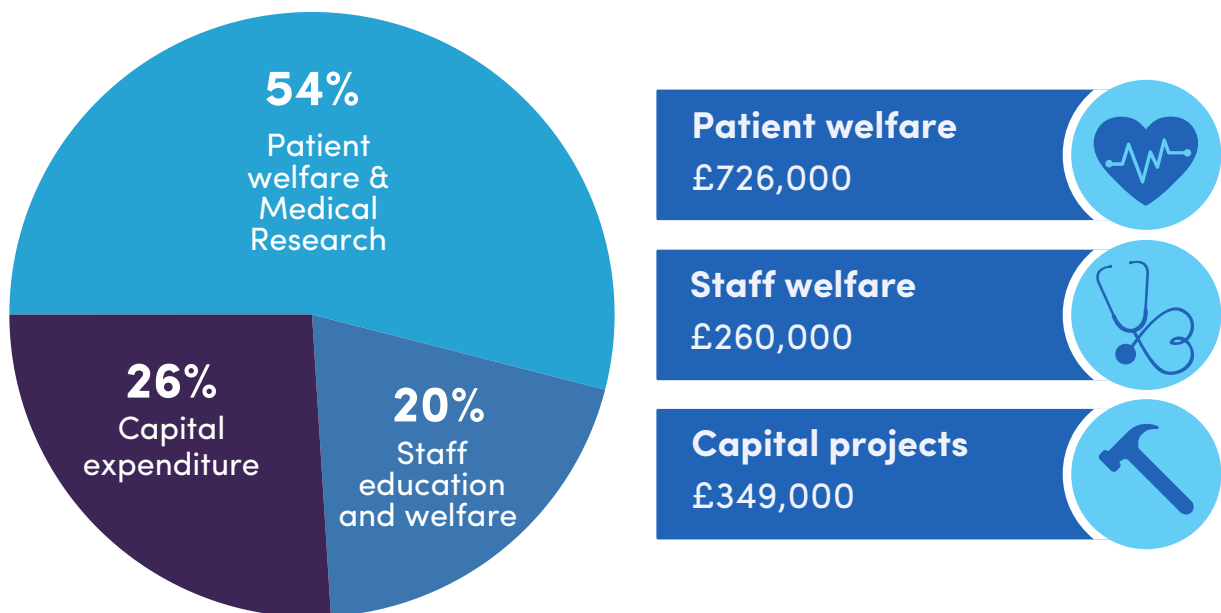
The year at a glance

In the 2023/24 financial year, the charity received an incredible amount of donations that has, and will, enable us to fund research, equipment, training, and patient and staff amenities.



Distribution of expenditure

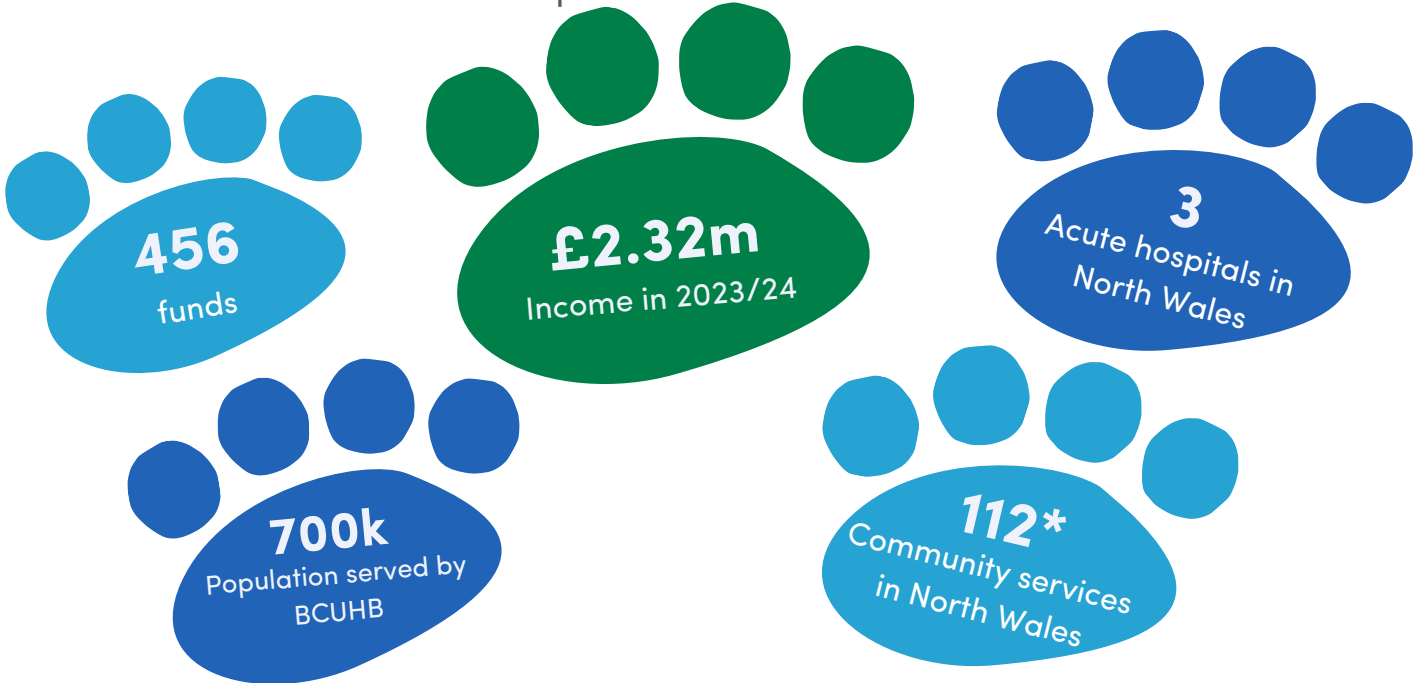
The charity has funded some amazing items that have allowed the NHS to go over and above for patients, families and staff members across North Wales. Below show where donations have been spent throughout the year.



Expenditure on Charitable Activities: £1,335,000

Background information

The charity covers the whole of North Wales and uses donations to improve healthcare in acute hospitals and community sites across the region. Almost every ward, department or service has a designated fund that can be used to fund things that go over and above what the NHS can provide.



*BCUHB provides a full range of primary, community, mental health and acute hospital services across 3 district hospitals, 22 community hospitals and a network of over 90 health centres, clinics, community health team bases and mental health units. BCUHB also coordinate the work of 113 GP practices and the NHS services provided by dentists, opticians and pharmacists across the region.

Priority areas

Cancer care, children's services and mental health are some of the charity's priority areas for improving care, treatment and support for patients and their families. Over the 2023/24 financial year, huge steps have been taken to provide care that is over and above what the NHS can provide.



What can be funded with your donations?

£10,000

A portable scanner on an Older Person's Ward

£1,000

Arts in Health sessions for neurodiverse children and their families

£250

Garden furniture to support with patient rehabilitation

£50

One night's stay in parental accommodation

£5

Crafts and activities for dementia patients

£5,000

New comfy chairs in a day unit

£500

Wigs for cancer and dermatology patients

£100

Breast prosthesis

£10

Toys for children



The impact of your support

Families, organisations, businesses and individuals together made over 5,500 donations to Awyr Las in 2023/24. All donations have and will make a difference for patients, their families and for NHS staff, volunteers and partners. The average donation amount in 2023/24 was £254.05.

Donations given this year have helped fund small comforts to big projects including toys and games for children and dementia patients, to large-scale capital projects to improve services across the Health Board.

Premature baby bonding

More than 130 pairs of Miniboo premature baby comforters were funded in 2023, costing £3,386.40, thanks to generous supporters and Cherish, the parents support group for the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU). When premature babies are in incubators on the ward, it's not always possible to hold them all the time as they need the support of specialist equipment. These comforters come in packs of two so a parent can have one to pick up their smells, and baby will have one too, the comforters are then swapped so both parent and baby benefit from each other's smells.

Lisa Andrews, Neonatal Unit Manager, said: "During times of separation, many families take comfort in swapping their miniboo's with their baby, this exchange of smells and scents provides familiarity to both baby and parents and promotes bonding." It's important for breastfeeding mothers to be near to their babies to help with milk flow, and it's extremely important for babies to be near their parents when they need their support most, as the comfort of a loved one can lower a baby's blood pressure. The comforters can also be used with twins who have been separated due to treatment needs.



Glideaway beds for families

Thanks to the money raised through the Wrexham Children's Ball in previous years, the Children's Ward at Wrexham Maelor Hospital were able to fund Glideaway beds for family members or carers of patients to sleep on whilst their children or young loved ones are on the ward.

The beds, which together cost £9,540, can fold up to be compact, helping with storage on the ward, but when unfolded become full single beds allowing a parent or carer to sleep next to their children.

The beds have been a huge help to families who are worried about their young children, and to children who are often nervous about staying in hospital.

Ysbyty Gwynedd Bereavement Suite

In 2020, around 4,500 babies in the UK were stillborn or died within four weeks of their lives. Many families don't know this is going to happen, and some don't have anywhere to go and spend time with their babies. The Bereavement and Special Care Baby Unit teams at Ysbyty Gwynedd wanted to change this and create a family-friendly, homely space for parents to spend precious time with their babies.

The new bereavement suite at the hospital is located on the Midwifery Led Unit on a quiet corridor and is now kitted out with a full wet room, kitchenette and bedroom with a CuddleCot for babies who have sadly passed away.

Having an allocated suite makes a huge difference to families who are going through an incredibly difficult time. Thanks to the efforts of staff and supportive families, the new bereavement suite has been fully funded by the charity, at a cost of £16,716.34.

Legacy gifts

People remembering healthcare services in their wills leave a lasting legacy for patients and their families.

The NHS in North Wales is fortunate to be remembered by so many people each year who choose to support a hospital, healthcare service or priority programmes in their wills. Legacy gifts help fund research, cutting-edge equipment and special projects. The legacy of those who include a healthcare service in their will can be felt for many years by patients and staff who benefit from their generosity.

In 2023/24, the charity received a total of £679,000 in legacy gifts, making a huge difference to patients and services across North Wales.

One legacy provided almost £40,000 worth of support towards the new Community Audiology Vehicle project, which aims to support rural communities with accessing their audiology appointments.

All legacies, large and small, help make a difference for patients.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind don't just demonstrate how very kind North Wales' communities are; they put smiles on patients' brave faces.

Organisations across the UK are kind enough to donate gifts to hospitals during festive periods or to help with special projects. During 2023/24, the charity received Gifts in Kind worth £21,378.21 for the benefit of patients and staff. This figure is considerably higher than the 2022/23 value of Gifts in Kind, which stood at £1,859. A new system for recording Gifts in Kind was introduced during the 2023/24 year which has made the process simpler for staff who are registering these gifts.

All donated items and services, including food, toys, gardening supplies and other equipment are:

- Recorded and reported
- Reviewed by infection prevention and/or all relevant internal service teams so all necessary risk assessments can be completed in advance of receipt
- Appropriately acknowledged so those donating receive the recognition they deserve

A huge thank you goes to all of those individuals and organisations who have been kind enough to support BCUHB services throughout the year. Your generosity has helped provide items that are over and above for patients, their families and staff.

Easter 2023

At Easter, wards and departments are very grateful to receive lots of donations from individuals and organisations to help patients and staff celebrate the occasion. Across the Health Board, we received hundreds of Easter eggs for patients which were all distributed across the areas they were given to.

Sian Eluned Flinn donated 40 Easter eggs to the Hergest Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd, and 26 boxes of biscuits to staff across the hospital. Supermarkets such as Tesco and Morrisons also donated large numbers of Easter eggs to multiple hospitals, and businesses like Allington Hughes Law supported patients in Wrexham Maelor Hospital with a gift of 50 Easter eggs.



Starbucks x NHSCT

In 2023, the charity were chosen as a partner for Starbucks' National Free Coffee Day on 5th December thanks to a partnership with NHS Charities Together. Healthcare services in Gwynedd and Anglesey were gifted more than £7,000 worth of Starbucks ready-to-go drinks to help encourage staff to take a break, and to give them a treat whilst working!

Janet Bell

Local artist Janet Bell has donated a beautiful piece of original artwork for the new Bereavement Suite at Ysbyty Gwynedd. The Bereavement Team at Ysbyty Gwynedd have been working hard throughout 2023 to raise funds to create a new bereavement suite in the hospital for families who sadly lose their babies due to stillbirth or in the first 28 days of life.

The piece of artwork will make the new suite feel more homely for families who wish to spend time with their baby. The new suite is located on a quiet corridor and has been fully furnished with a double bedroom, full wet room and a kitchenette for families to use. The bedroom also has plenty of room for a CuddleCot so families can spend precious time with their baby.

Scamp and Dude Clothing

Clothing company Scamp and Dude donated 100 of their 'Super Scarves' to the Star Box Fund, which offers patients who have just received a cancer diagnosis and are receiving treatment on the Shooting Star Unit a special box of comforting goodies to support them at what can be a very challenging time.

For every Super Scarf that Scamp and Dude sell, they donate another scarf to a cancer patient to help them with their chemotherapy treatment. The scarves form part of the Star Box, launched in 2023 by nursing staff and a group of former patients. The boxes, which are funded entirely through the charity, include items such as information leaflets, a poetry book, puzzles and pens, chocolates, a mug, warm socks or gloves.



Christmas 2023

Wards across the Health Board are extremely lucky to receive large donations of Christmas gifts throughout the festive period. Throughout December 2023, wards across the Health Board received over £5,000 worth of Christmas presents to give out to patients in hospital in December.

Some incredible donations were received from Wrexham Police Football Club, DPD, Kellogg's and Mainetti UK. Generous community minded people and grateful patients, including Robert McDonagh and Christina Silvestri, also donated gifts and advent calendars. Staff on wards and departments were treated to boxes of chocolates and biscuits from kind spirited people from across North Wales, and were extremely grateful for these gifts.



Special events held this year have made it an especially memorable time for lots of patients, service-users, health service teams and the charity's supporters.

Here are just some examples of events that took place in 2023/24:

NHS 75th Anniversary

Wednesday 5th July 2023 marked the 75th Anniversary of the NHS and Health Board staff celebrated this incredible milestone across the whole of North Wales with fundraising and appreciation events. More than 40 tea parties took place on the day in hospitals and community services. The charity provided patients, staff, volunteers and supporters with tea and cake to help them celebrate this milestone event.



Celebrations continued into the evening with the #NHSBigZip! 264 staff members took on the world's fastest zip line at Zip World Bethesda which raised more than £20,000 for priority projects, wards and departments across the region. Special thanks must go to Cor Law yn Llaw, Zoe McDonald, Radio Ysbyty Gwynedd, Phil Hen Photography, Victor Pennington Videography and Mandy Jones for their support on the evening providing great music, live coverage and speeches.



Throughout the month of June, a card competition was held on the Children's Wards across North Wales to mark the 75th Anniversary. Over 40 children took part in the competition. Madeline Cooper, aged 7, who drew her design whilst she was a patient on the Children's Ward in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd was selected as the well deserving winner.



Team Irfon swim

The #TeamIrfon Fund was created following Irfon Williams' bowel cancer diagnosis to help raise funds for important extra support for patients on the Ward. Since 2014 #TeamIrfon supporters have been completing swims around the Bangor and Anglesey area, and have raised over £30,000 doing so, with 2023 being no exception, raising a huge amount to fund a new cold cap on Alaw Ward.

23 swimmers started their challenge from Beaumaris Pier and swam 2 miles in open water to Bangor Pier in under an hour. Friends and family greeted the swimmers at Bangor Pier to congratulate them on completing the swim. Irfon sadly passed away in 2017. His friends and family have continued raising funds for #TeamIrfon in his memory, and have together raised more than £250,000 since the fundraiser began a decade ago.



Wrexham Children's Ball: A Night To Remember

The Wrexham Children's Ball – 'A Night To Remember' – was held in March 2024 to help raise vital funds for the Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward and the Children's Community Service. The Children's Ward comprises of a 22-bed inpatient ward, emergency admissions unit, day care unit and a large outpatients department caring for children up to 18 years of age. Patients receive treatment from a variety of specialist services within the Children's Ward, including high dependency, oncology and chronic conditions such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis and asthma.

Thanks to generous sponsor SP Energy Works and SG Estates, the Ball was a huge success, raising more than £17,000. Almost 200 guests attended the event at Carden Park Hotel and Spa to help raise much-needed funds to support children accessing care and treatment at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Staff and volunteers have raised more than £70,000 through organising memorable balls in recent years, which has helped fund new equipment and additional specialist services.



We're so grateful to all from the business community who have supported the charity this year.

Each year, NHS services in North Wales are fortunate to be chosen by businesses and organisations to be charity partners. Corporate supporters help boost support for wards and services by organising events and activities to fund much-needed projects to enhance the care patients receive. We're incredibly grateful to all businesses that have chosen to support wards and services this year, including:

- Adra, which organised a Christmas Carol Concert in Bangor Cathedral in December 2023. This special event raised money for the Renal Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd in memory of Adra employee Dylan Edwin, who passed away in 2023.
- Qioptiq selected the charity as a priority of the year, raising £750 through various activities carried out through the year
- The Health Board's Staff Achievement Awards Sponsors:
 - Centerprise International: Principal Sponsor
 - Bangor University: Research, Transformation, Improvement and Innovation Award
 - Health Education and Improvement Wales: Leadership Award
 - ID Medical: Extra Mile Award
 - Unite Union: Rising Star Award
 - Clwyd Recruitment Solutions: Teams of the Year Award
 - Agoriad: Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Award
 - Medacs Healthcare: Table sponsor
- Wrexham Children's Ball sponsors
 - SP Energy Works: Principal Sponsor
 - SG Estates: Reception Sponsor



The Structure of the Charity

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board. The Charitable Funds Committee Terms of Reference can be viewed here: bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/committees-and-advisory-groups/board-committees/charitable-funds-committee/10bcfc-tornovember-2024pdf/.

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, held within the charity. All voting members of the Health Board act as the corporate trustee of the charity. The committee meets quarterly.

Membership

Name	Position	Charitable Funds Committee Attendance 2023/24
Cllr Dyfed Jones	Charitable Funds Committee Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04/07/23 • 03/10/23 • 11/01/24 • 23/01/24
Karen Balmer	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04/07/23 • 03/10/23 • 11/01/24 • 23/01/24
Russell Caldicott	Interim Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04/07/23 • 03/10/23 • 11/01/24 • 23/01/24
Angela Wood	Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04/07/23 • 03/10/23
Gareth Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies & Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03/10/23
Rhian Watcyn Jones	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/01/24 • 23/01/24
Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director / Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Did not attend the Charitable Funds Committee meetings in 2023/24

Charitable Fund Advisors

Health service staff act as guardians for designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services or wards, enabling staff to gain prompt access to funding. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000 and receives monthly statements highlighting the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. Fund Advisors, who are expected to complete a Fund Advisor Accountability Agreement on an annual basis, are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.

Charitable Support Team

The Charity's Support Team is focussed on streamlining its processes and develop relationships with other teams within the Health Board and with charitable partners and supporters to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor and partner care.

Finance, fundraising and engagement, communications and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. It is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives. The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied and include:

- Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- Providing direction and practical help to the charity's Fund Advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- Supporting independent charities – such as the Leagues of Friends – who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to BCUHB, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work

From 2023/24 the team now includes the 68 Welcome Volunteers and two coordinators who oversee this invaluable service.

Looking ahead

The Charity is going through a process to develop a 2024–2027 strategy and operational plan which aligns with the Integrated Three-Year Plan for the period 2024 to 2027 Integrated Plan, which will be developed under the leadership of a new Chair and Chief Executive Officer, supported by a substantial change in Board membership. The aim of that plan is to signal a clear ambition to drive through transformation and improvement and provide high quality and sustainable services for the people of North Wales.

In 2024/25 it is expected that the Charitable Support Team will:

- Work with the Charitable Funds Committee to draw up this new Charity strategy
- Revise the team’s operational plan to support this new charity strategy
- Embed the Welcome and Support Volunteering Service into the Health Board
- Review the existing charity procedures and grant management processes to streamline activity where possible

Governance

Linked charities

The charity’s registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active group, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity’s funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals. The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year’s annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity’s governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the Charitable Support Team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees have concluded that the Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity.

The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS

Investment advisors: Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR

Registered auditors: Wales Audit Office, 1 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, the charity invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2023/24, Brewin Dolphin Limited was the charity's investment manager.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

The current Ethical Investments Policy states:

It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

- Alcoholic products;
- Tobacco products; and
- Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities.

Investment in companies:

- Which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation;
- Which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted. In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported.

The Trustee reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies which they judge might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the Charity.

Investment strategy

The Ethical Framework has given direction to the Investment Managers to develop a suitable investment strategy. The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity.

During the financial year 2023/24, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy.

Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

BCUHB Board Membership 2023/24

The Health Board's Board membership is presented in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Charitable Funds Committee approves an operational budget on an annual basis, and reviews the activity of the Charitable Support Team on a quarterly basis in formal Committee meetings. The Committee papers are published on the Health Board website ([Charitable Funds Committee – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#)) and the meetings are open for the members of the public to attend.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish its goal, the Charity Support Team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas. The charity continues to embrace technology, including video conferencing, to stay connected with staff.

Applying for funding and evaluating requests for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outputs and outcomes, and how these will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities.

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a Fund Advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests for funding. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able meet the objectives set out by the applicant. To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require authorisation from the Charitable Funds Committee. The procedures all staff must follow when applying for funding can be found here: [Your charity procedures – June 2024](#).

Charitable activity

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. Grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. A list of what can and can't be funded through the charity is available for all staff and supporters here: [What should your NHS Charity fund and what shouldn't it fund?](#)

Complaints

The Charitable Support Team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or volunteers in 2023/24. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year, and when considering applications for grant funding, the trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Non-designated funds

Few wards, services and departments do not have a designated fund for their healthcare area. The Charitable Support Team can provide support to establish one, or funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated fund.

When donors give to the charity without specifying where they want the money to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated fund. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority. This is because they allow BCUHB staff who do not have their own fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are directed to priority projects. Without a doubt, all donations from the public help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.

The Finance Director – Operational acts as the Fund Advisor on non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Non-designated funds have been decreasing in value significantly over recent years. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits the things that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

Designated funds

Within the charity, most donations sit in one of the 400 plus designated funds, representing almost every BCUHB ward, service, department and project across North Wales.

Designated funds are aligned with specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least two Fund Advisors named. It is the responsibility of Fund Advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives. Fund Advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department. The role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS – people like Ward Managers, Consultants and Matrons – and they use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and NHS staff. When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward level.

Fund Advisors are the authorised signatories on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund Advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved on [insert date], which carry an unqualified audit report. The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts. The full accounts have also been logged with the Charity Commission. Almost all of the charity's income comes from the voluntary efforts of NHS staff and the general public.

This year, total donations were £0.90 million, 39% of the charity's total income. Legacy gifts formed 29% of the charity's income (£0.68 million). Income from charitable activities was £0.22 million, 9% of the total income received. Fundraising accounted for 13% of the charity's total income (£0.30 million). Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £0.22 million in returns, equating to 10% of the charity's total income.

Financial health

The assets and liabilities of the charity as at 31st March 2024 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2023. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Total 31 March 2024	Total 31 March 2023 (Restated)
Note	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150
Investments	15	4,214	6,818	11,032
Total fixed assets		4,364	6,818	9,977
Current assets:				
Debtors	16	780	1,219	1,999
Cash and cash equivalents	17	487	758	1,245
Total current assets		1,267	1,977	3,168
Liabilities:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(313)	(490)	(803)
Net current assets		954	1,487	2,441
Total assets less current liabilities		5,318	8,305	13,623
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(32)	(49)	(81)
Total net assets		5,286	8,256	13,542
The funds of the charity:				
Restricted income funds	21	0	8,256	7,352 *
Unrestricted funds	21	5,271	0	5,271 *
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15
Total funds		5,286	8,256	13,542

*The comparative figures as at 31 March 2023 have been restated to correct the classification of restricted grants received from unrestricted funds. Unrestricted and restricted expenditure has also been amended for restricted grant monies spent. These adjustments impacted on the balances of restricted income and unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023.

The notes on pages 37 to page 53 form part of these accounts.

Signed :

Name : Dyfed Jones (Chair of Charitable Funds Committee)

Date : 30 January 2025

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings that take place at least four times a year, the trustees consider the risks facing the charity.

All charitable funding applicants are expected to review the risks associated with the funding request, and include the risks on their funding submissions.

Managing risk

The risks to the charity are reviewed regularly. The charity's Risk Register can be viewed here: [Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#). Individual risk analysis is completed for all charity events and activities, for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the Charitable Support Team, and for funding applications submitted by Health Board staff.

Reserves

Reserves are the charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and provides an indicator of future funding needs and its overall resilience.

The reserves policy takes into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. If reserves are too low, then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy that includes a target level of reserves. As is good practice, the reserves policy is kept under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee reviews the charity's Reserves Policy and the target level of reserves annually. In March 2024, it was agreed that the target level of reserves would be set using a calculation based on the budgeted levels of expected expenditure (operational and grants activity) for the next three years and the average value of investments held over the last three years.

The charity's target level of reserves is based on the following calculation:

- One year's future operational costs based on the average value from budgets and plans for the next three years; plus
- Nine month's (75% of the annual) charitable activity (grants) expenditure based on the average value from budgets and plans for the next three years; plus

- 25% of the average value of investments held based on their valuation at 31 March in the previous three years.

The target levels of reserves for 31 March 2024 is calculated as £4.1 million (2023 - £3.8 million).

Total funds of the Charity at 31 March 2024 were £13.54 million (2023: £11.80 million) of which £8.26 million is restricted and £5.28 million is unrestricted (2023: £7.11 million and £4.69 million). The Charity is holding reserves of £5.28 million which are higher than the target value of £4.10 million.

The unrealised investment gains during 2023-24 of £1.05 million have contributed to the higher reserves level at 31 March 2024. During 2022-23 the unrealised element of movement on investments held during that year were losses of £0.70 million.

Some of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of land held as tangible fixed assets (see tangible fixed assets, note 14 in the Accounts).

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two linked charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Note	funds £000	Income funds £000	Funds 2023-24 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	783	797	1,580
Charitable Activities	3	12	204	216
Other trading activities	5	226	70	296
Investments	6	116	108	224
Total incoming resources		1,137	1,179	2,316
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	147	144	291
Charitable activities	8	658	674	1,332
Total expenditure		805	818	1,623
Net gains on investments	15	505	543	1,048
Net income		837	904	1,741
Transfer between funds	20	0	0	0
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		837	904	1,741
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	21	4,449	7,352	11,801
Total funds carried forward		5,286	8,256	13,542

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds (Restated) £000	Restricted Income funds (Restated) £000	Total Funds 2022-23 (Restated) £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	639 *	554	1,193 *
Charitable Activities	3	7 *	356 *	363 *
Other trading activities	5	150	60	210
Investments	6	98	96	194
Total incoming resources		894 *	1,066 *	1,960
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	146	149	295
Charitable activities	8	881 *	608 *	1,489
Total expenditure		1,027 *	757 *	1,784
Net losses on investments	15	(350)	(352)	(702)
Net income expenditure		(483) *	(43) *	(526)
Transfer between funds	20	(458)	458	0
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(941) *	415 *	(526)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	21	5,390	6,937	12,327
Total funds carried forward		4,449 *	7,352 *	11,801

*The comparative figures for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been restated to reflect the disclosure of income from charitable activities which was previously recorded as donations, and to correct the classification of restricted grants received from unrestricted funds. Expenditure on charitable activities has also been amended to reclassify restricted grant monies spent. These adjustments impacted on the balances of net movement in funds in the year between unrestricted and restricted funds and also the balances of funds carried forward at 31 March 2023.

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Name : Dyfed Jones (Chair of Charitable Funds Committee)

Date : 30 January 2025

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2024

	Note	Total Funds 2023-24 £000	Total Funds 2022-23 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	19	(306)	313
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	224	194
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	2,461	1,541
Purchase of investments	15	(2,834)	(1,805)
Decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	216	122
Net cash provided by investing activities		67	52
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(239)	365
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	1,484	1,119
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	1,245	1,484

Note on the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

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

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from appeals or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub-analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment). The charity has no permanent or expendable endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors, and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year and deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable, whichever falls sooner.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability is disclosed.

g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5k.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

k) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. The SORP states the market value that reasonably reflects how the market could be expected to price the asset at the Balance Sheet date be used in valuing stocks and shares. Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at the middle market price at the close of business on the valuation date as quoted by the Investment Managers, Brewin Dolphin.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

n) Creditors

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

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

o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2 Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £1.23m (2022-23: £1.38m). Under the FReM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.66m (2022-23: £1.16m). The Charity reported liabilities with the Health Board as at 31st March 2024 of £0.16m (2022-23: £0.26m) which was paid in April 2024.

The audited accounts of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

All Board members are required to declare any interest they have that could affect their impartiality with regard to their work within the Charity and Health Board. Declarations are also required where an individual Board member does not have any interests to declare.

The declarations made by Directors and Board Members for 2023/24 are published below and are available on the Health Board's website at <https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/health-board-meetings-and-members/health-board-members/>

In addition to the Directors and Board Members, details are also included below for senior members of staff who attend the Charitable Funds Committee meetings and who may be in a position of influence over charitable funds. Except for the transactions listed below, the Charity did not have financial transactions with any other organisation recorded as a Declaration of Interest by Board Members during 2023-24 and considered to be a related party.

Name	Details of positions held during the financial year	Dates positions held	Details of interest declared
K Balmer CPFA	Independent Member	01/04/23 - 31/03/24	Group CEO – Groundwork North Wales, Refurbs Flintshire & Wild Ground
Professor M Larvin	Independent Member	10/04/23 - 31/03/24	Employee of Bangor University
Councillor D Jones	Independent Member	22/05/23 - 31/03/24	Elected Member of Anglesey County Council
F Roberts	Associate Member	01/04/23 - 31/03/24	Employee of Anglesey County Council
K Thomson	Head of Fundraising	01/04/23 - 31/03/24	Co-Deputy Chair - Association of NHS Charities (trading name NHS Charities Together) Volunteer and advisor - Love Hope Strength Foundation charity

Material transactions between the Charity and related parties disclosed during 2023-24 were as follows:	Expenditure with related party £'000	Amounts owed to related party £'000	Income from related party £'000	Amounts owed by related party £'000
Bangor University	7.4	1.0	4.0	0.0
Isle of Anglesey County Council	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
NHS Charities Together	1.0	0.0	114.0	0.0
Love Hope Strength Foundation	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Groundwork North Wales	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0

3 Incoming resources

a. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 (Restated) £000
Donations	783	118	901	741 *
Legacies	0	679	679	452
	783	797	1,580	1,193 *

b. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 (Restated) £000
Grants	0	204	204	356 *
Course fees	12	0	12	7 *
	12	204	216	363 *

*The comparative figures for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been restated to reflect the disclosure of income from charitable activities which was previously recorded as donations.

4 Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- Fund advisors – Within the Charity there are 456 (2022-23: 449) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5k and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- Fundraisers – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £296k in income from other trading activities during the financial year (2022-23 £210k).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	106	99	205	189
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	10	9	19	5
	116	108	224	194

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Fundraising office	107	108	215	229
Fundraising events	10	6	16	11
Investment management	18	18	36	34
Support costs	12	12	24	21
	147	144	291	295

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	319	30	349	334
Staff education and welfare (including gift in kind)	233	27	260	513
Patient education and welfare	683	43	726	688
Medical research	(10)	7	(3)	(46)
	1,225	107	1,332	1,489

Gifts in kind worth £21k were received and used for the benefit of patients and staff in 2023-24 (2022-23 £2k).

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees make grant awards based on invited applications from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	596	444	1,040	741
(Decrease) / Increase in liabilities	(64)	(363)	(427)	299
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	532	81	613	1,040

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year, however some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts, are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further apportioned to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the average balance held in these funds during the year.

The charity does not directly employ any staff and therefore there are no employees who received emoluments of more than £60,000.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Governance				
External audit	5	21	26	24
Finance and administration	8	36	44	44
Total governance	13	57	70	68
Finance and administration	9	42	51	51
Other costs	2	8	10	10
	24	107	131	129

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2023-24 £000	Total Funds 2022-23 £000
Raising funds	12	12	24	21
Charitable activities	54	53	107	108
	66	65	131	129

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £25,722 (2022-23: £24,174) related solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2023-24 £000	Freehold land 2022-23 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	150	150
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	150	150
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The land was independently and professionally valued at open market value by the District Valuer in March 2021. There has been no impairment to the land in 2023-24. The charity continues to review options on the use of the land and its future sale or use.

15. Fixed asset investments

	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Market value brought forward	9,827	10,387
Add: additions to investments at cost	2,834	1,805
Less disposals at carrying value	(2,461)	(1,541)
Decrease in cash awaiting investment	(216)	(122)
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	1,048	(702)
Market value as at 31 March	<u>11,032</u>	<u>9,827</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio which is managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy. A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

In managing our portfolio, Brewin Dolphin Limited assess the risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year	Total 31 March 2024 £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000
Accrued income	1,978	1,646
Prepayments	0	0
Other debtors	21	38
	<u>1,999</u>	<u>1,684</u>

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2024 £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000
Cash in hand	1,245	1,484
	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,484</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2024 £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	105	47
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	164	257
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	532	596
Other accruals	2	0
Deferred Income	0	0
	803	900
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	81	444
	81	444
Total creditors	884	1,344

19. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2023-24 £000	Total 2022-23 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,741	(526)
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(1,048)	702
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(224)	(194)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(315)	149
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(460)	182
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(306)	313

20. Transfer between funds

During 2022/23 there was £458k transferred between designated funds to reimburse restricted funds for any charge relating to net overall charity costs, less income from interest and investment gains / losses. This was a transfer between the unrestricted General Fund and various restricted funds. Following a change on 1 April 2023 to how charity costs are treated and allocated to restricted funds, there was no transfer between the unrestricted and restricted funds relating to net charity costs during 2023/24.

21. Analysis of funds

a) Analysis of restricted fund movement

	Balance 1 April 2023 (Restated) £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	196	4	(6)	0	0	194
Cardiology Fund - East	141	3	(63)	0	0	81
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	254	4	(8)	0	0	250
Wrexham Medical Institute	325	6	(11)	0	0	320
Ty Croeso - Dawn Elizabeth House Fund	138 *	14	(4)	0	0	148
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - Glan	125	2	(6)	0	0	121
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	859	43	(183)	0	0	719
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	480	90	(17)	0	0	553
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	667	95	(29)	0	0	733
BCU Legacies Holding Fund	1,551	(262) **	0	0	0	1,289
NHS Charities Together Grants	100 *	114	(41)	0	0	173
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	684	88	(22)	0	0	750
Llandudno General Purposes	328	11	(10)	0	0	329
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purp	159	3	(7)	0	0	155
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	128	6	(8)	0	0	126
Vascular (West) General Purpose Fund	0	442	(4)	0	0	438
Unrealised Gain/Loss on Investments	0	0	0	0	543	543
Learning Disability Inpatients - BYN	126	2	(7)	0	0	121
Other Funds	1,091	514	(392)	0	0	1,213
	7,352 *	1,179	(818)	0	543	8,256

*The balances brought forward at 1 April 2023 have been restated to correct the classification of restricted funds which were included within unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023 (Note 21b).

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100k or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies Holding Fund relates to the debtor for legacies where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably estimated but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final amount of legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the debtor is reversed out from the BCU Legacies Holding fund.
- **The negative £262k income reported against the BCU Legacies Holding Fund is the net movement of entries on that fund during the year. New legacy income of £59k has been included in the fund in 2023-24 but this is offset by a reversal of previous years' legacy debtors of £288k following receipt of funds during the year, and a £33k reduction in debtor values due to changes in estimates from the previous year.
- During 2023-24, legacies cash of £288k was received relating to amounts outstanding at 31 March 2023 and the debtors relating to these legacies were reversed within the BCU Legacies Holding fund. Income was allocated to the appropriate restricted and unrestricted funds in the year as per the table below:

Fund	Allocation of 2023-24 legacy income received £'000
Audiology CPG Fund	3
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	9
Cardiology Department Central - Patients	87
Friends of Colwyn Bay Hospital	10
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	78
Llanrwst District Nurses Fund	1
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	3
Urology Department, Glan Clwyd	87
Other Funds	10
Total	288

b) Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2023 (Restated) £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	270	54	(151)	0	0	173
North Wales Psychiatric Fund	0	123	(1)	0	0	122
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	849	47	(32)	0	0	864
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	0	135
Alaw Ward - YG	948	196	(160)	0	0	984
General Funds - West	132	3	(4)	0	0	131
General Funds - Llandudno	131	2	(4)	0	0	129
General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses	1,289	0	0	(6)	505	1,788
Other Funds	680 *	712	(453)	6	0	945
	4,434 *	1,137	(805)	0	505	5,271

*The balances brought forward at 1 April 2023 have been restated to correct the classification of restricted funds (see Note 21a) which were included within unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023.

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses fund holds the unallocated unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The 'General Funds' include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100k or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year. No adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity has increased by £811k to the end of November 2024, as detailed below:

	31 March 2024 £000	30 November 2024 £000	Movement £000	Movement %
Investments	11,032	11,843	811	7.35%

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds,
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control,
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption,
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 32 to 53 attached have been compiled from, and are in accordance with, the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.

Russell Caldicott
Trustee's Finance Representative

Date of sign off: 30 January 2025

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustee's Representatives are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Government, with the approval of HM Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Charity. In preparing these accounts, the Trustee's Representatives are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the First Minister for Wales with the approval of HM Treasury,
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Government. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Dyfed Jones
Trustee's Representative
Date: 30 January 2025

Russell Caldicott
Trustee's Finance Representative
Date: 30 January 2025

Audit Report

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 under the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including the material 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 my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt

on the body's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities the trustees are responsible for:

- maintaining sufficient accounting records;
- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view;
- internal controls as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and

- assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees anticipate that the services provided by the charity will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My 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 my 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. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, the Charity's Head of Internal audit and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in the following areas: expenditure recognition, posting of unusual journals and management override;
- Obtaining an understanding of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity;
- Obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above.
- Enquiring of management, the Charitable Fund Committee and legal advisors about actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and the Charitable Fund Committee.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

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

Other auditor's responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Adrian Crompton
Auditor General for Wales
Date: 31 January 2025

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Appendix 1: Board and Committee Membership 2023/24

Health Board Members:

Name	Position	Board Committee membership
Dyfed Edwards	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chair (interim to 29.02.24, substantive from 01.03.24) • Chair Remuneration Committee • Member Performance, Finance & Information Governance Committee
Carol Shillabeer	Chief Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (interim Chief Executive from 03.05.23 to 31.01.24, substantive Chief Executive from 01.02.24) • In attendance Remuneration Committee (from 03.05.23) • Member Local Partnership Forum • Lead Director People and Culture Committee
Karen Balmer	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (interim from 02.05.23 to 29.02.24, substantive from 01.03.24) • Chair Audit Committee • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • Member People & Culture Committee (from 01.01.24)
Clare Budden	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (interim to 29.02.24, substantive from 01.03.24) • Associate Board Member (to 01.05.23) • Chair Stakeholder Reference Group (to 01.05.23) • Chair Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee (from 01.01.24) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member People & Culture Committee • Member Performance, Finance & Information Governance
Russell Calidcott	Fixed Term Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 03.07.23) • In attendance Audit Committee • Lead Director Charitable Funds Committee (from 03.07.23) • Lead Director Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee (from 03.07.23) • Member Local Partnership Forum

Name	Position	Board Committee membership
Gareth Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies & Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director Healthcare Professionals Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee
Urtha Felda	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 03.11.23) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Audit Committee (from 15.03.24)
Christopher Field	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.03.24) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member of Charitable Funds Committee
Adele Gittoes	Executive Director of Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.08.23 to 21.03.24) • In attendance People and Culture Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce & Organisational Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (to 30.04.23) • Lead Director Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / Member, Local Partnership Forum • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee
Gill Harris	Executive Director Integrated Clinical Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (acting Chief Executive from 16.11.22 to 27.03.23) • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • In attendance Audit Committee
Sue Hill	Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Audit Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum

Name	Position	Board Committee membership
Cllr Dyfed Jones LA	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 22.05.23) • Chair People & Culture Committee • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Audit Committee
Professor Mike Larvin	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 10.04.23) • Member QSE (from 19.05.23) • Member Remuneration Committee
Dr Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director / Deputy Chief Executive Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (acting Chief Executive to 02.05.23) • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration & Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee
Molly Marcu	Fixed Term Board Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Board Secretary (to 27.04.23) • In attendance Audit Committee • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee
Phil Meakin	Acting Board Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Board Secretary (from 18.04.23) • In attendance Audit Committee • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee
Jane Moore	Acting Executive Director of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 19.01.24) • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee
William Nichols	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 01.03.24) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • Member People & Culture Committee • Member Planning, Population Health & Partnerships Committee

Name	Position	Board Committee membership
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (to 18.01.24) • Lead Director Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee
Mike Parry	Associate Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member (from 24.10.23) • Chair of Stakeholder Reference Group
Fôn Roberts	Associate Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member (from 29.07.22)
Lesley Singleton	Interim Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 05.02.23 to 30.05.23) • Member Remuneration Committee
Dr Chris Stockport	Executive Director of Transformation and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee
Dr Caroline Turner	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (from 03.11.23) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee (from 01.01.24)
Rhian Watcyn Jones	Independent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (interim to 29.02.24, substantive from 01.03.24) • Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee (from 21.03.24)
Steve Webster	Fixed Term Executive Director of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (to 22.06.23) • In attendance Audit Committee • Lead Director Charitable Funds Committee (to 22.06.23) • Lead Director Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee (to 22.06.23) • Member Local Partnership Forum

Name	Position	Board Committee membership
Gareth Williams	Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member (interim Independent Member to 02.11.23, substantive from 03.11.23) • Vice Chair (from 03.11.23) • Chair Performance, Finance & Information Governance Committee (from 12.05.23) • Member Remuneration Committee • Member Audit Committee (from 15.05.23) • Member Planning, Population Health & Partnership Committee (from 01.01.24)
Jane Wild	Associate Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety & Experience Committee
Angela Wood	Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee



Visit [Home - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#) to find out more about the impact the charity has, and the difference that your support makes for patients and healthcare service users across North Wales.

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The North Wales NHS Charity

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Welcome

Brightening patients' lives.
Going over and above for service users.
Supporting transformative change for
our NHS services in North Wales.
Together.



When I recently became the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, I was reminded of how and why the charity came to be known as Awyr Las. Over a decade ago, Rhys, a teenager in Bangor, asked what the charity does and was met with the answer: thanks to people like you, the charity brightens patients' days by going over and above what the NHS can provide. It was Rhys who suggested the name, Blue Sky, because he and his classmates thought it perfectly described what the charity does for patients, service users and communities across the region.

Since joining the Charitable Funds Committee last year, I've come to understand that Awyr Las does much more than brighten people's lives. You too can get a sense of how Awyr Las has helped make transformational change for patients and service users through reading this Annual Report, or by receiving regular updates on the charity's digital platforms. I have also come to realise how fortunate we all are that families, community groups, companies and charities want to show their appreciation for our NHS teams, remember and celebrate loved ones and help make lasting change for their local populations by supporting Awyr Las.

As you will see from the stories within this Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23, across North Wales people like Rhys continue to shape the charity by giving time and money, and sharing suggestions. The facts and figures included in this report once again demonstrate how wonderfully generous and supportive our communities across North Wales are, and how accomplished our NHS teams across the region are.

I recently met Lynda, a social care practitioner in the Renal Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd who has been in the NHS for 37 years. Lynda plays an integral role in the lives of her patients and colleagues as well as in the coordination of the Unit's charitable fund and charitable partnerships.



Pictured: chemotherapy patient on Alaw Ward, Ysbyty Gwynedd, receiving treatment and cold cap therapy (top); Adra Christmas Carol Concert with Dyfed Jones and Lynda Tomos pictured (bottom)

Lynda's determination to help patients receive the very best care possible made me truly see why so many people want to give back.

Thanks to the passion and dedication of folk like Rhys and Lynda, Awyr Las has been able to touch thousands of people's lives by giving over £30 million since 2010 to help enhance the care, treatment and support that patients and service users receive in our hospitals and health centres, community clinics and from our home-based services.

There have been challenges within the NHS in recent years, especially here in North Wales. I am proud to be part of a charity that recognises these challenges and can genuinely help our NHS teams cope better in these times. I have seen how the charity helps NHS teams rise to the challenges they face, and how the funding ensures patients and service users across the region continue to receive the very best treatment, and benefit from the latest innovations in healthcare.

On behalf of the Charitable Funds Committee, our esteemed Honorary President Lord Barry Jones, Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team and all our other NHS colleagues, I would like to thank everyone who has given, volunteered, acted as advocates for our charity, or partnered with us, for your support.

Together, with the continued support and involvement of people like Rhys, Lynda and you, I have no doubt that next year we will move another step closer to fulfilling our vision of exceptional care in our hospitals and having healthier communities across North Wales.

Thank you

DYFED JONES
CHAIR OF THE CHARITABLE FUNDS
COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2024



The Charitable Funds Committee oversees Awyr Las on behalf of its Corporate Trustee. Read more about the Charitable Funds Committee here: [Charitable Funds Committee - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/charitable-funds-committee-betsi-cadwaladr-university-health-board).

Highlights of 2022/23

April 2022

Over £1,400 has been raised in memory of Cledwyn Williams who sadly passed away in January 2022. The former lorry driver received excellent care at Ysbyty Gwynedd and Ysbyty Alltwen, and donations were split between the pulmonary rehabilitation service and the falls prevention service.



May 2022

A huge thank you and well done to Paul Pryce who completed the Manchester Marathon in 2022 in memory of his beloved dad, Cyril George Pryce. Paul raised £1,250 for Glyndwr Ward at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, where his dad received excellent care.

June 2022

Former Manchester United and Wales footballing legend Mickey Thomas climbed Mount Snowdon with his surgeon and lead nurse to raise money for extra equipment at Wrexham Maelor Hospital in June 2022. Mickey is so grateful for everything that the surgeon and healthcare team has done for him, and managed to raise almost £16,000 to support the surgical team in Wrexham Maelor!



July 2022

Tîm Siw was formed by loved ones in memory of Susannah Woods who sadly passed away in May 2022 after being treated for ovarian cancer and acute myeloid leukaemia at both Alaw Ward, Ysbyty Gwynedd, and The North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre. Family and friends of Susannah described her as “one of a kind”, and climbed Ben Nevis to raise more than £5,000 in her memory.

Pictured: Susannah Woods when she qualified as a midwife

August 2022

Primary school children from all over Wales can now learn the skills to save a life thanks to a new 'CPR song'. The song was officially launched on 18 August 2022 with Welsh Elvis, Wynne Roberts, Chaplain at Ysbyty Gwynedd, and Jess, a secondary school girl who sings the song with Elvis. Each year around 6,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest in Wales and evidence shows that if CPR and defibrillation is performed swiftly then survival rates can be dramatically improved by up to 70%.



September 2022

A charity ride out by the motorbike club, Kraken's Fury MCC Pwllheli, raised £392 for Ysbyty Gwynedd's Special Care Baby Unit. 30 bikes gathered in Pwllheli and rode to Aberystwyth and back again to raise the money. Jon Caswell, the Sargent at Arms at the club, had a very personal reason for organising the ride as his new born son received treatment on the unit after he was born in 2006.



October 2022

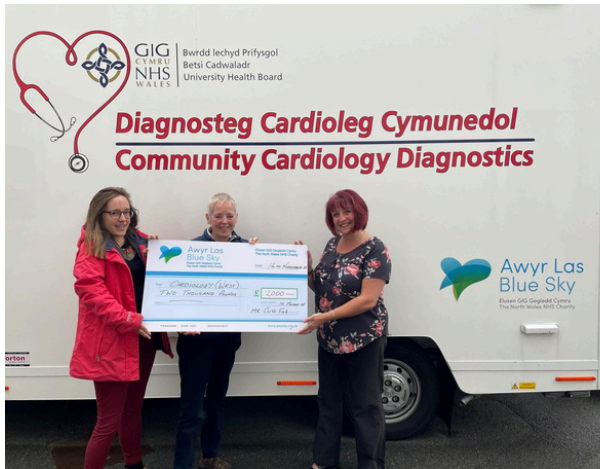
Ultra marathon runner, Nia Gwynn, has raised thousands of pounds for Awyr Las: The North Wales NHS Charity since she started fundraising in 2014. In 2022, Nia ran the London Marathon for Ty Enfys in Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Since Nia has started fundraising, she has completed eight marathons including the London Marathon four times, and the Berlin Marathon in memory of her father Dr Norman Jones, who was a consultant radiologist at Ysbyty Gwynedd before passing away in 2018.

She has raised a total of more than £8,000 for various causes at Ysbyty Gwynedd over the years.



November 2022



A cheque for £2,000 was presented to the Cardiology Department in November 2022 in loving memory of Clive Fisk, a former Chief Echocardiographer at Ysbyty Gwynedd, after he sadly passed away earlier in the year. Clive was the Head of Cardiology Investigations from the early 1980s to 2012 and was a pioneer in echocardiography and instrumental in its implementation in North West Wales.

December 2022

After being diagnosed with breast cancer at the end of 2021, Ruth Hogan wanted to thank the teams that cared for her during her treatment and surgeries at Ysbyty Gwynedd and Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Ruth originally thought the lump she found was from one of her horses bumping into her, but after numerous scans and biopsies, she got the devastating diagnosis of a 6cm tumour. She has undergone three surgeries to have it removed, breast reconstruction and radiotherapy.

A glamorous ball was held in December 2022 and an incredible £11,216.47 was raised for the Gwynedd Breast Cancer Research Fund.



January 2023

On New Year's Day 2022, Sam Johnson woke up and decided to run 1,000 miles in a year to raise money for the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre where her brother, Simon, had been receiving treatment. As a novice runner, Sam was averaging 19 miles a week.

Sam had no time off from her huge challenge, and raised £6,502 for the North Wales Cancer Appeal on behalf of her brother. The team were thrilled to receive the fantastic donation following the end of her challenge in January 2023.

February 2023

Thanks to Critical Care staff at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, families are now able to take a bereavement box home to support them through the loss of a loved one.

Sarah Anglesea-Davies and Katie Sinclair, both Senior Sisters, and Hayley Whitehead-Wright, Senior Staff Nurse, on the Critical Care Unit at the hospital have created the boxes to support families through an incredibly tough time. They felt it was the “right thing to do” for families.

The Unit sadly sees around 12 deaths per month, so the boxes make a difference to a large number of local families. On average the boxes cost £10 each and have only been made possible thanks to donations to the Wrexham Unit.



March 2023

Shaun Loughran has been receiving chemotherapy treatment at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre for over two years since being diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2020.

His good friend, Gary Eccleston, chose to raise money for the North Wales Cancer Appeal by trekking the Himalayas with the aim of completing three base camps, three peaks and three high passes in 21 days.



Gary completed the challenge and raised a huge £2,130 in the process, he said: “I thought I’d raise some money for a good cause and asked Shaun to choose a charity close to his heart, and he chose the North Wales Cancer Appeal.

“He’s been going through a lot with cancer, a brain tumour, and cancer again and still remains positive and is an absolute inspiration.”

About the charity

Awyr Las is the NHS charity for North Wales, the area served by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). The charity's purpose is to help people, especially the most vulnerable people, across the region access the very best healthcare and wellbeing support in a timely way.

In practice, this means that donations to Awyr Las fund things like:

- ✓ Brand new equipment and technology
- ✓ Specialist training and development opportunities for NHS staff and volunteers
- ✓ Innovative research projects and trials
- ✓ Additional services, for example, complementary therapy for patients with cancer
- ✓ Extra patient comforts, such as more comfortable dialysis chairs

Everything that the charity funds goes over and above what the NHS provides, complementing what the NHS already offers. Awyr Las does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government.

Together, the enhancements made possible by donations to Awyr Las help make sure that people in North Wales can benefit from better NHS services when they need them the most. Everything the charity can do is thanks to donations and grants from individuals, organisations and Foundations. The resulting improvements have made, and continue to make, a real difference to the lives of patients and NHS staff, in ways that would not have been possible without donations and support. The charity funds projects and ideas in hospitals and the community – from emergency departments to community resource teams, maternity wards to eye clinics – and through its 418 designated funds, can support all areas of healthcare in North Wales.



Derived from the geography of North Wales, the Awyr Las heart motif is symbolic of the charity's duty to enhance healthcare for everyone in the region.

Designated funds

Awyr Las is currently comprised of 418 designated funds, representing almost every BCUHB ward, service, department and project across North Wales.

Designated funds are aligned with specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least one Fund Advisor named. It is the responsibility of Fund Advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives. Fund Advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department. The role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS – people like Ward Managers, Consultants and Matrons – and they use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and NHS staff.

When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward level.

Non-designated funds

Few wards, services and departments do not have a designated fund for their healthcare area. The Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team can provide support to establish one, or funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated fund.

When donors give to Awyr Las without specifying where they want the money to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated fund. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority. This is because they allow BCUHB staff who do not have their own fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are directed to priority projects.

Without a doubt, all donations from the public help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.

Vision

Patients in North Wales have the best experience in our hospitals and in our communities.

Mission

To improve the health and wellbeing of people across North Wales and deliver excellent care. In other words, the charity's mission is to help NHS teams in the region do more for their patients, through funding improvements to healthcare settings, supporting additional staff and patient wellbeing services and providing grants for research and innovation.

Purpose

To provide a meaningful, impactful means for those who want to support healthcare services to do so, in a way that supports local evidence-based priorities.

Values

Awyr Las shares the same set of values that guides the Health Board's work. These are:

- ✓ Put patients first
- ✓ Work together
- ✓ Value and respect each other
- ✓ Learn and innovate
- ✓ Communicate openly and honestly

The Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team and the Board, as well as over 19,000 BCUHB employees who represent Awyr Las, are responsible for ensuring that everything the charity does reflects these ideals. In addition to the shared values, the work of the charity is underpinned by three guiding principles:

- ✓ Patients are at the heart of Awyr Las
- ✓ NHS staff are the lifeblood of Awyr Las
- ✓ Be true to those who support Awyr Las



I wanted others to benefit from the excellent care I had, and I wanted to say thank you to those who have taken such good care of me. Taking on the challenge and smashing my target was a great feeling. Seeing the gratitude from the nursing staff, and knowing I've helped others, is something that will stay with me forever.

Half marathon runner, Denbighshire

Strategy

For 75 years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services. A great deal has changed since Aneurin Bevan introduced the National Health Service: technology and new treatments are transforming healthcare and our lifestyles, most of us are living longer and our expectations are different. Modern health and social care, which focuses on keeping people healthy and well, is fundamentally different from the hospital-based NHS of 75 years ago.

Arguably, the pressure that the NHS faces now, post Covid-19 pandemic, are greater than ever. In March 2023, there were about 576,000 individual patients on treatment waiting lists in Wales.¹ One-year survival rates for most cancer types has decreased.² The picture looks bleak, but the response at a national level gives hope, with the introduction of plans to address challenges in both primary and secondary care.³

In 2021, as everyone began to reflect on the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had on North Wales, it became evident that the charity has a two-fold challenge. The charity needed to continue to provide the support for wards and departments in both primary and secondary care settings, whilst simultaneously securing the financial support needed to address the pressing issues outlined above in the short, medium, and long-term.

The charity worked with UCS Consultants in 2020/21 and then with Fundraising Training Ltd in 2022/23 to develop a new strategy for 2024-2027 and a long-term plan for Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships, which will be published in 2024. The Awyr Las strategy will be consistent with BCUHB's priorities as outlined in the "Living Healthier, Staying Well" plan, namely:

- ✓ Setting up lifestyle services that help people make the right choices and keep well
- ✓ Tackling health inequalities and promoting equality
- ✓ Making the most of our partnership working
- ✓ Strengthening our protection and prevention services
- ✓ Concentrating on health in the early years

The charity's new strategy will have a focus on making sure the right action is taken at the right time to help patients to access diagnosis, support, care and treatment in timely way, and help build long-term resilience in our local communities. Where possible, the charity will seek to support the programme for transforming and modernising planned care in Wales and reducing waiting lists⁴ by supporting the transformation of outpatient services, improving communication with patients and help minimise health inequalities.

The strategic planning and research that has taken place since 2021 has demonstrated the continued importance and relevance of both volunteering and philanthropic support – giving time and giving money – in enhancing patient care and experience. In recognition of this, Awyr Las is making a commitment to support the Health Board in North Wales to become a volunteer and supporter centric organisation by 2050. Instilling a culture within our NHS services that celebrates and encourages voluntary activity will help strengthen our healthcare services here in North Wales. This ambition aligns with the milestones laid out in Wales’ Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015).⁵ This Act puts in place seven well-being goals, which will underpin the principles of the charity strategy for 2024–2027.

1 [NHS activity and performance summary: March and April 2023 | GOV.WALES](#)

2 [Official statistics show impact of pandemic on cancer survival rates - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#)

3 See: [Strategic Programme - Primary Care One \(nhs.wales\)](#) and [A Healthier Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

4 [Our programme for transforming and modernising planned care in Wales and reducing the waiting lists \(gov.wales\)](#)

5 [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015: the essentials \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

The Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Support Team

Finance, fundraising and engagement, communications and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. This is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives. The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied and include:

- ✓ Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- ✓ Providing direction and practical help to the charity's Fund Advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- ✓ Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- ✓ Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- ✓ Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- ✓ Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- ✓ Supporting independent charities – such as the Leagues of Friends – who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to BCUHB, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work.

Reaching key milestones and adapting to change in 2022/23

During the first six months of 2022/23, the charity focussed on sustaining income generation whilst reviewing its strategic planning. The charity sought to develop its strategic and operational priorities over this period and NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) at this time carried out an internal audit. From September 2022 to March 2023, the Charity drew up a two-year development plan to address recommendations, with a particular focus on improving systems and introducing new processes to enhance effectiveness, especially around impact monitoring and reporting so the benefits and outcomes of charitable activities are shared more effectively. The recommendations included:

- Impetus on increasing awareness of the charity at all levels of the organisation.
- Policies and procedures associated with all aspects of the charity reviewed, to include grants management and reporting the impact of all charitable activity, fundraising, voluntary activity and governance effectiveness

Notably the following was achieved in 2022/23:

- ✓ A wide range of strategic programmes received funding and others were identified to receive charitable funding over the next five years to help enhance and transform patient services.
- ✓ Existing partnerships were nurtured and new relationships were created with potential donors to help ensure ongoing charitable funding for priority patient services, particularly in the areas of cancer care and mental health.
- ✓ The development of new communications and grants coordination work streams and successful recruitment to affiliated roles within the Charitable Funds support team.
- ✓ As well as supporting with a range of successful challenge activities, special events and corporate sponsorship opportunities throughout the year, planning for a memorable NHS 75th Anniversary event involving staff from across the region and raising substantial additional funds.

There were changes in the Charitable Funds Committee membership and in the Corporate Trustee Board membership in December 2022 and February 2023. The internal audit report presented in 2022/23 provided reasonable assurance on all aspects of the Charity that were reviewed apart from governance arrangements, which were given a limited assurance rating, with the cancellation of Charity Committee meetings being cited as a reason for this. The governance recommendations have and are being addressed with the new members. A number of agreed actions will be completed by the end of 2023/24, which include:

- ✓ New charity governance procedures including: Charitable Funds Committee Terms of Reference, Financial Procedures and Policies; Fundraising and Donation Guidance; Volunteer co-ordination
- ✓ New systems including: Support Care package; Charitable Grants monitoring
- ✓ New plans including the Strategy for 2024-2027

The feedback from patients, service users and staff who have benefitted from the charity, and who have chosen to help make a difference for patients through supporting the charity, demonstrates that, whilst improvements will always be made to how the charity operates, in 2022/23, the charity made a significant difference for communities across North Wales and is greatly appreciated across the region.

More heart-warming stories

Thirty-five hardy souls braved the cold in January 2022 and walked 25km and 50km in aid of the Conwy Child Development Centre in Ysgol y Gogarth, Llandudno.

The walk was organised by Tom Prytherch and the team raised an incredible £3,715 for the centre to help provide added extras for children in the local area, including adding a new sand pit for the children to enjoy.

Tom said: "Noah, my four-year-old grandson, goes to Conwy Child Development Centre and he loves it there. "We walked around Llandudno and the Great Orme, we had a fantastic day and I'm organising another walk next year for the same cause."



Kind-hearted bikers donated over 100 Easter eggs to the Children's Ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd, and presented Alaw Ward with a £1,312 cheque!

The Anglesey Motorbike Club hold an annual Easter egg run around Anglesey, and over 230 motorbikes joined in the fun in 2022. Each rider donated at least £5, and many also donated Easter eggs to go to the Children's Ward at the hospital.



Fundraiser John Parry walked 17 miles from Caernarfon Castle to the summit of Yr Wyddfa with a group of 15 friends to raise money for the Urology Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd. The team also chose to wear catheters to highlight urology causes.

John and his team raised an incredible £2,700 for the unit to help provide added extras for patients that go over and above what the NHS can fund. Linda Williams, Uro-Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, said: "The staff on the Urology Unit are extremely grateful for Mr Parry's efforts in raising money for the unit, and also for raising awareness of urology issues."



A former health care worker from the Ablett Ward retired after 23 years and raised £1,270 for patients on the ward.

Roger Clayton felt it was time to pursue new challenges but wanted to do something as a parting gift for his former colleagues and patients, so walked the entire Anglesey Coastal path in nine days, a total of 144 miles!



The Flying9's Car Club drove 300 miles to all 14 castles located in North and Mid Wales in aid of the Friends of Renal Care at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

Justin Humphries, one of the organisers, wanted to thank the Friends of Renal Care and the staff at the hospital for the amazing care he received during and after his kidney transplant in 2016.

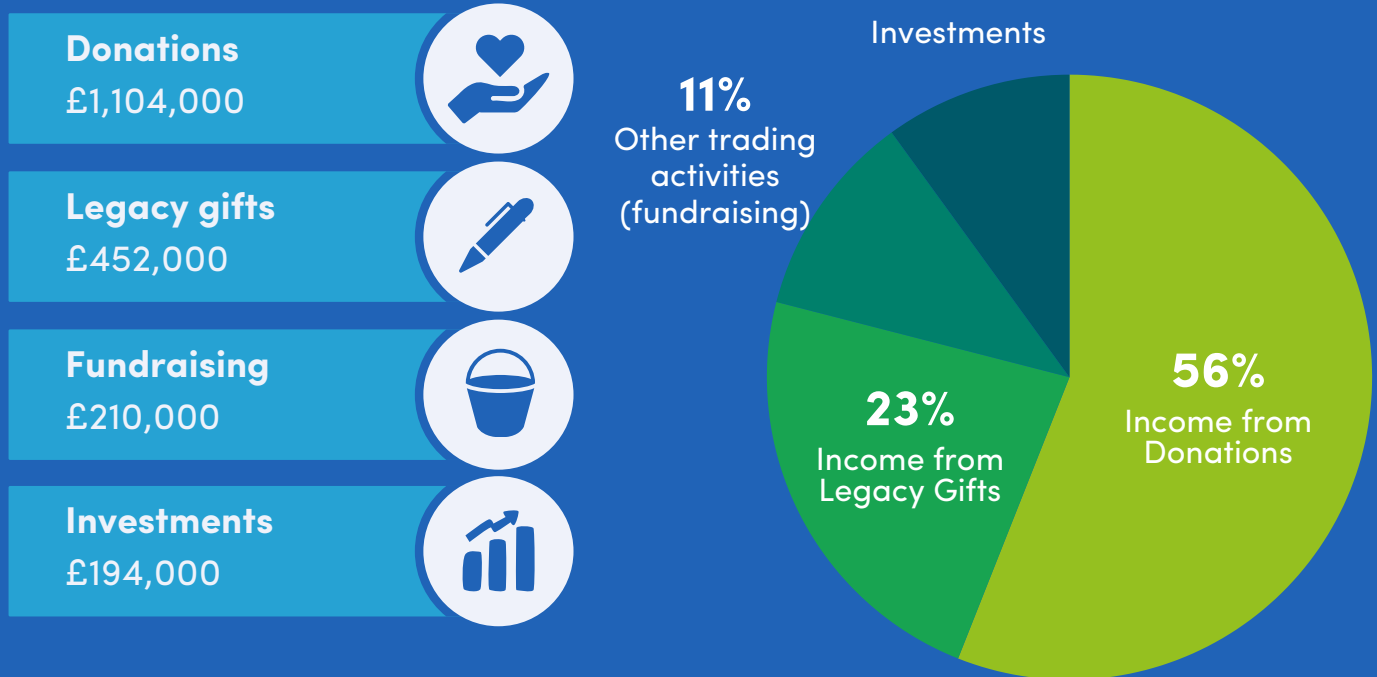
The Flying 9's Club started at Flint Castle, drove down to Powis Castle and Castell y Bere in Mid Wales, coming back to Conwy Castle all in one day, raising over £2,500!



The year at a glance

In the 2022/23 financial year, Awyr Las received an incredible amount of donations that has, and will, enable us to fund research, equipment, training, and patient and staff amenities.

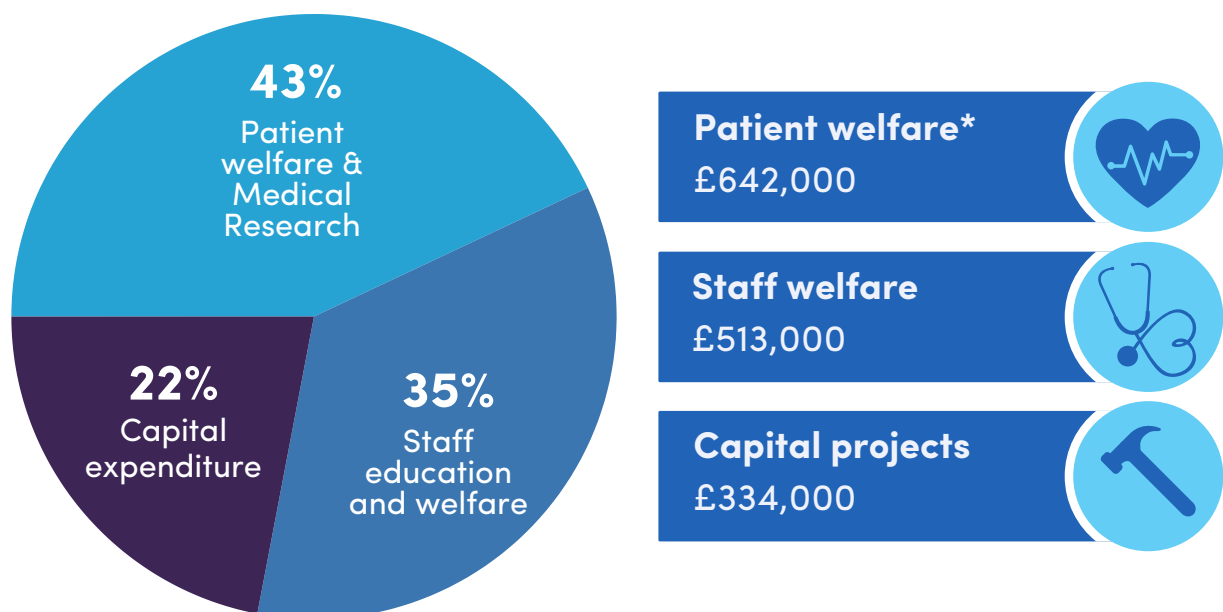
Income



Total income: £1,960,000

Expenditure

Awyr Las has funded some amazing items that have allowed the NHS to go over and above for patients, families and staff members across North Wales. Below show where donations have been spent throughout the year.

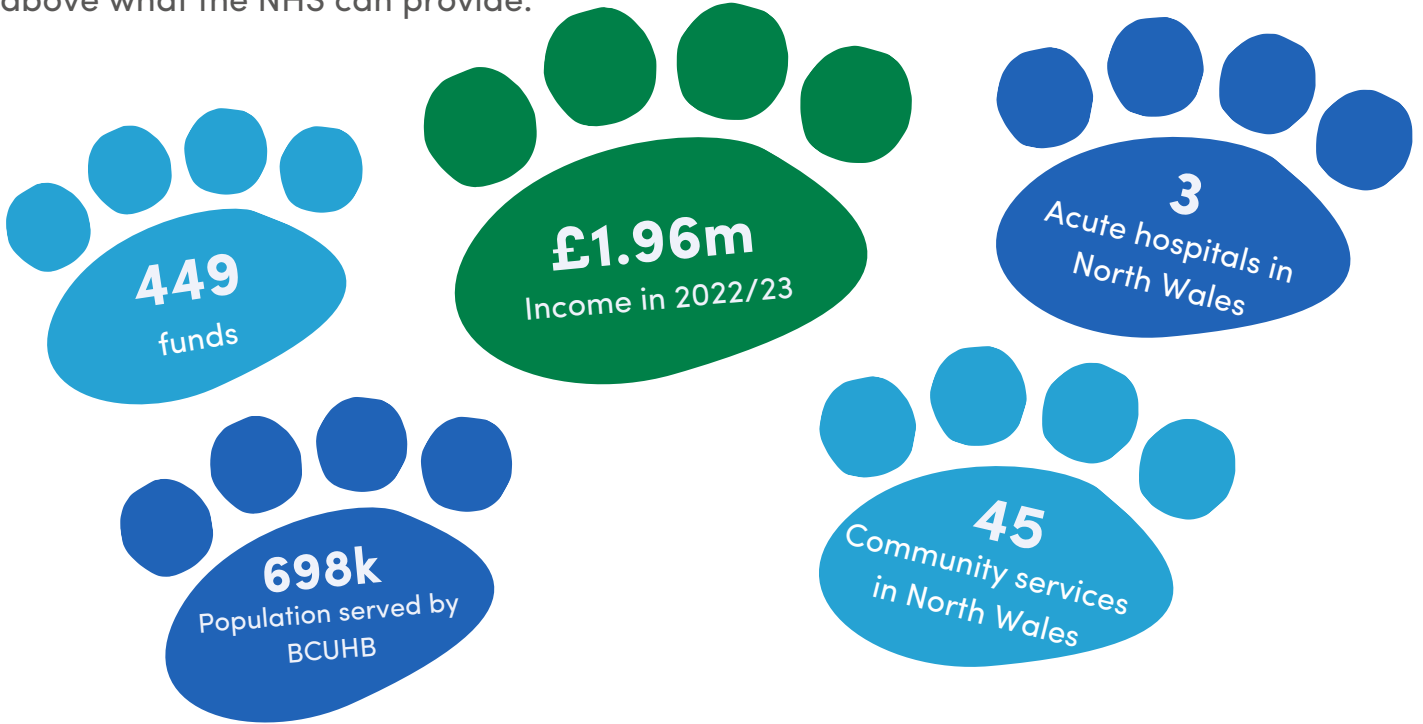


Total expenditure: £1,489,000

*Total Patient Education & Welfare and Medical Research expenditure is made up of Patient Expenditure and Welfare £688,000, however this is offset by a negative expenditure of £46,000 against Medical Research due to a breast cancer related research project being withdrawn by the applicant due to a change in circumstances.

Background information

Awyr Las covers the whole of North Wales and uses donations to improve healthcare in acute hospitals and community sites across the region. Almost every ward, department or service has a designated fund that can be used to fund things that go over and above what the NHS can provide.



Priority areas

Cancer care, children's services, mental health and research are some of Awyr Las' priority areas for improving care, treatment and support for patients and their families. Over the 2022/23 financial year, huge steps have been taken to provide care that is over and above what the NHS can provide.



What can be funded with your donations?

£10,000

A suicide prevention programme

£1,000

The installation of three defibrillators in towns and rural areas across North Wales

£250

Garden furniture to support with patient rehabilitation

£50

One night's stay in parental accommodation

£5

Toys for children

£5,000

Additional equipment for wards and departments to support patients through their treatment and recovery

£500

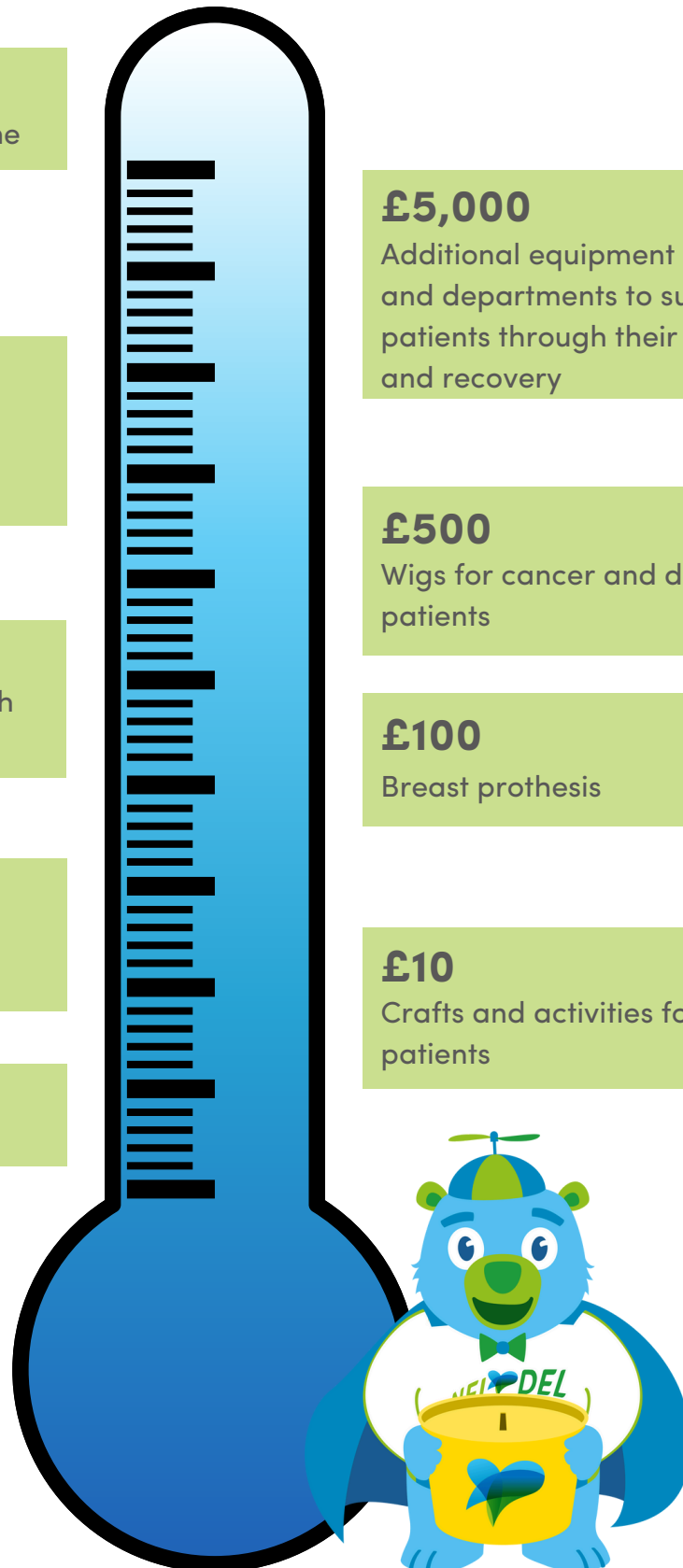
Wigs for cancer and dermatology patients

£100

Breast prosthesis

£10

Crafts and activities for dementia patients



The impact of your support

Families, organisations, businesses and individuals together made 4,052 donations to Awyr Las in 2022/23. All donations have and will make a difference for patients, their families and for NHS staff, volunteers and partners. The average donation amount in 2022/23 was £318.85.

Donations given this year have helped fund small comforts to big projects including toys and games for children and dementia patients, to large-scale capital projects to improve services across the Health Board.

Magic table for rehabilitation

Patients living with cognitive challenges including dementia, learning disabilities and those going through long-term rehabilitation in Llandudno were supplied with a new Magic Table thanks to funding from The North Wales NHS Charity.

A new table was funded in the 2022/23 year, and the interactive light technology has been helping to stimulate physical cognitive engagement with excellent results. The table is lightweight meaning it can be moved between social spaces and rooms to benefit all patients in rehabilitation.



Dementia activities

Gardening is an activity proven to alleviate stress, anxiety and boredom for people living with dementia, and throughout summer 2022, patients at Colwyn Bay Community Hospital and Llandudno General Hospital were able to receive tabletop sessions thanks to your donations.

Tabletop sessions were provided by The King's Fund following an approved grant for the two community hospitals to help stimulate senses and memory in dementia patients.

First in Wales bladder treatment

A new cutting-edge technology using lasers to treat bladder cancer and other bladder issues was approved in 2022/23. The laser treatment is now offered at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, the first in Wales to be able to offer this treatment thanks to charitable funding of £14,275.

The Trans Urethral Laser Ablation (TULA) has been proven to be highly effective in treating early-stage bladder cancer with minimal side effects and a high success rate. More importantly, the treatment can be done through outpatients reducing the amount of time patients need to be in hospital for procedures.

Surgeon Professor Iqbal Shergill, Urology Clinical Lead at the hospital, said: "You can have TULA under local anaesthesia in urology procedures and in most cases you should be able to go home the same day following the procedure, and it only takes between 10 and 20 minutes to complete."



Preventing hair loss with cold caps

Cold caps are incredible pieces of equipment that are offered to chemotherapy patients throughout North Wales to help prevent hair loss during treatment.

In 2022/23 new cold caps were funded at each cancer unit to ensure that all patients wanting to try using cold caps are able to throughout their chemotherapy treatment.

Over £100,000 has been spent on increasing the amount of cold caps available throughout the region meaning more patients can be offered a cold cap at their appointments. The treatment has been proven to work incredibly well for some patients.

The cold cap reduces the temperature of the scalp, making blood vessels smaller and reducing the blood flow to the scalp which can stop some chemotherapy drugs from affecting hair follicles.

The caps are worn throughout each chemotherapy treatment and is an optional treatment that goes over and above what the NHS would usually offer. The treatment wouldn't be made possible without incredibly kind donations to our cancer units.



Legacy gifts

NHS services in North Wales are fortunate to be remembered by so many people each year in their wills. Legacy gifts help fund research, cutting-edge equipment and special projects. The legacy of those who choose to include a healthcare service in their will can be felt for many years by patients and staff who benefit from their generosity.

In 2022/23, Awyr Las received a total of £452,000 in legacy gifts, making a huge difference to patients and services across North Wales.

All legacies, large and small, help make a difference for patients.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in Kind worth £1,859 were received and used for the benefit of patients and staff in 2022/23. This figure is considerably lower than the 2021/22 value of Gifts in Kind, which stood at £5,935. There are plans to introduce a new system to record Gifts in Kind from 2024/25 so all donated items and services, including food, toys, gardening supplies and other equipment are:

- ✓ Recorded and reported effectively
- ✓ Reviewed by infection prevention and/or all relevant internal service teams so all necessary risk assessments can be completed in advance of receipt
- ✓ Appropriately acknowledged so those donating receive the recognition they deserve

Grateful thanks to everyone who chooses to donate items and services for the benefit of patients and staff. Your support is hugely appreciated by all who benefit!

Star Box

Thanks to incredible sponsors including Shooting Star Cancer Support, NetWorld Sports, Yorkshire Tea, Morrisons Wrexham, Asda Wrexham, Lyan Packaging, Gresford Craft Group, Love Hope Strength Foundation, Bidfood and Kevin Longley Chocolatier, the Star Box was formed in 2023.

The box is made up of comforting and useful items for new chemotherapy patients and is there to offer a little bit of extra support and comfort at the start of treatment.

The Shooting Star Unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital see around 40 new chemotherapy patients per month and have been providing all new patients with a Star Box since launching in early 2023, this wouldn't have been made possible without organisations offering gifts to help create the boxes.



Vara Sports

Just before Christmas 2022, Vara Sports made a festive trip to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd's Children's Unit to spread some festive cheer with a huge delivery of toys!

The team delivered over £400 worth of toys to the Children's Unit to help children who sadly had to spend time in hospital over the Christmas period, to have a little bit of fun on the ward. A huge thank you goes to everyone at Vara Sports who contributed to this incredible donation.



Penrallt Baptist Church

Wards and departments at Ysbyty Gwynedd received an amazing donation of Christmas goodies from Penrallt Baptist Church in Bangor. Minister John delivered the sweet treats to be delivered to wards and departments throughout the hospital so they can enjoy a little bit of festive cheer this year!

A huge thanks goes to all that donated at Penrallt Baptist Church.



RAF Valley

The team at RAF Valley have donated hundreds of items over the years to benefit patients at Christmas time.

Padre Mike, Reverend at RAF Valley who leads on the donations, said: "We are so happy to donate to staff and patients in Ysbyty Gwynedd to bring a little festive cheer at Christmas. We hope everyone enjoys their treats this year." The gifts were given to wards throughout Ysbyty Gwynedd to help bring a little bit of Christmas spirit to the hospital over the festive period.



Looking ahead

The charity's focus for 2023/24 will be to draw up and lay the foundations for the charity's 2024-2027 strategy. The charity will also ensure the 75th anniversary year of the NHS is recognised with celebration and with investment that will help to ensure that the people of North Wales will receive excellent care in hospitals and in the community for decades to come.

As well as redoubling the charity's focus on early intervention, a new strategy for 2024-2027 will provide a road-map for addressing several key themes that emerged during the pandemic, including:

- ✓ Supporting staff health and wellbeing, making sure they are cared for and supported to remain resilient
- ✓ Encouraging innovation and research to help drive improvements in the quality of care and the patient experience in North Wales
- ✓ Collaborating with health and social care providers, local charities, our communities, and our patients and their families to build strong relationships that enable us to find creative solutions to the challenges we face.

Volunteer support

Additionally, we continue to seek to build on the relationships made with local people and community groups which have chosen to support Awyr Las in recent years.



Governance

Linked charities

The charity's registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active subsidiary, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity's funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals. The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year's annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity's governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees have concluded that the Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity.

The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS

Investment advisors: Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR

Registered auditors: Audit Wales, 1 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, Awyr Las invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2022/23, Brewin Dolphin Limited was the charity's investment manager.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

Investment strategy

The Ethical Framework has given direction to the Investment Managers to develop a suitable investment strategy. The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity.

During the financial year 2022/23, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy. It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

Alcoholic products

Tobacco products

Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities, investment in companies which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation and/or which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted. In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported.

Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board.

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, held within the BCUHB charity, Awyr Las. All voting members of the Health Board can act as corporate trustees of the charity. The committee ordinarily meets quarterly. In 2022/23 exceptional circumstances led to some significant changes within the Health Board's Executive and Non-Executive teams, which meant that some planned meetings needed to be postponed or cancelled altogether. The meeting agendas, minutes and attendance of the meetings held in 2022/23 can be found here: [Charitable Funds Committee – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#).

Membership

Members: Up to four Independent Members, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee and three Executive Members

Chair: An Independent Member

Vice Chair: Another Independent Member

Executive Members:

Executive Director of Finance (Lead Director)

Executive Director of Nursing

Executive Medical Director

Charitable Funds Committee membership 2022/23

A number of changes to Committee membership occurred during the year and are reflected in the table at Appendix 1.

BCUHB Board Membership 2022/23

A number of changes to Board membership, including interim and acting up arrangements, have occurred during the year and are reflected in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team and the Charitable Funds Committee undertake a number of key activities.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish its goal, the Charity Support Team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas. The charity continues to embrace technology, including video conferencing, to stay connected with staff.

Evaluating requests for funding

To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require ratification and/or authorisation from the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC), which is a committee of the full Health Board.

The Charitable Funds Advisory Group (CFAG) was established at the start of 2016 to provide further scrutiny of applications. The CFAG is a sub-committee of the Charitable Funds Committee. The CFAG now reviews applications online, rather than in person. The CFAG has a remit to consider all funding applications over £5,000 from general or specific charitable funds and recommend them for approval or rejection to the Charitable Funds Committee. The Charitable Funds Committee then approves, rejects or requests more information for the applications.

Membership of the CFAG is varied. Like the CFC, members of the CFAG use their specialist knowledge to make informed decisions on funding, taking into account local needs and organisational priorities.

Applying for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outcomes and how they will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities.

Complaints

The Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or Awyr Las volunteers in 2022/23. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team

To help meet the charity's objectives, the Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team works thematically, with dedicated communications, partnership and finance support roles within the team. The charity's Support Team continues to streamline its processes and develop relationships with other teams within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor and partner care.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year, and when considering applications for grant funding, the trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a Fund Advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests of £5,000 or more. The Charitable Funds Advisory Group (CFAG) has a remit to consider all funding applications over £5,000 and recommend them for approval or rejection to the Charitable Funds Committee. The Charitable Funds Committee then takes the decision based on the information provided in the applications and from the CFAG members. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able meet the objectives set out by the applicant.

Non-designated funds

These funds are given to the charity with no preference expressed by the donor. They are used to fund things that are needed either across the region, or in areas/services that do not have their own fund.

The Finance Director acts as the Fund Advisor on non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Non-designated funds have been decreasing in value significantly over recent years. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits the things that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

Designated funds

Within Awyr Las, most donations sit in one of the 418 designated funds, which are aligned to specific wards and departments. Every fund has at least one Fund Advisor, who is the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund Advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts, which carry an unqualified audit report. The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts. The full accounts have also been logged with the Charity Commission. Almost all the charity's income comes from the voluntary efforts of NHS staff and the general public.

This year, donations generated £1,104,000 - 56% of the charity's total income. Legacy gifts formed 23% of the charity's income (£452,000). Fundraising accounted for 11% of the charity's total income (£210,000). Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £194,000 in returns, equating to 10% of Awyr Las' total income.

Financial health

The assets and liabilities of Awyr Las as at 31st March 2023 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2022. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Note				
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150
Investments	15	3,813	6,014	9,827
Total fixed assets		3,963	6,014	9,977
Current assets:				
Debtors	16	669	1,015	1,684
Cash and cash equivalents	17	589	895	1,484
Total current assets		1,258	1,910	3,168
Liabilities:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(356)	(544)	(900)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		902	1,366	2,268
Total assets less current liabilities		4,865	7,380	12,245
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(178)	(266)	(444)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		4,687	7,114	11,801
The funds of the charity:				
Restricted income funds	21	0	7,114	7,114
Unrestricted income funds	21	4,672	0	4,672
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15
Total funds		4,687	7,114	11,801

The notes on pages 36 to page 59 form part of these accounts.

Signed :

Name : Dyfed Jones (Chair of Trustees)

Date : 15/04/2023

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings, the trustees consider the major risks facing Awyr Las.

Managing risk

The main risks to the charity are usually reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis. The charity's Risk Register can be viewed here, pages 207–226: [Bundle Charitable Funds Committee 18 October 2022 \(nhs.wales\)](#). An individual risk analysis is completed for all Awyr Las events and activities, and for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the Charitable Funds and Charitable Partnerships Team.

Reserves

Reserves are the charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and provides an indicator of future funding needs and its overall resilience.

The reserves policy takes into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. If reserves are too low, then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy that includes a target level of reserves. As is good practice, the reserves policy is kept under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee reviews the Awyr Las Reserves Policy and the target level of reserves annually. In March 2022, it was agreed that the target level of reserves would be based on expenditure that has been approved in principle, as well as considering the latest audited accounts.

The charity's target level of reserves is based on the following calculation:

- One year's operational costs
- 25% of the 3-year average value of investments held
- 25% of the 3-year average value of charitable activity (grants) expenditure

The reserves target for 2022/23, set by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2022 is £3.754 million.

Total funds of the Charity at 31 March 2023 were £11.8million (2021-22: £12.3million) of which £7.1million is restricted and £4.7million is unrestricted (2021-22: £6.9million and £5.4million).

The Charity is therefore holding reserves (£4.7million) at a higher level than the target value (£3.754million).

The unrealised investment losses during 2022-23 are £0.702million. An element of these unrealised losses have already corrected in the first half year of 2023-24.

This highlights the importance of generating unrestricted donations for the Charity so that the Trustee has the maximum flexibility to respond to future needs of patients as they arise.

One of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets (see tangible fixed assets, note 14 in the Accounts)

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two subsidiary charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- The North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Total Funds	
Note	£000	£000	2022-23 £000	
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	1,002	554	1,556
Other trading activities	5	150	60	210
Investments	6	98	96	194
Total incoming resources	1,250	710	1,960	
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	146	149	295
Charitable activities	8	999	490	1,489
Total expenditure	1,145	639	1,784	
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	(350)	(352)	(702)
Net income / (expenditure)	(245)	(281)	(526)	
Transfer between funds	20	(458)	458	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(703)	177	(526)	
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	5,390	6,937	12,327
Total Funds carried forward	4,687	7,114	11,801	

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	727	1,750	2,477
Other trading activities	5	210	48	258
Investments	6	59	43	102
Total incoming resources		996	1,841	2,837
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	230	140	370
Charitable activities	8	747	280	1,027
Total expenditure		977	420	1,397
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	160	108	268
Net income / (expenditure)		179	1,529	1,708
Transfer between funds	20	(63)	63	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		116	1,592	1,708
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	5,274	5,345	10,619
Total Funds carried forward		5,390	6,937	12,327

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	150
Investments	15	3,813	6,014	9,827	10,386
Total fixed assets		3,963	6,014	9,977	10,536
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	669	1,015	1,684	1,833
Cash and cash equivalents	17	589	895	1,484	1,120
Total current assets		1,258	1,910	3,168	2,953
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(356)	(544)	(900)	(996)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		902	1,366	2,268	1,957
Total assets less current liabilities		4,865	7,380	12,245	12,493
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(178)	(266)	(444)	(166)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		4,687	7,114	11,801	12,327
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	7,114	7,114	6,937
Unrestricted income funds	21	4,672	0	4,672	5,375
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15	15
Total funds		4,687	7,114	11,801	12,327

The notes on pages 36 to page 59 form part of these accounts.

Signed :

Name : Dyfed Jones (Chair of Trustees)

Date : 15/04/2023

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2023

	Note	Total Funds 2022-23 £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19	313	153
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	194	102
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	1,541	7,902
Purchase of investments	15	(1,805)	(8,275)
(Increase) / decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	122	311
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		52	40
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		365	193
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	1,119	926
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	1,484	1,119

Note on the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

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

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applied to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from appeals or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub-analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment). The charity has no permanent or expendable endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year and deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable, whichever falls sooner.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability is disclosed.

g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

k) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at the current mid price market value quoted by the Investment Managers, Brewin Dolphin. The SORP recommends that the bid price market value be used in valuing stocks and shares, although the difference between bid and mid market price is not material, the difference as at 31st March 2023 being £3.8k.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

l) Debtors

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

m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

n) Creditors

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

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

o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2 Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £1.38million (2021-22: £0.94 million).

Under the FReM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.16 million (2021-22: £1.24 million). The Charity reported liabilities of £0.26m with the Health Board as at 31st March 2023 (2021-22: £0.29m).

The audited accounts of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

All Board Members are required to submit an annual Declaration of Interests covering the following seven areas:

- Interest in a company which may compete for an NHS contract to supply goods and services to Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board
- Any self-beneficial interest in a private care home, hostel or independent health care provider
- Any relevant outside employment, including self employment, whilst employed by the Health Board
- Interest in the Pharmaceutical Industry or Allied Commercial Sector
- Personal links to, or relationships with, individuals in local or national government / AMs / MPs

- Councillorships, Directorships or any other relevant position
- Any other matters to declare (including issues relating to personal relationships and maintaining clear professional boundaries)

Declarations are also required where an individual Board member does not have any interests to declare.

The following tables details all interests declared by Board Members during the 2022-23 financial year including any material transactions with related parties.

Directors/Executive Directors

Name	Details of positions held during the financial year	Dates positions held	Details of interest declared
J Whitehead	Chief Executive	01.04.22 - 15.11.22	Spouse is on the GP Performers List and works as a locum in GP practices and the Health Board's Out of Hours service.
N Lyons	Executive Medical Director	01.04.22 - 31.03.23	Wife works for the Health Board as an Allied Health Professional (AHP) in Cancer Services.
G Thomason	Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery	01.04.22 - 31.07.22	Director of Regency Circle Ltd, a provider of management consultancy services.
A Wood	Executive Director of Nursing	01.08.22 - 31.03.23	Member of the Royal College of Nursing
R Nolan	Acting Executive Director of Finance	01.09.22 - 30.11.22	Wife is Regional Assurance Director for Mersey Internal Audit Agency Stepson works for Meditech as a software developer Director and Trustee, BMC access and Conservation Trust
S Webster	Interim Executive Director of Finance	03.01.23 - 31.03.23	Director, Respiratory Innovation Wales Limited

J C Stockport	Executive Director Transformation and Strategic Planning	01.04.22 - 31.03.23	Director, Great Selection Trading Ltd
A Thomas	Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.04.22 - 16.10.22	Spouse is employed by Boots UK as an Accuracy Checking Technician Son is employed by the Health Board (nature of the role has not been disclosed).
G Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.04.22 - 31.03.23	Wife is an employee of the Health Board as a Nurse on an Intensive Care Unit

Independent Board Members

M Polin OBE QPM	Chair	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	Wife is employed by the Health Board as a Health Visitor
D Edwards	Chair	27.02.23 - 31.03.23	Llund Bol Foodbank - Volunteer Non-Executive Director - Antur Nantlle Cyfyngedig Former Non-Executive Director - Welsh Finance Authority (to 27.02.23) Former Non-Executive Director - Public Health Wales NHS Trust (to 27.02.23) Commissioner - Northern Transport Commission Member - Welsh Language Partnership Council, Welsh Government Member - Plaid Cymru Member - CND Cymru Member - Institute of Welsh Affairs Member - Calfaria Chapel, Penygroes Wife is employed by the Health Board as a Lead Practice Education Facilitator Sister-in-law is employed by the Health Board as a Sonographer

LJ Reid	Independent Member and Vice Chair	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	<p>Committee Chair for the Primary Care Appeals Service, NHS Resolution</p> <p>Specialist advisor for the Care Quality Commission</p> <p>Justice of the Peace for HMCTS, North Wales Central</p> <p>Director of Anakrisis Ltd which provides specialist training and advisory services to NHS England</p> <p>Husband is a GP in St Asaph, Denbighshire</p>
Prof N Callow	Independent Member	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	<p>Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching and Head of College of Human Sciences, Bangor University</p>
Cllr C Carlisle	Independent Member	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	<p>County Councillor for Colwyn Ward, Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding</p> <p>Deputy Chairman (political) Clwyd West Conservatives</p> <p>Governor at Ysgol Bryn Elian</p> <p>Member of the Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Adoption Panel</p> <p>Panel member of Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board</p>
J Cunliffe	Independent Member	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	<p>Director of Abernet Ltd</p> <p>Member of the Joint Audit Committee, North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner</p>
H Hesketh Evans OBE	Independent Member	01.04.22 - 27.02.23	<p>Councillor for Denbighshire County Council</p> <p>Founder Chairman and Member North Wales Economic Ambition Board</p>
J F Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.22 - 27.03.23	<p>Daughter is employed in an administrative role for the Health Visitor Team in Caernarfon</p>

Cllr R Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.22 – 27.02.23	Director of Meditel Limited Local Authority member of Plaid Cymru, Gwynedd County Council Member of the Care Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee at Gwynedd County Council Councillor – Bangor City Community/Town Council
R Micklewright	Independent Member	01.04.22 – 27.02.23	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Member of the Institute of Directors Director, Dairyscroft Ltd Wife works in the NHS
J Gallanders BEM	Independent Member	01.04.22 – 27.02.23	Clerk at Maelor South Community Council Chair at Wrexham Warehouse Project
L Tomos CBE	Independent Member	01.04.22 – 27.02.23	Trustee for Cygnor Llyfrau Cymru/Books Council of Wales
G Williams	Independent Member	27.02.23 – 31.03.23	Welsh Government – Chair of the expert panel supporting the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales Director – Galdeford Investments Ltd Director – Ludlow and District Community Association Ltd T/A Ludlow Assembly Rooms Chair and Director – Mid Wales Opera Ltd
K Balmer CPFA	Independent Member	27.02.23 – 31.03.23	Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Chief Executive Officer Groundwork North Wales Board Member Natural Resources Wales Founder and Trustee Cycling 4 All Director, IK Tech Limited Director, Nant Mill Community Trust Director, Skill Hive CIC
R Watcyn Jones	Independent Member	27.02.23 – 31.03.23	Trustee and Chair of Hanes Llandoch

Associate Board Members

M Edwards	Associate Board Member	01.04.22 – 25.06.22	Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services at Gwynedd Council Lead Director for ADSS Cymru on the Welsh Language Member of the Welsh Language Partnership Board Chair of the Regional Integrated Commissioning Board Member of the Regional Partnership Board
F Roberts	Associate Board Member	29.07.22 – 31.03.23	Director of Social Services and Head of Children's Services Isle of Anglesey County Council Leadership Group Member ADSS Cymru Chair Person Dawns i Bawb
C Budden	Associate Board Member	01.04.22 – 31.03.23	Chef Executive of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Director, Tai Elwy Limited Director, Tir Tai Limited Director, Penarian Housing Finance plc Welsh Government Housing Support National Advisory Board Member Vice Chair of the North Wales and Mersey Dee Business Council Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing
J Wild	Associate Board Member	01.04.22 – 31.03.23	Trustee and Officer of the British Society of Audiology Sister is a GP

Footnote *

No other Health Board members who served during the 2022-23 financial year disclosed any related party interests.

Where Directors had made declarations in previous years but these had not been updated in 2022-23 the most recent available information, including the year of declaration, has been included in this note.

The following Directors made nil declarations in 2021-22 but these were not updated or confirmed for 2022-23:

Name	Details of position	Date position held
A L Brereton	Board Secretary	01.04.2022 - 03.04.2022
G Harris	Executive Director of Integrated Clinical Delivery/Deputy Chief Executive Acting Chief Executive	01.04.2022 - 15.11.2022 16.11.2022 - 31.03.2023

H Hesketh Evans joined and left the Health Board during the year and did not make a declaration. Information within the note was published on the Health Board's website during the term of office.

Material transactions between the Charity and related parties disclosed during 2022-23 were as follows:	Expenditure with related party £000	Amounts owed to related party £000	Income from related party £000	Amounts owed by related party £000
Bangor University	43.9	6.3	1.6	0.0
Conwy County Council	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Denbighshire County Council	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cyngor Gwynedd/Gwynedd County Council	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Groundwork North Wales	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Donations	1,002	102	1,104	746
Legacies	0	452	452	1,731
	<u>1,002</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>2,477</u>

4 Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- Fund advisors – Within the Charity there are 449 (2021-22: 435) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000 and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- Fundraisers – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £210,000 income from other trading activities during the financial year (2021-22 £258,000).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	93	96	189	102
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	5	0	5	0
	98	96	194	102

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Fundraising office	115	114	229	241
Fundraising events	6	5	11	57
Investment management	17	17	34	38
Support costs	8	13	21	34
	146	149	295	370

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	310	24	334	153
Staff education and welfare (including gift in kind)	480	33	513	78
Patient education and welfare	647	41	688	635
Medical research	(56)	10	(46)	160
	1,381	108	1,489	1,026

Gifts in kind worth £1,859 were received and used for the benefit of staff in 2022-23 (2021-22 £5,935).

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees do make grant awards based on invited applications from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	575	166	741	1,010
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities	23	276	299	(269)
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	598	442	1,040	741

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year. However, some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the balance held in these funds.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Governance				
External audit	4	20	24	21
Finance and administration	7	37	44	45
Total governance	11	57	68	66
Finance and administration	8	43	51	50
Other costs	2	8	10	9
	21	108	129	125

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2022-23 £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000
Raising funds	8	13	21	33
Charitable activities	42	66	108	92
	50	79	129	125

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £24,174 (2021-22: £20,937) related solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2022-23 £000	Freehold land 2021-22 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	150	150
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	150	150
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity, for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The land was independently and professionally valued at open market value by the District Valuer in March 2021. There has been no impairment to the land in 2022-23. The charity is reviewing options on the use of the land and intends to decide on plans for its future sale or use in 2024/25

15. Fixed asset investments

Movement in fixed assets investments

	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Market value brought forward	10,387	10,057
Add: additions to investments at cost	1,805	8,275
Less disposals at carrying value	(1,541)	(7,902)
Increase / (decrease) in cash awaiting investment	(122)	(311)
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	(702)	268
Market value as at 31 March	<u>9,827</u>	<u>10,387</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio which is managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy. A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

The environment for investors remains challenging, highly volatile and valuations are much lower. In managing our portfolios, Brewin Dolphin Limited assess these risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year

	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Accrued income	1,646	1,807
Prepayments	0	0
Other debtors	38	26
	<u>1,684</u>	<u>1,833</u>

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Cash in hand	1,484	1,120
	<u>1,484</u>	<u>1,120</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2023 £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	47	56
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	257	296
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	596	575
Other accruals	0	3
Deferred Income	0	66
	900	996
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	444	166
	444	166
Total creditors	1,344	1,162

19. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2022-23 £000	Total 2021-22 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	(526)	1,708
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	702	(268)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(194)	(102)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	149	(1,037)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	182	(148)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	313	153

20. Transfer between funds

There has been the following transfers between material designated funds:

- £457,716 was transferred from General Funds (unrestricted) to various restricted funds to reimburse net overall charity costs, less income from interest and investment gain/loss. This is also included in Other Funds in Note 21.b.

21. Analysis of funds

a) Analysis of restricted fund movement

	Balance 1 April 2022 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	196	3	(6)	15	(12)	196
Cardiology Fund - East	167	2	(31)	12	(9)	141
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	251	6	(7)	18	(14)	254
Wrexham Medical Institute	324	5	(10)	25	(19)	325
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - Glan	127	2	(6)	9	(7)	125
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	808	150	(117)	82	(64)	859
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	348	140	(15)	24	(17)	480
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	551	137	(34)	58	(45)	667
BCU Legacies Holding Fund	1,756	(205) **	0	0	0	1,551
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	669	25	(21)	52	(41)	684
Llandudno General Purposes	245	88	(10)	17	(12)	328
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purp	174	3	(22)	16	(12)	159
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	134	3	(12)	13	(10)	128
Renal Unit - YG	101	2	(13)	10	(8)	92
Oncology Fund - Glan Clwyd	99	2	(18)	8	(7)	84
Learning Disability Inpatients - BYN	0	125	(1)	0	2	126
Other Funds	987	222	(316)	99	(77)	915
	6,937	710	(639)	458	(352)	7,114

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies fund holds the accruals for legacies where probate has been granted, but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the accrual will be reversed out from the BCU Legacies Holding fund.

- **The negative £205,000 income reported against BCU Legacies Holding Fund is the net movement of entries on that fund. New Legacy income of £294,000 has been accrued in 2022-23, which is offset by a reversal of previous years legacy accruals of £359,000 which have now been received in year and moved to the applicable funds as income received, and a £140,000 reduction in values due to changes to the accrued Debtor Legacy from previous year.
- During 2022-23 Legacies cash of £359,000 was received and the original accrual reversed within the BCU Legacies Holding fund, with the income disclosed against the appropriate restricted funds in the year that it has been received, being £68,000 Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd, £84,000 Ysbyty Glan Clwyd General Fund, £84,000 Llandudno Hospital General Fund, £33,000 North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal, £2,000 Wrexham Maelor General Fund and £88,000 other various funds.
- The below table provides an analysis of the £359,000 Legacies income received and allocation of the income disclosed against the appropriate fund in 2022-23.

Fund	Allocation of 2022-23 Legacy Income received £'000
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	2
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	68
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	84
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	33
BCU Legacies Holding Fund	(359)
LLandudno General Purposes	84
Other Funds	88
Total	<u>0</u>

b) Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2022 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	358	26	(114)	0	0	270
Cardiology Department Central - Patients Fund	107	4	(39)	0	0	72
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	802	47	0	0	0	849
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	0	135
Alaw Ward - YG	765	273	(90)	0	0	948
Gynae Services - West	108	1	(21)	0	0	88
General Funds - West	133	(1)	0	0	0	132
General Funds - Llandudno	131	0	0	0	0	131
Ty Croeso - Dawn Elizabeth House Fund	9	131	(2)	0	0	138
General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses	1,979	0	0	12	(702)	1,289
Other Funds	848	769	(879)	(470)	352	620
	<u>5,375</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>(1,145)</u>	<u>(458)</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>4,672</u>

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The Investment Gains fund holds the unallocated and unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The General Funds include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year. No adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity has increased by £256,000 to the end of November 2023, as detailed below:

	31 March 2023 £000	30 November 2023 £000	Movement £000	Movement %
Investments	<u>9,827</u>	<u>10,083</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>2.61%</u>

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds.
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control.
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption.
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 16 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.

Russell Caldicott
Trustee's Finance Representative

Date of sign off 15/04/2024

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustee's Representatives are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Government, with the approval of HM Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Charity. In preparing those accounts, the Trustee's Representatives are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the First Minister for Wales with the approval of HM Treasury.
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Government. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Dyfed Jones

Trustee's Representative / Date 15/04/2024

Russell Caldicott

Trustee's Finance Representative / Date 15/04/2024

Audit Report

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 under the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for:

- maintaining sufficient accounting records;
- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view;
- internal controls as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees anticipate that the services provided by the charity will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My 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 my 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. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, the Head of Internal Audit and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in management override.
- Obtaining an understanding of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity.
- Obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above.
- Enquiring of management, the Charitable Funds Committee and legal advisors about actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and the trustees.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

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

Other auditor's responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Auditor General for Wales

29 April 2024

Tyndall Street

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Appendix 1: Board and Committee Membership 2022/23

A number of changes to Board membership, including interim and acting up arrangements, have occurred during 2022/23 and are reflected in the table below.

Name	Position	Term
Chris Stockport	Executive Director of Transformation, Strategic Planning and Commissioning	N/A
Gareth Evans	Acting Director of Therapies and Health Services	N/A
Adrian Thomas	Executive Director of Therapies and Health Services	Until 16 October 2022
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health	N/A
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce and Organisational Development	N/A

Committee membership

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Mark Polin	Chair (to 27.02.23)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the Board Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	
Lucy Reid	Independent Member Vice Chair (to 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Primary Care and Mental Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee Chair Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Cllr Cheryl Carlisle	Independent Member (to 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board member Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee Member Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee Member Charitable Funds Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carers Children and Young People
Cllr Richard Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member (to.27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board member Chair Audit Committee Vice Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient and Public Involvement Welsh Language
Prof Nicola Callow	Independent Member (to 27.02.2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board member Vice Chair Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Jackie Hughes	Independent Member (to 27.02.2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee Chair Charitable Funds Committee Ex Officio Local Partnership Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violence and aggression Equality
John Cunliffe	Independent Member (to 27.02.2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Chair Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee Member Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Hugh Evans	Independent Member (to 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Member Audit Committee Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Richard Micklewright	Independent Member (to 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Member Audit Committee Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee 	
Linda Tomas	Independent Member (to.27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee Chair Partnerships, People and Population Committee Member Charitable Funds Committee 	
Dyfed Edwards	Independent Member (from 27.02.2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chair Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Rhian Watcyn Jones	Independent Member (from 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (from 19.05.23) Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee (from 28.04.23) 	
Karen Balmer	Independent Member (from 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Chair Audit Committee (from 15.05.23) Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee (from 28.04.23) Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee (from 12.05.23) 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Gareth Williams	Independent Member (from 27.02.23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Chair Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee (from 12.05.23) Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee (from 28.04.23) Member Audit Committee (from 15.05.23) 	
Jo Whitehead	Chief Executive (to 15.11.22)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee In attendance Audit Committee (at least annually) Joint Chair / Member Local Partnership Forum 	
Gill Harris	<p>Deputy Chief Executive (to 15.11.22)</p> <p>Executive Director Integrated Clinical Delivery (from 01.04.23)</p> <p>Acting CEO (from 16.11.22 to 27.03.23)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (to July 2022) Member Local Partnership Forum In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee In attendance Audit Committee 	
Gaynor Thomason	Interim Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery (to 31.07.22)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Lead Director / in attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (to August 2022) Member Local Partnership Forum In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Angela Wood	Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery (from 01.08.22)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Lead Director / in attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (from August 2022) Member Local Partnerships Forum In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Sue Hill	Executive Director of Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member In attendance Audit Committee Lead Director / in attendance Charitable Funds Committee Lead Director / in attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee Member Local Partnership Forum 	
Rob Nolan	Acting Executive Director of Finance (from 12.10.22 to 12.11.22)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member In attendance Audit Committee Lead Director / in attendance Charitable Funds Committee Lead Director / in attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee Member Local Partnership Forum 	
Steve Webster	Interim Executive Director of Finance (from 03.01.23)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member In attendance Audit Committee Lead Director / in attendance Charitable Funds Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Director / in attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum 	
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / in attendance Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee 	
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce and Organisational Development (OD)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / in attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Dr Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director / Deputy CEO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Dr Chris Stockport	Executive Director of Transformation and Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director / in attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee 	
Adrian Thomas	Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences (to 16.10.22)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / in attendance Healthcare Professionals Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Gareth Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / in attendance Healthcare Professionals Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Molly Marcu	Interim Board Secretary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Audit Committee • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	

Associate Board Member

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board Committee membership	Champion roles
Morwena Edwards	Associate Member (to 25.06.22)	Representative of Directors of Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Clare Budden	Associate Member	Chair Stakeholder Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Jane Wild	Associate Member	Chair Healthcare Professionals Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Fôn Roberts	Associate Member (from 29.07.22)	Representative of Directors of Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	



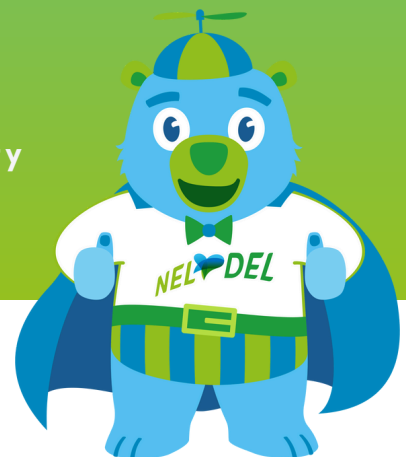
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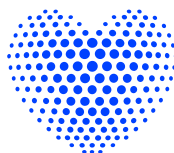
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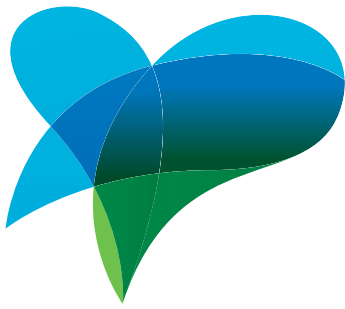


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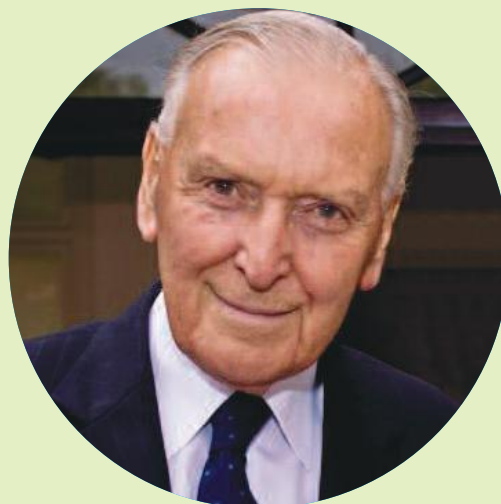


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**Brightening patients' lives.
Going over and above for
service users.**

**Supporting transformative
change for our NHS services
in North Wales.
Together.**



The stories, facts and figures within this Annual Report and Accounts for 2021/22 demonstrate once again how wonderfully generous and supportive our communities across North Wales are, and how accomplished our NHS teams across the region are.

Since 2010, Awyr Las, our NHS Charity, has given almost £30million to help enhance the care, treatment and support that patients and service users receive in our hospitals and health centres, community clinics and from our home based services.

What a collective achievement for all of us who have donated, fundraised, volunteered and shared the important message about the crucial difference that the charity is making. What an accomplishment for all the dedicated NHS staff who have made this possible through their well-informed ideas and their motivation to do even more to improve the health and wellbeing of our local population.

We are fortunate to have such committed supporters of our NHS services, and to have such passionate NHS teams who all want to brighten patients' and service users' lives to help create transformative change in our healthcare services, which goes above and beyond what the NHS alone can achieve.

Through the years, donations given to Awyr Las have given inpatients a lifeline through providing new state-of-the-art equipment. We have given children with life-limiting conditions invaluable days out with loved ones, and given parents and carers a chance to stay close to their poorly children when they are in hospital. Together, we have given people in crisis a much needed helping hand, we have given people with a cancer diagnosis a reason to smile thanks to the wigs and complementary therapies provided, and through funding innovative research we have given hope when it's really needed. This year is no different.

I am immensely proud of the positive outcomes that the charity has had on the lives of some of the most vulnerable people living in our communities across this region this year, at a time of real hardship. The past year has seen immense pressure being put on our health services here in North Wales. Awyr Las has played a significant role in helping our NHS teams recover from the initial phase of the pandemic, responding to the needs of NHS colleagues through supporting staff wellbeing programmes as well as additional

equipment, better facilities, extra patient comforts, special projects and collaborating with partners to help to build resilience in our communities and plan for the future.

As we look towards the 75th anniversary of the NHS, Awyr Las plans to do more to shape the future of vital services here in North Wales particularly early years, cancer care and mental health support, and help address health inequalities. We know this can only be achieved through being led by devoted NHS teams, working alongside partners who share our values and mission, and through the continued support of people and organisations who have the resolve to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities. We hope many will choose to support our NHS as we move forward.

The compassion of Awyr Las' supporters, partners and the NHS teams who are the beating heart of the charity is wonderful to see. I feel truly honoured to be part of something so special.

Thank you.



**FROM THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF AWYR LAS,
THE RT HON. LORD BARRY JONES***

Thank YOU, on behalf of all the patients and service users, families and carers, NHS staff and volunteers who all benefit from all those who choose to support Awyr Las, the North Wales NHS Charity.

*Lord Barry Jones also holds the following notable positions: National Vice President, Attend – the National Association for Leagues of Friends – and President of the Deeside Hospital League of Friends



Highlights of 2021/22

April 2021

Maisy Williams, from Pwllglas, completed an epic dance challenge and raised an amazing £675 for Awyr Las in the process. Maisy, who is nine, was inspired to do the challenge by the hard work of the NHS workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

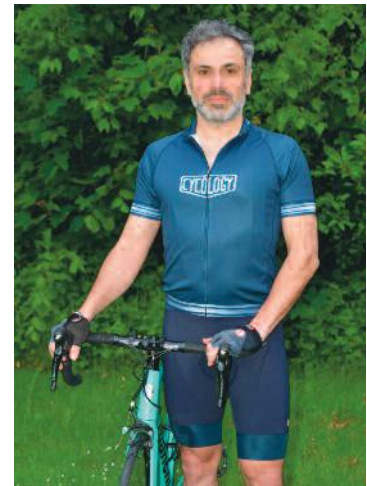


Ethan ran a lap of his local marine lake every weekday from February 2021 for 100 days to raise money for Awyr Las – inspired by Sir Captain Tom Moore. This incredible challenge finished on April 21, Ethan’s 11th birthday, and with £1,141 raised for the charity! Ethan’s step-mum is a doctor in the NHS here in North Wales and he wanted to do something special to say thank you to her and all of her colleagues. Well done Ethan, we are so grateful for your support!

May 2021

June 2021

Dr Abelian, a consultant paediatrician at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, rode 400 miles to raise money towards child health research in North Wales. He said: "Over the last few years, I have been part of a cutting-edge research project with the world-renowned MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge to improve the diagnosis of meningitis in new born babies. I wanted to do something to acknowledge this support, and to fundraise to support further high quality child health research here in North Wales".



July 2021

Andy Williams and Steve Miles, both from Holyhead, kayaked from Greystones in Ireland to Holyhead in Aid of Awyr Las and Mencap. They raised a very impressive £6,563 in the process. Andy carried out the feat as a tribute to his sister, Yvonne Marion Williams, who had mental health issues and learning disabilities and was diagnosed with incurable blood cancer.

August 2021

Becky Wyatt-Brown and her husband Chris Brown, who sadly lost their baby girl, raised more than £1,500 to buy a CuddleCot to allow families to spend one more time with their child. The kind donation was given to Ysbyty Gwynedd's Labour Ward. The CuddleCot, a Moses blanket with a refrigerated base, allows bereaved parents to spend extra precious time with their baby.



September 2021

Some fantastic moves were on display last September for the Therapeutic Support Services Danceathon! The Learning Disabilities team and all their supporters absolutely smashed it. Over £2,000 was raised, funding musical equipment for patients at Bryn y Neuadd Hospital with learning disabilities and complex needs.



October 2021

The Rainbow Flower Festival held at Holy Trinity Church, Penrhyndeudraeth raised £620 for Awyr Las. The committee wanted to thank all members of the NHS Staff for their commitment, skill, dedication and support throughout the pandemic.



November 2021

Two incredible young men raised over £11,000 for Alaw Ward in Ysbyty Gwynedd, to thank the staff there for caring for their mothers. Iago Rhys, from Tremadog, and Tomos Elis of Pant Glas, both aged 17, completed the huge 'Welsh 3000s Challenge', the 15 peaks over 3,000 feet in height in Snowdonia, in 24 hours. Siân, Iago's mother, received special care in the Alaw Ward while battling cancer, before she passed away in June at the age of 49.

December 2021

Michelle and the team on the Stroke Ward at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd were very grateful to accept a cheque for £3,450 thanks to the kind-hearted staff and customers of Cambria Pub on Cambria Caravan Park in Towyn. All the money went towards Christmas, crafts and other patient wellbeing activities on the ward.

Gwalchmai Cycling Club raised an incredible £13,000 which was shared between three local dementia charities - including £4,333.34 for Cemlyn Ward, Ysbyty Cefni, in Llangefni. The group of 17 cyclists set off from Trearddur Bay on a Friday morning, and rode some 200 miles to arrive at Swansea Bay by the following evening!



January 2022

Big thanks must go to the Whistlestop Bikers Club who donated 10 new portable DVD players for the Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Children's Ward. This incredible donation really makes such a difference for patients receiving care in hospital.



February 2022

NHS staff in Ysbyty Gwynedd were 'chuffed to bits' to receive boxes of chocolates, biscuits and a £720 donation from three kind-hearted Gwynedd Council refuse collectors. For the whole of December Simon Jones, Darron Roberts and Terry Jones dressed up as Santa and his elves cheering up local residents on their rounds. The donation will help support Long Covid Projects in the local community and additional staff wellbeing programmes.

March 2022

An incredible £20,000 was raised at the Rainbow Ball in aid of Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward! Well done everyone! The ball makes a huge difference to the hospital's Children's Ward and its hard-working staff. The money raised will buy much needed medical equipment and toys for the ward that the NHS may not be able to provide.

About the charity

Awyr Las is the NHS charity for North Wales, the area served by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). The charity's purpose is to help the NHS do more than it can on its own.

In practice, this means that donations to Awyr Las fund things like:

- Brand new equipment and technology
- Specialist training and development opportunities for NHS staff and volunteers
- Innovative research projects and trials
- Additional services, for example, complementary therapy for patients with cancer
- Extra patient comforts, such as more comfortable dialysis chairs.

Everything that the charity funds goes over and above what the NHS provides, complementing what the NHS already offers. Awyr Las does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government.

Together, the improvements that are made possible by donations to Awyr Las help people in North Wales benefit from better NHS services when they need them the most.

Everything the charity does is thanks to donations and grants from individuals, organisations and foundations. The charity makes a real difference to the lives of patients and NHS staff in ways that would not be possible without donations and support. The charity funds projects and ideas in hospitals and the community – from emergency departments to community resource teams, maternity wards to eye clinics – and through its 450 designated funds, it supports all areas of healthcare in North Wales.



Designated funds

Awyr Las is currently comprised of 450 designated funds, representing almost every BCUHB ward, service, department and project across North Wales. Designated funds are attached to specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least one Fund Advisor named. It is the responsibility of Fund Advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives. Fund Advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department. The role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS – people like Ward Managers, Consultants and Matrons – and they use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and NHS staff. When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward level.

Non-Designated funds

There are a few wards, services and departments that do not have a designated fund. The Awyr Las Support Team can provide support to establish one, or funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated fund. When donors give to Awyr Las without specifying where they want the money to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated fund. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority. This is because they allow BCUHB staff who do not have their own fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are often directed to a priority fund – for example, the COVID-19 Response Fund. Without a doubt, all donations from the public help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.



Vision

Patients in North Wales have the best experience in our hospitals and in our communities.

Mission

To enhance Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's ability to improve the health and wellbeing of people across North Wales and deliver excellent care. In other words, the charity's mission is to help the Health Board to do more for its patients, through funding improvements to healthcare settings, supporting additional staff and patient wellbeing services and providing grants for research and innovation.



Purpose

To provide a meaningful, impactful means for those who want to support healthcare services to do so, in a way that supports local evidence-based priorities.

Values

Awyr Las shares the same set of values that guides the Health Board's work. These are:

- Put patients first
- Work together
- Value and respect each other
- Learn and innovate
- Communicate openly and honestly

The Awyr Las Support Team and the Board, as well as over 19,000 BCUHB employees who represent Awyr Las, are responsible for ensuring that everything the charity does reflects these ideals. In addition to the shared values, the work of the charity is underpinned by three guiding principles:

- Patients are at the heart of Awyr Las
- NHS staff are the lifeblood of Awyr Las
- Be true to those who support Awyr Las

Strategy

For almost 75 years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services.

As we live longer lives, many of us with complicated health conditions and diseases, the demand for the additional support that NHS charities can provide in the pursuit of outstanding healthcare is growing. People receive roughly 90% of their care from primary and community care.* With expected increases in dementia, mental health concerns, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, these services will face increased demand. Because of health inequalities, those in Wales' least deprived areas can expect to live for longer, and in better health, than those in the country's most deprived areas.

In 2017 to 2019, healthy life expectancy at birth for females living in the most deprived areas was 50.2 years, compared with 68.4 years in the least deprived areas; for males, it was 51.8 and 68.6 years respectively.†

For many years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services.

Add to that the COVID-19 pandemic, which, in addition to the immediate public health crisis and increased burden on the NHS, brought about a slew of negative consequences for communities in North Wales, many of which are enduring

These include economic and financial insecurity, worries about employment, damage to the skills and education of young people, reduced mental health, increased loneliness and addiction – each affecting individual and community resilience and wellbeing, and each having the potential to cause increased demands on local healthcare and mental health services.



*Our plan for a primary care service for Wales up to March 2018, Welsh Government. Available: www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/986/our-plan-for-primary-care-in-wales-up-to-march-2018.pdf

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Strategy (continued)

The charity has a two-fold challenge of continuing to provide the support for wards and departments in both primary and secondary care settings, whilst simultaneously securing the financial support needed to address the pressing issues outlined above in the short, medium, and long-term. In light of the above, the charity's new strategy – to be published in Spring 2023 – will have a focus on making sure the right action is taken at the right time, to help patients to access diagnosis, support, care and treatment in a more timely way, and help build long-term resilience in our local communities. The charity worked with industry experts from January to March 2021 to develop this new strategy for 2023–2026.

The Awyr Las strategy will be consistent with BCUHB's priorities as outlined in the "Living Healthier, Staying Well" plan, namely:

- Setting up lifestyle services that help people make the right choices and keep well
- Tackling health inequalities and promoting equality
- Making the most of our partnership working
- Strengthening our protection and prevention services
- Concentrating on health in the early years

The Awyr Las Support Team

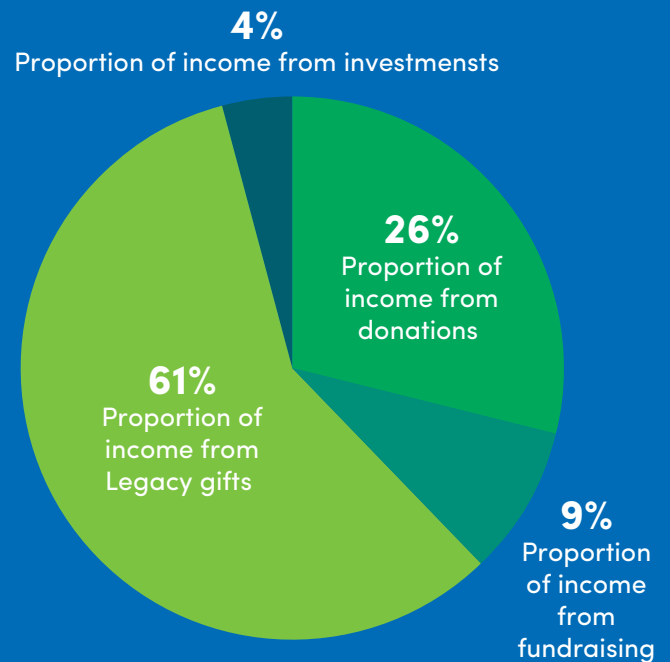
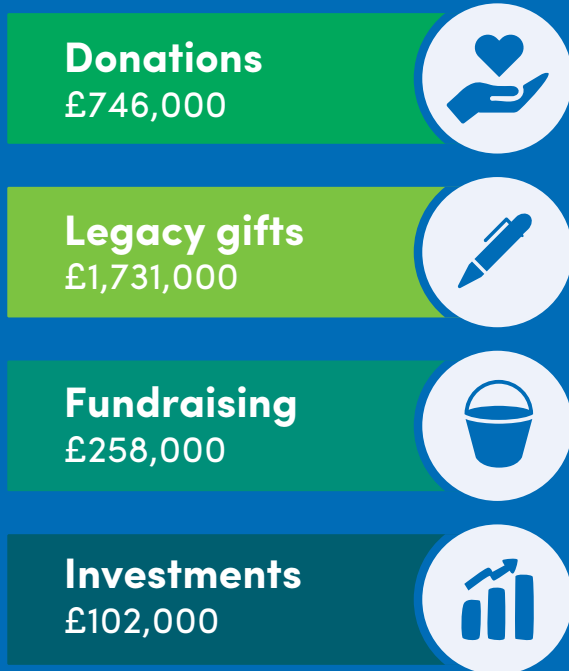
Finance, fundraising and engagement, communications and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. It is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives. The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied, and include:

- Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- Providing direction and practical help to the charity's Fund Advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- Supporting independent charities – such as the Leagues of Friends – who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to BCUHB, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work

The year at a glance

Income

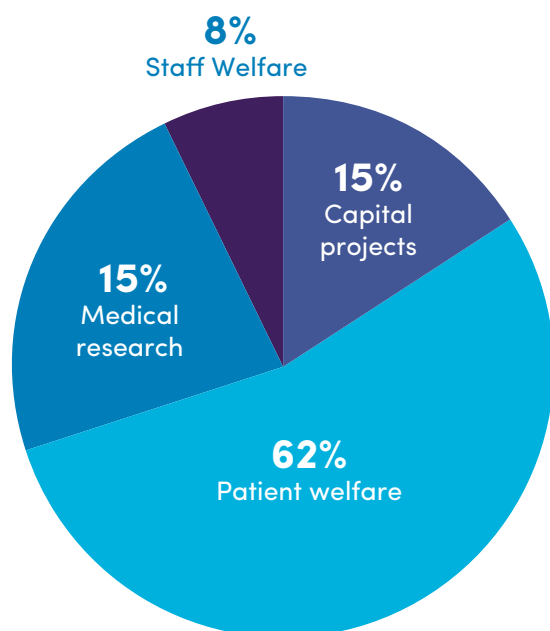
In the 2021/22 financial year, Awyr Las received an incredible amount of donations that has, and will, enable us to fund additional research and training, extra equipment and new amenities, special projects and patient and staff wellbeing programmes, which are all designed to help enhance the care and treatment patients and service users receive.



Total = £2,837,000 • Total number of donations = 5,180

Expenditure

Awyr Las has funded some amazing projects that have allowed the NHS to go over and above for patients, families and staff members across North Wales. Here's how your donations have been spent throughout the year.

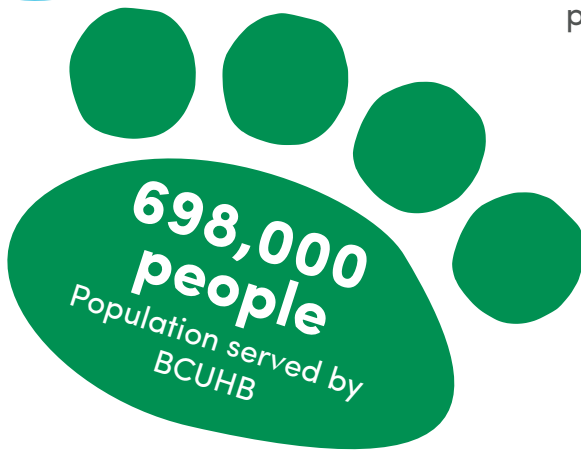


Total expenditure = £1,026,000

Background information



Awyr Las covers the whole of North Wales and uses donations to improve health care in acute hospitals and community sites across the region. Wards, departments and services across the region have designated funds within the charity, which can be used to fund things that go over and above what the NHS can provide.



Priority areas

Cancer care, children's services, mental health and research are some of Awyr Las' priority areas for improving care, treatment and support for patients and their families. Over the 2021/22 financial year, huge steps have been taken to provide care and support that goes over and above what the NHS can provide.



The impact of your donations

What has been made possible thanks to donations given to Awyr Las?

£10,000

A suicide prevention programme

£1,000

The installation of three defibrillators in towns and rural areas across the region.

£250

Garden furniture for patient rehabilitation

£50

One night's stay in parental accommodation

£5

Crafts for patients with dementia

£5,000

Additional equipment, for example an incubator to store blood products for research projects or a device to enable patients with pulmonary diseases to be mobilised sooner after hospitalisation, aiding their chances of recovery

£500

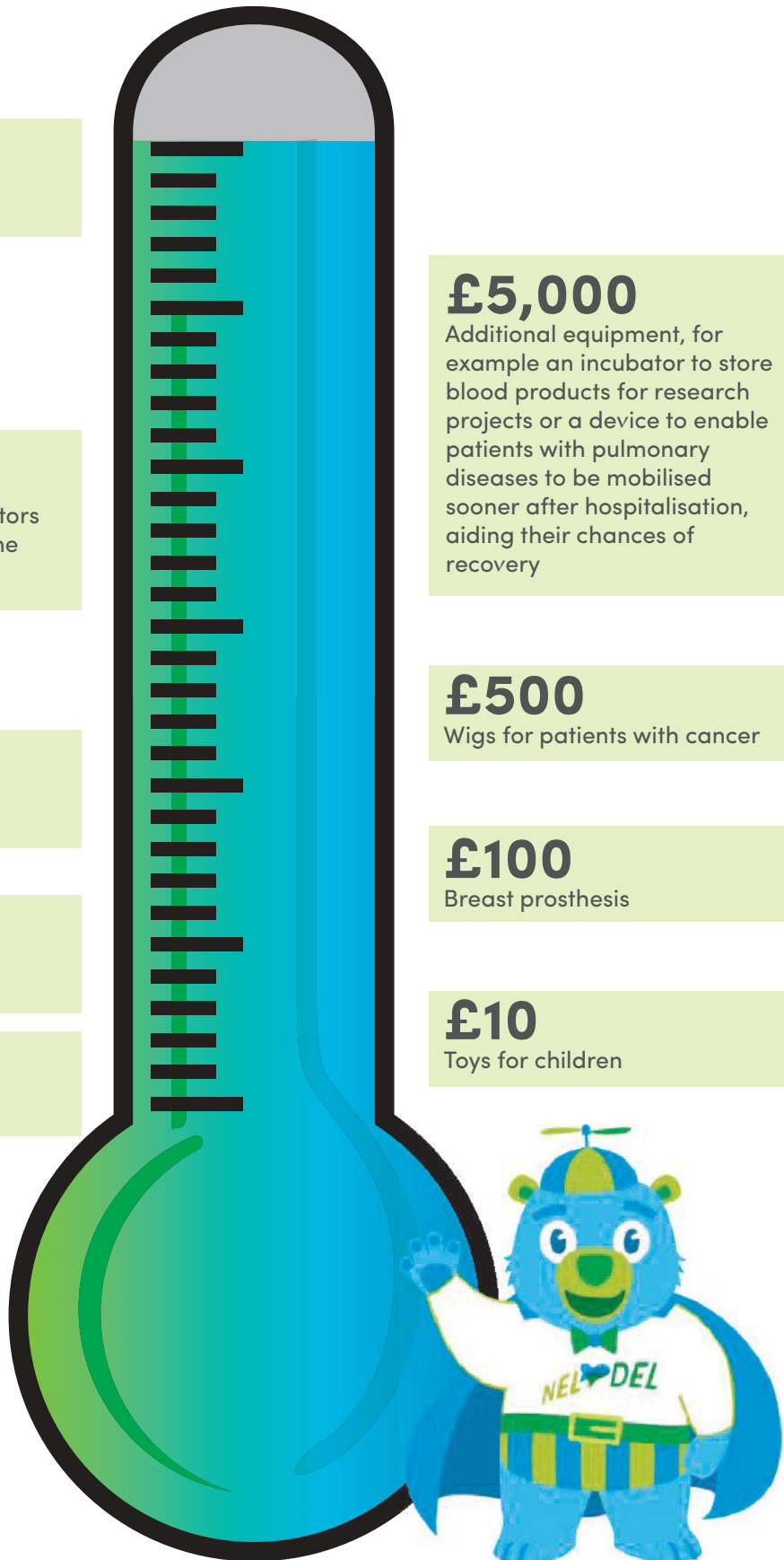
Wigs for patients with cancer

£100

Breast prosthesis

£10

Toys for children



The impact of your support

Families, organisations, businesses and individuals together made 5,180 donations to Awyr Las in 2021/22. All donations have and will make a difference for patients, their families and for NHS staff, volunteers and partners. The average donation amount in 2021/22 was £224.28. Donations given this year have helped fund small toys and games worth as little as £5, which have helped keep patients and service users entertained for days, and donations have also helped funded large-scale improvements.

Cancer Research Project

A £52,620 grant awarded in 2021/22 has helped fund a project to help oncologists to identify triple-negative breast cancer patients who are most likely to respond to treatment, whether that be chemotherapy or immunotherapy. The aim of the project is to help identify who will benefit as well as those who will not, saving patients from the unnecessary trauma of chemotherapeutic drugs and allow them to seek alternative treatment best tailored to them. The researchers involved say this project could potentially have a significant impact on the healthcare provision for triple-negative breast cancer patients in North Wales.



This project was prioritised because breast cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in women, with over 400,000 estimated deaths globally every year. Triple-negative breast cancer accounts for about 15–20% of all malignant mammary neoplasm, and it disproportionately affects young women who carry the BRCA1 mutation. Currently there is no clinical or scientific test or method that can inform an oncologist if a triple-negative breast cancer patient will respond well to chemotherapy drugs. This grant aims to help identify a means of doing this.



Wigs for Cancer Patients

In 2021/22 a £75,000 grant was given to help fund the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's comprehensive wig fitting service for patients with cancer across North Wales.

The cost of the wigs start from £90 depending on the length of a patient's hair. As most chemotherapy treatments is completed in six months, generally one wig is provided, although more can be provided if needed. This service is offered at all three main hospital sites in the region, which means that patients have access to a qualified wig advisor/fitter alongside their hospital appointments.

A charitable grant for wigs is given annually because hair loss can have a huge emotional impact on patients. Being able to offer a wig can help mitigate this distress, and it is a service which is hugely appreciated by patients and by staff in cancer services.

New markers for screening infections in post-operative urology patients

According to a National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) report, 20,000 to 25,000 deaths occur every year in UK hospitals following surgery. A common complication after surgery is infection, which could be hospital acquired or as a result from the operation itself.

A £68,000 grant from Awyr Las has funded a research programme aimed at helping with the diagnosis of infections in post-operative urology patients, and to distinguish between viral and bacterial causes of infections to allow the accurate use of antibiotics.

This project has been prioritised because postoperative complications are common and can cause extended treatment plans and long hospital stays, and as the NCEPOD report states, these complications can even result in death.



Research study into Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that involves not only the primary motor signs of the condition, but also non-motor symptoms, including mental, physical, and psychological complications. A £52,737 grant has been awarded this year to look into the role of caffeine being a possible prognostic biomarker and neuroprotective agent for the condition's onset and progression.

This grant was prioritised because until this year there had only been one investigation in North Wales reporting the prevalence of Parkinson's disease. That investigation had reported that the region had a fivefold higher incidence of Parkinson's disease compared to the general population because of the aging population in this region.



Outdoor Instructor Sessions for Staff via Plas Y Brenin Outdoor Centre

During the pandemic, hard pressed NHS staff were offered outdoor activity sessions with National Outdoor Centre, Plas Y Brenin (PYB), in Capel Curig, to help with their wellbeing. This financial year's funding of £10,000 was a continuation of these sessions to help with staff decompression following Covid-19.

The Staff Wellbeing Support Service (SWSS) felt it was an excellent opportunity for staff teams to come together again in the outdoors with highly qualified PYB instructors. One of the impacts has been to help team cohesion and to reconnect relationships within the workforce.

There is much evidence which supports the use of the outdoors and movement for enhancing wellbeing, resilience and encouraging good working relationships. The SWSS team feels this is another avenue of wellbeing and psychological care in which teams can support each other.

"The evidence informs us that during the recovery phase of a pandemic staff are afforded space to reflect on their experience," said Dr Kate Shakespeare, Senior Clinical Psychologist.

"Staff may be more likely to feel less resilient during this period due to fatigue and are at risk of experiencing heightened distress. We'd like to mitigate this where we can, and this includes offering these sessions to support our colleagues."

In three weeks 140 enquiries were received to attend the outdoor sessions from a range of departments across BCUHB primary and secondary care.



Small but important extras



In November 2021, Friends of Colwyn Bay Hospital kindly donated £178.35 to buy confectionery for patients. Other examples of smaller but significant grants include:

- A pressure cushion (to relieve pressure and numbness) at £180
- A mental health counselling session for £48
- A £15 jigsaw for patients with dementia
- A breast prosthesis for £85 for breast cancer patients
- Crayons for a children's ward

North Wales Forensic Mental Health Service

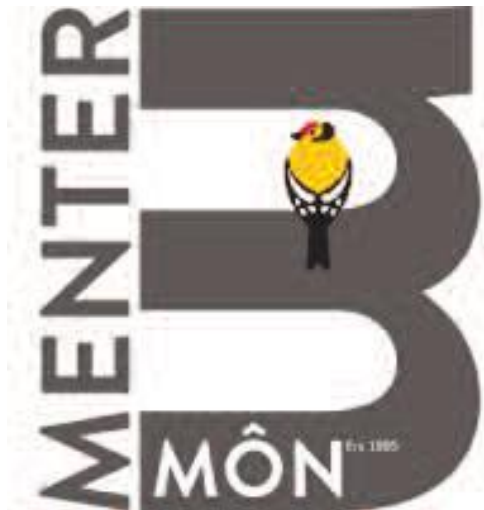
The BCUHB Forensic Mental Health Service provides long-term care and support for individuals with complex mental and physical health needs, and provides a holistic care package for the patients residing in the medium secure unit and community.

The forensic service has invested in a multiuse sports hall and provides a graded programme of physical fitness. These fitness sessions, which are provided by a physical training instructor, focus on essential skills such as personal wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence building, time management, structured day, and social skills and interaction.

The equipment in the gym was over 14 years old and needed a refresh this year, so the service was awarded a grant for £1,100.00 for new gym equipment.



Menter Mon partnership



There are 1,618 Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADS) within the BCUHB catchment area, thanks to the success of the Keep the Beats Project, which was established through a partnership between the Ambulance service, the NHS in North Wales and the cardiac charity SADS UK (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome).

When Keep the Beats launched in 2018, the survival rate for patients suffering an out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) in Wales was believed to be around half the survival rate of those recorded in England.

North Wales, having exceptionally rural areas, needed to quickly employ a strategy to improve this survival rate. A North Wales Public Access Defibrillator Support (PADS) Officer, Tomos Hughes, was funded through Awyr Las for a two year period so he could be teach lifesaving skills and install

defibrillators to help improve the survival rate for people experiencing an OHCA. Menter Mon gave a grant of £76,734.40 in 2021 to support the Keep the Beats project. Thanks to this and other donations, Keep the Beats has now doubled the volume of lifesaving equipment available in North Wales' communities, and Tomos provides support to ensure they are rescue ready. Menter Mon's grant funded 40 defibrillators around North Wales. If successful, the project should see an increase in survival outcomes from OHCA within the North Wales area.

Cardiology Diagnostic Vehicle

In 2021, Awyr Las funded a £66,000 cardiology diagnostic vehicle, the first of its kind in the UK, the purpose-built van has been kitted out with equipment, which is used to assess vulnerable patients who have suspected heart failure closer to their homes.

This means many of the patients don't have to go into hospital.

"The idea came to me during the Covid pandemic," said Liana Shirley, Advanced Imaging Specialist with the Heart Failure Community Clinics.

"During the Covid crisis we had nowhere to hold clinics, as the beds had been reassigned for Covid patients. My colleague Hannah and I had to start doing home visits, where we would have to drag a scanner in full PPE into people's homes. It was hard, but necessary."

Liana's husband suggested that her job would be made much easier if she had a van that could hold all the necessary equipment that was needed to assess the patient.

This cardiology diagnostic vehicle is now seen as 'the future of cardio diagnostics'.



Therapeutic Support Service Fund



The Therapeutic Support Service (TSS) is a nurse led activity and non-invasive therapies unit which is part of inpatients for people with learning disabilities at Bryn Y Neuadd Hospital.

In 2021, the team spent over £1,000 on replacing and enhancing sports, sensory and musical resources for the unit to improve patients' engagement and experiences during their hospital stay. Jane Williams, Manager at TSS, said: "As part of the assessment and treatment of patients with learning disabilities whilst in hospital, the TSS offers opportunities to maintain ordinary patterns of daily living. Our activities ensure our inpatients have opportunities to enjoy meaningful activities off the ward giving them someone to talk to, something to do and something to look forward to, and that is the crux of what we do. This enables our nurses to deliver non-invasive therapies, treatment and assessment in a social context rather than 'over a desk'. Replacing and enhancing our music and sensory resources

means we can offer a better patient experience, something which supports and develops their inclusion in their communities once they leave hospital, and their citizenship."

Jane and her 16 members of staff are well known for organising great fundraising activities, including a 24-hour danceathon at Bryn y Neuadd.

Jane said: "Good ideas are not in short supply at TSS. It's a joyful part of the health service where creativity and having fun alongside our patients is very much part of the job description".

Emergency phone on the suspension bridge

In October 2021, Awyr Las agreed to contribute £10,000 towards the cost of installing emergency phones on the Menai Suspension Bridge, to help increase safety at the site.

The phone lines will allow timely access to support services including the Samaritans and local policing services to help those in need. There are now eight emergency phones on the Menai Bridge at key access points. The benefit of the installation is currently being evaluated and the findings will be shared on a national basis to inform similar work across Wales.

David Patel, Regional Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Coordinator for BCUHB, believes that the installation of these phones is an essential tool in supporting safety at the site.

David said: "Awyr Las has helped safeguard the safety of users to the site by providing funding to support the installation of crisis phones. These phone lines will give people in need the opportunity to connect with a local Samaritans branch who can offer listening support to those who need it. This is one of the measures introduced to help ensure that people can access support when they need it and it also helps to support increased safety at the site".



Thank you to all the companies that have supported Awyr Las this year!

Here are just some examples of how local and national businesses have helped to make a difference this year

Redrow Ltd

Redrow Ltd presented Awyr Las with a cheque for more than £15,000 for the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre (NWCTC) at Glan Clwyd Hospital in memory of their much loved colleague, Karen Thomas, who sadly lost her battle to cancer at the centre back in June 2019.

The NWCTC, which provides services for patients from all over North Wales, was selected by staff based at Redrow's Ewloe headquarters as their chosen charity for 2019/20. Due to Covid, the Charity of the Year partnership was extended to the end of 2021.

Employees dedicated themselves to raising funds through different events, including dress down days, raffles, auctions and a Christmas market.

Staff raised a fantastic total of £10,225, which was increased to £15,337 thanks to Redrow's match funding scheme. The company donates £1 for every £2 raised by its employees for their chosen charity of the year.

Emma Davies of Redrow, said: "The staff at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre were such a support to Karen and her family during her cancer treatment and end of life care, and we wanted to do something in her memory.

"We're proud of all our employees who have taken part in our fundraising activities and are delighted to have raised more than £15,000.

"We hope this will make a real difference to the centre and the people who benefit from its services, it has been our pleasure to raise funds to support its invaluable work."



Medtronic



In 2021 staff in the Cardiology Department at Wrexham Maelor received a £3,000 educational grant from Medtronic. Sally Owen, Chief Cardiac Physiologist Cardiology at Wrexham Maelor, explained the importance of additional funding like this.

She said: "Without these grants we would find it difficult to attend conferences, which really help our learning and development. The recent one we have been on gave us the opportunity to learn from renowned Cardiologists across the globe.

"We have learnt how to adopt models of best practice and also where the future of our service could be heading. It gave us a chance to review new products from suppliers and get some hands-on training in some of the tech suites which was extremely valuable. We are so grateful for this support."

SP Energy Networks

The Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward Rainbow Ball held on Friday 18th March 2022 was a huge success, raising an incredible £20,000. The glittering evening was supported by principal sponsor SP Energy Networks. The supportive company have previously supported two other balls for the Children's ward, helping to raise over £50,000 to date for children's services. 195 guests were treated to a champagne reception, hosted by sponsors SG Estates, and a three-course dinner as well as musical entertainment.

Lisa Harvey, Lead Nurse for technology dependent children, said: "The night was a huge success and surpassed all our expectations.

"The ball had been delayed because of the pandemic three times so it was fantastic to see everyone have such a good time. All the profits from the night will go to buy extra medical and play equipment for the children and young people to enhance their experiences on the ward. It was a huge team effort, and it couldn't have happened without the support we received from all our sponsors."

Liam O'Sullivan, Director of SP Energy Networks, added: "We were delighted to support the Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward ball as principal sponsor for the third time running. SP Energy Networks are committed to engaging with and supporting the local communities we serve. We are extremely proud to take part in raising vital funds for the children treated on the ward and their families.

"The ward staff have worked extremely hard over the last two years and we're so thankful for the support they provide to the local community."



MoneySupermarket.com and the Asda Foundation



Other donations from businesses included £1,000 kindly given to the Coed Celyn, Garden Project by MoneySupermarket.com, and a donation of £990 from the Asda Foundation for the same project. The staff on Coed Celyn, an eight-bed, mixed sex mental health rehabilitation unit have been working hard to make the outside area a more pleasant space for patients.

Noel Williams, Interim Ward Manager on Coed Celyn, said: "These corporate donations have been extremely helpful in improving and adding to our new re-vamped garden area. This extra money has allowed us to fund activities and equipment to enhance the daily activity of our patients, and has allowed us to make full use of our facilities. Thanks to the charitable support we've received, our patients have been more proactive in partaking of outdoor activity, helping improve their mental and physical wellbeing."

Legacy gifts

NHS services in North Wales are fortunate to be remembered by so many people each year in their wills. Legacy gifts help fund research, cutting-edge equipment and special projects. The legacy of those who choose to include a healthcare service in their will can be felt for many years by patients and staff who benefit from their generosity.



All legacies, large and small, help make a difference for patients. In 2021/22, Michelle Rosemary Oldbury left a significant legacy gift of £126,461 to the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, and Peter Jones remembered the centre with a generous legacy gift of £60,000.

Gwyneth Young's legacy of £77,123 to the Alaw Cancer Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd will help enhance the services available for patients, and

Francis Morgan's legacy of £42,894 will help make a lasting difference for patients receiving treatment in Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The charity received £1,730,819 in legacy donations during the 2021/22 financial year.

Julie Roberts, Oncology Ward Sister, explained why legacies are so important: "Leaving a gift in a will can help us continue to provide extra care for patients. Legacies make a lasting impact on our hospitals and of course on our patients. Donations and legacies of all sizes are gratefully appreciated. They really will help to transform the lives of future patients and their families."

This year Andrew Gairns left a generous legacy of £17,000 to the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA), a dedicated fund which supports the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre, and another £33,380 will be gifted from his estate in the next financial year.

Carol Pritchard Jones, the Chair of NWCA, said: "There are amazing staff at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre who give high quality, compassionate care. We are hugely grateful when patients and families want to recognise this and reward the care they have been given.

"It is just wonderful that former patients and people in our local communities choose to give back in this way to help us move cancer services forward here in North Wales. We are truly grateful to those who have left legacies, however large or small."



International Healthcare Partnerships

Awyr Las has dedicated funds which aim to support international partnerships between the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and hospitals in African countries. These long-term partnerships provide BCUHB staff with new clinical skills and knowledge as well as the staff and volunteers in the partner hospitals. Here are two examples of how these funds are making a difference through the partnerships they support.

Betsi Kenya Health Link (BKHL)

In 2019, a group of volunteers formed a link between the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and the Busia County Referral Hospital (BCRH) in Kenya, and the Betsi Kenya Health Link Fund was established.

The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) donated £14,992 to the Betsi Kenya Health Link in the 2021/22 financial year for a project that aimed to strengthen the engagement of the community in Busia County so the healthcare team there can better understand their needs to improve the population's health and wellbeing.

The WCVA funding paid for a Health Needs Assessment (HNA), which was instrumental in identifying some urgent priority health needs for Busia County, for example a lack of bedding in the hospital. The funding paid for Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to meet over 2,500 community members. These volunteers have completed nearly 900 risk assessments. They now record data on key non-COVID public health threats and have detected a possible case of polio. This work has drawn the interest of Washington University, which plans to fund a scale-up of the project across the whole county.

The WCVA funded project has had an impact on the health and wellbeing of the communities in Busia County in the following ways:

- **Improved surveillance of COVID-19:**

The trained healthcare workers are now better equipped to identify health risks in the community and are now more able to relay this information to the public health authorities for further action.

- **Improved surveillance of other conditions:**

Surveillance of other infectious conditions and health threats has also improved and is now reported through a live community event-based surveillance system.

- **Improved motivation of community health workers**

The community health workers who were involved in the project have reported that they are more motivated, having gained knowledge and skills about COVID-19 and received support to deliver on their tasks.

- **Faster reporting of health threats**

A new online reporting system has reduced reporting time for health threats in Busia County and improved the response from the public health authorities.

Betsi Quthing Project



The Betsi-Quthing Link (BQL) International Health Partnership is between the Lesotho Ministry of Health, Quthing District, and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Awyr Las' BQL Fund has successfully delivered a number of projects thanks to a series of grants it has received since 2012. In 2021, the BQL Fund committee successfully applied to the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)'s Wales and Africa Grants Scheme and was awarded £66,063 of funding to deliver mental health training to over 400 community leaders and public sector workers across Quthing District.

The pandemic had a significant impact on poverty and stress on the already very poor population of over 120,000 people in the remote rural mountainous district. Clinical psychologists from North Wales who are trained in Mental Health First Aid and compassionate leadership approaches have been able to support senior health staff in Lesotho to help address the increased rates of suicide, depression, anxiety, substance misuse and gender-based violence which have been reported in Quthing since the pandemic began.

Gifts in kind

In 2021/22 Gifts in Kind worth £5,935 were given to the charity to help enhance patient care and staff wellbeing during what was a challenging period for both patients as staff. These gifts included plants, furniture & other items to update outdoor spaces and gowns for babies born sleeping. Gifts in kind were given by individuals, businesses and community groups, and all were gratefully appreciated by staff and families who benefited from the generous support given.



Looking ahead

The charity's focus for 2022/23 will be to continue to support communities as they navigate the ongoing pandemic. Addressing the long-term impact of COVID-19 will remain a priority. This work will be supported by money distributed by NHS Charities Together under its Stage 2 'Building Resilience' and 3 'Recovery' grant programme, funded by their COVID-19 urgent appeal.

Projects planned for this work stream will focus on building resilient communities. As well as redoubling the charity's focus on early intervention, the new strategy will provide a roadmap for addressing several key themes that have emerged during the pandemic, including:

- Supporting staff health and wellbeing, making sure they are cared for and supported to remain resilient
- Investing in research, development, training and mentoring to ensure staff are supported to work well in the challenging and dynamic environment of 21st century healthcare
- Encouraging innovation and research to help drive improvements in the quality of care and the patient experience in North Wales
- Collaborating with health and social care providers, local charities, our communities, and our patients and their families to build strong relationships that enable us to find creative solutions to the challenges we face

The Awyr Las Support Team looks forward with cautious optimism, hopeful that we will soon see the safe return of events and mass participation fundraising. In the meantime, we are continuing to invest in digital and hybrid events.



The team has placed a focus on digital and hybrid activities that enable BCUHB staff and external supporters alike to be part of something meaningful remotely, such as the One Million Steps challenge, and the Light up Christmas event.



Volunteer support

Additionally, we continue to seek to build on the relationships made with local individuals who registered as COVID-19 volunteers, supporting them where possible to transition to become regular volunteers within the Health Board, for example, as part of the valued Robins Volunteer Scheme.



Governance

Linked charities

The charity's registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active subsidiary, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity's funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals. The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year's annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity's governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the Awyr Las Support Team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees have concluded that the Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity.

The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS

Investment advisors: Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR

Registered auditors: Wales Audit Office, 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, Awyr Las invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2021/22, Brewin Dolphin Limited was the charity's investment manager.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

Investment strategy

This has given direction to the Investment Managers to develop a suitable investment strategy. The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity. During the financial year 2021/22, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy. It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

- Alcoholic products
- Tobacco products
- Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities

Investment in companies which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation and/or which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted. In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported. Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board.

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, held within the BCUHB charity, Awyr Las. The committee meets quarterly.

Corporate Trustee Membership in 2021/22

A number of changes to Board membership, including interim and acting up arrangements, have occurred during the year and are reflected in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Awyr Las Support Team and the Charitable Funds Committee undertake a number of key activities.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish its goal, the Charity Support Team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas. The charity continues to embrace technology, including video conferencing, to stay connected with staff.

Evaluating requests for funding

To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require ratification and/or authorisation from the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC), which is a committee of the full Health Board.

The Charitable Funds Advisory Group (CFAG) was established at the start of 2016 to provide further scrutiny of applications. The CFAG is a sub-committee of the Charitable Funds Committee. Because of COVID-19, the CFAG was temporarily stood down until 2021, and it now approves applications online, rather than in person. The CFAG has a remit to consider funding applications from £5,000 to £25,000 from general or specific charitable funds.

The group has the authority to approve or reject those applications. The decision to approve or reject an application is undertaken on behalf of the Charitable Funds Committee under the charitable funds scheme of delegation. Membership of the CFAG is varied. Like the CFC, members of the CFAG use their specialist knowledge to make informed decisions on funding, taking into account local needs and organisational priorities.

Applying for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outcomes and how they will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities and promote the Health Board's dementia strategy.

Awyr Las Support Team

To help meet the charity's objectives, the Awyr Las Support Team has transitioned from working geographically to working thematically. In practice, this guarantees that East, West and Central still have a dedicated point of contact, but that individual members of the team can undertake projects that are more defined, and closely aligned with their skills and experience.

This evolution has enabled the team to be more effective within the current capacity. The charity's Support Team continues to streamline its processes and develop relationships with other teams within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor care.

Complaints

The Awyr Las Support Team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or Awyr Las volunteers in 2021/22. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year and when considering applications for grant funding, the trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a Fund Advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests of £5,000 or more. The Charitable Funds Advisory Group considers requests of between £5,000 to £25,000. Requests for £25,000 or more must be considered by the Charitable Funds Committee. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able meet the objectives set out by the applicant.

Non-designated funds

These funds are given to the charity with no preference expressed by the donor. They are used to fund things that are needed either across the region, or in areas/services that do not have their own fund.

The Finance Director – Operational Finance acts as the Fund Advisor on non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Non-designated funds have been decreasing in value significantly over recent years. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits the things that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

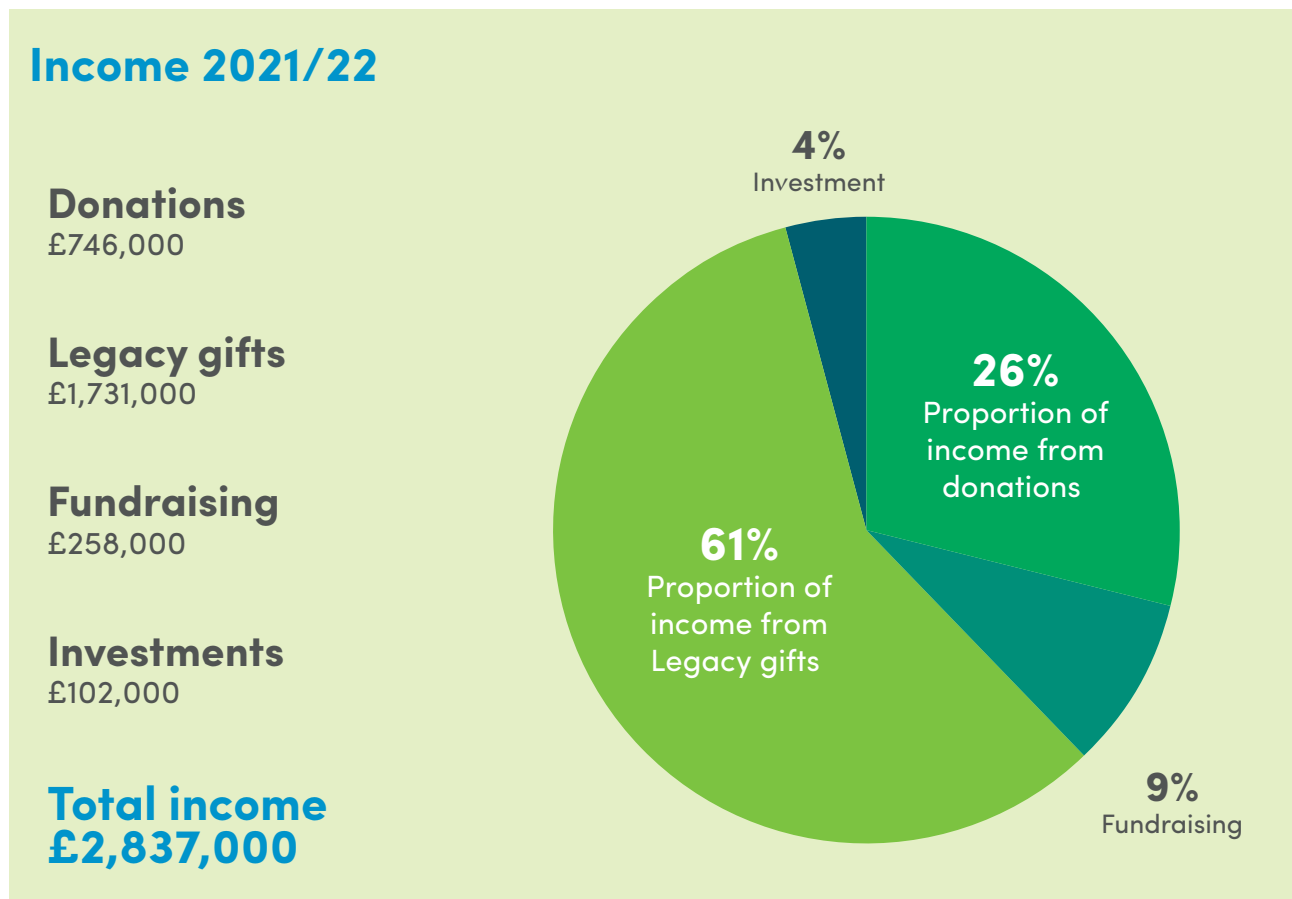
Designated funds

Within Awyr Las, most donations sit in one of the 450 designated funds, which are aligned to specific wards and departments. Every fund has at least one Fund Advisor, who is the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund Advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved on 26th January 2023, which carry an unqualified audit report. The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts. The full accounts have also been logged with the Charity Commission.

Almost all the charity's income comes from the voluntary efforts of NHS staff and the general public.



This year, donations generated £746,000 (26%) of the charity's total income. Legacy gifts formed 61% of the charity's income (£1,731,000). Fundraising accounted for 9% of the charity's total income (£258,000). Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £102,000 in returns, equating to 4% of Awyr Las' total income.



Financial health

The assets and liabilities of Awyr Las as at 31st March 2021 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2021. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	150
Investments	15	4,427	5,959	10,386	10,057
Total fixed assets:		4,577	5,959	10,536	10,207
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	802	1,031	1,833	796
Cash and cash equivalents	17	487	633	1,120	926
Total current assets:		1,289	1,664	2,953	1,722
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(404)	(592)	(996)	(1,209)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		885	1,072	1,957	513
Total assets less current liabilities		5,462	7,031	12,493	10,720
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(72)	(94)	(166)	(101)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	6,937	6,937	5,345
Unrestricted income funds	21	5,375	0	5,375	5,259
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15	15
Total funds		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619

The notes on pages 43 to 54 form part of these accounts

Signed:

Name: Jackie Hughes, Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Date: 26th January 2023

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings, which usually take place at least four times a year, the trustees consider the major risks facing Awyr Las. In 2021/22 the Charitable Funds Committee met three times.

Managing risk

The main risks to the charity are reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis, with the whole risk register being presented and reviewed annually in March. The charity's Risk Register was most recently reviewed on 18th October 2022 and is available to view here on pages 207 – 226: Bundle Charitable Funds Committee 18 October 2022 (nhs.wales). See below for the full URL. An individual risk analysis is completed for all Awyr Las events and activities, and for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the Awyr Las Support Team.

Reserves

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Reserves are that part of a charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and also provides an indicator of future funding needs and its overall resilience.

The reserves policy takes into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. However if reserves are too low then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy that includes a target level of reserves. It is good practice to keep the reserves policy under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee reviews the Awyr Las reserves policy and target level of reserves annually, and has historically calculated the target based on the latest audited accounts. In March 2022 it was agreed that the reserves policy would be based on expenditure that has been approved in principle, and that it would also consider the latest audited accounts.

One of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets (see tangible fixed assets, note 14 in the Accounts).

Target level of reserves

When developing the recommended Reserves Policy, the following circumstances were considered: a) The Charity's structure:

A Reserves policy considers unrestricted funds, the funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects, and not restricted funds, which are subject to specific trusts which may be declared by the donors, or with their authority, e.g., in a public appeal, but still within the objects of the charity.

At 31st March 2021, the Charity held £5,274,000 in unrestricted funds, £5,345,000 in restricted funds, totalling £10,619,000. This means 50% of the charity's income is unrestricted and should be considered in the reserves policy. However, the charity has over 400 different funds, the majority of which are designated funds. At 31st December 2021 the charity's balance was £11,343,789, but only £980,447, or 9% of the total funds, were undesignated. 91% of the charity's funds are earmarked to benefit specific patient groups and services in line with what supporters have requested. The designated funds may be unrestricted, but that does not mean they have not been earmarked for a particular project/ward/service in accordance with donor wishes.

The designation has an administrative purpose only, and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund, but the Charity Commission states that designated funds set aside to meet essential future spending should be excluded from reserves.

b) Strategic planning, future needs and opportunities, and the anticipated levels of income and expenditure for the current and future years:

A draft 3 year 2022-25 strategy, drawn up in Q3 2021/22 and independently reviewed by an external agency in Q4 of 2021/22, proposed an increase in expenditure on both operational costs and charitable activities and set income targets which reflected the investment in fundraising capability. The independent review recommended that the principles that underpin the strategy be approved.

c) Additional internal and external influences on the charity's reserves:

Fluctuations in the charity's investments, which can rise or fall in value on a monthly basis, need to be considered. There needs to be an insurance against the risk of a large fall in the investments. In 2008/09, the investments of Awyr Las' three predecessor charities fell by 26%, and in 2019/20 they fell by 11%. In addition, the reserves policy needs to ensure the charity can support larger projects that cannot be paid for with one year's worth of income and, if income was severely reduced, continue to support projects for a minimum of six months.

d) Monitoring and reassessing reserve levels:

The target level of reserves needs to be reassessed on an annual basis. The Trustees should review the actual reserves held against the target throughout the year on a quarterly basis, to ensure that sufficient funds are held within the charity, whilst also continuing to utilise funds within a reasonable period of receipt.

Reserves policy 2021/22

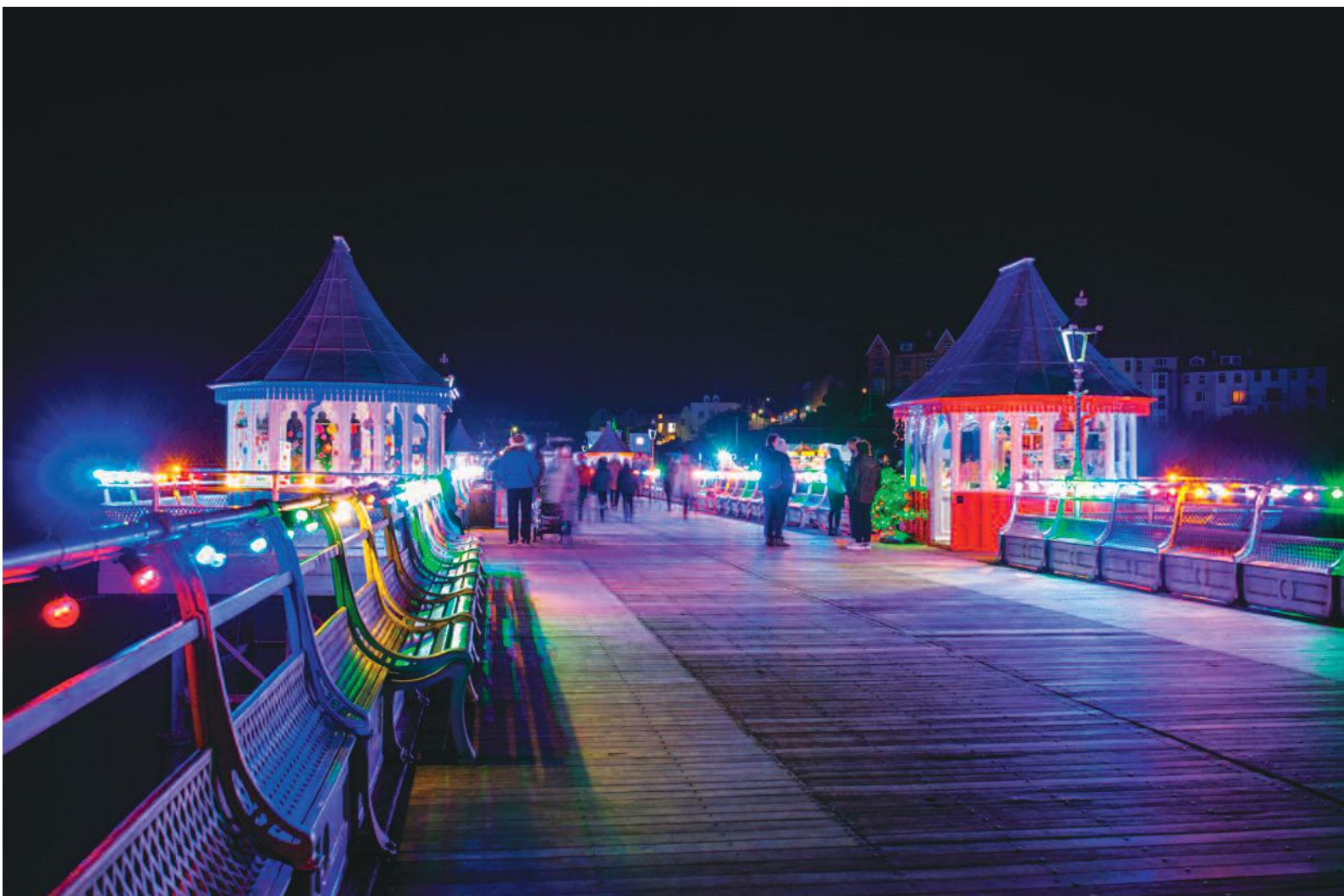
The reserves policy reflects future strategic planning, basing reserve targets on average three year income and expenditure goals, which were recommended for in principle approval by an independent review carried out by an external agency from January – March 2022.

In November 2021 the charity's investment managers, Brewin Dolphin, recommended that the reserves requirement be adjusted to reflect future planned expenditure rather than past income and expenditure levels.

The charity's target level of reserves is based on the following calculation:

- One year's operational costs, with average figures taken from approved (or those with in principle approval as necessary) strategic plans
- 25% of the value of investments held, with average figures taken from the last three years' of audited accounts
- 25% of charitable activity (grants) expenditure, with average figures taken from approved (for 2022/23, using the figures included in the draft strategy with in principle approval, as necessary) strategic plans.

The reserves target, set by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2022 is £3,754,000. The available unrestricted balance at 31st March 2022 was £5,375,000 and the restricted balance at 31st March 2022 was £6,937,000. The charity was holding higher reserves than it should have been at the end of 2021/22. It is expected that in 2022/23 the charity will bring the amount of reserves it holds into line with the level of reserves identified by the trustees as appropriate.



BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY & OTHER RELATED CHARITIES

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two subsidiary charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- The North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	727	1,750	2,477
Other trading activities	5	210	48	258
Investments	6	59	43	102
Total incoming resources		996	1,841	2,837
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	230	140	370
Charitable activities	8	747	280	1,027
Total expenditure		977	420	1,397
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	160	108	268
Net income / (expenditure)		179	1,529	1,708
Transfer between funds	20	(63)	63	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		116	1,592	1,708
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	5,274	5,345	10,619
Total Funds carried forward		5,390	6,937	12,327

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	724	1,270	1,994
Other trading activities	5	312	6	318
Investments	6	53	36	89
Total incoming resources		1,089	1,312	2,401
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	164	97	261
Charitable activities	8	893	620	1,513
Total expenditure		1,057	717	1,774
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	1,408	915	2,323
Net income / (expenditure)		1,440	1,510	2,950
Transfer between funds	20	6	(6)	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	15	0	15
Net movement in funds		1,461	1,504	2,965
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	3,813	3,841	7,654
Total Funds carried forward		5,274	5,345	10,619

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Signed:

Name: Jackie Hughes, Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Date: 26th January 2023

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2022

	Note	Total Funds 2021-22 £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19	153	14
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	102	89
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	7,902	959
Purchase of investments	15	(8,275)	(760)
(Increase) / decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	311	(260)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		40	28
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		193	42
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	926	884
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	1,119	926

Note on the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

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

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from appeals or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub-analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment). The charity has no permanent or expendable endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

(c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year and deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

(d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable, whichever falls sooner.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

(e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants (cont.)

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no

(g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

(h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

(i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

(j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

(k) Investments

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

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

(l) Debtors

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

(m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

(n) Creditors

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

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

(o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2. Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FRoM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £0.94 million (2020-21: £1.41 million). Under the FRoM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.24 million (2020-21: £1.82 million). The Charity reported liabilities of £0.29m with the Health Board as at 31st March 2022 (2020-21: £0.19m).

The audited accounts of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

A number of the Health Board's members have declared interests in related parties as follows:

Name	Details of positions held during the financial year	Dates positions held	Details of interest declared
Independent Board Members			
J Whitehead	Chief Executive	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is on the GP Performers List and works as a locum in GP practices and the Health Board's GP Out of Hours Service.
Prof A Guha	Interim Executive Medical Director	01.04.21 – 22.08.21	Chair of the Wirral Asian Association, that promotes the culture and heritage of people of Asian heritage. The Charity also works for the community at large. Sits on a number of key committees at Health Technology Assessment Wales, All Wales Medical Strategy Group and Health Education and Improvement Wales.
N Lyons	Executive Medical Director	23.08.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is employed by Macmillan Cancer Charity and works with the Health Board.
A Thomas	Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is employed by Boots UK as an Accuracy Checking Technician. Son is employed by the Health Board (nature of the role has not been disclosed)
G Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.03.22 – 31.03.22	Member of the Welsh Allied Health Professions Committee (WAHPC). Member of the National Joint Professional Advisory Committee. Spouse is employed as a nurse by the Health Board.
M Wilkinson	Executive Director Planning and Performance	01.04.21 – 24.08.21	Associate at Mtech Access
Independent Board Members			
M Polin OBE QPM	Chair	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse employed by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board as a health visitor
L J Reid	Independent Member and Vice Chair	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	*Committee Chair for the Primary Care Appeals Services, NHS Resolution. Specialist advisor for the Care Quality Commission. Justice of the Peace for HMCTS, North Wales Central. Director of Anakrisis Ltd which provides specialist training and advisory services to NHS England
Prof N Callow	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching and Head of College of Human Sciences, Bangor University.
Cllr C Carlisle	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	County Councillor for Colwyn Ward, Conwy County Borough Council. Cabinet Member for Children Families and Safeguarding (to May 2021). Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding (from May 2021). Deputy Chairman (political) Clwyd West Conservatives. Governor at Ysgol Bryn Elian. Member of the Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Adoption Panel. Panel member of Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board.
J Cunliffe	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Director of Abernet Ltd. Member of the Joint Audit Committee, North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.
J F Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Daughter is employed by the Health Board's District Nursing team at Plas Pawb Caernarfon.
Cllr R Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Director of Meditel Limited. Local Authority member for Plaid Cymru, Gwynedd County Council. Member of the Care Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee at Gwynedd Council. Councillor - Bangor City Community/Town Council.
L Meadows	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Trustee of Wirral Hospice St Johns, in a voluntary capacity.
L Tomos CBE	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Trustee for Cyngor Llyfrau Cymru/Books Council of Wales.
J Gallanders BEM	Independent Member	01.11.21 – 31.03.22	Former Chief Officer at the Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW)
Associate Board Members			
M Edwards	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services at Gwynedd Council. Lead Director for ADSS Cymru on the Welsh Language. Member of the Welsh Language Partnership Board. Chair of the Regional Integrated Commissioning Board. Member of the Regional Partnership Board
G Evans	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 28.02.22	See above
Ff Williams	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 30.04.21	Chief Executive of Adra (Tai) Cyfyngedig/ Housing Association.
C Budden	Associate Board Member	01.06.21 – 31.03.22	Chief Executive of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association

Material transactions between the Charity and related parties disclosed during 2021-22 were as follows:	Expenditure with related party £000	Amounts owed to related party £000	Income from related party £000	Amounts owed by related party £000
Bangor University	20	3	3	0
Cyngor Gwynedd/Gwynedd	0	0	1	0

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Donations	727	19	746	1,060
Legacies	0	1,731	1,731	934
	<u>727</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>2,477</u>	<u>1,994</u>

4. Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- **Fund advisors** – Within the Charity there are 435 (2020-21: 414) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000 and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- **Fundraisers** – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £258,000 income from other trading activities during the financial year (2020-21 £318,000).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	59	43	102	89
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	0	0	0	0
	59	43	102	89

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Fundraising office	137	104	241	201
Fundraising events	56	1	57	20
Investment management	22	16	38	22
Support costs	15	19	34	18
	230	140	370	261

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	136	17	153	74
Staff education and welfare (including gift in kind)	57	21	78	450
Patient education and welfare	597	38	635	838
Medical research	144	16	160	151
	934	92	1,026	1,513

Gifts in kind worth £5,935 were received and used for the benefit of staff in 2021-22 (2020-21 £134,648).

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees do make grant awards based on invited applications from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	909	101	1,010	1,361
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities	(249)	(20)	(269)	(351)
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	660	81	741	1,010

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year. However, some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the balance held in these funds.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Governance				
External audit	6	15	21	20
Finance and administration	12	33	45	55
Total governance	18	48	66	75
Finance and administration	13	37	50	41
Other costs	2	7	9	8
	33	92	125	124

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000
Raising funds	14	19	33	18
Charitable activities	40	52	92	106
	54	71	125	124

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £20,937 (2020-21: £20,180) related solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2021-22 £000	Freehold land 2020-21 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	150	135
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	0	15
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	150	135
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity, for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The land was independently and professionally valued at open market value by the District Valuer in March 2021. There has been no impairment to the land in 2021-22. The charity intends to dispose of the land on the open market.

15. Fixed asset investments

	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Movement in fixed assets investments		
Market value brought forward	10,057	7,673
Add: additions to investments at cost	8,275	760
Less disposals at carrying value	(7,902)	(959)
Increase / (decrease) in cash awaiting investment	(311)	260
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	268	2,323
Market value as at 31 March	<u>10,387</u>	<u>10,057</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio which is now managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited after taking over from Rothschild Wealth Management Limited on 1st April 2021. With effect from 1st April 2021, a process of transferring the investment portfolio commenced and by 30th June 95.8% of the portfolio had been transferred. The remaining element was transferred on 19th August 2021. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy. A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

The environment for investors remains challenging, highly volatile and valuations are much lower. In managing our portfolios, Brewin Dolphin Limited assess these risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Accrued income	1,807	791
Prepayments	0	0
Other debtors	26	5
	<u>1,833</u>	<u>796</u>

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Cash in hand	1,120	926
	<u>1,120</u>	<u>926</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	56	61
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	296	194
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	575	909
Other accruals	3	45
Deferred Income	66	0
	<u>996</u>	<u>1,209</u>
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	166	101
	<u>166</u>	<u>101</u>
Total creditors	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,310</u>

19. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,708	2,950
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(268)	(2,323)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(102)	(89)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(1,037)	(253)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(148)	(271)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	153	14

20. Transfer between funds

There have been the following transfers between material designated funds:

- £63,360 was transferred from General Funds (unrestricted) to various restricted funds to reimburse net overall charity costs, less income from interest and investment gain/loss. This is included in Other Funds in Note 21.b., offset by the transfers in totalling £2,800 that are noted below.
- £1,400 was transferred from Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd (unrestricted) to the North Wales Clinical Research Centre (unrestricted) to fund the ENT Research Project.
- £1,400 was transferred from Cancer Support Group - YMW (unrestricted) to the North Wales Clinical Research Centre (unrestricted) to fund the ENT Research Project.

21. Analysis of funds

a. Analysis of restricted fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	197	1	(7)	0	5	196
Cardiology Fund - East	187	1	(25)	0	4	167
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	200	54	(9)	1	5	251
Wrexham Medical Institute	324	2	(11)	1	8	324
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - Glar	131	1	(8)	0	3	127
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	472	397	(85)	16	8	808
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	347	3	(12)	1	9	348
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	458	82	(25)	23	13	551
BCU Legacies Fund	697	1,059	0	0	0	1,756
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	636	38	(22)	4	13	669
LLandudno General Purposes	240	6	(8)	1	6	245
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purp	179	3	(13)	0	5	174
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	139	(3)	(6)	0	4	134
Renal Unit - YG	109	1	(12)	0	3	101
Oncology Fund - Glan Clwyd	106	1	(11)	0	3	99
Other Funds	923	195	(166)	16	18	987
	5,345	1,841	(420)	63	107	6,937

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the fund's name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies fund holds the accruals for legacies where probate has been granted, but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the accrual will be reversed out from the BCU Legacies fund.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

b. Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	373	43	(57)	(1)	0	358
Cardiology Department Central - Patients Fun	122	4	(19)	0	0	107
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	746	57	0	(1)	0	802
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	0	135
Janet Jones (Alaw) - YG	664	135	(34)	0	0	765
Gynae Services - West	108	0	0	0	0	108
General Funds - West	132	1	0	0	0	133
General Funds - Llandudno	131	0	0	0	0	131
General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses	1,740	(29)	0	0	268	1,979
Other Funds	1,108	785	(868)	(61)	(108)	857
	5,259	996	(978)	(63)	160	5,375

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The Investment Gains fund holds the unallocated and unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The General Funds include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year. No adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity have decreased by £1,129,000 to the end of September 2022, as detailed below:

	31 March 2022 £000	30 September 2022 £000	Movement £000	Movement %
Investments	10,386	9,257	(1,129)	-10.87%

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds.
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control.
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption.
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 16 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.

Signed:

Name: Steve Webster, Interim Executive Director of Finance

Date: 26th January 2023

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustee's Representatives are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Government, with the approval of HM Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Charity. In preparing those accounts, the Trustee's Representatives are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the First Minister for Wales with the approval of HM Treasury.
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Government. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence or taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Jackie Hughes

Trustee's Representative

26th January 2023

Steve Webster

Trustee's Finance Representative

26th January 2023

The independent auditor report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 under the Charities Act 2011. These comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My 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 my 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. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in management override.
- Obtaining an understanding of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Charity.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess

compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;

- enquiring of management and the Board;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

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

Adrian Crompton
Auditor General for Wales

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27th January, 2023

Appendix 1: BCUHB Board membership 2021/22

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Mark Polin	Chairman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Board • Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Chair Finance and Performance Committee 	
Lucy Reid	Independent Member Vice Chair	Community Primary Care & Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Chair Mental Health Act Committee • Chair Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns
Lyn Meadows	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Acting Chair Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Vice Chair Audit Committee to 14/12/21 • Vice Chair Quality, Safety and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Cleaning, Hygiene and Infection Management

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
			Experience Committee • Member Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee to 09/12/21	
Cllr Cheryl Carlisle	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Mental Health Act Committee • Member Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers • Children and Young people
Cllr Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member	Local Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Chair Audit Committee • Vice Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Member Digital & Information Governance Committee to October 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient and Public Involvement • Welsh language

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Prof Nichola Callow	Independent Member	University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Member Digital & Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Vice Chair Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Jackie Hughes	Independent Member	Trade Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Member Audit Committee • Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Chair Charitable Funds Committee • Ex Officio Local Partnership Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence and Aggression • Equality

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
John Cunliffe	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Digital & Information Governance Committee • Chair Finance and Performance Committee • Chair Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Member Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Eifion Jones	Independent Member to 31/08/21	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Vice Chair Finance and Performance Committee • Member Mental Health Act Committee • Member Audit Committee 	
Jo Whitehead	Chief Executive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Audit Committee (at least annually) • Joint Chair / Member, Local Partnership Forum 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Linda Tomos	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Member Finance and Performance Committee • Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Chair Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Gill Harris	Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery / Deputy Chief Executive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Mental Health Act Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • In attendance Audit Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Sue Hill	Executive Director of Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Audit Committee • Lead Director / Member, Charitable Funds Committee • Lead Director / In attendance, Finance and Performance Committee • Lead Director Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee to October 2021 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Mental Health Act Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce & Organisational Development (OD)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director/In attendance, Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee to October 2021 • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / Member 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Mark Wilkinson	Executive Director Planning and Performance to 24/08/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / In attendance, Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Stakeholder Reference Group 	
Prof Arpan Guha	Acting Executive Medical Director to 11/07/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration & Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director wef 12/07/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration & Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee 	
Adrian Thomas	Executive Director Therapies & Health Sciences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Lead Director / In attendance Healthcare Professionals Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Louise Brereton	Board Secretary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members • In attendance at Audit Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Dr Chris Stockport	Executive Director Primary and Community Services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee 	

Associate Board Members				
Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Morwena Edwards	Associate Member	Director of Social Services, Gwynedd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Ffrancon Williams	Associate Member	Chair Stakeholder Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Claire Budden	Associate Member		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Gareth Evans	Associate Member	Chair Healthcare Professionals Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety & Experience Committee 	

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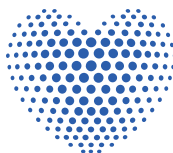
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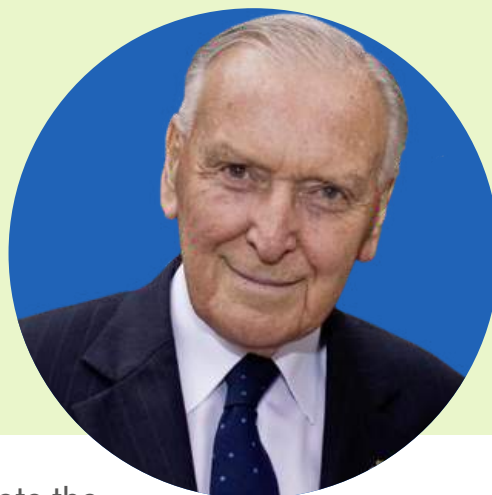
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Welcome

From the Honorary President of Awyr Las

Lord Barry Jones

I am pleased to present the Awyr Las Annual Report & Accounts for 2020/21.



It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I wrote the introduction for the previous Annual Report. At that time, the world was in the midst of a public health crisis – COVID-19.

Over the past year, COVID-19 has taken its toll. It has been inescapable, and it has affected us all. As I reflect on the year just gone, I feel cautiously optimistic about the future. Though COVID-19 remains a very real threat, I was delighted to learn over the course of this report about how Awyr Las has supported the NHS in North Wales to adapt, and plan for a time beyond the immediate effects of the pandemic.

Thanks to your donations and support, the charity has been able to invest in important staff* wellbeing initiatives, helping our dedicated NHS staff to stay safe and well, and continue to do the best that they can for their patients† during these most challenging times.

Your support has also fuelled innovation. For example, a Simulation Suite for Emergency Department teams was installed, to help them train for life-threatening situations when a patient has COVID-19. The brand-new Medical Education Fellowship has enabled a specialist junior doctor to stay abreast of the latest in COVID-19 treatments, sharing best practice with colleagues and helping NHS staff to learn quickly from experience and research. The “Clear Masks for Communication” project, funded by Awyr Las through the Welsh Health Hack, has made some excellent developments to ensure people with additional communication needs are not excluded.

I am pleased to report that the charity awarded over £1.5m of funding this year. This is a direct result of your wonderful support. Thank you.

Pictured: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Audiology department were the first clinicians in the UK to test the clear masks.



*The term ‘staff’ is used to describe staff and all others involved in service delivery including volunteers, students and partners who all play an important role within the NHS Team.

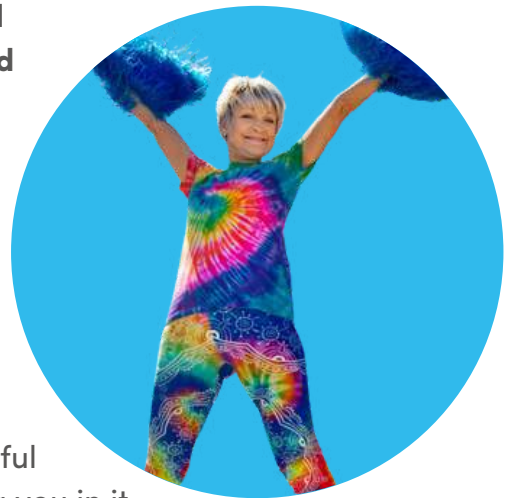
†The term ‘patient’ is used to describe the population who use any BCUHB service.

Of course, the pandemic is going to feature heavily in this year's annual report. However, as you will see, this document is full of hope; it is testament to the indomitable human spirit, and celebrates the wonderful outpouring of love, as a community reached out to wrap its arms around our NHS colleagues. From little Amy in Penrhosgarnedd, who collected £200 with her homemade wishing well, through to Captain Tom and his incredible feat of raising over £32m for NHS Charities Together, the fundraising stories in this year's report are truly inspirational. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

Looking to the future, the charity's focus for the year 2021/22 will be on supporting communities as they deal with the ongoing pandemic, and addressing the long-term effects of COVID-19. Awyr Las will shortly be sharing its strategy for 2022 – 2025, which will focus on Early Intervention projects, and will serve as a roadmap for addressing several key themes that have emerged during the pandemic. These include supporting staff health and wellbeing, building a resilient workforce, encouraging innovation, and collaborating with partner organisations and communities to enable us to find creative solutions to the complex challenges we face.

I want to end this message by saying thank you: To the people in our community who used their talents to make items like additional visors and scrubs for NHS staff. To the individuals and businesses that donated gifts in kind for patients and staff. To the volunteers who stepped forward to play their part, delivering medications and assisting in testing and vaccination centres. To everyone that gave a donation. To the fundraisers that found ways to raise money, in their gardens and at home.

Finally, my sincere and heartfelt thanks goes to the NHS staff who have worked so selflessly to keep everyone safe and well this year. You are all wonderful people, and our community is much richer for having you in it.



As ever, here's to our National Health Service. May we keep it and Awyr Las close to our hearts, and do all that we can to help them to thrive in the face of hardship so that everyone in North Wales can enjoy a healthy and happy life.

RT HON LORD BARRY JONES P.C.
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF AWYR LAS

April 2020

Captain Tom starts his incredible challenge of walking 100 laps of his garden on 6th April, going on to raise over £32m for NHS Charities Together by his 100th birthday 24 days later – inspiring countless fundraisers along the way.



May 2020

International Nurses Day feels especially poignant this year, as Awyr Las spends the day celebrating the incredible work of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's nurses working tirelessly amidst the pandemic.

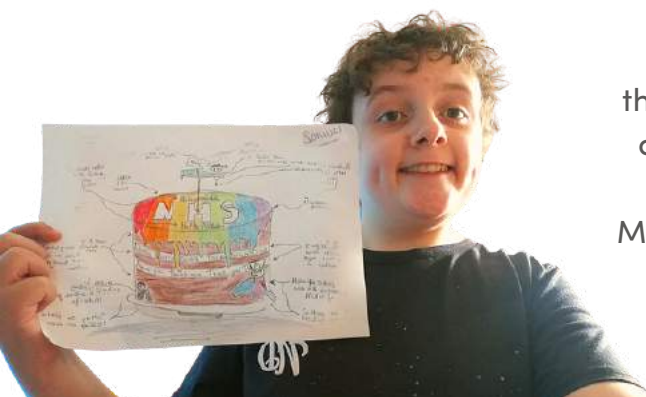
June 2020

As we contend with the COVID-19 crisis, valued supporters North Wales Freemasons give £5,000 for Awyr Las to buy digital devices for patients, to keep in touch with loved ones whilst hospital visiting is suspended, as well as teddies to help soothe young patients, through the "Teddies for Loving Care" (TLC) initiative.



July 2020

Although our Big Tea celebrations are a bit different this year, the community of North Wales makes sure it's a special day for the NHS – Lowri Marrs wins the cake decorating competition with her tribute to Wrexham Maelor's Bonney (Gynae) Ward, and Samuel Valentine-Jones wins the children's design competition with his "Rainbow Superheroes" concept.



August 2020

NHS staff in North Wales document their experiences of working during the pandemic as part of a photography competition supported by Awyr Las, with the images forming a digital exhibition – "Behind the Mask: COVID-19 & Me".

September 2020

At the Welsh Health Hack, Awyr Las funds several innovation projects, including one to trial clear facemasks to improve communication for patients with people with conditions such as hearing loss, autism and dementia throughout the pandemic.

October 2020

With mass participation events on hold, two of the most notable races in the fundraising calendar go virtual. Cronfa Elen take on the Virtual Snowdonia Marathon to encourage families to talk about organ donation, and Lisa Edwards raises an amazing £1,500 for Awyr Las by running the Virtual London Marathon.



November 2020

#TeamIrfon announce that they will fund a mental health worker on Alaw, Ysbyty Gwynedd's cancer unit. This brand new post will provide specialist emotional wellbeing support. Until the new worker is in post, #TeamIrfon continues to fund external counselling and mindfulness support for patients living with cancer.



December 2020

In partnership with Bangor City Council, Awyr Las invites North Wales to "Light up Christmas" for NHS staff in North Wales. Bringing communities together with a digital display of tributes and a magical installation of 2,000 lights on Bangor Pier, this hybrid event brightens up the end of a dark year and raises over £6,000.

January 2021



North Wales Housing complete their “Around the World in 80 Days” challenge, bringing their fundraising total to £3,010 and marking the end of a successful year of fundraising for Awyr Las, their charity of the year.

February 2021

The sad news of Captain Tom’s death brings a tear to the nation’s eye. Critical Care nurse Nikki Jones appears on ITV Lunchtime News to talk about how Captain Tom’s fundraising is helping her patients and colleagues here in North Wales, thanks to grants from NHS Charities Together.



March 2021

As more people took to the hills of North Wales between lockdowns, an innovative partnership with Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Natural Beauty sees a public access defibrillator – funded by donations to Awyr Las project “Keep the Beats” – installed near the summit of Moel Famau.



About the charity

Awyr Las is the NHS charity for North Wales, the area served by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). The charity's purpose is to help the NHS do more than it can on its own.

In practice, this means that donations to Awyr Las fund things like:

- Brand-new equipment and technology
- Specialist training and development opportunities for NHS staff and volunteers
- Innovative research projects and trials
- Additional services, for example, complementary therapy for patients with cancer
- Extra patient comforts, such as more comfortable dialysis chairs

Everything that the charity funds goes over and above what the NHS can provide on its own. Together, the enhancements made possible by donations to Awyr Las help make sure that people in North Wales can benefit from better NHS services when they need them the most.

Awyr Las does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government. Everything the charity can do is thanks to donations and grants from individuals, organisations and foundations.

Since 2010, donations to Awyr Las have made it possible to accomplish over £29m worth of projects, complementing what the NHS already provided.

The resulting improvements have made and continue to make a real difference to the lives of patients and NHS staff, in ways that would not have been possible without your donations and support.

The charity funds projects and ideas in hospitals and the community – from emergency departments to community resource teams, maternity wards to eye clinics – and through its 414 designated funds, can support all areas of healthcare in North Wales.



Derived from the geography of North Wales, the Awyr Las heart motif is symbolic of the charity's duty to enhance healthcare for everyone in the region.



Designated funds

Awyr Las is comprised of over 400 designated funds, representing almost every BCUHB ward, service, department and project across North Wales. Designated funds are attached to specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least one Fund Advisor named. It is the responsibility of Fund Advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives. Fund Advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department. The role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS – people like Ward Managers, Consultants and Matrons – and they use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and NHS staff.

When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward level.

Non-Designated funds

There are a few wards, services and departments that do not have a designated fund. The Awyr Las Support Team can provide support to establish one, or funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated fund.

When donors give to Awyr Las without specifying where they want the money to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated fund. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority. This is because they allow BCUHB staff who do not have their own fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are often directed to a priority fund – for example, the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Without a doubt, all donations from the public help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.

Vision

Patients in North Wales have the best experience possible in our hospitals and in our communities.

Mission

To enhance Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's ability to improve the health and wellbeing of people across North Wales and deliver excellent care.

In other words, the charity's mission is to help the Health Board to do more for its patients, through funding improvements to healthcare settings, supporting additional staff and patient wellbeing services and providing grants for research and innovation.

Purpose

To provide a meaningful, impactful means for those who want to support healthcare services to do so, in a way that supports local evidence-based priorities.

Values

Awyr Las shares the same set of values that guides the Health Board's work. These are:

- Put patients first
- Work together
- Value and respect each other
- Learn and innovate
- Communicate openly and honestly

The Awyr Las Support Team and the Board, as well as over 17,000 BCUHB employees who represent Awyr Las, are responsible for ensuring that everything the charity does reflects these ideals.

In addition to the shared values, the work of the charity is underpinned by three guiding principles:

- Patients are at the heart of Awyr Las
- NHS staff are the lifeblood of Awyr Las
- Be true to those who support Awyr Las

Strategy

The charity is currently developing its 2022 – 2025 strategy.

For many years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services.

As we live longer lives, many of us with complicated health conditions and diseases, the demand for the additional support that NHS charities can provide in the pursuit of outstanding healthcare is growing.

People receive roughly 90% of their care from primary and community care.* With expected increases in dementia, mental health concerns, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, these services will face increased demand.

Because of health inequities, those in Wales' least deprived areas can expect to live for longer, and in better health, than those in the country's most deprived areas. In 2017 to 2019, healthy life expectancy at birth for females living in the most deprived areas was 50.2 years, compared with 68.4 years in the least deprived areas; for males, it was 51.8 and 68.6 years respectively.†

Add to that the COVID-19 pandemic, which, in addition to the immediate public health crisis and increased burden on the NHS, brought about a slew of negative consequences for communities in North Wales, many of which are enduring.

These include economic and financial insecurity, worries about employment, damage to the skills and education of young people, reduced mental health, increased loneliness and addiction – each affecting individual and community resilience and wellbeing, and each having the potential to cause increased demands on local healthcare and mental health services.



*Our plan for a primary care service for Wales up to March 2018, Welsh Government. Available: www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/986/our_plan_for_primary_care_in_wales_up_to_march_2018.pdf
†Health state life expectancies by national deprivation deciles – Wales: 2017 to 2019, ONS. Available: www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthinequalities/bulletins/healthstatelifeexpectanciesbynationaldeprivationdecileswales/2017to2019

Strategy (continued)

The charity has a two-fold challenge of continuing to provide the support for wards and departments in both primary and secondary care settings, whilst simultaneously securing the financial support needed to address the pressing issues outlined above in the short, medium, and long-term.

In light of the above, the charity's new strategy – to be published in January 2022 – will have a focus on making sure the right action is taken at the right time, to help patients to access diagnosis, support, care and treatment in a more timely way, and help build long-term resilience in our local communities.

Additionally, the Awyr Las strategy will be consistent with BCUHB's priorities as outlined in the "Living Healthier, Staying Well" plan, namely:

- Setting up lifestyle services that help people make the right choices and keep well
- Tackling health inequalities and promoting equality
- Making the most of our partnership working
- Strengthening our protection and prevention services
- Concentrating on health in the early years

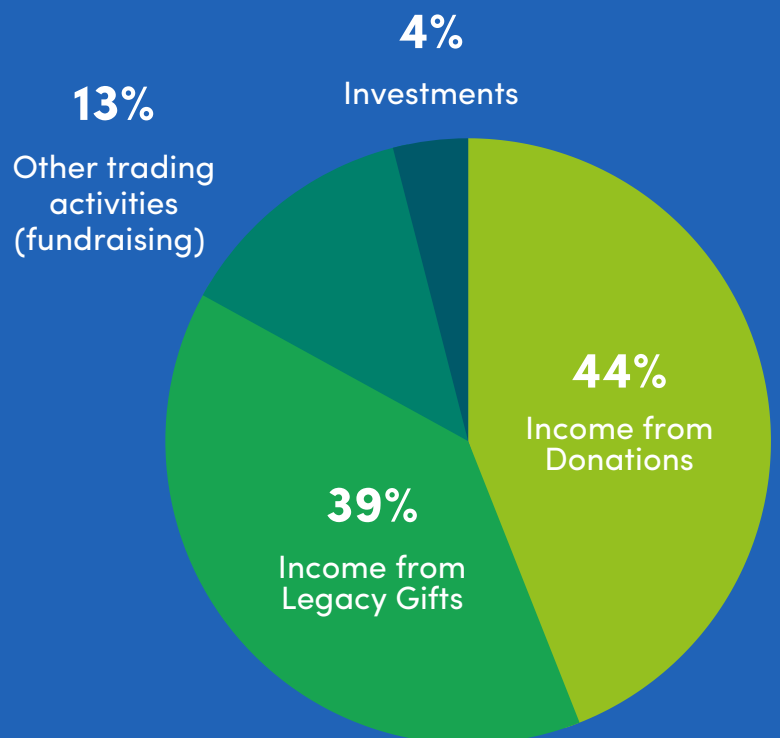
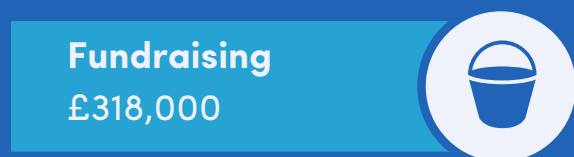
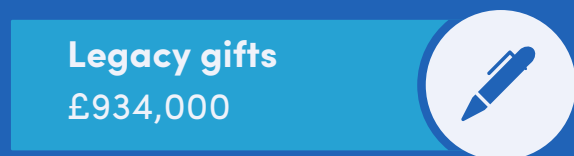
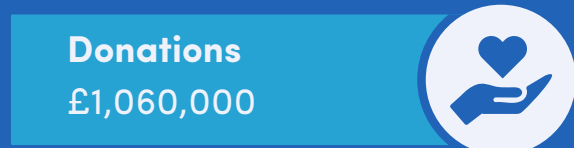
The Awyr Las Support Team

Finance, fundraising, and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. It is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives.

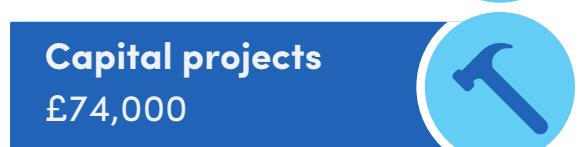
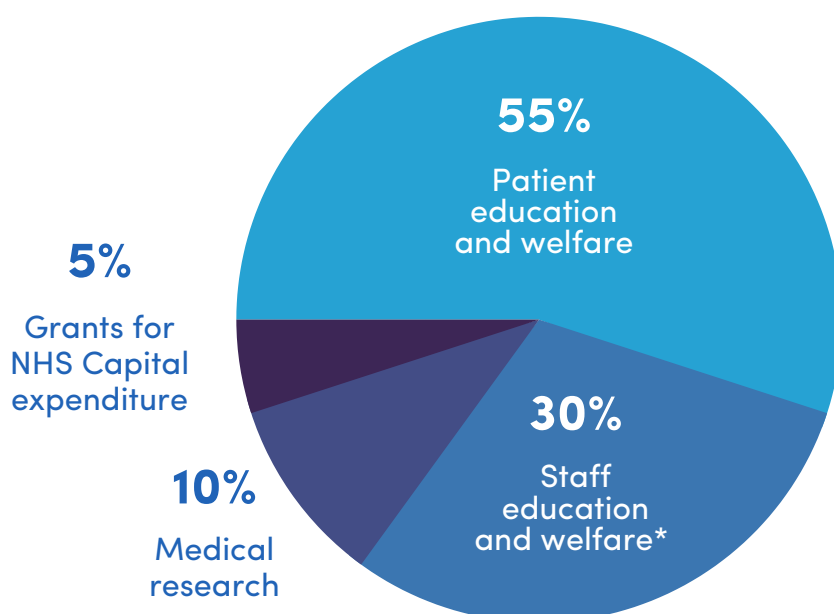
The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied, and include:

- Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- Providing direction and practical help to the charity's Fund Advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- Supporting independent charities – such as the Leagues of Friends – who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to BCUHB, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work

The year at a glance



Total income: £2,401,000



Expenditure on charitable activity: £1,513,000

*Awyr Las received Gifts in Kind with an estimated total value of £134,648. These were used for the benefit of staff. The figure for "Staff education and welfare" includes this amount.

Examples of funding awarded



Enhanced welcome packs for overseas nurses arriving at the height of the pandemic.

Two toddler physio dolls, for the paediatric physiotherapy team to demonstrate physiotherapy techniques to parents via video call.



Nel Del - the charity's mascot - was imagined by a North Wales school pupil.



“Thank you to everyone that has donated to the COVID-19 fund. We have repurposed an iPhone so a patient’s glucose levels can be monitored from home. The device sends data back to us here in the hospital. We can use this data to adjust insulin levels as necessary. During the pandemic, being able to monitor a diabetic child’s glucose levels remotely is even more vital for their health and safety.”

Ceri Tomos,
Diabetes Specialist Nurse

£325

Wellbeing room for staff on Foelas Ward, Bryn y Neuadd



“We have set up a wellbeing room, which is invaluable to staff and volunteers at difficult times. As a team, we have been through so much this year, and still it carries on. It is good for our mental health and co-support to have an area away from everywhere else where we can be self-sufficient and safe. The fridge means we do not have to access the main kitchen, which can be especially difficult to do if you are upset. The health board has been extremely supportive but at these difficult times are unable to fund these items – thank you Captain Tom and all at Awyr Las, we all really appreciate everything you do.”

Alison Ryan-Jones, Deputy Ward Manager

£500

Seating so Talarafon CAMHS could see patients safely outside

£1,080

Blood pressure monitors for young patients to use at home

“The blood pressure monitors funded have helped our team of nurses to continue the vital work of monitoring cardiac patients who are self-isolating at home. These monitors have been, and continue to be, invaluable. Thank you to everyone who made the support we’ve received possible.”

**Andy Bennett,
Heart Failure Specialist Nurse**



£1,300

Wellbeing boxes for people living with dementia



Pictured: The COVID-19 Emergency Department Simulation Suite simulates treating patients who have COVID-19 in life-threatening emergencies.

£3,907

Emergency Department
COVID-19 Simulation Suite.



£4,968

Helping to set up virtual pain management programmes



"Many patients have informed us that they find these groups easier to engage with as they do not need to travel to join them, this reduces their feelings of anxiety regarding engaging in group interventions, which they can now do from the comfort of their own homes. We have been very impressed how the patients, some of whom were novices with IT skills and the online platforms, have quickly learnt the new IT skills and have adapted to changes we have made to the sessions throughout the programme."

**Ruth Burgess, Clinical Nurse Specialist
in Pain Management**

£7,144

Fitting defibrillators in rural communities as part of the Keep the Beats Rural Public Access Defibrillator Project.

£9,857

A support and wellbeing service for senior doctors on the Lesotho Family Medicine Speciality Training Program.*

£10,000

Supporting innovation projects in healthcare via the "Health Hack" event, including clear facemasks to improve communication.

£17,013

Developing and deploying a mobile unit to deliver cardiology education and training to communities in North Wales.

£21,274

Providing a self-referral talking therapies service, offering an early intervention for people experiencing low mood, anxiety or depression.

£24,973

Recruiting a research scientist and providing equipment for a project that seeks to improve the diagnosis of meningitis in babies.

£39,200

Employing a dedicated physician via the COVID-19 Medical Education Fellowship to disseminate key pieces of clinical guidance.

£50,000

Developing and deploying a mobile unit to deliver cardiology education and training to communities in North Wales.

"A lot of child health research in Wales is done in South Wales, but there is a real opportunity to do more research and development that focusses specifically on North Wales. By understanding more about illnesses that affect infants and children here, we can ultimately improve early diagnosis and treatment. This clearly brings direct benefit to children and families across the region."

Dr Artur Abelian, Consultant Paediatrician





"Our Audiologists recognised the need for clear face masks back in April 2020, so we pitched the concept at the M-Sparc Health Hack and received an award of £2,500 from Awyr Las. Since then, we have been testing different options suitable for lip-reading and seeing the face. We are delighted that the clear masks have been approved for use during the pandemic and will now be available to trial throughout the NHS."

Dr Sarah Bent, Principal Clinical Scientist in Audiology

"The huge benefit of having this trailer is that we can reach people in rural communities, and deliver more lifesaving CPR training and education on the use of defibrillators. It's fully kitted out with all the equipment we need and we can take it pretty much anywhere. It will allow us to do roadshows across the region so that people can pop in to speak to us, ask questions and learn more about heart health, and get screened for conditions which can often go undetected."

Tomos Hughes, North Wales Public Access Defibrillators Officer



"The Talking Therapies programme, provided in partnership with Mind and Advanced Brighter Futures, provides an early intervention for people experiencing low mood, anxiety and depression. People self-refer onto the service, and from April referrals have increased by 50%. The therapy is delivered by talking therapy specialists who provide group therapy or 1:1 counselling or Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. COVID-19 has heightened the need for this service - now our valued partners are able to increase their capacity, which has drastically improved waiting times."

Ruth Robinson, Commissioning Manager (Mental Health & Learning Disabilities)

The response to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Awyr Las and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board experienced an overwhelming outpouring of love from the community.

The support was varied and wide-ranging, and encompassed volunteering, gifts in kind, and monetary gifts & grants.

Gifts in Kind

One of the main ways people chose to support Awyr Las during the pandemic was through Gifts in Kind. During the 2020/21 financial year, Awyr Las received donations of Gifts in Kind worth over £130,000.



£134,648

Total estimated value of Gifts in Kind

Donations ranged in type and value, and came from individuals, corporate supporters and communities. People gave a variety of gifts, and each item was imbued with love and gratitude.

These gestures made a big difference to our patients, but had a particular impact on staff. It played a big part in helping them to keep going during the darkest times.

“Our aim was to create hygiene kits which include nourishing cream formulas for hands and face as well as things like shower gels for those members of staff that are tirelessly working around the clock.”

Kate Sparling, Acting Assistant PR Manager (Clarins UK)



Gifts in Kind (continued)

Thank you to everyone who donated a Gift in Kind. Special thanks go to the 3D printing community who made extra visors, and craft community who made additional scrubs, uniform bags, ear protectors and other items for staff.

It is simply not possible to list all the people who gave Gifts in Kind, but this message of thanks is for everyone who made or bought something for our NHS staff and patients, and made such a difficult time a little bit easier.

The following is a small selection of the wonderful items given during the year.

- Kwik Fit in Llandudno kindly donated 100 disposable seat covers for district nurses to use whilst out making calls, helping to safeguard them during the pandemic. Estimated value: £20
- Anglesey's "Random Acts of Kindness" group lovingly handmade extra items for the team on Ysbyty Gwynedd's Children's Ward, including these wonderful child-friendly scrubs that brought smiles to lots of faces during such a challenging and uncertain time. Estimated value: £50
- Fire Station Airbus purchased a smartphone for Wrexham Maelor's Heddfan Unit so patients could keep in touch with loved ones. Estimated value: £150
- Staff at Ysbyty Gwynedd were glad to receive over 500 Hot Cross Buns in time for Easter from Becws Mefus in Llangefni. Estimated value: £250
- Staff at Ysbyty Gwynedd were thrilled to receive 75 care packages from Holland & Barrett in Caernarfon, containing toiletries and healthy snacks. Estimated value: £3,750
- Clarins UK delighted staff across BCUHB with a generous donation of 930 hygiene packs, featuring cleansers and moisturisers for hard-working hands. Estimated value: £12,000



Captain Tom & NHS Charities Together

Captain Sir Thomas Moore, more popularly known as Captain Tom, raised an incredible £32 million for NHS Charities Together by his 100th Birthday on 30th April 2020,* and almost £33 million in total before his JustGiving page closed in May.†

Captain Tom captured the nation's imagination during lockdown and inspired a generation of fundraisers to do something amazing for their NHS.

Captain Tom sadly died in February 2021, but his legacy lives on through the support provided to NHS charities across the UK in the form of grants from NHS Charities Together.



NHS Charities Together raised £150 million in 2020, to help support the NHS' response to COVID-19.‡ Approximately 22% of the funds raised by NHS Charities Together during this period were raised through Captain Tom's fundraising efforts.§ The funds raised are being distributed to all 241 NHS Charity member organisations across the UK. All the support provided by NHS Charities Together goes over and above what the NHS can provide.



There are three planned stages of grants from the NHS Charities Together COVID-19 Appeal:

- Stage 1: COVID-19 urgent response grants for NHS charities to spend quickly on enhancing the well-being of NHS staff, volunteers and patients impacted by COVID-19
- Stage 2: Strategic integrated community and social care pathway grants for NHS charities to work in collaboration with third sector partners so that NHS patients can leave hospital more quickly and safely, and stay or remain out of hospital
- Stage 3: COVID-19 recovery and post-pandemic grants to NHS charities to support the mental health and recovery of NHS staff and volunteers and healthcare services.

Over £4,979,000 of the funds raised through NHS Charities Together's COVID-19 Appeal have been designated for Wales. Awyr Las, the North Wales NHS Charity, will receive a total of £912,724.|| N.B. This figure spans multiple financial years.

£315,600

Amount received from NHS Charities Together in 2020/21

*Captain Tom Moore's NHS appeal tops £32m on 100th birthday, BBC. Available: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52472132>

†Captain Tom Moore raises nearly £33m as NHS appeal closes, BBC. Available: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52498156> (Total raised excluding Gift Aid: £32,796,157)

‡Annual Report 2020, NHS Charities Together. Available: https://www.nhscharities.together.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NHS_CT_Annual_Report_2020_Compiled_AW-RGB-1.pdf

§SHOW OUR FUNDING IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AROUND THE UK, NHS Charities Together. Available: <https://nhscharities.together.co.uk/our-tribute-to-captain-sir-tom-moore>

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Captain Tom & NHS Charities Together (continued)

Thanks to Awyr Las' involvement with NHS Charities Together, the charity has also benefitted from multiple high-profile national media opportunities during the year, including:

- Staff from BCUHB were delighted to appear on a pre-recorded segment as part of ITV's Lorraine show, giving them the opportunity to thank the public for donations to the NHS Charities Together urgent appeal.
- Dr Daniel Menzies, Respiratory Medicine Consultant in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, was honoured to speak to HRH The Duke of Cambridge (Patron of NHS Charities Together) to discuss how the COVID-19 Appeal has made a difference for patients and for staff here in North Wales, and to share some of the challenges that Dan and his colleagues have faced whilst caring for people with COVID-19.



Pictured: Zoe McDonald, Senior Staff Nurse with the acute renal team on Ysbyty Gwynedd's Hebog Ward, was pleased to be featured on the M&S website and in its Llandudno store as part of the national "Rainbow Sale", to share her experience of working on the NHS frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the difference the amazing public support has made.



"During the last year I have mainly been looking after the sickest patients with COVID requiring high levels of respiratory support. I welcomed the opportunity to speak with The Duke of Cambridge about my work and about the difference that the grants from NHS Charities Together and other donations from local supporters of our NHS Charity, Awyr Las, have made. Thanks to the donations we've received, we've been able to fund a COVID Medical Fellowship, so a specialist junior doctor can stay abreast of the latest in COVID treatment and share best practice with colleagues. It was great to see first-hand the enthusiasm and interest that HRH The Duke of Cambridge has in the impact of NHS Charities Together and the wellbeing of patients and NHS staff."

**Dr Daniel Menzies,
Respiratory Medicine Consultant**

Fundraiser stories

Although this year saw a lack of organised events, the community found many innovative ways to raise money for Awyr Las.

Many were moved by the plight of NHS staff working tirelessly during a frightening, uncertain time and wanted to say thank you.

Some were inspired by Captain Tom, and sought to take on challenges in their gardens. Others found ways to bring the community together, even though we all had to stay apart.

It was heartening to see so many children and families getting involved, and Awyr Las benefitted from young people doing sponsored physical challenges in place of the PE lessons they would be having in school, and channelling their creative energies by making things to sell - jewellery, keyrings and even a pandemic-themed board game.

The charity welcomed returning donors and met new supporters. The Awyr Las Support Team is taking steps to build on the links formed during the year, and is developing a new supporter communication plan and improving internal processes for communications to ensure all donors have the best possible experience when they choose to support the charity.

Awyr Las is truly grateful for all the generosity and warmth that has been directed to our NHS staff here in North Wales. What a wonderful community we have.



We can't name everyone here, but we hope you will enjoy reading about a handful of local heroes that made a big difference this year.

“Knowing how much local people care about their NHS makes us all work even harder. The support we've had for our COVID-19 appeal really will help make our healthcare services better.”

Words of a BCUHB Staff Member



Amy's adorable homemade wishing well encouraged passers-by to make a wish for the NHS. The 7-year-old, from Penrhosgarnedd, made the well to raise money for #TeamIrfon and the COVID-19 appeal. It was a welcome and positive distraction for her community, who loved seeing the well while they were out taking exercise during lockdown.

£200
GREAT JOB!

When siblings Julia (16) and Giovanni (11) became bored of their board games during lockdown, they took the initiative and came up with their own. Their reimagining of the classic Monopoly game – where players compete to buy PPE factories and vaccine labs instead of houses and hotels – was a hit when it was offered as a digital download via the Awyr Las website. Inspired by their mum and dad, both NHS workers, they wanted to raise money to support Adolescent Mental Health Services.



£635
FANTASTIC!



Ethan loves to run. He was missing his PE lessons, so decided to take a leaf out of Captain Tom's book and do something active to support Awyr Las. He chose to support the charity because his step-mum is a doctor in Wrexham, and he wanted to say thank you for all she did during the pandemic. Aged just 10, Ethan ran a lap around his local marine lake every day for 100 days, finishing on his birthday.

£1,161
YOU'RE A STAR!

Dr Fay Harris took part in the 2.6 Challenge by walking 2.6 miles around her village for 10 days, matching the distance of the postponed London marathon. A keen dancer, Dr Harris finished the challenge in style - wearing her brand-new, red-sequined dancing heels.

The grandmother and mum of three was inspired to support the Alaw Cancer Ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd by her 80-year-old sister - who has beaten the disease three times - and her daughter, Sally, who has also survived it.



£1,522
BRILLIANT!

Freddie Bennett is an accomplished long distance runner, and even holds a Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon run... dressed as a fisherman! In May, Freddie ran 46 miles - an "Ultra-Marathon" - in his back garden, over a gruelling 13-hour period. Freddie wanted to run to say thank you to all the NHS staff, but particularly his wife, Dr Sarah Moll, who works at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital.



£2,080
IMPRESSIVE!

"My wife has been moved from the children's department to help out during COVID-19 so I'm seeing first-hand what the effect of all this is. Running for 13 hours seems like a lot but it's only like doing a shift in the hospital saving lives and battling this pandemic."

Freddie Bennett



Inspired by his namesake Captain Tom, Tom Williams of Denbigh, aged ninety, walked 90 miles over 90 days during lockdown, raising money to say thank you to the team on Heulwen Ward where he received treatment for cancer between 2016 and 2019.

£3,400
WONDERFUL!



Unable to host their annual mini music festival for Wales and Wrexham FC football fans, The Fat Boar Wrexham and Spirit of '58 came up with another plan. The team at The Fat Boar organised a raffle and Tim at Spirit of '58 donated proceeds from special "Thank You NHS" football shirt sales, raising a fantastic amount for the Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward.

£4,300
SUPERB!



Criccieth's Dancing Queen, Carys Roberts, staged a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for the COVID-19 appeal. The former Top of the Pops dancer, who has shared a stage with Hot Chocolate, Bananarama and Kool and the Gang, wanted to do something for the NHS after being inspired by the work of her brothers John and Gwyn, both doctors on the COVID-19 frontline.

£4,404
AMAZING!



Garry Stewart and Carl Hagan decided to start filming comedy videos to help their community of Holyhead raise a smile during the darkest days of the pandemic. What they didn't realise at the time was how much money they would raise for Awyr Las, as well. Their hilarious antics were a real tonic during lockdown and the outpouring of support from their friends, family and neighbours was incredible.

£12,306
OUTSTANDING!

Volunteering

During the year, there was an influx of offers to volunteer for the Health Board.

The Volunteer Coordination team, along with colleagues from BCUHB's Workforce & Organisational Development team, worked hard to process, induct, train and place over 2,000 people that came forward to help their NHS.

Volunteers have played an important role during the pandemic, helping NHS staff to do even more for their patients during this difficult period, and supporting services to adapt to new ways of working.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time so generously to help their communities.

Here are just some of the important activities volunteers have been helping with:

- Providing support at mass vaccination centres
- Assisting with the vaccination rollout by becoming volunteer vaccinators
- Marshalling at COVID-19 testing facilities
- Collecting and delivering medication
- Providing telephone befriending

George's story

George Manley is just one of the volunteers who signed up to help during the pandemic.

Thank you, George!



“After hearing the national call out for volunteers, I thought there must be something I could do to help. I was in a fortunate position and in good health to give something back to the community. Like many volunteers, my volunteer journey has been hugely enriching. Meeting many wonderful volunteers and BCUHB staff has been a huge pleasure. Volunteering has been incredibly rewarding, it has given many of us the opportunity to offer our valuable work and life skills. Volunteering during these dreadful times has been a wonderful way to contribute in a positive way to benefit our communities; you can make an instant difference to patients’ lives.”

George Manley

Looking ahead

The charity's focus for 2021/22 will be on supporting communities as they navigate the ongoing pandemic.

Addressing the long-term impact of COVID-19 will remain a priority. This work will be supported by money distributed by NHS Charities Together under its Stage 3 "Recovery" grant programme, funded by their COVID-19 urgent appeal.

Projects planned for this work stream will focus on building resilient communities.

As well as redoubling the charity's focus on early intervention, the Awyr Las 2022 – 2025 strategy will provide a roadmap for addressing several key themes that have emerged during the pandemic, including:

- Supporting staff health and wellbeing, making sure they are cared for and supported to remain resilient
- Investing in research, development, training and mentoring to ensure staff are supported to work well in the challenging and dynamic environment of 21st century healthcare
- Encouraging innovation and research to help drive improvements in the quality of care and the patient experience in North Wales
- Collaborating with health and social care providers, local charities, our communities, and our patients and their families to build strong relationships that enable us to find creative solutions to the challenges we face



The Awyr Las Support Team looks forward with cautious optimism, hopeful that we will soon see the safe return of events and mass participation fundraising.

In the meantime, we are investing in digital and hybrid events.

Pictured: Cronfa Elen runners celebrate together after completing the 2019 Snowdonia Marathon.

Looking ahead (continued)

The team has placed a focus on digital and hybrid activities that enable BCUHB staff and external supporters alike to be part of something meaningful remotely, such as the One Million Steps challenge, and the Light up Christmas event.

Words from a few of the people who took part in Light up Christmas this year:

- This idea brought our family so much joy this Christmas.
- A wonderful way to be able to make a donation to one of our valued local charities.
- The lights really did brighten up the Christmas period.
- A wonderful way to spread some joy and light.



Pictured: The 2,000-bulb "Light up Christmas" display on Bangor Pier.

Light up Christmas 2020 was made possible thanks to the generous support of:



Volunteer support

Additionally, we will seek to build on the relationships made with local individuals who registered as COVID-19 volunteers, supporting them to transition to become regular volunteers within the Health Board, for example, as part of the valued Robins Ward Volunteer Scheme.



"I work long days wearing various types of PPE, so getting fresh air on my days off is so important for both my physical and mental wellbeing. The One Million Steps challenge has helped me achieve this as it makes me go out come rain or shine when I would rather stay in bed - and I feel so much better for it."

Julie Starling, Advanced Arrhythmia Clinical Nurse Specialist

Governance

Linked charities

The charity's registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active subsidiary, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity's funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals.

The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year's annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity's governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the Awyr Las Support Team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees have concluded that the Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity. The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

- Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS
- Investment advisors: Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR
- Registered auditors: Wales Audit Office, 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, Awyr Las invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2020/21, Rothschild Wealth Management Limited was the charity's investment manager. With effect from 1st April 2021, following a tender exercise, the investment portfolio will be transferred to a new manager, Brewin Dolphin.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

Investment strategy

This has given direction to the Investment Managers to develop a suitable investment strategy.

The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity.

During the financial year 2020/21, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy.

It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

- Alcoholic products
- Tobacco products
- Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities

Investment in companies which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation and/or which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted.

In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported.

Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board.

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, held within the BCUHB charity, Awyr Las.

All voting members of the Health Board can act as corporate trustees of the charity.

The committee meets quarterly.

Membership

- Members: Up to four Independent Members, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee
- Formally in attendance: Three Executive Members
- Chair: An Independent Member
- Vice Chair: Another Independent Member
- Executive Members: Executive Director of Finance (Lead Director), Executive Director of Strategy, Executive Medical Director

Charitable Funds Committee Membership 2020/21

- Cheryl Carlisle, Independent Member
- David Fearnley, Executive Medical Director (to 30/09/20)
- Arpan Guha, Acting Executive Medical Director (wef 1.10.20)
- Sue Hill, Executive Director of Finance
- Jackie Hughes, Independent Member [Chair]
- Linda Tomos, Independent Member (wef 10/11/20)
- Helen Wilkinson, Independent Member (to 23/11/20)
- Mark Wilkinson, Executive Director Planning and Performance

BCUHB Board Membership 2020/21

A number of changes to Board membership, including interim and acting up arrangements, have occurred during the year and are reflected in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Awyr Las Support Team and the Charitable Funds Committee undertake a number of key activities.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish this goal, the Charity Support Team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas. A particular focus this year has been connecting with staff in different ways, when it has not been possible to do so many in-person activities. The charity has embraced technology, including video conferencing, to stay connected with staff.

Evaluating requests for funding

To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require ratification and/or authorisation from the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC), which is a committee of the full Health Board.*

The Charitable Funds Advisory Group (CFAG) was established at the start of 2016 to provide further scrutiny of applications. The CFAG is a sub-committee of the Charitable Funds Committee. Because of COVID-19, the CFAG was temporarily stood down.

The CFAG has a remit to consider funding applications from £5,000 to £25,000 from general or specific charitable funds. The group has the authority to approve or reject those applications. The decision to approve or reject an application is undertaken on behalf of the Charitable Funds Committee under the charitable funds scheme of delegation.

Membership of the CFAG is varied. Like the CFC, members of the CFAG use their specialist knowledge to make informed decisions on funding, taking into account local needs and organisational priorities.

*Charitable Funds Committee, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Available: <https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/committees-and-advisory-groups/charitable-funds-committee>

Applying for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outcomes and how they will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities and promote the Health Board's dementia strategy.

Awyr Las Support Team

To help meet the charity's objectives, the Awyr Las Support Team has transitioned from working geographically to working thematically. In practice, this guarantees that East, West and Central still have a dedicated point of contact, but that individual members of the team can undertake projects that are more defined, and closely aligned with their skills and experience. Broadly, the specialisms within the team are:

- Community Fundraising & Corporate Sponsorship
- Nurturing Internal Relationships & Partnership with Independent Charities
- Digital & Data
- Strategy & Planning
- Trusts & Foundations fundraising

This evolution has enabled the team to be more effective within the current capacity.

The charity's Support Team continues to streamline its processes and develop relationships with other teams within BCUHB to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor care.

Complaints

The Awyr Las Support Team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or Awyr Las volunteers in 2020/21. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year and when considering applications for grant funding, the trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a Fund Advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests of £5,000 or more. The Charitable Funds Advisory Group considers requests of between £5,000 to £25,000. Requests for £25,000 or more must be considered by the Charitable Funds Committee. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able meet the objectives set out by the applicant.

Non-designated funds

These funds are given to the charity with no preference expressed by the donor. They are used to fund things that are needed either across the region, or in areas/services that do not have their own fund. The Finance Director – Operational Finance acts as the Fund Advisor on non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Non-designated funds have been decreasing in value significantly over recent years. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits the things that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

Designated funds

Within Awyr Las, most donations sit in one of the 414 designated funds, which are aligned to specific wards and departments. Every fund has at least one Fund Advisor, who is the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund Advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

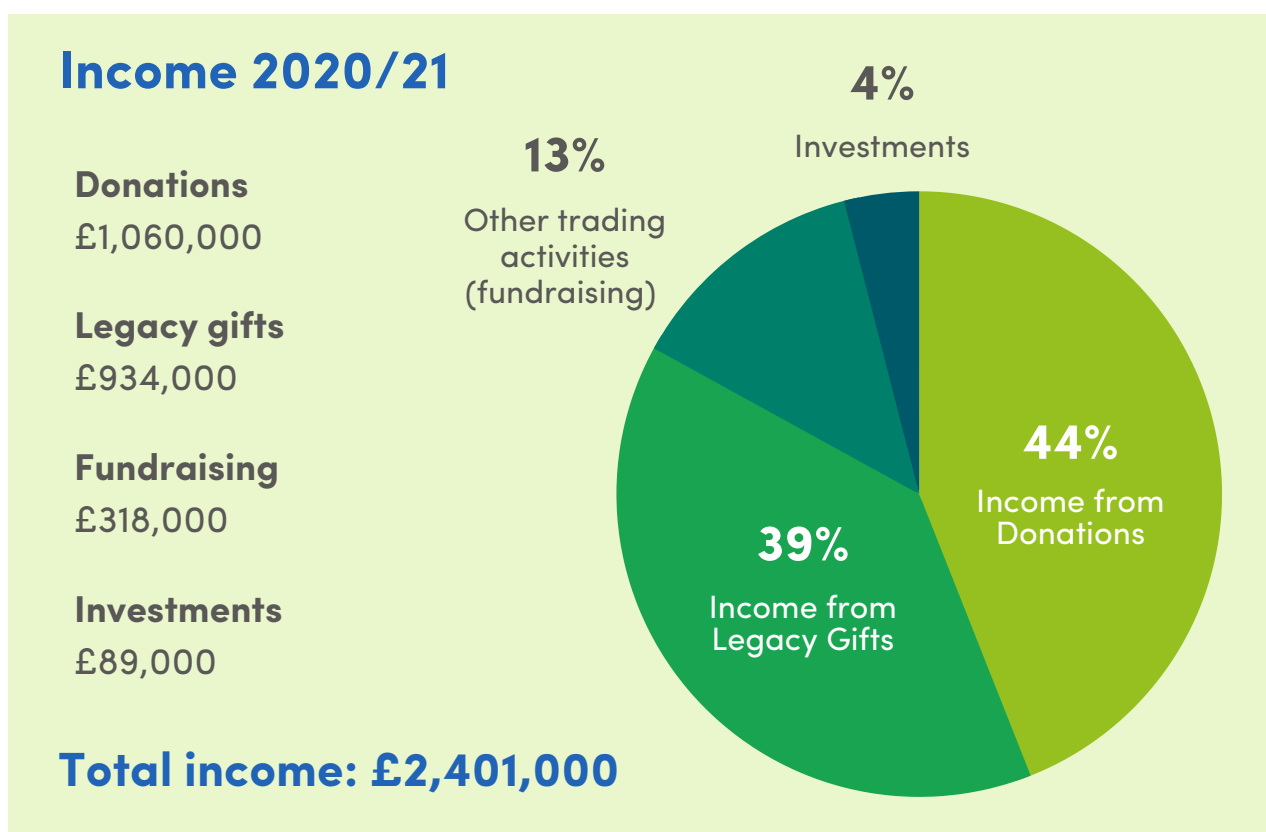
Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved on 20th January 2022, which carry an unqualified audit report.

The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts.

The full accounts have also been logged with the Charity Commission.

Almost all the charity's income comes from the voluntary efforts of NHS staff and the general public.



This year, donations generated £1,060,000 – 44% of the charity's total income.

Legacy gifts formed 39% of the charity's income (£934,000).

Fundraising accounted for 13% of the charity's total income (£318,000).

Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £89,000 in returns, equating to 4% of Awyr Las' total income.

Financial health

The assets and liabilities of Awyr Las as at 31st March 2021 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2020. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000	Total 31 March 2020 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	135
Investments	15	4,923	5,134	10,057	7,673
Total fixed assets:		5,073	5,134	10,207	7,808
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	394	402	796	543
Cash and cash equivalents	17	459	467	926	884
Total current assets:		853	869	1,722	1,427
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(602)	(607)	(1,209)	(1,497)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		251	262	513	(70)
Total assets less current liabilities		5,324	5,396	10,720	7,738
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(50)	(51)	(101)	(84)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		5,274	5,345	10,619	7,654
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	5,345	5,345	3,841
Unrestricted income funds	21	5,259	0	5,259	3,813
Revaluation reserve	21	15	0	15	0
Total funds		5,274	5,345	10,619	7,654

The notes on pages 43 to 54 form part of these accounts.

Signed: 

Name: Jackie Hughes (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 20th January 2022

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings that take place at least four times a year, the trustees consider the major risks facing Awyr Las.

Managing risk

The main risks to the charity are reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis, with the whole risk register being presented and reviewed annually in March. The charity's Risk Register was most recently reviewed on 16th September 2021 and is available to view here: [Bundle Charitable Funds Committee 16 September 2021](#), page 120 – 139. See below for the full URL.

An individual risk analysis is completed for all Awyr Las events and activities, and for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the Awyr Las Support Team.

Reserves

Reserves are that part of a charity's unrestricted income funds which are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. The reserves policy explains to existing and potential fundraisers, donors and other stakeholders why a charity is holding a particular amount of reserves. A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and can also provide an indicator of future funding needs.

The reserves policy of a charity must be set out in its Annual Report. It should take into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. It is good practice to keep the reserves policy under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward financial planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. However if reserves are too low then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy which includes a target level of reserves. In accordance with best practice, the Committee should review its reserves policy and target level of reserves on an annual basis, recalculating the target based on the latest audited accounts.

One of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets (see page 51, note 14 of the accounts).

<https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/committees-and-advisory-groups/charitable-funds-committee/charitable-funds-committee/agenda-bundle-cfc-16-9-21-v2-0-public-pdf>

Target level of reserves

To establish the target level of reserves, a number of factors were considered:

- Anticipated levels of income for the current and future years
- Anticipated levels of expenditure for the current and future years
- Future needs, opportunities, commitments and risks – this includes looking at future plans, projects or other spending needs that cannot be met from the income of a single year's budget

The vast majority of the charity's income is from donations, fundraising and legacies. These are unreliable and unpredictable sources that can vary year to year. The Fundraising Team is working on diversifying and broadening the sources of income through identifying new potential donors and raising awareness of the charity in different spheres of influence. This should help provide more security of income; however, there can still be no guaranteed level of income for any year.

The charity's expenditure is primarily driven by funding approvals awarded by the Charitable Funds Advisory Group and the Charitable Funds Committee. These are entirely within the charity's control and the level of approvals can be reduced or increased depending on the reserves available.

The charity does have ongoing expenditure arising from the costs of the Fundraising Team and Finance staff, the Investment Manager fee and Audit fees.

The other large influence on the charity's reserves is fluctuations in the investments, which can rise or fall in value on a monthly basis.

Taking the above into account and using average figures from the last three years' of audited accounts, the calculation of the target level of reserves is as follows:

The reserves should include one year's administration costs (support costs, fundraising costs and investment management costs), which would allow the charity to continue to run for this period even if no income was received. The three-year rolling average is £411,000.

To insure against the risk of a large fall in the investments, the reserves should include 25% of the three year rolling average value of the investments. This would allow for a significant fall in value and is based on 2008/09; the investments of the three predecessor charities fell by 26% (note that in 2019/20 they fell by 11%). The amount included in the target is £1,934,000.

Target level of reserves (continued)

To allow the charity to support larger projects that cannot be paid for with one year's worth of income and also to allow the Charity to continue to support projects if income was severely reduced, 25% of the grant funded activity expenditure should be included in reserves. Should income cease this would allow the charity to continue to fund projects at its current rate for three months, or at a reduced rate for six months. The three-year rolling average is £543,000.

Based on the above figures, the target level of reserves for the charity is outlined below.

Reserves policy 2020/21

The reserves policy has the objective of ensuring that the charity has sufficient funds available to maintain liquidity, cover unforeseen risks and provide for future opportunities.

The charity relies heavily on income from donations, fundraising and legacies. These are unpredictable sources that can vary year to year. Therefore the charity needs sufficient reserves to be able to continue its activities in the event of fluctuations in its income.

The charity has a target level of reserves of £2,888,000. This is based on the following calculation, with average figures taken from the last three years' of audited accounts:

- One year's administration costs (support costs, fundraising costs and investment management costs)
- 25% of the value of investments held
- 25% of the grant funded activity expenditure

The target level of reserves will be reassessed on an annual basis. The Trustee will review the actual reserves held against the target throughout the year, to ensure that sufficient funds are held within the charity, whilst also continuing to utilise funds within a reasonable period of receipt.

The available unrestricted reserves as at the 31st December 2020 totalled £4,953,000. Compared to the target level of reserves of £2,888,000, the charity is holding higher reserves than it should be.

The charity's proposed 2022-25 Charity Strategy should see the charity take steps to bring the amount of reserves it holds into line with the level of reserves identified by the trustees as appropriate given their plans for the future activities of the charity. From this time, the reserves policy will be calculated using forecasted operational and charitable expenditure figures, and the charity plans to increase expenditure rates.

BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY & OTHER RELATED CHARITIES

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two subsidiary charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- The North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Donations and legacies	3 724	1,270	1,994
Other trading activities	5 312	6	318
Investments	6 53	36	89
Total incoming resources	1,089	1,312	2,401
Expenditure on:			
Raising Funds	7 164	97	261
Charitable activities	8 893	620	1,513
Total expenditure	1,057	717	1,774
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15 1,408	915	2,323
Net income / (expenditure)	1,440	1,510	2,950
Transfer between funds	20 6	(6)	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)			
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14 15	0	15
Net movement in funds	1,461	1,504	2,965
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Funds brought forward	21 3,813	3,841	7,654
Total Funds carried forward	5,274	5,345	10,619

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2019-20 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Donations and legacies	3 896	1,227	2,123
Other trading activities	5 324	87	411
Investments	6 57	40	97
Total incoming resources	1,277	1,354	2,631
Expenditure on:			
Raising Funds	7 171	109	280
Charitable activities	8 1,257	954	2,211
Total expenditure	1,428	1,063	2,491
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15 (135)	(189)	(324)
Net income / (expenditure)	(286)	102	(184)
Transfer between funds	20 (305)	305	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)			
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14 0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(591)	407	(184)
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Funds brought forward	21 4,404	3,434	7,838
Total Funds carried forward	3,813	3,841	7,654

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

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Signed :



Name : Jackie Hughes (Chair of Trustees)

Date : 20th January 2022

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2021

	Note	Total Funds 2020-21 £000	Total Funds 2019-20 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19	14	(88)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	89	97
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	959	1,528
Purchase of investments	15	(760)	(1,378)
(Increase) / decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	(260)	(185)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>28</u>	<u>62</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		42	(26)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	884	910
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	<u>926</u>	<u>884</u>

Note on the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

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

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from appeals or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub-analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment). The charity has no permanent or expendable endowment funds.

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

(c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year and deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

(d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable, whichever falls sooner.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

(e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants (cont.)

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability is disclosed.

(g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

(h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

(i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

(j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

(k) Investments

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

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

(l) Debtors

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

(m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

(n) Creditors

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

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

(o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2. Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £1.41 million (2019-20: £2.11 million). Under the FReM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.82 million (2019-20: £2.18 million). The Charity reported liabilities of £0.19m with the Health Board as at 31st March 2021 (2019-20: £0.14m).

The audited accounts of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Donations	724	336	1,060	929
Legacies	0	934	934	1,194
	724	1,270	1,994	2,123

4. Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- Fund advisors – Within the Charity there are 414 (2019-20: 397) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000 and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- Fundraisers – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £318,000 income from other trading activities during the financial year (2019-20 £411,000).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	53	36	89	96
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	0	0	0	1
	53	36	89	97

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Fundraising office	122	79	201	179
Fundraising events	20	0	20	38
Investment management	13	9	22	50
Support costs	9	9	18	13
	164	97	261	280

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	47	27	74	507
Staff education and welfare (including gift in kind)	421	29	450	611
Patient education and welfare	797	41	838	1,011
Medical research	142	9	151	82
	1,407	106	1,513	2,211

Gifts in kind worth £134,648 were received and used for the benefit of staff.

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees do make grant awards based on invited applications from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000	Total 31 March 2020 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	1,277	84	1,361	919
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities	(368)	17	(351)	442
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	909	101	1,010	1,361

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year. However, some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the balance held in these funds.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Governance				
External audit	3	17	20	10
Finance and administration	8	47	55	50
Total governance	11	64	75	60
Finance and administration	6	35	41	46
Other costs	1	7	8	8
	18	106	124	114
	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000	Total Funds 2019-20 £000
Raising funds	9	9	18	13
Charitable activities	53	53	106	101
	62	62	124	114

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £20,180 (2019-20: £10,250) related solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2020-21 £000	Freehold land 2019-20 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	135	135
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	15	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>135</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	135	135
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>135</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity, for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The charity undertook an independent and professional valuation of the land as at 31 March 2021, which was conducted by the District Valuer, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. The valuation resulted in an increase of £15,000 in the open market value of the land. The charity intends to dispose of the land on the open market.

15. Fixed asset investments

Movement in fixed assets investments

	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Market value brought forward	7,673	7,962
Add: additions to investments at cost	760	1,378
Less disposals at carrying value	(959)	(1,528)
Increase / (decrease) in cash awaiting investment	260	185
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	2,323	(324)
Market value as at 31 March	<u>10,057</u>	<u>7,673</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio managed by Rothschild Wealth Management Limited. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy. A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

In line with this investment strategy, at 31 March 2021 the portfolio had a 71% (2019-20: 66%) allocation to return assets. Return assets are expected to drive long-term performance but are also likely to be volatile over shorter periods. In addition, the portfolio held a 29% (2019-20: 34%) allocation to diversifying assets. These assets are included to provide real diversification and protection in difficult market conditions. Overall, the portfolios remain relatively defensively positioned. This approach provides protection on the downside, but allows the addition of return assets opportunistically, taking advantage of attractive prices particularly during market turbulence.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has continued during the year, the stock market recovered reflecting the net gain on revaluation. The diversifying assets held in the portfolio meant that the loss suffered in the previous year was not as severe, nor the gain experienced as great, as that seen by the stock market as a whole.

The environment for investors remains challenging and fraught with risks. In managing our portfolios, Rothschild Wealth Management Limited assess these risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

With effect from 1 April 2021, following a tender exercise, the investment portfolio will be transferred to a new manager, Brewin Dolphin.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year	Total 31 March 2021 £000	Total 31 March 2020 £000
Accrued income	791	537
Prepayments	0	2
Other debtors	5	4
	<u>796</u>	<u>543</u>

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2021 £000	Total 31 March 2020 £000
Cash in hand	926	884
	<u>926</u>	<u>884</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2021 £000	Total 31 March 2020 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	61	42
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	194	144
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	909	1,277
Other accruals	45	34
	<u>1,209</u>	<u>1,497</u>
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	101	84
	<u>101</u>	<u>84</u>
Total creditors	<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,581</u>

19. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2020-21 £000	Total 2019-20 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	2,950	(184)
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(2,323)	324
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(89)	(97)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(253)	(191)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(271)	60
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	14	(88)

20. Transfer between funds

There have been the following transfers between material designated funds:

- £2,000 was transferred from Elen Merion Fund (restricted) to the ITU Ward, Wrexham Maelor Fund (unrestricted) to fund a contribution towards LED sky lights in ITU.
- £4,000 was transferred from Elen Merion Fund (restricted) to the Critical Care Garden, Wrexham Maelor Fund (unrestricted) to fund a contribution towards a garden for critical care patients and staff.

21. Analysis of funds

a. Analysis of restricted fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2021 £000
BCU Legacies Fund	371	326	0	0	0	697
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	537	4	(18)	0	113	636
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	231	165	(61)	0	137	472
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	363	20	(14)	0	89	458
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	290	3	(10)	0	64	347
Wrexham Medical Institute	274	2	(9)	0	57	324
LLandudno General Purposes	203	2	(7)	0	42	240
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	166	2	(6)	0	38	200
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	166	2	(6)	0	35	197
Cardiology Fund - East	179	2	(35)	0	41	187
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purpos	0	166	(5)	0	18	179
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	0	129	0	0	10	139
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - Glar	110	1	(3)	0	23	131
Renal Unit - YG	3	105	(4)	0	5	109
Oncology Fund - Glan Clwyd	95	1	(11)	0	21	106
Other Funds	853	382	(528)	(6)	222	923
	3,841	1,312	(717)	(6)	915	5,345

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies fund holds the accruals for legacies where probate has been granted, but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the accrual will be reversed out from the BCU Legacies fund.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

b. Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2020 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2021 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	339	32	2	0	0	373
Cardiology Department Central - Patients Fun	123	3	(4)	0	0	122
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	705	41	0	0	0	746
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	15	150
Janet Jones (Alaw) - YG	582	82	0	0	0	664
Gynae Services - West	108	0	0	0	0	108
General Funds - West	131	1	0	0	0	132
General Funds - Llandudno	130	1	0	0	0	131
General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses	332	0	0	0	1,408	1,740
Other Funds	1,228	929	(1,055)	6	0	1,108
	3,813	1,089	(1,057)	6	1,423	5,274

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The Investment Gains fund holds the unallocated and unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The General Funds include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

The Revaluation Reserve is below £100,000 and so is included in Other Funds.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year and no adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity increased by £599,000 to the end of September 2021, as detailed below:

	31 March 2021 £000	30 Sept 2021 £000	Movement £000	Movement %
Investments	10,057	10,656	599	5.96%

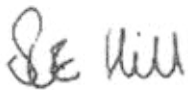
The charity was notified at the end of March 2021 of potential funding from NHS Charities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, however the sum to be received was not disclosed at this point. £164,500 was received in the first quarter of 2021-22.

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds.
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control.
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption.
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 16 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.



Sue Hill
Trustee's Finance Representative

20th January 2022

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts

The Trustee's Representatives are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Government, with the approval of HM Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Charity. In preparing those accounts, the Trustee's Representatives are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the First Minister for Wales with the approval of HM Treasury.
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The Trustee's Representatives are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Government. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees


Jackie Hughes
Trustee's Representative

20th January 2022


Sue Hill
Trustee's Finance Representative

20th January 2022

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity.

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 under the Charities Act 2011. These comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, and relates notes including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the body's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

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

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

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee's responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My 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 my 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. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in the posting of unusual journals.
- Obtaining an understanding of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Charity.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management and the Board;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

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



Adrian Crompton
Auditor General for Wales
Date: 21 January 2022

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