

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the proviso's of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Advancement of health and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability or financial hardship by:

- a) providing Information and Advice to the general public about local Health and Social Care Services;
- b) making the views and experiences of members of the general public known to to Health and Social Care providers;
- c) enabling local people to have a voice in the development, delivery and equality of access to local Health and Care Services and Facilities;
- d) providing training and the development of skills for volunteers and the wider community in the understanding,scrutinising, reviewing and monitoring Local Health and Care Services and Facilities

Public Benefit

All activities undertaken by Healthwatch Darlington subscribe to our charitable aims and are carried out for the public benefit. The charitable aims have been developed and decisions relating to activities undertaken by the charity have been informed with due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Charitable objectives against activities delivered in 2023-2024

Objective 1 - providing Information and Advice to the general public about local Health and Social Care Services.

Activities

The pandemic caused us to modify the way that we worked and until recently staff were working from home.

However, since June 2023 we have resumed office working and attending meetings and seeing members of the public face to face. But we are also able to work remotely using video conferencing. Additionally, we keep our website updated as well as our social media presence and produce a newsletter electronically every week containing up to date information from the health and social care sectors.

Objective 2 - making the views and experiences of members of the general public known to Health and Health and Social Care providers.

Activities

Regular attendance at meetings held with health and social care providers, including attendance at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Objective 3 - enabling local people to have a voice in the development, delivery and equality of access to local Health and Care Services and Facilities

Activities

Due to the technological and digital solutions that were required as a result of the pandemic restrictions, people now have more of a choice in how they interact with us, either face to face at our community hubs, online via various teleconference facilities or phone, website and social media.

Objective 4 - providing training and the development of skills for volunteers and the wider community in understanding, scrutinising, reviewing and monitoring Local Health and Care Services and Facilities

Activities

We conduct weekly alternate Zoom or face to face meetings with volunteers. Staff attend meetings either online or face to face with a range of public, private and voluntary and community sector stakeholders. Two board members attend meetings of the Governing Council and the subcommittees of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, and contacts are maintained with Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust and other providers. Healthwatch Darlington also facilitate regular meetings of the DOT network (Darlington Organisations Together) which has remained popular.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial summary

Full details of the Charitable Company's financial position can be found in the accompanying financial statements attached to this report. The Statement of Financial Activities shows total incoming resources of £233,281 (2023 - £98,819). Total resources expended were £220,138 (2023 - £80,580). This resulted in a surplus transferable to reserves for the year of £13,143 (2023 - £18,339).

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The core contract of £78,669 (2023 - £77,295) was received from Darlington Borough Council provided by the Department of Health for the creation of Healthwatch in each local authority within England.

Reserves policy

Healthwatch Darlington aims to comply with the recommendations of the Charity Commission by maintaining reserves at between 3 and 6 months of planned expenditure. At 31 March 2024 free reserves amounted to £84,977 which is just over the optimum reserves level.

The board have established designated fund for potential redundancy costs in the case that the contract with Darlington Borough Council is was not extended. This reserve is adjusted annually on the basis of employees' period of employment with Healthwatch Darlington Limited and predecessor organisations where redundancy liability has been transferred.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk assessment

Risk assessment and management is built into the work of the Board of Trustees and risks of individual projects and activities are assessed on a case by case basis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08714438 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1156388

Registered office

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Morton Park Business Training Centre
Morton Park Way
Darlington
Co. Durham
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Trustees

V Johnston
S E Mcallister
S Soulsby (resigned 31/10/2023)
Dr R T P Upshall
W Ross (appointed 1/8/2023)
Ms V R Douglas

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr R T P Upshall - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Healthwatch Darlington Limited ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

P Cartwright
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date:

HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities		<u>233,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,281</u>	<u>98,919</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
GENERAL		<u>220,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,138</u>	<u>80,580</u>
NET INCOME		13,143	-	13,143	18,339
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		71,834	11,524	83,358	65,019
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>84,977</u>	<u>11,524</u>	<u>96,501</u>	<u>83,358</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	241	-	241	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	39,000	-	39,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>77,443</u>	<u>11,524</u>	<u>88,967</u>	<u>86,820</u>
		116,443	11,524	127,967	86,820
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(31,707)	-	(31,707)	(3,462)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>84,736</u>	<u>11,524</u>	<u>96,260</u>	<u>83,358</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		84,977	11,524	96,501	83,358
NET ASSETS		<u>84,977</u>	<u>11,524</u>	<u>96,501</u>	<u>83,358</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				84,977	71,834
Restricted funds				<u>11,524</u>	<u>11,524</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>96,501</u>	<u>83,358</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

R T P Upshall - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specified period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specified period; related expenditure is accounted for when incurred.

Investment income relates to interest earned through holding assets on deposit.

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 33.33% on cost

Taxation

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the SOFA.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other non-audit services	1,554	1,584
Depreciation - owned assets	120	-
Other operating leases	<u>32,532</u>	<u>1,796</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable staff	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

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

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities	<u>98,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,919</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
GENERAL	<u>80,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,580</u>
NET INCOME	18,339	-	18,339
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	53,495	11,524	65,019
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>71,834</u>	<u>11,524</u>	<u>83,358</u>

6. LEGAL STATUS

Healthwatch Darlington Limited is a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2023	11,098
Additions	361
At 31 March 2024	<u>11,459</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2023	11,098
Charge for year	120
At 31 March 2024	<u>11,218</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>241</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	<u>39,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	30,159	1,878
Accruals and deferred income	1,548	1,584
	<u>31,707</u>	<u>3,462</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,834	13,143	84,977
Restricted funds			
Designated Funds	11,524	-	11,524
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>83,358</u>	<u>13,143</u>	<u>96,501</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	233,281	(220,138)	13,143
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>233,281</u>	<u>(220,138)</u>	<u>13,143</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,495	18,339	71,834
Restricted funds			
Designated Funds	11,524	-	11,524
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,019</u>	<u>18,339</u>	<u>83,358</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,919	(80,580)	18,339
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,919</u>	<u>(80,580)</u>	<u>18,339</u>

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

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,495	31,482	84,977
Restricted funds			
Designated Funds	11,524	-	11,524
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,019</u>	<u>31,482</u>	<u>96,501</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	332,200	(300,718)	31,482
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>332,200</u>	<u>(300,718)</u>	<u>31,482</u>

11. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Healthwatch Darlington Limited operates a defined contribution scheme which commenced 31 March 2015.

Pension contributions amounted to £5,725 for the year ended 31 March 2024 (2022-£4,835), there are 4 employees participating in the scheme during the period.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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