

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
**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 2025. 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 2024-2025

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

**Activities**

We continue to provide the public with information and signposting attending many meetings and activities organised by other organisations as well as our own, 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 and ICB place meeting.

**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**

We use a range of technological and digital solutions so, people now have more of a choice in how they interact with us, either face to face at our community hubs, on-line 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 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 and our new Mental Health Network.

**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 £103,910 (2024 - £233,281). Total resources expended were £133,497 (2024 - £220,138). This resulted in a deficit to the reserves for the year of £ (29,587).

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Principal funding sources**

The core contract of £76,497 (2024 - £78,669) 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 2025 free reserves amounted to £45,390.

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**

c/o Tandem Hub  
Morton Park Business Training Centre  
Morton Park Way  
Darlington  
Co. Durham  
DL1 4PG

**Trustees**

V Johnston  
S E Mcallister  
Dr R T P Upshall  
W Ross (resigned 19/4/2024)  
Ms V R Douglas  
R H Jones (appointed 22/5/2024)

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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**Bankers**

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Delf House  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Ms V R Douglas - Trustee

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

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**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 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
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**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 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Charitable activities		103,910	-	103,910	233,281
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities					
GENERAL		133,497	-	133,497	220,138
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	10	(29,587) (10,000)	- 10,000	(29,587) -	13,143 -
Net movement in funds		(39,587)	10,000	(29,587)	13,143
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		84,977	11,524	96,501	83,358
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		45,390	21,524	66,914	96,501

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED****BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	120	-	120	241
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	2,345	-	2,345	39,000
Cash at bank and in hand		46,073	21,524	67,597	88,967
		48,418	21,524	69,942	127,967
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,148)	-	(3,148)	(31,707)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		45,270	21,524	66,794	96,260
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		45,390	21,524	66,914	96,501
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		45,390	21,524	66,914	96,501
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				45,390	84,977
Restricted funds				21,524	11,524
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				66,914	96,501

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**

**31 MARCH 2025**

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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 ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
V R Douglas - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **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.

**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):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other non-audit services	1,637	1,554
Depreciation - owned assets	121	120
Other operating leases	4,051	32,532
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**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

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

**Trustees' expenses**

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

**4. STAFF COSTS**

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

	2025	2024
Charitable staff	5	5
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Charitable activities	233,281	-	233,281
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
GENERAL	220,138	-	220,138
<b>NET INCOME</b>	13,143	-	13,143
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	71,834	11,524	83,358
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	84,977	11,524	96,501

**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.

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	11,459
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024	11,218
Charge for year	121
At 31 March 2025	11,339
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	120
At 31 March 2024	241

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**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	39,000
Prepayments	2,345	-
	<u>2,345</u>	<u>39,000</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,517	30,159
Accruals and deferred income	1,631	1,548
	<u>3,148</u>	<u>31,707</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31/3/25
		£	funds	£
			£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	84,977	(29,587)	(10,000)	45,390
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Designated Funds	11,524	-	10,000	21,524
	<u>96,501</u>	<u>(29,587)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,914</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	103,910	(133,497)	(29,587)
	<u>103,910</u>	<u>(133,497)</u>	<u>(29,587)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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

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

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

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

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	71,834	(16,444)	(10,000)	45,390
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Designated Funds	11,524	-	10,000	21,524
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>83,358</u>	<u>(16,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,914</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	337,191	(353,635)	(16,444)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>337,191</u>	<u>(353,635)</u>	<u>(16,444)</u>

**11. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

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

Pension contributions amounted to £6,129 for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024 £5,725), 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 2025.

**HEALTHWATCH DARLINGTON LIMITED**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Contracts	76,497	78,669
Other earned income	27,413	154,612
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	103,910	233,281
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	103,910	233,281
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	108,859	98,881
Pensions	6,129	5,725
Direct costs	4,051	32,532
Rent	3,480	2,792
Insurance	1,640	1,255
Communications	551	721
Postage and stationery	-	362
Advertising & marketing	749	322
Other costs	1,472	1,460
Staff expenses	1,456	2,580
Website and IT costs	503	1,655
Professional fees	1,580	1,465
Subcontractors	-	62,916
Room hire	887	460
Refreshments	383	140
Grants to institutions	-	5,198
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	131,740	218,464
 <b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Computer equipment	120	120
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,637	1,554

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
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	2025 £	2024 £
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Total resources expended	133,497	220,138
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<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(29,587)</b>	<b>13,143</b>
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