

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160497

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023  
FOR

FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA  
THE CHRIS BRAMHALL CHILDREN'S BRAIN  
TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA: THE CHRIS BRAMHALL  
CHILDREN'S BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1160497

Charity's principal address

50 CHATSWORTH PLACE

HARROGATE

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Postcode

HG1 5HR

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	SARA WILSON	CHAIRMAN		
2	RITA ELDER	SECRETARY		
3	JEAN WILSON	TREASURER		
4	JULIE PHELAN	FUNDRAISER		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>ACCOUNTANT</b>	CATHERINE STORK BCT ACCOUNTANTS LTD	BEECHLEY, MINSKIP ROAD, BOROUGHBRIDGE, YO51 9HY
<b>CHARITY EXPERT</b>	ANDREW BUTLER	OLD BAKEHOUSE, CORFE, TAUNTON, SOMERSET TA3 7AS
<b>BANKERS</b>	THE CO- OPERATIVE BANK	P.O.BOX 250 , DELF HOUSE, SOUTHWAY, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6WT
<b>SOLICITORS</b>	The charity engages the most appropriate solicitors for the given circumstances and does not retain a dedicated practice	

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	TRUST DEED
How the charity is constituted	THE CHARITY IS CONSTITUTED BY A CHARITABLE TRUST DEED DATED 17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013
Trustee selection methods	APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

The charity has four Trustees who meet regularly (at least three times a year in accordance with the criteria set out in The Trust Deed). At the meetings Trustees agree the broad strategy of the charity including risk management, fundraising, monitoring of grants and performance. The Trustees have received copies of Charity Commission News -Issue 65 as instructed. All Trustees as of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 have signed a Trustee Declaration Form outlining Trustee eligibility, responsibility and conflict of interest that the law requires. The charity is still with the Co-operative bank and updated this information on The Charities Commission website in accordance with guidelines. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed especially in relation to the operations and finances to the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to the major risks.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the charity are for the benefit to protect and promote the health of the public in particular by research into the nature ,causes , diagnosis, prevention, treatment and cure of ependymoma, including the development of research into practical applications for the prevention, treatment and cure of ependymoma and to provide information and raise public understanding of such matters.

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

In relation to the objectives outlined the Trustees have had due regard to the Commissions public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. In particular reference to PB1 PB2 and PB3 Guidance documents supplied by The Charities Commission. The objects of the charity are to support research into the study and cure of ependymoma in children and to raise awareness of these matters. We continued throughout 2023 to fundraise for research, raise awareness, provide information and raise public understanding in keeping with our objectives through publications, website, social media and charitable activities and events.

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

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

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

The charity has established its grant making policy to achieve its objectives for the public benefit to improve the lives of children fighting ependymoma and to seek a permanent cure in the future. The charity invites applications for research grants from highly regarded experts and leaders in the field of paediatric ependymoma research. We liaise with the AMRC with a view to gaining membership in the near future. Applicants are required to fill out an extensive form that includes proviso for feedback of results. These are in the form of yearly reports. The Trustees review the grant applications yearly and the grant application form periodically.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

Throughout 2023 we concentrated on building up funds as well as supporting research.

In January we donated a further **£34,000** to support a Research Assistant under lead children's ependymoma expert Professor Grundy, who will help the Ependymoma Multidisciplinary Advisory Group by collecting data with a view to setting up a vital Clinical Trial for relapsed ependymoma in children. We expect further updates throughout 2024 on this.

We continued to raise funds by holding a successful Charity Rock/ Metal event which raised £1700

Our fantastic supporters around the country took part in events including a London to Brighton Bike Ride, Charity Penalty Shoot out , Wellrun 10k Marathon as well as a multi activity challenges and made very generous donations via our donating pathways.

We received a generous grant of £5,500 from **The Shears Foundation** and continue to apply to Foundations as and when applicable.

We raised awareness by publishing our annual EPENDYHUB magazine which we distribute worldwide in accordance with GDPR guidelines.

We were invited to place our Fighting Ependymoma Christmas Tree of Inspiration at St Peter's Church, Harrogate which featured over 120 names of children worldwide affected by ependymoma which is a popular event for raising awareness.

The charity have been invited into the College of Benefactors at Nottingham University in recognition of our supporters outstanding contribution to research.

The One Lottery continues to help give a sustainable income and we continue to promote this via leaflet distribution and social media.

We continue to run our justgiving platform.

We operate a text giving service via DONR.

We have a social media presence across facebook and twitter with over 6000 followers.

We have a website kindly gifted by Mr Dorian Robinson which is being updated.

The charity is a member of The British Neuro oncology Society and is acknowledged by IBTA on their website.

We have joined the Fundraising Regulator and strengthened our complaints procedure.

We have updated our Safeguarding policy and established a Diversity policy all subject to review.

The Trustees are satisfied with the progress of the charity and are indebted to all our supporters and donors who work tirelessly to improve outcomes for children fighting ependymoma.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

THE CHARITY'S CURRENT POLICY ON RESERVES IS TO ENSURE THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS PRUDENTLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO FUND RESEARCH INTO PAEDIATRIC EPENDYMOMA.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

THE CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF FUNDRAISING IS FROM PUBLIC DONATIONS.  
WE ALSO APPLY TO RELEVANT TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE.  
WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY BY CONTINUING TO FUNDRAISE FOR AND RAISE AWARENESS OF PAEDIATRIC EPENDYMOMA.  
WE HAVE INVESTED IN MARKETING TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS AS WELL AS VITAL RUNNING COSTS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE CHARITY.  
WE MAKE GRANTS TO RECOGNISED INSTITUTIONS FOR RESEARCH INTO CHILDHOOD EPENDYMOMA IN LINE WITH OUR OBJECTIVES

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

*Sara Wilson*

**Full name(s)**

SARA WILSON

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

CHAIRMAN

**Date**

8th JANUARY 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA  
THE CHRIS BRAMHALL CHILDREN'S BRAIN  
TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA The Chris Bramhall Children's Brain Tumour Research Charity**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA The Chris Bramhall Children's Brain Tumour Research Charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Catherine L Stork, ACA, CTA  
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6/2/2024  
Date: .....



**FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA**  
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**TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		29,415	29,982
<b>Total</b>		29,415	29,982
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	2	2,298	4,387
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grant		35,075	6,131
Other		45	45
<b>Total</b>		37,418	10,563
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(8,003)	19,419
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		30,930	11,511
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		22,927	30,930

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**


All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

**FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**At 31st December 2023**

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		23,497	31,501
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(570)	(571)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>22,927</u>	<u>30,930</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		22,927	30,930
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>22,927</u>	<u>30,930</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>22,927</u>	<u>30,930</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>22,927</u>	<u>30,930</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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 Miss S Wilson -Trustee

FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA  
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TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

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

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.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

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

**2. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Insurance	151	151
Marketing material	841	2,430
Support costs	1,306	1,806
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>4,387</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	29,982
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<b>Total</b>	29,982
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	4,387
Charitable activities	
Grant	6,131
Other	45
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<b>Total</b>	10,563
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	19,419
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	11,511
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	30,930
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**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other creditors	570	571
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,930	(8,003)	22,927
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>30,930</b>	<b>(8,003)</b>	<b>22,927</b>
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	29,415	(37,418)	(8,003)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>29,415</b>	<b>(37,418)</b>	<b>(8,003)</b>
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**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	11,511	19,419	30,930
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>11,511</b>	<b>19,419</b>	<b>30,930</b>
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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	29,982	(10,563)	19,419
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>29,982</b>	<b>(10,563)</b>	<b>19,419</b>
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**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**FIGHTING EPENDYMOMA**  
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**TUMOUR RESEARCH CHARITY**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	23,915	29,982
Grant received	5,500	-
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	29,415	29,982
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	29,415	29,982
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Insurance	151	151
Marketing material	841	2,430
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	992	2,581
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to institutions	34,000	5,000
<b>Other</b>		
Licences and fees	45	45
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank and gift aid charges	709	771
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Postage and stationery	1,090	1,590
Accountancy and legal fees	582	576
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	1,672	2,166
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	37,418	10,563
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(8,003)	19,419