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Ways to Wellness Foundation

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Annual Report

31 March 2024

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Reference and administrative details **Year ended 31 March 2024**

Trustees

Brendan Temple Hill
Brigid Joughin
David Hunter (appointed 12 October 2023)
Guy Pilkington, Chair
Ian Dodds (resigned 25 October 2024)
John Spurr
Mary Jordan
Sir Paul Ennals, Vice Chair (resigned 13 July 2023)

Company registered number

09183805

Charity registered number

1161123

Registered office

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Sandra Mitchell-Phillips

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UNW LLP
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Trustees' report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The Foundation's objects for the period of this report are:

The preservation and protection of health, and the relief of poverty, by advancing social interventions, for individuals in North Cumbria and North East England with health conditions, in particular but not exclusively by:

- Developing and testing social interventions, and working with other sectors to do this;
- Providing information and prescribing social interventions to individuals to improve public health;
- Advancing the education of general public, medical practitioners and others in relation to social prescribing and other social interventions; and
- Such other exclusively charitable purpose(s) as the trustees may from time to time determine in accordance with the law of charity.

Social interventions means non-medical interventions to achieve sustained healthy behaviour change and improved self-care. Social prescribing supplements the support a patient gets from their healthcare professional. A doctor or healthcare professional can prescribe an intervention, as they would medicine. Typically, the interventions include physical activity, health eating/cooking, social interaction and support with positive relationships.

Strategies for achieving objectives

The Ways to Wellness Foundation ('the parent charity') is the beneficial owner of and sole shareholder of its trading subsidiary, Ways to Wellness Limited, which together are referred to as 'the group'. Ways to Wellness was created in 2015 to test and evaluate the impact of intensive social prescribing support to patients with long term conditions on a large scale, i.e. the west end of Newcastle. Social prescribing is the use of non medical interventions to achieve sustained lifestyle change and improved self care among people with long term health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. Ways to Wellness Limited aimed to reach approximately 10,000 patients over seven years, supporting up to 3,000 patients at any one time and significantly improving health and wellbeing outcomes for people living with long term health conditions. This target was achieved and the service continues to be commissioned by the ICB.

In recognising the Foundation's ability both to develop and prototype innovative solutions to health inequalities, since 2021 we have taken this learning and applied it to innovative new projects. In September 2022 Ways to Wellness acquired Bluestone Collaborative, a charity with similar aims and objectives, to strengthen its presence outside of the Newcastle Upon Tyne area. With both charities operating under the Ways to Wellness banner, the organisation's reach now stretches across the Integrated Care System geography.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The Foundation has now become the main operating vehicle, holding service level agreements, grant agreements and appropriate contracts where required. The operating company, Ways to Wellness Limited, is able to also hold contracts if that is the best option.

The Foundation now runs a number of prototypes in addition to the original Long Terms Conditions service. These include supporting families who have a child with a diagnosis of a neurodisability, patients waiting for hip and knee replacements who are on high levels of chronic pain medication, a maternal mental health service and supporting those with persistent physical symptoms. A number of other potential prototypes are in the very early development stage with the hope that these will come on stream in the near future.

The public benefits generated from the work of Ways to Wellness are set out below under 'Achievements and performance'. The trustees continue to consider the wider impact of the organisation and have started developing a new strategy to ensure that the organisation's objectives are achieved. As part of the new strategy, the trustees have undertaken an organisational review to ensure that the skills needed to achieve the objectives are in place as part of the staffing structure and where gaps have emerged, a recruitment process has been undertaken. The trustees have also given due consideration to the Charity Commission guidance relating to public benefit, the Trustees are satisfied that the activities of the group continue to deliver substantial benefits in line with the charity's objects.

Achievements and performance

Main achievements of the charity

Patient Engagement

Across the range of prototypes and programmes that we are either testing or delivering, we have engaged with over 11,000 patients to date. The Ways to Wellness approach has been focussed on a more intensive intervention in order to encourage sustained behavioural change and therefore the number of patients on the programmes are relative to that intensity. As would be expected, our newer prototypes tend to involve a far smaller number of patients while we refine and test the model.

Patient Wellbeing Improvements

Patient wellbeing is measured across all of the Ways to Wellness programmes, largely using the Wellbeing StarTM specific to the patient group. On average, Ways to Wellness looks for a wellbeing improvement score of more than 2.5 points in the most recent assessment as a measure of success. Along with the quantitative data collected, qualitative data is also collected and patients' views and opinions about the programmes help to ensure that the intervention remains focussed, relevant and within expected outcomes.

Research

Ways to Wellness collaborates with local universities to evaluate and measure the impact of our prototypes. We have a strong commitment to research and evaluation and have excellent relationships with local academics who are involved with our evaluation of prototypes. Newcastle and Durham Universities, in collaboration with Ways to Wellness and funded by National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), have completed their extensive research and evaluation into the impact of the social prescribing programme on patients diagnosed with diabetes. The research published in early 2023 has highlighted some surprising and unexpected results including a reduction in the HBA1C measurement.

Research is also currently being undertaken with Newcastle University and the Great North Children's Hospital in relation to our prototype supporting families who have a child with a diagnosis of a neurodisability and the results are expected in late 2024. A full evaluation is also underway in relation to the maternal mental health service, early indications are that the impact has been significant both for the mothers and the wider family. This service operates in four areas of the North East and North Cumbria ICB geography and Ways to Wellness subcontracts the delivery of the service to four locally based VCSE organisations.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Review of activities

The Ways to Wellness group has six trustees of the Foundation, three non executive directors of the limited company and 14.6 full time equivalent staff. The trustees are currently recruiting to the Board in order to support achievement of the new strategic objectives.

Across our prototypes, Ways to Wellness tests different methods of delivery and referral mechanisms to understand how best to ensure sustained success of the intervention.

Two local/regional sub contracted charity and social enterprise delivery partners delivered the Ways to Wellness long term conditions service and employed approximately 19 full time equivalent Link Workers at the end of 2023/24. The majority of referrals to this programme are generated from GP practices. During 2024 one of the providers decided to move into other areas and gave notice of their intent to withdraw from the contract. Ways to Wellness took on some direct delivery and the Link workers from that provider were transferred to Ways to Wellness under TUPE in addition a Team Leader and additional staff members were recruited to support the service.

Referrals to the child neurodisability programme are via the Great North Children's Hospital while referrals to the perioperative programme are moving from a central hub working with Newcastle Hospitals to a referral directly from GP's. The prototype is delivered directly by Ways to Wellness.

The Maternal Mental Health programme generates its referrals via a wide range of sources. These include maternity services – perinatal, community midwives and wellbeing midwives, and also VCSE referrals and directly via the Primary Care Network.

Ways to Wellness Limited continues to receive and respond to dozens of requests annually from external organisations. The requests largely relate to information about social prescribing and/or social impact bond funding and originate from charities and social enterprises, commissioners and intermediaries.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Financial review

Financial performance

Over the year the programmes have generated a surplus and is expected to continue to do so during 2024/25 as referrals increase due to expansion of age range/GP practices.

Going concern

Any retained reserves generated by Ways to Wellness Limited will be used to achieve Ways to Wellness Foundation's charitable objectives in due course.

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Reserves policy

The Ways to Wellness group has demonstrated that the 'link worker longer term support' model is successful and a larger surplus than expected was achieved from the original contract. In looking to the future of the organisation and to build on its success, the trustees are committed to developing and supporting innovative programmes and prototypes that improve health and wellbeing, and tackle health inequalities. Two projects are already under way, for which the Foundation is providing the initial seed funding.

The trustees intend to invest the surplus prudently over the coming years into projects which achieve the aims of the charity, whilst ensuring that 12 months' operating costs (currently £670k) are held back to ensure the ongoing operation of the projects in the event of a reduction in expected income. Currently the reserves are significantly more than this target. The Trustees are developing an ambitious strategy for applying this excess. The strengthened capability and capacity of the staff and refocused aims and objectives will allow the trustees to invest the surplus prudently over the next few years. To reflect this ambition, the trustees have agreed to designate part of the reserves into two designated development funds, from which they expect to make significant allocations to projects in the coming year:

- a) £1m towards the cost of one significant project
- b) £300k towards the cost of multiple smaller projects

Subject to the success of these initiatives the trustees expect to invest future surplus reserves over the next few years.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Ways to Wellness Foundation registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up under a Memorandum of Association dated 12 August 2014. It is a registered charity number 1161123.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

Methods of appointment or election of trustees

No formal policy is in place for the appointment or election of trustees. Trustees and non executive directors are recruited and appointed based upon the knowledge, skills and experience judged to be necessary and appropriate to the best interests of the group and the Foundation's objects. New appointments are approved at Board level.

The Senior Management Team comprises:

Sandra Mitchell Phillips – Chief Executive Officer

Mike Bareham – Finance Manager

Simon Broomhead – Social Prescribing Development Lead

Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co opted under the terms of the constitution but effective day to day management is delegated to the Chief Executive and staff within the charity.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

No formal policies are in place for the induction and training of trustees. New trustees and non executive directors are provided with key documents and policies, including terms of reference and expectations. New trustees and non executive directors have one to one induction meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive (and, as indicated, Finance Manager) to review the remit and expectations of the role as well as key areas of focus.

Risk management

The trustees have high level oversight of risks, with detailed risk management of operation, contract management and finances devolved to the Board of Non Executive Directors of the trading subsidiary, which reviews the Risk Register quarterly at both Board and Finance Committee meetings. Given the outcomes based nature of the contract and the use of SIB investment, key risks relate to the potential failure to achieve target patient engagement numbers and/or target outcomes (and resulting impact on adherence to financial model). The trustees and non executive directors are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the group's exposure to the major risks, including regular monitoring and analysis of service delivery metrics, patient experience and impact measures.

Plans for future periods

The trustees of the Foundation intend to develop and test further models of delivering services to communities experiencing health inequalities working with statutory organisations and using the VCSE sector as delivery agents over the coming years, effectively transforming the Foundation into a hub of innovation. The limited company will remain as the contract management agent in these models.

Throughout the coming year, the trustees and senior team are reviewing and revising the strategic direction in order to ensure that the organisation remains responsive and relevant.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, UNW LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. The trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 29 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Guy Pilkington

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities Year ended 31 March 2024

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 29 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Guy Pilkington



Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Ways to Wellness Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ways to Wellness Foundation ('the parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries ('the group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the company balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the 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 our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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



Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Ways to Wellness Foundation (continued)

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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



Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Ways to Wellness Foundation (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the directors and other management (as required by Auditing Standards) and from inspection of the company's legal correspondence and we discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with the laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations within our audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the charitable company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation's (including related companies legislation) and taxation legislation and we have assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the charitable company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines and litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; data protection, employment law and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the company's activities. Auditing Standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we have not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance material to the financial statements.

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

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



Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Ways to Wellness Foundation (continued)

Use of our report

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

Anne Hallowell

Anne Hallowell BSc DChA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

29 October 2024

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Consolidated Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies		30,129	30,129	-
Charitable activities	3	1,517,913	1,517,913	1,446,504
Other income		186,738	186,738	79,513
Total income		1,734,780	1,734,780	1,526,017
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		2,351	2,351	1,691
Charitable activities	4	1,123,400	1,123,400	1,080,532
Total expenditure		1,125,751	1,125,751	1,082,223
Net movement in funds		609,029	609,029	443,794
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		2,635,360	2,635,360	2,191,566
Net movement in funds		609,029	609,029	443,794
Total funds carried forward		3,244,389	3,244,389	2,635,360

The consolidated statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated balance sheet At 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Negative goodwill	7	-	(78,515)
Tangible assets	8	19,843	20,551
		<u>19,843</u>	<u>(57,964)</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	164,816	410,061
Cash at bank and in hand		3,296,837	2,746,450
		<u>3,461,653</u>	<u>3,156,511</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(237,107)	(463,187)
Net current assets		<u>3,224,546</u>	<u>2,693,324</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,244,389</u>	<u>2,635,360</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>3,244,389</u></u>	<u><u>2,635,360</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	3,244,389	2,635,360
Total funds		<u><u>3,244,389</u></u>	<u><u>2,635,360</u></u>

The charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 29 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


Guy Pilkington

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet At 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Negative goodwill	7	-	(78,515)
Tangible assets	8	19,843	20,551
Investments	9	1	1
		<u>19,844</u>	<u>(57,963)</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	167,778	80,520
Cash at bank and in hand		2,859,623	2,315,879
		<u>3,027,401</u>	<u>2,396,399</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(151,962)	(307,890)
Net current assets		<u>2,875,439</u>	<u>2,088,509</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,895,283</u></u>	<u><u>2,030,546</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	2,895,283	2,030,546
Total funds		<u><u>2,895,283</u></u>	<u><u>2,030,546</u></u>

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Balance sheet (continued)

At 31 March 2024

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Guy Pilkington
(Chair of Trustees)

Company registered number: 09183805

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Consolidated statement of cash flows Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	13	552,030	742,561
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,643)	(22,243)
Net cash inflow on acquisition		-	125,826
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		550,387	846,144
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,746,450	1,900,306
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	14	3,296,837	2,746,450

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Ways to Wellness Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own income and expenditure account.

The total profit for the year dealt with in the accounts of the charitable company was £864,737 (2023: £453,843).

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which is the functional currency of the company and are rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Going concern

The group meets its working capital requirements through its operating cash flows. The trustees have considered the group wide assessment of financial forecasts which show that the group expects to retain sufficient financial resources to continue meeting its liabilities as they fall due for a least 12 months following approval of these financial statements.

After making enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Consequently, they consider that the preparation of these financial statements on a going concern basis remains appropriate.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grant income is recognised in full on receipt, or when receipt is certain, with the exception of programme related grant income which is recognised in the period in which the related activity takes place, with appropriate amounts accrued or deferred.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Royalty payments and management fees in respect of the loan are recognised within direct costs.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. They are apportioned against the activities of the charity in line with the estimated usage of those costs.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is provided on all intangible assets so as to write off the cost of an asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

Negative goodwill	-	Amortised over the life of the contracts
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Assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, and adjusted if appropriate. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price plus any further costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less their estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Long-term leasehold property	-	10% straight line basis
Office equipment	-	10% straight line basis
Computer equipment for Link Worker	-	Depreciated over the remaining life of the contract

Asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, and adjusted if appropriate. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.10 Financial instruments

The group only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade, intercompany and other accounts receivable and payable, cash and bank balances and loans from related parties.

All such instruments are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. All financial instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Deferred taxation

The taxation expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax and is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income, or directly in equity, in which case the tax expense is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the current or past reporting periods. It is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax represents the future tax consequences of transactions and events recognised in the financial statements of current and previous periods. It is recognised in respect of all timing differences, with certain exceptions. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of transactions and events in the financial statements in periods different from those in which they are assessed for tax.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of timing differences.

2.12 Pensions

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Contracted service delivery	1,517,913	1,517,913	1,446,504

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Provision of services	666,598	456,802	1,123,400

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Provision of services	646,611	433,921	1,080,532

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Wages and salaries (note 7)	313,740	313,740	257,279
IT costs	16,971	16,971	31,032
Legal and professional fees	15,971	15,971	12,770
Other support costs	110,120	110,120	132,840
	456,802	456,802	433,921

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5. Auditor's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the charitable company's annual accounts	<u>8,500</u>	<u>9,000</u>

6. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Wages and salaries	399,137	240,340	269,516	201,334
Social security costs	35,867	16,982	27,613	14,482
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	42,885	33,054	30,178	16,026
	<u>477,889</u>	<u>290,376</u>	<u>327,307</u>	<u>231,842</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 No.	Charity 2024 No.	Charity 2023 No.
	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the chief executive officer, finance manager and social prescribing development lead. The employee benefits total £167,931 (2023: £102,532).

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7. Negative goodwill

Group and charity

	Negative goodwill £
At 1 April 2023	(125,826)
At 31 March 2024	(125,826)
At 1 April 2023	(47,311)
Credit for the year	(78,515)
At 31 March 2024	(125,826)
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	-
At 31 March 2023	(78,515)

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8. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Charity

	Long-term leasehold property £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	8,183	14,060	4,752	26,995
Additions	-	1,643	-	1,643
At 31 March 2024	8,183	15,703	4,752	28,638
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	672	1,020	4,752	6,444
Charge for the year	828	1,523	-	2,351
At 31 March 2024	1,500	2,543	4,752	8,795
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	6,683	13,160	-	19,843
At 31 March 2023	7,511	13,040	-	20,551

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9. Investments

	Shares in group undertaking £
Charity	
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	1
At 31 March 2024	<u>1</u>

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the charity:

Name	Company number	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding
Ways to Wellness Limited	08798423	England	Ordinary	100% -%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss) for the year £	Net assets £
Ways to Wellness Limited	1,214,765	(565,662)	649,103	349,107

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10. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade debtors	114,731	321,000	114,731	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	4,564	9,375	2,174
Other debtors	3,505	-	3,505	-
Prepayments and accrued income	46,580	84,497	40,167	78,346
	<u>164,816</u>	<u>410,061</u>	<u>167,778</u>	<u>80,520</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade creditors	31,638	48,778	6,897	22,319
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	4,564	9,073	-
Other taxation and social security	67,869	102,153	9,481	776
Accruals and deferred income	137,600	307,692	126,511	284,795
	<u>237,107</u>	<u>463,187</u>	<u>151,962</u>	<u>307,890</u>

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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Designated Funds	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000
General funds				
General funds	1,335,360	1,734,780	(1,125,751)	1,944,389
Total Unrestricted funds	2,635,360	1,734,780	(1,125,751)	3,244,389

Designated funds relate to projects for secondary prevention and are expected to be used over the coming year.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Funds	-	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000
General funds					
General Funds	2,191,566	1,526,017	(1,082,223)	(1,300,000)	1,335,360
Total Unrestricted funds	2,191,566	1,526,017	(1,082,223)	-	2,635,360

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13. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	609,029	443,794
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,351	1,692
Amortisation charges	(78,515)	(47,311)
Decrease in debtors	245,245	9,177
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and other provisions	(226,080)	335,209
Net cash provided by operating activities	552,030	742,561

14. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Cash in hand	3,296,837	2,746,450
Total cash and cash equivalents	3,296,837	2,746,450

15. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,746,450	550,387	3,296,837

16. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charged represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £42,885 (2023: £33,054).

As at 31 March 2024 there were no contributions payable to the scheme (2023: £nil).

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17. Related party transactions

The charitable company has received donations of £904,881 (2023: £614,863) from its subsidiary undertaking, Ways to Wellness Limited, in the year. No amounts remain outstanding in respect of these donations at the balance sheet date.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the chief executive officer, finance manager and social prescribing development lead. The total employee benefits for key management personnel are disclosed in note 7.