

Leeds Hospitals Charity consolidated
annual report and accounts 2023/24



Transforming lives

through better treatments, care and support

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Rob Burrow, a patron of Leeds Hospitals Charity, sadly died on 2 June 2024.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Rob, his wife, Lindsey, and the rest of their family for everything they have done over the past few years to support our £6.8 million fundraising appeal to build The Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease.

We'd also like to extend this thank you to Kevin Sinfield and to every individual who gave a donation or fundraised to help make Rob and Lindsey's dream a reality. Your kindness and generosity means building work on the centre has now begun, and it's on track to open in the summer of 2025.

“My final message to you is, whatever your personal battle, be brave and face it. In a world full of adversity, we must still dare to dream.”

**Rob Burrow,
CBE**



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Our year at a glance

Welcome from our Chair



**Dr Yvette Oade
CBE, Chair**

I am delighted to present Leeds Hospitals Charity's annual report and accounts for 2023/2024.

Without doubt, we've had a truly fantastic year, making a positive difference to the lives of our patients, families and NHS staff members, and raising even more funds to support the vital work of our hospitals.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our wonderful supporters, who continue to go the extra mile for our charity, despite the ongoing pressures caused by the cost-of-living crisis.

From marathon runners, to tea party hosts, to fashion show organisers, you are incredible, and every penny you raise really does help to make our hospitals even better.

The commitment of our volunteers also continues to amaze me. Whether you volunteered at one of our shops, are a fellow trustee, or helped at one of our challenge events, I'm incredibly grateful for the time and energy you give. We couldn't transform the lives of so many people without your help.

I'd also like to say thank you to all of the staff at Leeds Hospitals Charity who have worked tirelessly to ensure this past year was a success; including of course, our Chief Executive, Esther Wakeman.

And finally, I'd like to say a special thanks to my predecessor, Edward Ziff, OBE DL, for his dedication to the Leeds Hospitals Charity over several years. It's a privilege to follow you and take on this special role.

Yvette

**Dr Yvette Oade CBE
Chair from September 2023**

Thanks to our amazing supporters, we awarded

£3.76 million

in grants to help Leeds Teaching Hospitals provide even better treatments, care and support.

We estimate over

664,000 people

benefitted from these grants. This includes our patients, families and staff members.

A review of the year from our Chief Executive



Esther Wakeman
CEO

What a fantastic year we've had. I'm genuinely blown away that our donors and fundraisers raised almost £8 million this year to support patients, families and staff across our hospitals.

This allows us to work closely with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to identify and fund pioneering projects in research and innovation and cutting-edge equipment that transform the lives of our patients.

Our supporters really are the backbone of our charity, which is why we continue to invest in all areas of our fundraising. Your generosity certainly went to another level over the past year, and we're extremely grateful for every precious donation we received and every penny raised through your fundraising events.

For me, highlights include watching thousands of Leeds Hospitals Charity fundraisers take part in the first ever Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon and the Leeds Half Marathon, which were both held on 14 May 2023. I also loved getting involved with my daughter in our Leeds Bear Hunt art trail and hearing from other families who took to the streets of Leeds to find those brilliant bear sculptures.

Of course, I can't talk about the past year without mentioning Rob Burrow, who sadly died on 2 June 2024. I met Rob quite a few times over the past couple of years, and his bravery and good humour in the face of adversity was, and remains, a real inspiration to me,

as it does for many others in the UK and across the world.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to pass on my condolences and thanks to Rob's wife Lindsey, their family and his former Leeds Rhinos teammate Kevin Sinfield.

Wonderfully, Lindsey raised over £100,000 for Leeds Hospitals Charity by running the Leeds Marathon named after her husband. While fundraising hero Kevin took on an epic 7 in 7 in 7 Challenge in December 2023, which involved him completing seven ultra-marathons in seven cities on seven separate days.

Kevin's challenge, Lindsey's run and the overall success of the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon shows again the power of friendship and the generosity of the wider rugby community. All the money raised by these events have moved us closer to opening the Rob Burrow Centre for MND in the summer of 2025.

After reading our annual report, I hope you feel as proud as I do. We funded many exceptional projects over the past year, and the immediate impact they had on the lives of our patients and their families is wonderful.

I'm always humbled to reflect on the year and see how much has been achieved. Much of that is the result of people giving their time, as well as those who fundraise and organise events. We couldn't support the NHS without these wonderful people supporting us.

A special mention to those who have gone above and beyond this year, Ian Flatt, the Hunter family, Jacqui Drake and the organisers of our Children's Ball, Barbara Rider and Pippa Baird. My thoughts are also with the Burrow family and the Wright family, following the deaths of their loved ones this year.

Thank you.

Esther

Esther Wakeman
Chief Executive Officer

Our Year in numbers

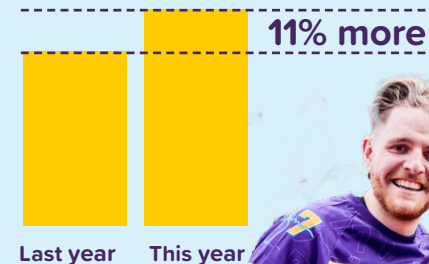
**Over 664,000
people**

benefitted from the
impact of our grants



£8.8 million

raised to support our vital work



**13 new research
studies**

funded to improve patient
treatment and care



**£3.76
million**

in grants awarded to make
our hospitals even better



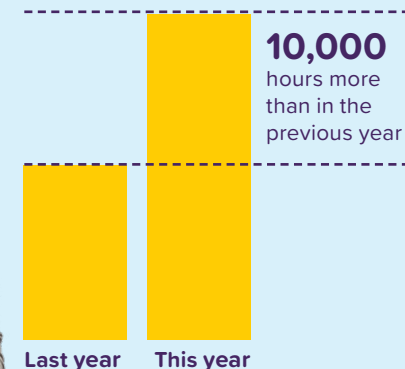
**£1.07
million**

received from people who
left us gifts in their wills



21,162 hours

of support donated
by our volunteers



159 grants

awarded to support NHS staff experiencing
financial hardship

116 grants

provided to support patients and
volunteers experiencing financial hardship



12,000 people

took part in the first ever Rob Burrow
Leeds Marathon and Half Marathon



Why we exist

To help you understand why your support of Leeds Hospitals Charity is so important, we've provided an overview of why we're here, what we want to achieve and how we operate.



Supporting play workers in paediatric outpatients

Our vision

To help Leeds Teaching Hospitals be the best hospitals in the healthiest city in the UK. These hospitals are:

Leeds General Infirmary

St James's University Hospital

Leeds Children's Hospital

Leeds Cancer Centre

Seacroft Hospital

Chapel Allerton Hospital

Wharfedale Hospital

Leeds Dental Institute



Our strategy

Our five-year strategy, which covers 2021–26, is aligned with our three organisational values of **Together, Transparent and Transform**, and focuses on five key goals to help us reach our vision.



Goal 1

Work collaboratively with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and other partners



Goal 2

Work together as one team



Goal 3

Be an employer of choice



Goal 4

Be transparent and become a trusted charity



Goal 5

Raise more money to create greater impact for our beneficiaries

As part of our strategy, we also aim to increase investment in areas where we can have the greatest impact. These three areas are **tackling health inequalities, innovation and health technologies, and rare conditions**.

When we originally published our five-year strategy, we broke down tackling health inequalities into five key areas: cancer care, paediatric care, mental health, care of older people, and end-of-life care.

Since then, we have added two additional areas: cardiovascular and transplantation. This is because Leeds Teaching Hospitals are already leaders in these fields and investment in related projects could lead to significant benefits for the people of Leeds and beyond.

Strategic report

For details of our achievements and performance, please see pages 14-54 of this report.

For our financial review, please see pages 56-61.

For our principal risks and uncertainties, please see page 62.

Please note, this is how we've presented monetary figures in our strategic report:

- Below £500 – rounded to the nearest £1
- £500 to £9,999 – rounded to the nearest £100
- £10,000 to £999,999 – rounded to the nearest £1,000
- £1 million and above – rounded to the nearest £10,000

Our values

At the heart of all
our work are three
core values:



Together

We collaborate with our partners towards shared goals. This involves us helping others, accepting help ourselves and encouraging each other to be the best we can be. We also empower everyone to be their true selves, which includes valuing differences and recognising that they make us stronger.



Transparent

We help to create a culture where honesty and openness are encouraged and valued. This involves us managing expectations, doing what we say we'll do, and treating others the way we want to be treated.



Transform

We make a difference through small acts of kindness, as well as big changes. We embrace change, challenge the status quo, celebrate success and learn from our mistakes. We are always looking for new ways to innovate and improve.

Our charitable objects

As recorded with the Charity Commission, Leeds Hospitals Charity's charitable objects are to:

- further any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the general or specific purposes of the NHS Trust or the purposes of the National Health Service
- promote, protect, preserve and advance all or any aspects of the health of the public
- advance and promote knowledge and education in medicine and health, including by engaging in and supporting medical and health research and the dissemination of the useful results.

Our purpose

Leeds Hospitals Charity fundraises to award grant funding to fulfil the charitable objects listed above.



Cardiology nurses at Leeds General Infirmary

Our public benefit

Our public benefit explains how our Board of Trustees have carried out the objects and purpose of Leeds Hospitals Charity for the benefit of the public:

The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit indicates that trustees have a duty to comply with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees of Leeds Hospitals Charity confirm that the charity has fulfilled this public benefit requirement, being strongly embedded within the charity's procedures for approving funding applications.

In practice, this means that the trustees ensure that all funding applications contain clear, identifiable public benefits that meet the strategic goals and charitable objects of Leeds Hospitals Charity and support NHS charitable purposes relating to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and its patients.

In a number of instances, trustees have refused to fund applications where this has not demonstrably been the case.

The trustees compare each funded project's achievements and outcomes against the strategic goals and activities of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in order to review the public benefit.



Patient and nurse at the Paediatric Clinical Research Facility

Our grants explained

Leeds Hospitals Charity is a grant-giving charity. We give grants to help improve the treatments, care and support provided at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

How Leeds Teaching Hospitals staff apply for our grants

Anyone who works for Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust can apply to Leeds Hospitals Charity for a grant. When they do this, their application must align with one or more of our six funding priority areas:

Environment

Improving patient and family spaces, inside and outside our hospitals.

Equipment

Medical equipment to improve or enhance clinical service delivery and drive innovation in healthcare.

Health and wellbeing

Initiatives aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of patients, their families and our staff.

Research and Innovation

Helping our staff take part in research projects, driving forward innovations in healthcare and giving our patients more opportunities to take part in clinical trials in Leeds.

Education and training

Improving clinical and non-clinical skills through attending conferences and peer events, completing short training courses, and gaining qualifications.

Specialist staff

Funding roles that enhance the experience of our patients and their families.

How we award our grants

In 2021, we launched our five-year strategy to ensure we invest in areas where we can have a greater impact on the lives of people in Leeds and beyond.

As part of this strategy, we are particularly interested in awarding grants to projects that have the potential to drive change in three key impact areas:



Tackling health inequalities

We know the outcomes of individuals and communities in Leeds are often poor because they experience a range of health inequalities. These include presenting symptoms late to a healthcare professional, struggling to access helpful services, and having complex needs which people require extra help with.



Innovation and health technologies

Leeds Teaching Hospitals is already an emerging leader in using innovation and cutting-edge technologies to tackle some of the most complicated health challenges. We want to grow this status further by investing in new ideas and equipment that can make a big difference to many lives.



Rare conditions

Although rare conditions do not affect high numbers of people, they are typically life-limiting, affect many areas of a person's life, and have a significant impact on whole families.

Our grants broken down by impact area

In 2023/24, we approved 316 applications for grants and awarded £3.76 million of funding.



Tackling health inequalities

£2.33 million

62%

● Cancer care	31%
● Paediatric care	18%
● Mental health	6%
● Cardiovascular	3%
● Transplantation	2%
● Care of older people	1%
● End of life	<1%



Innovation and health technologies

£593,000

16%



Rare conditions

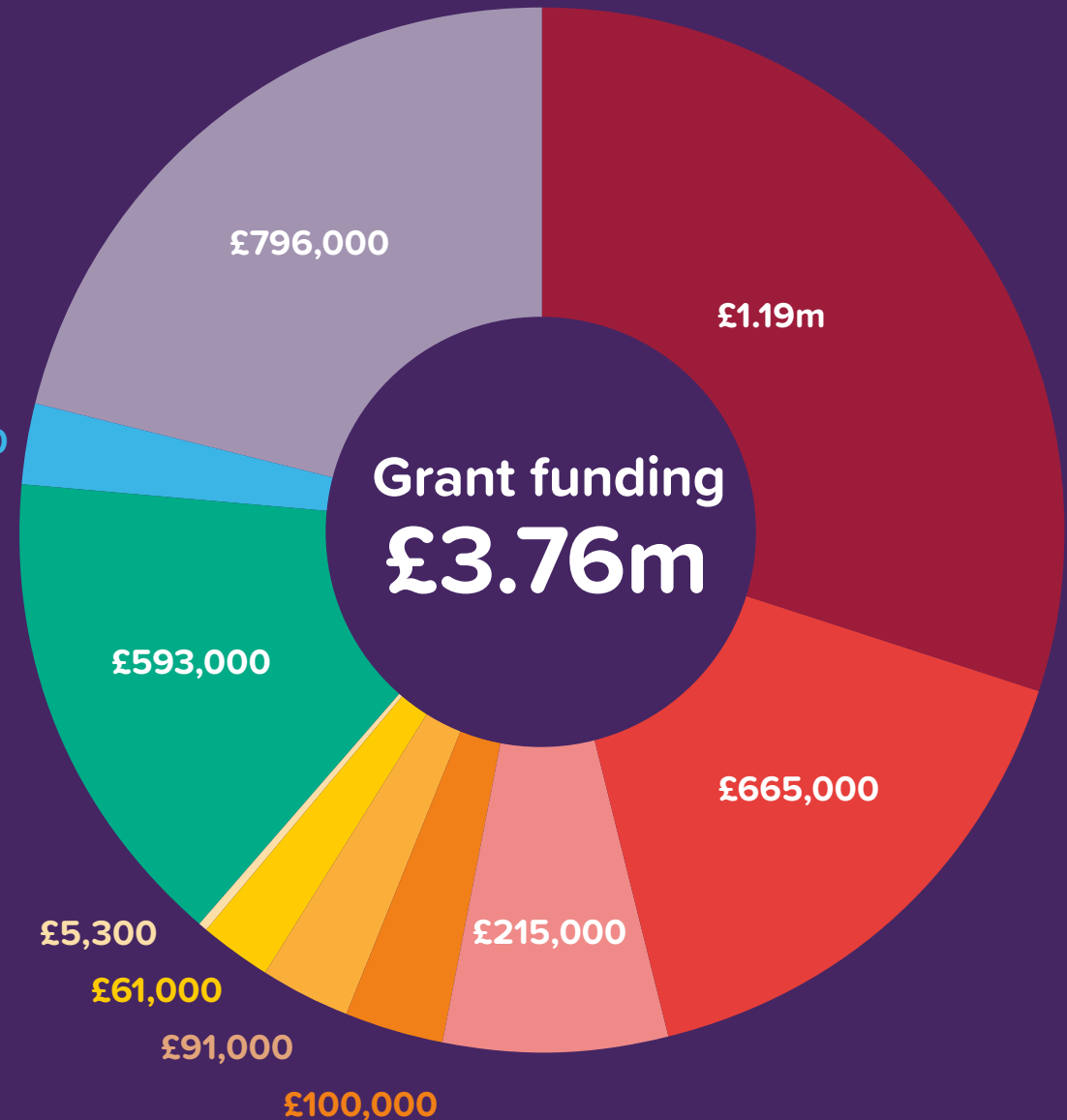
£47,000

1%

Other*

£796,000

21%



*typically for staff-focused projects

Our grants broken down by funding priorities



Environments

26
applications
approved

£535,000
in grants
awarded

Projects funded include wall art, fish tanks and specialist lighting to enhance clinical environments, as well as dementia clocks to support the independence of our older patients.



Research and innovation

36
applications
approved

£995,000
in grants
awarded

We invested in clinical research in Leeds that focuses on a wide range of specialties. We also continued to help underrepresented groups get involved in research, including women and people from ethnically diverse communities.



Equipment

33
applications
approved

£1.16 million
in grants
awarded

Our supporters' generosity funded state-of-the-art and highly specialist medical equipment for our clinicians, helping them to provide even better care and support.



Education and training

136
applications
approved

£287,000
in grants
awarded

Funding helped staff to attend conferences and courses, and present at regional, national and international events.



Health and wellbeing

85
applications
approved

£779,000
in grants
awarded

Projects funded in the past year include multi-faith events at our hospitals, visits from an ice cream van for our younger patients, and activity boxes to stimulate our patients and their loved ones.



Specialist staff

No grants awarded this year

Although we did not award any grants for specialist staff over the past year, we did explore how we can deliver the most impact through the long-term funding of specialist staff roles, like the Play Team at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Tackling health inequalities

Many factors in a person's life can lead to them having poorer health outcomes and patient experiences. These factors can include the availability of health services in their area, their housing situation, access to transport and the language they speak.

At Leeds Hospitals Charity, we're passionate about funding projects that tackle inequalities that negatively affect a person's health. Our aim is to help everyone in Leeds live longer, healthier lives.



In 2023/24, we invested over

£2.33 million

in projects tackling health
inequalities

Using virtual reality to ease children's worries before, during and after treatment



Equipment
£12,000

Key information

The results from a six-month research project in 2022 found that 91% of children who used a virtual reality headset during their whole treatment said it made treatment better and helped them feel happier and more relaxed.

In 2022, we invested £75,000 to launch a virtual reality service at Leeds Children's Hospital.

In 2023, we invested £12,000 to fund two more VR headsets and expand the service so more children benefit from it.

The build up to a medical procedure or undergoing treatment can be stressful and upsetting for many young patients.

But an innovative way these worries can be reduced is through virtual reality (VR) headsets. They can inform children and young people about the scan or operation they're going to have, helping to ease concerns and anxiety.

VR headsets can also be used to entertain and distract a patient while they're having treatment; and they can simply help a child escape from the hospital environment they're in by taking them to real and imaginary places that relax them and make them feel happier.

Last year, we invested £75,000 to create a Virtual Reality Play Specialist role at Leeds Children's Hospital to help our young patients benefit from the incredible power of VR.

Following the wonderful success of this role, we invested a further £12,000 to fund two more virtual reality headsets. This means our VR service can now reach more children who are visiting or being treated at the hospital creating more equal access for all patients.

On top of this, our latest grant has funded the production of six videos that help children prepare for hospital visits. These videos allow young patients to view departments in the hospital, meet staff members, and learn about their procedure or treatment.



A patient uses virtual reality during an appointment.

“A virtual reality headset can be used before, during or after a procedure to help a child relax. It can also help to reduce the number of general anaesthetics needed for minor operations and procedures. As a result, a child may spend less time in hospital and have a more positive hospital experience.”

Lucy Dove, Virtual Reality Play Specialist

Improving outcomes for cancer patients who undergo abdominal surgery



Research and innovation
£20,000

Key information

People with cancer in Yorkshire have some of the poorest health outcomes in England.

Closely monitoring a cancer patient's health before surgery can help their medical team tailor their surgery and care plan, leading to a shorter hospital stay and better outcomes.

Previously, we invested £250,000 to investigate the benefits of people wearing technology that closely monitors their health before abdominal surgery.

In 2023/24, we invested £20,000 to continue this research and analyse in greater detail the research data that's produced.

Thanks to our generous supporters, we invested over £20,000 into a research project that aims to improve the outcomes for people undergoing surgery for bowel, pancreatic or bladder cancer.

The project involves patients wearing innovative technology at home that allows their medical team to continuously monitor their health all the way up to their operation.

Having this richer, more comprehensive picture of a patient's health means a surgeon can tailor their surgery to reduce complications and improve its effectiveness.

It also means a healthcare team can create a more personalised care plan for a patient to reduce the time they stay in hospital, speed up their recovery and improve their long-term health outcomes.

On top of this, this research project is significantly benefiting cancer patients with mobility issues. Previously, they may have struggled to do a health assessment test on an exercise bike, which is known as a cycle ergometer. Now, the wearable technology easily assesses and monitors their health.



Alexios Dosis, Clinical Research Fellow

“When I was given the opportunity to try the wearable technology, I thought it was a brilliant idea. It was incredibly easy to use and more inclusive for older or frail patients who cannot take part in the more intensive exercise tests.”

Terry, 75-year-old patient who needed surgery to remove a pancreatic tumour

“This funding means the patients of Leeds Teaching Hospitals have become the first in the world to benefit from medical-grade wearable technology that can help make their surgery safer.”

Alexios Dosis, clinical research fellow whose role in this project is funded by our supporters

Easing the worries of children preparing for a kidney transplant



Health and wellbeing
£3,000

Key information

Kidney disease is not common in children, but if a child is affected by it, a kidney transplant is typically the best treatment.

Before, during and after a kidney transplant can be an extremely worrying time for younger patients and their families.

We invested £3,000 to provide 100 young children and 60 older children and teenagers with personalised books to help ease their worries.

The book for younger children, *My New Kidney*, is hand-finished with a holographic sticker, gold envelope and letter, and comes with a matching drawstring bag and felt tips.

We invested £3,000 to provide children and teenagers with a personalised book to help ease their worries before, during and after a kidney transplant at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Led by Kidney Care UK, this initiative involves younger patients receiving a playful, interactive book called *My New Kidney*, and older patients receiving a book titled *The Official Leeds Children's Hospital Passport*.

Inside *My New Kidney* children are encouraged to colour, draw, comment, write questions and stick things in to help them explore the kidney transplant process with their parents and siblings.

While *The Official Leeds Children's Hospital Passport* features easy-to-understand information for older children and teenagers, and includes a tailored map for each patient which shows them the route from Leeds Children's Hospital to their home.

“These new books are a fantastic resource that will help to take them through their upcoming journey in a fun and playful way, and be a wonderful record to keep forever.”

Dr Amanda Newnham, Consultant of Paediatric Nephrology, Leeds Children's Hospital

Nipple tattoo service improves the mental health of breast cancer patients



Education
£5,400

Key information

The removal of a nipple during surgery can deeply affect the mental health of breast cancer patients.

We invested £5,400 to train more members of our Breast Services Team in nipple tattooing.

Over the past year, 120 of our patients have benefitted from the nipple tattooing service.

The mental health and quality of life of breast cancer patients can be deeply affected when surgery changes the appearance of their breast, such as the removal of a nipple.

To support patients who may be affected in this way, we invested £5,400 to train more members of our Breast Services Team in the latest techniques for nipple tattooing.

Available to women and men who have undergone breast surgery, nipple tattooing is a simple procedure that usually involves a semi-permanent tattoo of a nipple and areola (area around the nipple) being tattooed onto a person's breast.

Over the past year, around 120 patients at Leeds Teaching Hospitals have benefitted from this important service.

“Training additional staff in nipple tattooing means we can ensure the continuity of the service and avoid disruption for patients.”

Sue Callum, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Breast Services

Raising awareness of issues relating to age, diversity and dementia



Education and training
£2,000

Key information

We believe every one of our patients should be treated equally and with sensitivity.

We invested £2,000 for the play *The Purple List* to be performed to our healthcare professionals.

The play is an immersive training tool that raises awareness of issues older LGBTQ+ people and carers of people with dementia often face when accessing support from healthcare services.

We invested £2,000 to stage a groundbreaking play that aims to make healthcare professionals more aware of the issues older members of the LGBTQ+ community face in healthcare settings.

Called *The Purple List* and performed at St James's Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary, the one-man play involves the character Sam talking about his life with his husband, who is living with dementia.

Sad, touching and funny, we believe this emotional and immersive type of training can often deliver greater benefits than traditional classroom teaching.

In particular, our doctors, nurses and other hospital staff got to experience first-hand the anxiety and worries older people, members of the gay community and carers of people with dementia regularly feel when they visit a hospital.



The Purple List as performed at Leeds Teaching Hospitals

“The play helped staff members to think about how they approach, interact and communicate with patients and carers.

We are really grateful to Leeds Hospitals Charity and its supporters for giving us such an informative experience. ”

Allison Raycraft, Lead Nurse for Older People

Vital support for the siblings of babies cared for in our neonatal units



Health and wellbeing
£2,800

Key information

Every year around 1,500 premature or poorly babies are cared for on the neonatal units at Leeds General Infirmary and St James's Hospital.

Parents of babies receiving care on the neonatal units said they were worried about how their other children would cope with the situation and them not being at home a lot.

We invested £2,800 to create sibling packs that help brothers and sisters of babies on the neonatal units understand what's going on better and feel more involved with the situation.

When a baby is born premature or is ill, it can be a distressing time for a brother or sister.

The child may not understand what is going on or why the baby isn't coming home. They may feel jealous because mum or dad are spending a lot of time at the hospital with the newborn. And they may feel anxious about visiting a neonatal unit to see their new baby brother or sister.

To help prevent these issues affecting families cared for at Leeds Children's Hospital and St James's Hospital, we invested £2,800 in the creation of sibling activity packs.

Designed by the neonatal teams at the two hospitals, the packs help siblings create memories and keepsakes that help them better understand and cope with this difficult situation.

On top of this, the packs also feature fun and helpful items for the whole family too. These include materials for making family handprints artwork and leaflets for parents about how they can support the sibling of a baby staying in a neonatal unit.

Since the launch of the sibling packs, the neonatal teams have reported that parents' worries about their older children have reduced and siblings are coping better overall.



Sibling activity packs

“My older son loved his sibling pack. It was tailored to his age group and helped him feel included whilst his baby brother was in the hospital.”

Ellen Culkin-Storey, whose newborn son was treated at Leeds Children's Hospital's neonatal unit

“Some people might say the sibling packs are too much. But caring for the whole family should be part of everyday care. Initiatives like this are what makes neonatal such a special place to be.”

Sarah McKennel, Family Care Nurse

Preventing liver failure following surgery or a transplant



Research and innovation
£240,000

Centre of Excellence

Leeds Teaching Hospitals is already the lead centre for removing part of the liver from a living donor and transplanting it into a patient with a liver condition. This is known as living donor liver transplant (LDLT).

We hope the outcome of this research will be fewer liver failures post-transplant which will result in better patient outcomes and increased efficiencies for Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Liver failure is a life-threatening complication that affects around 1 in 10 people after part of their liver is removed because of cancer, or when part of a healthy liver is transplanted into them from a living person.

To understand how this issue can be avoided, we've invested £240,000 to fund groundbreaking research into why people's livers start to regenerate or fail following liver surgery or a transplant.

The research also focuses on identifying targeted therapies that could help prevent liver failure and improve the outcomes of people affected by liver cancer and other liver conditions

Currently,

6,200 people

are diagnosed with liver cancer in the UK every year, and incidence is projected to rise by

38% by 2035



Providing vital rest to the parents of patients staying at Leeds Children's Hospital



Environment
£132,000



Natalie and her mother Edyta outside Leeds Children's Hospital

Good quality sleep is hugely important for a parent or carer that needs to spend time with a child in hospital, as a lack of rest can often make an already stressful situation worse.

Thanks to our incredible supporters, we invested £132,000 to fund reclining chairs and bed chairs for the bedside of every young patient cared for at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Overall, this should improve the hospital experiences of tens of thousands of children and their parents and carers.

This project was funded through a partnership with the Yorkshire Charity Clay Days, who chose Leeds Hospitals Charity as one of their beneficiaries for the fourth year in a row.

“My daughter Natalie has been in Leeds Children's Hospital for over a year. When we first came to the hospital, I was sleeping cramped on the hospital bed next to my daughter. As a parent I feel I need to be next to my child and I shouldn't have to make the choice whether to leave the ward or not to sleep.”

Edyta, mother to 9-year old Natalie

Investigating how digital tools on stroke wards can support communication therapy



Research and
innovation
£39,000

Key information

Each year, around 3,000 people in West Yorkshire have a stroke. This figure is high for the number of people who live in the region.

Around a third of the people who have a stroke in West Yorkshire will experience aphasia, which affects their ability to communicate. This can have a significant impact on their daily life and the lives of their family members.

We invested £39,000 into a research project that is looking at how digital tools can support the rehabilitation and recovery of people who experience aphasia.

We invested over £39,000 into a research project focusing on the recovery of stroke survivors who experience aphasia, a condition that affects their ability to communicate.

In particular, the research is looking at the benefits of giving people access to digital tools that support their speech and language therapy while they attend a stroke unit.

On top of this, the research is examining the experiences of family members and speech and language therapists when they help stroke survivors with aphasia use digital tools for therapy.

Currently, the data that's available predominantly focuses on stroke survivors using digital tools in their homes and typically many months after their stroke.

Please see page 29 for the linked story 'Using iPads to improve the outcomes of stroke patients'.



A nurse and patient on the stroke ward

Improving patient experiences for children with eye conditions



Equipment
£5,000

Key information

Leeds Children's Hospital did not have a tonometer to measure the pressure inside the eyes of young patients.

Children had to travel to St James's Hospital to have their eyes examined by its tonometer.

We invested £5,000 to buy a tonometer specifically for young patients at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Previously, young patients at Leeds Children's Hospital had to travel across Leeds to St James's Hospital to have their eyes examined by a tonometer machine, which measures pressure inside the eye.

But thanks to our generous supporters, we invested £5,000 in a new tonometer specifically for paediatric patients at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Now, young children with eye conditions travel less between the two sites, and they typically have fewer hospital visits overall.

This is a huge benefit for paediatric patients and their families, as young patients often find trips to hospital distressing.



Patient using the new tonometer

“My son, Azaan, and my older daughter visit Leeds Children's Hospital because of problems with their vision. It's wonderful to hear how donations to Leeds Hospitals Charity are buying equipment that ensures my children get the best care and support.”

Shahida, mum of two children who attend Leeds Children's Hospital

Vital support for teenagers and young people we care for



Health and wellbeing
£10,000

We invested just under £10,000 in training and resources for youth workers at Leeds Children's Hospital and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

The aim of the investment is to help the youth workers improve the hospital experiences of patients who are teenagers or young adults.

In particular, the youth workers looked at how they could better support young patients moving from children's to adult's services, which can be a daunting prospect.

“Thanks to the funding, we can now put on weekly activities and events to bring teenagers and young adults together and create a friendly support network at our hospital.

We can also do little things that have a big impact, such as covering a young person's transport costs to and from hospital, or taking them out for a hot chocolate to chat through their worries.”

Mwesigwa Magumba, Youth Work Manager at Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Improving the patient experiences and outcomes of children with liver conditions



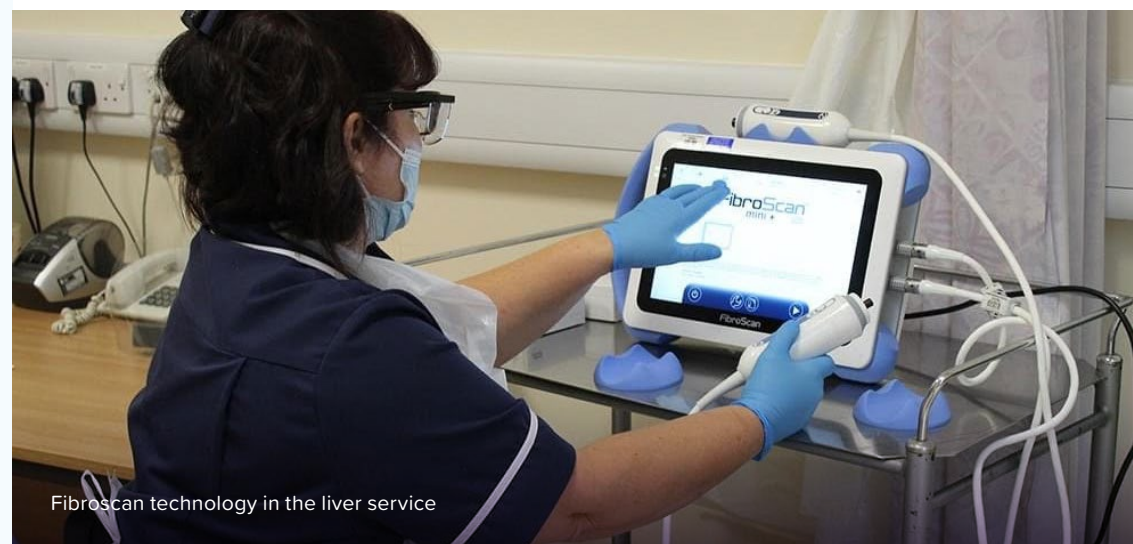
Equipment
£117,000

We invested £117,000 to fund Fibroscan technology for the Paediatric Liver Service at Leeds Children's Hospital.

The new technology allows children with liver conditions to be quickly and accurately diagnosed and monitored without the need for invasive procedures such as blood tests and surgery.

This is particularly important to young patients with liver conditions who are affected by physical or learning disabilities.

Sometimes these children can't tolerate more invasive diagnostic and monitoring procedures. This means the Fibroscan machine, which uses ultrasound to assess a liver, could significantly improve their outcomes.



Fibroscan technology in the liver service

Bringing summer ice cream treats to young patients



Health and wellbeing
£3,000

We invested £3,000 so all the young patients at Leeds Children's Hospital could easily visit an ice cream van during the summer months and enjoy a special treat.

This small gesture helped patients experience some 'normal life' and enjoy a moment of joy in what can be a difficult time.



A young patient gets a free ice cream in July

Other grants for tackling health inequalities

Health & Wellbeing

£19,000 for the running of Leeds Children's Hospital TV, which provides helpful information to young patients and their families, and eases worries by helping children and young people create fun video content.

Environment

£22,000 to enhance wards for older people, including the funding of activity boxes, dementia clocks and other items to help patients feel safe, supported and stimulated.

Equipment

£3,700 to fund the Leeds Maternal Journal, which runs creative journaling sessions for pregnant women from ethnically diverse communities in Chapeltown, Leeds. The sessions aim to reduce anxiety and depression and create a support network for throughout a woman's pregnancy and birth journey.

£1,400 to help the Chaplaincy Service at Leeds Teaching Hospitals offer a range of events for the benefit of patients, families and staff members of different religions and faiths.

£16,000 to fund a therapy hoist for Leeds Children's Hospital. This helps young patients undergoing rehabilitation for a range of illnesses and conditions stand earlier in their rehabilitation journey. This can help to reduce the amount of therapy sessions they need and speed up their recovery. The new hoist also means that fewer staff members are needed to oversee a child's therapy, which allows them to support other young patients.

Investing in innovation and health technologies



Innovative health projects and cutting-edge technologies have the potential to transform how we diagnose, treat and care for our patients, as well as prevent health problems in the first place.

Innovations in healthcare can also have huge benefits for the NHS, such as improving efficiency and reducing costs.

In 2023/24, we invested nearly

£593,000

in pioneering projects.



“We know from feedback that the care bags empower people with learning disabilities or autism to support and manage their own environment and needs while visiting a hospital.”

Kathleen Smith, Quality Improvement Clinician for Learning Disabilities and Autism

Making hospital visits better for people with learning disabilities or autism



Health and wellbeing
£23,000

Key information

People with learning disabilities or autism often need extra support to help them cope with busy hospital environments.

In 2021, we invested £10,000 in a trial project to provide care bags to people with learning disabilities or autism who were attending one of our emergency departments.

Following the huge success of the trial, we invested a further £23,000 to make the care bags available in the acute departments of all our hospitals.

People with learning disabilities or autism often struggle with noisy and unpredictable parts of a hospital, such as emergency departments. This can result in them leaving the hospital and having to reattend, which can cause further distress.

To help this group of people have better experiences, we invested £23,000 to provide them with care bags when they visit acute departments in our hospitals, which tend to be the busiest and noisiest.

Inside each care bag a person with learning disabilities or autism will find an eye mask, noise-cancelling headphones and items to occupy them while they wait for or speak to a healthcare professional. These items include a fidget toy, stress ball, chewable bracelet, and colouring books.

On top of this, the care bag has easy-to-understand information about the hospital a person is visiting, how they can stay safe in hospital, and the help that's available to them.

Importantly, the bag also features a note for the patient's clinical team which states that they should be referred to the hospital's Acute Liaison Team. This helps to ensure the patient's record is updated accurately and they get the support they need the next time they visit.

Currently, 3,700 care bags have been distributed to people with learning disabilities or autism, and an average of 30 are handed out each week.

Wonderfully, this innovative scheme has been adopted by over 20 other hospitals across England, and over 6,000 bags have been given out nationally.

Using iPads to improve the outcomes of stroke patients



Equipment
£5,000

Key information

Over 100,000 people have strokes in the UK each year. One-third of these people will experience a condition called aphasia, which affects how they communicate.

Doing speech and language therapy activities outside of hospital therapy sessions can speed up the recovery and improve the outcomes of people affected by aphasia.

We invested £5,000 so our Stroke Services Team can loan iPads to patients so they can independently do speech and language therapy activities.

People who experience communication difficulties after a stroke typically have the poorest outcomes of all stroke survivors.

Not being able to speak, understand spoken words, or read or write can significantly affect their mental health and wellbeing, prevent them from taking part in everyday activities, and make hospital visits stressful.

Because of this hugely negative impact, it's important that stroke survivors with communication difficulties start speech and language therapy early and do therapy activities as much as possible.

This is why we invested £5,000 into an innovative technology project that aims to speed up the recovery and improve the outcomes of stroke patients cared for by Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

It involves iPads being loaned to patients that feature specialist speech and language therapy applications. These applications encourage individuals to do tailored activities at home and independently on stroke wards, which complement their therapy sessions in hospital.

One stroke patient who has benefited from the funding of the project said, "Using the speech therapy apps on the iPad was something I could do on my own. It gave me independence, and I could see myself improving, so I wanted to keep going."



Please see page 23 for the linked story 'Investigating how computer programmes on stroke wards can support communication therapy'

“We have seen really positive feedback and results from stroke patients and carers who regularly use the speech and language therapy applications on the iPads.

Having easy access to them has really empowered patients and encouraged them to drive their own recovery with our support and guidance.”

Jen Thomson, Clinical Speech and Language Therapist for Stroke Services

Improving the accuracy and reducing the side effects of radiotherapy



Equipment
£600,000

We invested £600,000 to co-fund with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust the purchase of a surface guided radiation therapy (SGRT) treatment system for Leeds Cancer Centre.

Our grant was made possible because of the support of one of our linked charities, Breast Cancer Research Action Group. It generously contributed £215,000 towards the £600,000 we awarded.

The SGRT system has multiple benefits:

- 3D cameras monitor a patient's exact position to ensure radiation is precisely targeted.
- The treatment area receives the maximum dose of radiation therapy, and the surrounding healthy tissue receives a much lower dose, reducing the risk of side effects.
- Patients no longer need permanent tattoos to guide treatment. This is hugely beneficial because the tattoos can be a constant reminder of a person's cancer and treatment.
- Researchers can explore new techniques to target hard-to-treat cancers.
- We can use the machine to treat many cancers, but it will initially be used to treat breast cancer.

Testing and improving AI programmes so lung cancers are diagnosed earlier



Research and
innovation
£10,000

Artificial intelligence (AI) may be better than radiologists at analysing chest X-rays to diagnose lung cancer, with research finding that 1 in 4 lung cancers are currently missed by radiologists.

Key information

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Yorkshire.

People often die of lung cancer because their cancer is diagnosed at an advanced stage.

We invested £10,000 into a research study that's focused on assessing and improving artificial intelligence programmes that help to diagnose lung cancer early.

However, evidence on the accuracy of existing AI programmes is of varying quality; and it's hard to compare programmes against each other.

We have invested £10,000 to help fund a benchmarking research study that will measure the quality and performance of AI programmes. It involves each programme analysing 70,000 chest X-rays from research previously carried out in Leeds.

Once completed, the benchmarking study will be used to independently evaluate new and updated AI programmes. This will hopefully lead to better and earlier diagnoses of lung cancer, resulting in many lives saved in Leeds and across the UK.

The results of the study could also help to improve the safety of chest X-rays. Currently, teams from Leeds Teaching Hospitals perform 150,000 of these every year.

Dr Lucy Stead from the Research Tissue Bank

Supporting groundbreaking research into treatments for brain conditions



Research and innovation
£166,000

Key information

Research using brain and blood samples is critical to improving treatments for brain cancer.

Since 2021, samples collected by the Leeds Neuropathology Research Tissue Bank have supported 14 research projects and attracted £2.1 million in funding to find cures for brain cancer.

We invested £166,000 to help fund the important work of the Leeds Neuropathology Research Tissue Bank for a further three years.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our supporters, we invested £166,000 to help fund the Leeds Neuropathology Research Tissue Bank for a further three years.

Opened in 2021, the bank collects brain and blood samples from people with brain tumours and epilepsy, as well as anonymised clinical data.

These samples and data are used in cutting-edge research that aims to find more effective and kinder treatments for brain cancer and other neurological conditions.

As well as paying for running costs, our most recent grant will help the bank identify and put in place what is needed to make it self-funding in the future.

New technology that provides reassurance to people with brain conditions



Equipment
£44,000

We invested £44,000 to fund an electroencephalogram (EEG) machine for the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit at Leeds General Infirmary, which has over 650 patients every year.

The EEG measures electrical activity in the brain using small, metal discs attached to the scalp. Information that can improve the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of people with brain conditions.

Importantly, the EEG will also help the unit's team provide patients and their families with more accurate information about their condition and progress, helping to ease worries.

Improving the lives of people with rare conditions

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful supporters, we invested in projects that are helping to improve the lives of children and adults diagnosed with a rare condition.

Our aim is to always bring hope, happiness and home comforts to the bedside of every patient cared for at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.



£47,000

invested in new projects that
can support patients at Leeds
Teaching Hospitals who are
living with a rare condition

Enhancing the recovery of people who experience intestinal failure



Equipment
£158

Intestinal failure occurs when a person's intestines are unable to digest food and fluids properly.

Many of our patients who experience intestinal failure have long stays in hospital because of the risk of sepsis and malnutrition. This can have a significant impact on their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

To help improve their quality of life and enhance their recovery, we awarded £158 to the Centre for Intestinal Rehabilitation at St James's Hospital so it could buy new rehabilitation equipment. This equipment includes exercise balls, dumbbells and a mini exercise bike.

“Although the grant is small, it has the potential to improve many lives. Using the equipment could be a preliminary step for the weakest of our patients to start exercise again.”

Dermot Burke, Associate Professor of Surgery

Using technology to ease the worries of children with bleeding disorders



Equipment
£800

We invested £800 for two iPads for Leeds Children's Hospital to help ease the worries of children and young people with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

On the iPads, our young patients can read age-appropriate information and watch videos and animations about their condition.

The use of iPads also reduces paper waste at the hospital and means helpful information can be updated quickly and easily.

Helping MND patients eat and drink independently at home



Equipment
£6,800

We invested £6,800 in a Neater Eater feeder and straw for the Motor Neurone Disease clinic at Seacroft Hospital.

This equipment allows MND patients to eat and drink without using their hands, which can help a patient feel more empowered and boost their wellbeing.

Each year, we estimate around 30 patients will loan the Neater Eater from the clinic for free and get to use it in their homes.

Helping our hospital staff and volunteers be their best

We believe that if our hospital staff and volunteers feel supported and their needs are met, this will help to improve the care they provide and improve the outcomes of the people they support.

That's why we invested in a number of projects in 2023/24 that boosted their health and wellbeing and recognised their dedication to our patients and their families.



Nurses at Wharfedale Hospital

Hospital staff and volunteer projects:

Support Funds

Leeds Hospitals Charity provides funding for two hardship funds - one for patients and volunteers and another for NHS staff members.

The funds provides immediate financial support to those who are experiencing financial hardship.

This could prevent homelessness, help a staff member flee an unsafe situation, or pay for essentials such as food or household bills. In 23/24 we gave £100,000 for the patient and volunteer fund and £90,000 for the staff support fund.

A small hardship grant was recently provided to someone who volunteers for us every week and was struggling with money worries.

“My small grant has made such a big difference to my life. I don't know how I would have managed without this support. It's been a huge help with my food shopping. It's been an absolute blessing.”

Anonymous recipient of an employee support fund grant

Bank staff celebration event

Hospital bank staff are professionals who typically fill staff vacancies for short periods of time to ensure all our wards and departments function safely and effectively.

This means they are an essential part of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and play a vital role in helping our hospitals deliver the best possible care.

In November 2023, we funded an event to show bank staff how much their work is appreciated, improve their engagement with the hospitals, and tell them about learning and development opportunities.

On top of this, a new networking process was launched called the Staff Bank Council. It will help bank staff stay up-to-date with developments and learning opportunities at Leeds Teaching Hospitals. It will also help them meet with the trust's Staff Bank Team to discuss their work and any challenges they face.

“We received great feedback from bank staff for our celebration event and awards ceremony, which helped recognise their vital contributions to our hospitals.”

Laura Booth, Lead Nurse for our Staff Bank Team



Charity staff presenting the 'Hospital Hero' award at the Time to Shine 2024 event

Annual staff awards events

We helped to fund the Time to Shine awards for all staff working at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, the KITE awards for staff at Leeds Children's Hospital and the Leeds Cancer Centre awards.

Multi-faith events

In partnership with our Chaplaincy Team, we funded events throughout the year for staff members and volunteers of different faiths. We believe these events help to celebrate the diversity of our staff and volunteers, and bring people with different faiths and beliefs together.

Appreciation from our staff for your support

- “Many Muslim staff choose to fast in Ramadan, abstaining from food and drink from dawn to sunset. The provision of dates, water and water bottles by Leeds Hospitals Charity acknowledges and supports their observance and commitment.”
- “Really grateful for the financial support received from Leeds Hospitals Charity and its supporters. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to attend a great learning and networking opportunity, helping me give my best to patients.”

Our linked charities

Leeds Hospitals Charity has a number of linked charities that also raise money to improve the lives of the patients, families and staff of Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

In this section, you can learn about some of the linked charities' amazing fundraising activities in 2023/24 and the grants they helped us award over the past year.

You can also see a full list of our linked charities and learn about how we govern them on page 70.

Breast Cancer Research Action Group

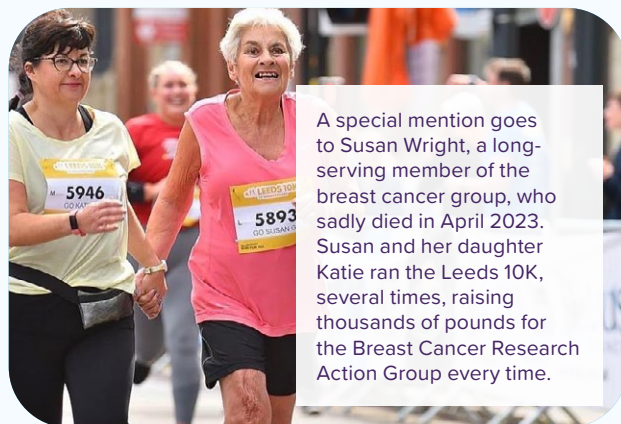
Breast Cancer Research Action Group raises awareness of primary and secondary breast cancer and fundraises to ensure people with breast cancer in Leeds receive the best treatments.

Over the past year, the Group raised £23,000 through a range of events, including their annual fashion show, Christmas fair and coffee morning.

It also contributed a wonderful £215,000 towards the £600,000 grant given to help fund a surface guided radiotherapy treatment system at Leeds Cancer Centre.

This state-of-the-art technology can improve the accuracy and safety of radiotherapy for a range of cancer patients, including people with breast cancer.

Please see page 30 for more information about the surface guided therapy treatment systems.



A special mention goes to Susan Wright, a long-serving member of the breast cancer group, who sadly died in April 2023. Susan and her daughter Katie ran the Leeds 10K, several times, raising thousands of pounds for the Breast Cancer Research Action Group every time.

Providing training at the Mengo Hospital in Kampala

Rays of Hope

Rays of Hope supports the research, education and voluntary work of clinicians at Leeds Teaching Hospital. It is specifically focused on research into cancer and other abdominal illnesses.

This year, the charity provided £2,000 to help surgeons from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust travel to Mengo Hospital in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, and provide training in laparoscopic surgery (a type of keyhole surgery).

Importantly, the surgeons who provided the training, Professor Giles Toogood and Mr Adam Peckham-Cooper, also donated laparoscopic equipment from Leeds Teaching Hospitals. This means patients at Mengo Hospital are now benefitting from less invasive procedures for a range of conditions.

Professor Toogood said, "It was a hugely worthwhile experience. We were able to provide four days of teaching to medical students and trainees. We also operated for five days, and during this time we completed 30 laparoscopic cases."

Fore! A great cause

One of the wonderful people who makes the work of Rays of Hope possible is Richard Maltby.

Successfully treated for liver cancer at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, he was inspired to support the research of clinicians who saved his life, which includes Professor Toogood.

So far, Richard has raised an incredible £75,000 through his annual golf day events.





Leeds Children's Transplant Team at the British Transplant Games in Coventry

Leeds Children's Transplant Team

Leeds Children's Transplant Team is an inspiring group of more than 40 children and young people, aged 2–18, who have undergone an organ or bone marrow transplant.

In 2023/24, we helped the team and their families raise a fantastic £36,000 through a range of fundraising activities. This money helped to pay for kit, registration fees, accommodation and transport for the annual British Transplant Games.

Held in Coventry in July 2023, the event involved transplant patients all of ages taking part in fun sporting events. It also gave patients and their families the opportunity to share experiences and build friendships.

“It's a unique opportunity for transplant patients and their loved ones to connect, have fun and focus on a positive future.”

Esther Wakeman, Chief Executive of Leeds Hospitals Charity

Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre

The Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre Charity helps to fund Leeds Cancer Support at the Robert Ogden Centre located at St James's Hospital.

Leeds Cancer Support complements the care provided by clinicians at the hospital by offering a range of services, resources and activities for people who are undergoing or have recently completed cancer treatment.

This includes high-quality cancer information, an acupuncture service, support groups for people affected by cancer, and a professional wig fitting and hair loss support service.

In 2023/24, the hair loss support service fitted nearly 300 people with a free wig, thanks to the generosity of the people who donated and fundraised.

Without this help, many of these people would have had to pay a prescription charge of almost £80.

“I was amazed by how good the wigs looked, and how much they boosted my self-confidence. Thank you for your kindness, empathy and knowledge.”

Feedback from a patient who used the wig fitting service at the Robert Ogden Centre, which is funded by our generous supporters



Wigs available at the Robert Ogden Centre

Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity

Thanks to the supporters of the Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity, we continued to invest in research that aims to prevent the development of inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis.

Led by Professor Paul Emery at Chapel Allerton Hospital, the research focuses on identifying, monitoring and providing personalised support to people who are likely to develop arthritis.

Currently, over 500 people with an anti-citrullinated protein antibody (ACPA) in their blood have been recruited to the research project. This type of antibody is commonly observed in people who go on to develop rheumatoid arthritis.

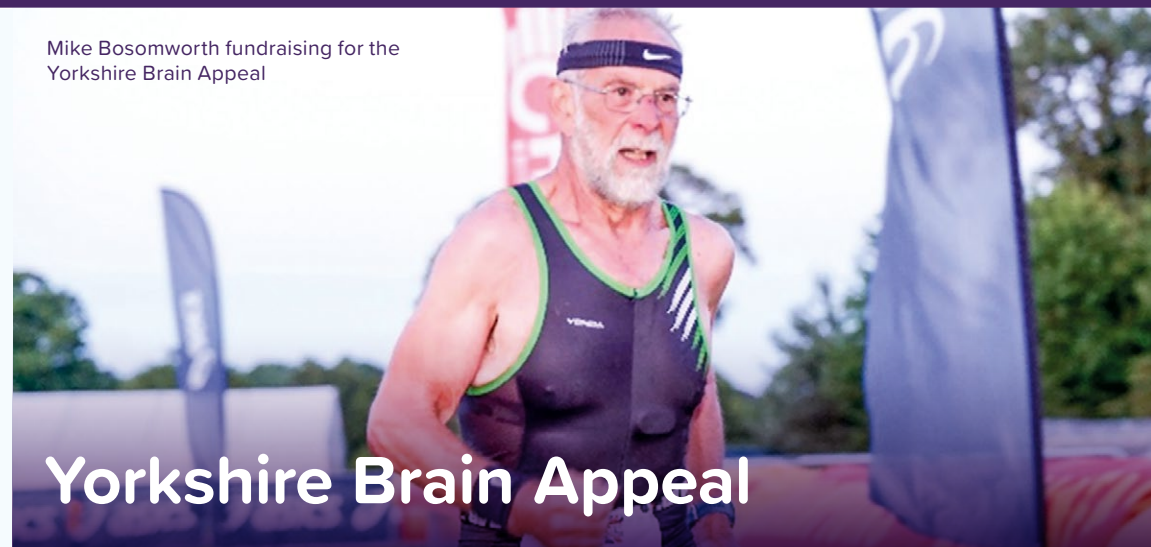
If it's suspected that a person is showing early signs of arthritis, they will get quick access to a range of support to help prevent the condition.

This support will include tailored treatment, as well as services to help them stop smoking and improve their diet and dental hygiene.

“The funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity has been a real game changer for us. It has allowed us to shift our focus from early diagnosis of conditions like rheumatoid arthritis to exploring a range of preventive measures.”

Dr Kulveer Mankia, Clinical Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist

Mike Bosomworth fundraising for the Yorkshire Brain Appeal



Yorkshire Brain Appeal

This year, Yorkshire Brain Appeal didn't fund any new projects. But that didn't stop fundraiser Mike Bosomworth from taking on an epic challenge to raise funds for future projects and celebrate his 70th birthday.

Mike, a retired clinical scientist who worked at Leeds General Infirmary, took on the UK Ultimate Triathlon. This involved him swimming 2.4 miles, running a marathon (26.2 miles) and cycling 112 miles, which he did in just under 15 hours.

Well done, Mike, whose incredible efforts raised over £3,000.

“At my age, I feel extremely lucky to be mentally and physically able to conquer challenges like the Ultimate Triathlon. Through my work as a clinical scientist, I've seen how brain disorders can rob people of their mental and physical ability. But through research, we will improve diagnoses, treatments and outcomes for people with brain conditions.”

Mike Bosomworth, fundraiser for the Yorkshire Brain Appeal

Raising money to transform lives

We couldn't transform the lives of so many people in Leeds and beyond without the people and organisations that donate and fundraise to support our work.

Despite the cost-of-living crisis, your one-off and regular donations, gifts left in wills and fundraising activities boosted our income, taking the total income received to an incredible £8.8 million in 2023/2024.

Thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity.



Runners at the Leeds Marathon

Note on fundraising activity

If material expenditure was incurred to raise income in the future, this report explains the effect this expenditure has already had, and is intended to have, on the net return from fundraising activities.

Major fundraising events



Leeds Bear Hunt

From 1 July to 9 September 2023, we hosted the Leeds Bear Hunt art trail to raise vital funds for Leeds Children's Hospital.

Inspired by the children's book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, the event involved us hiding 35 giant bears and 48 adorable bear cubs around Leeds city centre for children and adults to find.

Highlights from the event included:

- The auction of our giant bears and bear cubs, which raised a brilliant £110,000 to support the children and families of Leeds Children's Hospital.
- Around 1,000 people attending our Farewell Weekend at Leeds City Museum, where all the bears and cubs were gathered in one place.
- Nearly 100 volunteers supporting Leeds Bear Hunt by donating over 1,000 hours of their time.
- Members of the public learning about the work of Leeds Children's Hospital by reading the stories of patients on the plinths that showcased our 35 giant bears.

Michael Rosen, the author of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, coming to Leeds to promote the art trail and meeting patients at Leeds Children's Hospital.

The success of Leeds Bear Hunt was definitely down to us working with many fantastic partners. Thank you to everyone who got involved for your generosity and enthusiasm. This includes:

- Walker Productions Ltd, who gifted us the use of the licenced characters and images from *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*
- The sponsors and supporters of Leeds Bear Hunt, which included Longs of Leeds, First Direct Bank, RE: at Leeds City College, Leeds City Council, LeedsBID, Trinity Leeds, Ark Media and Rose Wharf
- Michael Rosen, the author of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*
- Helen Oxenbury, the illustrator of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*



Michael Rosen visits Leeds Children's Hospital

Leeds Bear Hunt in numbers

35

giant bears.

48

adorable bear cubs hidden around Leeds city centre.

Over 7,000

people downloaded our Leeds Bear Hunt app and 25,000 paper maps were handed out.

Over 40

schools and community groups fundraised and decorated their own bear cub, which helped to raise over £40,000.

Over £38,000

raised through the sale of Leeds Bear Hunt books, toys and gifts.

Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon

We were one of the headline charity partners for the first ever Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon – and what a fantastic event it was on 14 May 2023.

Over 12,000 people took part in the first full marathon to be held in Leeds in over 20 years. This included over 1,500 Leeds Hospitals Charity supporters, who raised more than £1 million to support our life-changing work.

Among this number was motor neurone disease patient Ian Flatt, staff members from Leeds Teaching Hospitals and Lindsey Burrow, Rob's wife and one of our patrons.

Overall, this very special marathon was a massive success, and featured one of the most iconic moments of the year: Kevin Sinfield, the former captain of Leeds Rhinos, carrying Rob in his arms as he crossed the finish line.

Leeds Half Marathon

The Leeds Half Marathon took place on the same day as the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon and involved hundreds of people running on our behalf.

In total, efforts of half marathon runners raised nearly £35,000 to help us improve even more lives.

Thank you to everyone who ran and all the wonderful people who took the time to cheer them on. It was greatly appreciated.



Lindsey and Rob Burrow ahead of the inaugural Leeds Marathon

The marathon in numbers

Over
£100,000

raised for Leeds Hospitals
Charity by Lindsey Burrow.

£1.2 million

raised by all the runners,
which is helping to build
the Rob Burrow Centre
for MND.

Over 100,000

people took to the streets
of Leeds to support all the
runners.



Fundraising heroes



Kevin Sinfield OBE

Former Leeds Rhinos captain Kevin Sinfield completed an epic 7 in 7 in 7 Challenge that raised over £500,000 for Leeds Hospitals Charity and £2.5 million for five motor neurone disease (MND) charities.

The challenge involved Kevin running seven ultra-marathons in seven days in seven cities around Great Britain and Ireland. Starting at Headingley Stadium in Leeds, on 1 December 2023, Kevin and his support team also visited Cardiff, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Dublin, Brighton and London.

On each of the seven days of the challenge, Kevin also completed an Extra Mile event, which saw him run one mile with local MND patients and their loved ones.

Next December, Kevin will aim to run 50km every day for a week in honour of his former teammate, Rob Burrow.



Kevin Sinfield and Rob Burrow cross the finish line of the marathon

Ian Flatt on his 100 mile Yorkshire trek

Ian Flatt

Inspired by Kevin Sinfield and Rob Burrow, MND patient Ian Flatt set out to raise funds for the third year in a row.

After taking on the first Rob Burrow marathon in May 2023, Ian also completed a 100 mile trek, over 9-days in July. The hike, again completed in Ian's all-terrain wheelchair with a group of friends, began in Pateley Bridge, taking in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, to Pen-Y-Ghent, before finishing at the highest pub in England, The Tan Hill Inn in Swaledale.

Ian was also honoured at the Yorkshire Choice Awards in 2023, winning the Local Fundraiser of the Year Award.

Barbara Rider and Pippa Baird

Thanks to the Leeds Children's Hospital Ball committee we have raised over £50,000 this year.

Led by Barbara and Pippa, the committee have put on two incredible events, hosted by our patron Dr Amir Khan in Harrogate.

Norman Hunter's family

On 9 June 2023, friends and family of Leeds United legend Norman Hunter held their third annual charity golf day at Horsforth Golf Club, where Norman was a member for many years.

Once again, the event was a huge success, with over £37,000 raised for research that aims to find a cure for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, the type of cancer that Norman was treated for at Leeds Cancer Centre.

Overall, the Hunter family's fundraising efforts, which have been well-supported by individuals and businesses across West Yorkshire, has reached a superb total of £112,000.



Norman Hunter's family visit the research lab at the University of Leeds



Fundraiser Jacqui Drake with charity and hospital staff

Jacqui Drake

Over the past year, Jacqui Drake, a patient at Leeds Cancer Centre, raised an outstanding £62,000 to help improve the comfort and care of adults and children who also attend the centre.

Thanks to Jacqui's wonderful effort, we were able to fund new drip stands for the administering of chemotherapy, chemotherapy trolleys for the safe transportation of medication, and a lifelike model of a human torso for staff education and training purposes.

Overall, Jacqui has now raised over £430,000 through her regular stall at Leeds Cancer Centre and a wide range of fundraising events. We can't wait to see what Jacqui does over the coming year to get even closer to her £1 million fundraising target.

Our corporate partners

In 2023/24, our corporate partners donated and fundraised over £500,000 to help make Leeds Teaching Hospitals even better.

Thank you to everyone who got involved and supported our work. We couldn't improve so many lives without your vital help.

Leeds Bear Hunt

Our Leeds Bear Hunt art trail, which took place in the summer of 2023, offered businesses a great way to engage employees, customers and their local communities with a fun and unique fundraising event.

In total, 27 generous businesses became official sponsors of the trail, including Longs of Leeds, First Direct Bank and RE: at Leeds City College. We also received valuable support from Leeds Bid and Leeds City Council.

Give at the till

Our partnership with the toy retailer The Entertainer gives customers across Yorkshire the option to give a donation to Leeds Children's Hospital when they buy something.

In 2023/24, the scheme, which is supported by the financial technology charity Pennies, raised £19,000. This means the total raised since the partnership started is now a brilliant £70,000.

“Our corporate donors and volunteers really made Leeds Bear Hunt a huge success. We're so grateful.”

Gail Chapman, Special Events Fundraiser



Presenter Mwaksy Mudenda at Leeds Children's Hospital

Sponsor the Sparkle

Our Sponsor the Sparkle celebration involves businesses sponsoring 20 illuminated stars on the Clarendon Wing at Leeds Children's Hospital, 60 stars on the Brotherton Wing at Leeds General Infirmary, and 20 stars on the Bexley Wing, home of Leeds Cancer Centre.

In 2023, the official light switch on was done by TV Presenter Mwaksy Mudenda from CBeebies and Blue Peter

So far, Sponsor the Sparkle, which was in its third year in 2023, has raised over £104,000 and brought lots of joy to patients and their families in the run up to Christmas.



S+SA Architects on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge

A peak performance

Employees of Yorkshire-based architects S+SA Architects took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge last April and raised over £3,500 to make Leeds Teaching Hospitals even better.

Overall, the challenge took 12 hours to complete and involved a 24-mile walk that took in the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough.

Joel Smith, Director at S+SA Architects, said, “Being local to Leeds, we chose to support Leeds Hospitals Charity because several of our staff and their children have received care from the fantastic teams at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

“The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge gave our employees the opportunity to spend time out of the office together. Seeing how they supported and motivated each other during the challenge was great. Some amazing memories were created and shared.”



At the finish line of the Leeds Marathon

Hospitals of the Future

Our Hospitals of the Future campaign aims to support the construction of a new hospital building at Leeds General Infirmary. This will include a new hospital for adults, a new home for Leeds Children's Hospital, and the UK's largest single site maternity and neonatal centre.

In 2023, we were delighted that the Caddick Group, a West Yorkshire-based property developer, became our first Hospitals of the Future corporate partner. They pledged to donate £20,000 a year for the next five years.

Marathon runners

Thank you to all the individuals from our corporate partners who took part in the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon to fundraise for Leeds Hospitals Charity.

Overall, the tremendous efforts of our corporate teams raised over £110,000, which will be used to fund the building of the new Rob Burrow Centre for MND.

Major donors, trusts and foundations

Thanks to your generosity, we have funded world-class treatments, cutting-edge technology and pioneering research that will help to improve and save many lives.



Surgeons using the new carbon dioxide laser

Donors, trusts and foundations that donated £10,000 or more

Jane Heller

Margaret Newland

Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Charitable Trust

The Greener Communities Fund - a partnership between NHS Charities Together and environmental charity Hubbub, funded by the Starbucks 5p cup charge

Peter Ball

Peter Sowerby Foundation

Sovereign Health Care

Tolkien Trust

Turnaround Foundation

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

The Wilby family (Caravan Guard)

Dr Zaki Irshad

Projects funded by major donors and charitable trusts and foundations

Treating head and neck cancer more effectively

A wonderful gift of £107,000 from the Wilby family helped to fund an innovative carbon dioxide laser for our Head and Neck service at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

The new laser enables surgeons to treat complex head and neck conditions with more precision, helping to minimise damage to healthy tissue.

On average, the team uses the new laser to treat around 10 people with cancer every month.

“This laser has given me a lifeline. I’m forever indebted to the hospital team, who have been an absolute godsend. By donating to Leeds Hospitals Charity, you’re giving someone like me their life back. Something that is absolutely priceless.”

Victoria, who received treatment for tracheal stenosis, a condition which involves the narrowing of the windpipe

Preventing hair loss for chemotherapy patients

The Morrisons Foundation kindly helped to fund a Paxman scalp cooling system for clinical trials conducted at the Clinical Research Facility for adults at St James's Hospital.

This means chemotherapy patients on the trials can now benefit from the cooling system's ability to prevent or minimise hair loss.

This can be extremely important to many patients, as the loss of hair during treatment can be distressing and difficult to manage.



A patient undergoing chemotherapy at Leeds Cancer Centre

Rejuvenating our neurology day unit

The continued support of Sovereign Health Care helped us transform the neurology day unit at Leeds General Infirmary into a more welcoming, relaxing and comfortable environment.

The new furniture we funded includes recliner chairs, coffee tables and upholstered sofas, which have been greatly welcomed by patients and their families.

Empowering breast cancer patients

A donation from the Peter Sowerby Foundation funded the development of Explain My Procedure, a digital platform that's empowering breast cancer patients.

On the platform, patients can view detailed, easy-to-understand animations that explain the procedures they will undergo in hospital.

The aim of the platform is to help breast cancer patients feel more informed about their cancer and care. As a result, they may be able to speak to their doctor with more confidence and have a greater say in decisions about their treatment.

Supporting researchers to improve care

We received nearly £700,000 from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to support the work of researchers at Leeds Teaching Hospitals who are in the early stages of their careers.

We're certain this generous donation from UKRI, which is sponsored by the government's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, will help Leeds Teaching Hospitals retain and develop talented researchers who can help to improve the lives of our patients.

Using virtual reality to improve emergency care

A generous gift of £50,000 from Dr Zaki Irshad helped to fund the development of a virtual learning environment for the training of clinicians working in emergency medicine.

The online platform uses a range of technology and methods to create highly immersive, real-time scenarios to help clinicians deliver consistent, safe and high-quality care in a modern-day emergency department.

We expect the environment to be particularly helpful to international medical graduates who may have limited experience of working in an emergency department in the UK.

Making the Rob Burrow Centre for MND reality

Over the past year, several major donors and charitable trusts and foundations contributed to our £6.8million appeal to build the Rob Burrow Centre for MND at Seacroft Hospital in Leeds.

Now, we are very close to making the centre reality, with a breaking ground ceremony taking place on 3 June 2024, which was one day after Rob Burrow had died.

Once the centre is completed, which should be in the summer of 2025, it will support people from the local area and across the UK. Hopefully, it will also inspire the building of similar centres in other cities.



Breaking ground on the new Rob Burrow Centre for MND

Gifts in wills

We are incredibly grateful to people who left a gift in their will to Leeds Hospitals Charity in 2023/24. In total, we received £1.07 million to help make our hospitals even better for patients and their families.

For the second year in a row, we ran a marketing campaign which focused on the importance of making a will and how a gift left to us could help to improve the lives of people in Leeds and beyond.

This resulted in a 640% increase in people making a will through our online will writing partner, Bequeathed.

Some of the people who generously left us a gift in their will in 2023/24:

- Patricia Flynn left £500,000 to Leeds Cancer Centre.
- Ian William Walker left £105,000 for general use.
- Margaret Janet Bulman left £100,000 for general use.
- George Rennie left £65,000 to support our radiotherapy and haematology departments.
- Ann Catherine Godson left £21,000 for the Rob Burrow Centre for MND.
- Paul Linley Windeatt left £12,000 for the Renal Unit at St James's Hospital.
- Barry Tobin left £11,000 for general use and the Rob Burrow Centre for MND.
- John McHugh left £10,000 for cancer care services at Leeds Children's Hospital.
- Betty Zilite left £2,000 for the purchase of wheelchairs.
- Pamela Collier left £1,000 for our Nippy Clinic, where patients are treated with non-invasive ventilation.

Regular giving

Every gift we receive to support our work is hugely appreciated. But what makes the regular gifts we receive extra special is that they help us plan with greater confidence and invest in even more projects to support our patients, families and hospital teams.

Over the past year, we received £439,000 in regular gifts, which was an 89% increase on the previous year; and in total, since we launched our regular giving programme in 2020, we've received over £1.1 million in donations, and over £200,000 through the Gift Aid scheme run by the government.

In 2023/24, we also launched our first regular giving upgrade campaign, with telephone fundraising agency Unity4.

Thanks to the generous people who chose to increase their regular gift, we will receive an additional £38,000 over the next three years. Money we'll use to make our hospitals even better.

More players, more grants

Continued investment in our lottery will help us award more grants that improve the lives of our patients, families and staff members.

Next year, our investment will focus on recruiting new players.

By the end of 2024/25, we hope to have 15,000 lottery entries each week.



Lottery

Our lottery, which is now in its second year, continues to go from strength-to-strength. Over the past year, we continued to invest in recruitment and welcomed nearly 4,200 new players, so our number of active weekly players rose to almost 7,000.

In total, our lottery's income was £485,000 in 2023/24; we awarded a total of £71,000 in weekly prizes to over 422 players; and three rollover prize winners shared £6,000.

During the past financial year, we transferred £93,000 from our lottery income to our grant funding programme, which was 20% of the proceeds received.

Recent changes to our lottery that are helping it to grow include increasing the number of guaranteed weekly cash prizes from seven to 11, and introducing a weekly rollover prize, which could reach up to £25,000.

On top of this, we launched a new charity team to help recruit lottery players. Members of the team visit places such as shopping centres, garden centres and community events to explain how our lottery helps to improve people's lives and promote the great cash prizes that can be won.

“Playing the lottery felt like a no brainer. You're helping patients and families feel more positive and less anxious about their futures.”

Ann, who won £2,000 by playing our lottery

Staff and volunteers at our Merriam Centre store

Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday

10am - 5pm

Monday

10am - 4pm

Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charity

Charity shops

Our three charity shops are located at Crossgates shopping centre in east Leeds, the Merriam Centre in the city centre, and the Leeds Cancer Centre at St James's Hospital.

In 2023/24, the three shops raised £269,000 to help support our patients, families and staff, which was a 10% increase on the previous year.

None of this would have been possible without the generous people who gifted 1,752 bags of preloved items to the shops and the amazing volunteers who helped to run them.

In total, they donated a phenomenal 17,000 hours of their time, which was a 53% increase on the previous year.

In July 2024, we also appointed a Retail Director to oversee and grow our retail income, which includes the funds generated by the three shops.

Our fundraising promise



We are incredibly grateful to all the people who give a gift or fundraise to help us make Leeds Teaching Hospitals even better for our patients, families and staff.

You are our greatest strength, which is why we always aim to treat you with care, respect and honesty, and prioritise your needs and wellbeing.

Our fundraising promise aligns with the Code of Fundraising Practice and is driven by our three core values of Together, Transparent and Transform. You can read our fundraising promise in full at www.leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/our-fundraising-promise

We believe everyone should be given the opportunity to support a cause they care about. However, we do recognise there may be times when it's not appropriate to accept a donation or an individual needs extra time or support to make an informed decision about giving a gift.

For example, if we speak to someone who we believe is vulnerable, we may suggest they speak to family members or friends for advice before giving us a donation.

If, at any time, we do receive a donation that we think it's not appropriate to accept, or a person donates who does not have the capacity to make this decision, we will always refund the gift.

Wherever possible, we provide guidance, information, support and training to our fundraisers and volunteers to ensure they have a rewarding fundraising experience and carry out their fundraising activities in a legal, open, honest and respectful way.

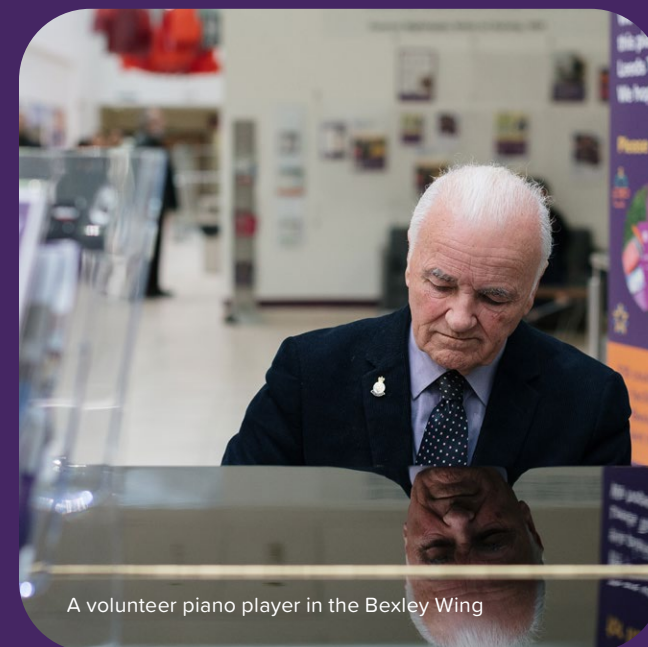
We also encourage people who want to fundraise for our charity to register with our Fundraising Team and discuss their planned fundraising activities.

We can then provide you with expert guidance, a fundraising agreement, when appropriate, and a letter that states we've given you the authority to fundraise on our behalf.

Our wonderful volunteers

A huge thank you to every person who generously donated their time and energy to support our work during the past year. We couldn't improve the lives of so many patients and their families without your continued dedication and kindness.

We'd also like to say thank you to the University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University, Voluntary Action Leeds and Leeds City College for continuing to promote our volunteer roles to their students and clients.



A volunteer piano player in the Bexley Wing

Our volunteers in 2023/24

457

new volunteers recruited

556

active volunteers during the year

21,162

hours donated

Over 10,000

hours more than in 2022/23



Leeds Bear Hunt success

Volunteers were absolutely key to the success of our Leeds Bear Hunt art trail, which saw giant bear sculptures decorating the streets and gardens of Leeds city centre.

In total, nearly 100 volunteers got involved and donated over 1,000 hours of their time. This included Bear Rangers who supported children and adults as they searched for the bears, as well as volunteers who helped to install, run and disassemble our Bear Cave pop-up shop at Trinity Leeds shopping centre.

We were particularly delighted that staff from five local organisations, including Longs of Leeds and Leeds BID, volunteered their time to support our Bear Hunt. They really embraced their roles as Bear Rangers and donated around 100 hours of their time to work in our pop-up shop.

Family volunteering launched

Our aim is to make our volunteering opportunities available to everyone, no matter who they are.

To help achieve this, we launched family volunteering opportunities at some of our fundraising events, including the Leeds Marathon and Halloween Toddle.

This allows parents and children to work together, enjoy fun experiences and do something hugely positive for our charity and the people supported by Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Leeds Teaching Hospitals partnership

Over the past year, we continued to work with the Voluntary Services Team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals to help ensure the volunteering needs of their hospitals are met.

As part of this partnership, some of our volunteers helped to promote free flu and Covid vaccinations to staff working at Leeds General Infirmary and St James's Hospital.

Making volunteering accessible to all

During the past year, we worked hard to nurture relationships with partner organisations across Leeds that can support our ambition to recruit volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities, skills and experiences.

This work included us working with a range of organisations to support the development of a five-year volunteering strategy for the whole of Leeds.

Its vision is to create a city that celebrates volunteering in all its forms; where it's easy for people to find ways to make a difference and get involved; and where organisations work together to support an innovative and diverse volunteering environment.

We are now working with partners involved with the strategy to help make these aims reality

Volunteers at Leeds Children's Hospital



Charity shop takeovers

As well as welcoming regular volunteers to our three charity shops, we invited employees from local businesses to take over our shops for the day.

In February 2024, 25 staff members from GHD, the hair care products company, generously volunteered at our shops in the Merrion Centre and Crossgates shopping centre.

In 2023/24, we also partnered with Leeds City College to provide full-time student placements in our Merrion Centre charity shop. This led to students gaining valuable experience in a retail environment and our shop team benefitting from around 300 hours of extra support.

Prestigious volunteering award



Our Volunteering Team always works hard to make sure our volunteering programme is hugely rewarding and adheres to best practice.

This effort was recognised in January 2024 when Voluntary Action Leeds awarded the programme the Quality Mark for Excellence in Volunteering.

This was a huge honour for our Volunteering Team and fantastic recognition for all their hard work.

As well as improving our volunteering processes, procedures and policies, they care about the small things too.

For example, they partnered with local advertising company Sticky Eyes to write and send Christmas cards to all our volunteers in 2023.

Results and quotes from our volunteer annual survey



96%

of our volunteers would recommend volunteering for us

99%

of our volunteers agreed our recruitment process is supportive and clear. This was an increase of 7% on the previous year.

“Working as a retail volunteer has been such an incredible experience. I'm so proud to be a part of something so meaningful.”



Yidan's story

Yidan recently completed her master's degree, and feels that volunteering with Leeds Hospitals Charity has given her a massive boost in confidence and social skills.

She says: “I love helping in the office and in the Merrion Centre charity shop. Volunteering allows me to see first-hand how the money donated to the charity is utilised and what a huge impact it makes. It brings me joy to know I am a part of such a selfless charity that helps those who need it the most.

Volunteering has really improved my mental health and overall happiness, it is never a loss when you know you are helping others.”

Financial review



We finished 2023/24 in a strong financial position, despite the fundraising challenges we faced because of the continuing cost-of-living crisis.

Throughout the year, we invested confidently in projects that have the potential to drive change in our three key impact areas: tackling health inequalities, innovation and health technologies, and rare conditions.

Looking ahead, we're confident we will remain a financially stable organisation and continue to award grants that help to improve thousands of lives in Leeds and beyond.

Our financial year

As we move into the fourth year of our five-year strategy, our trustees' focus is still on growth and diversification of income streams. There is planned continued recruitment of lottery players, and a new Director of Retail has been appointed to expand our current retail offering.

The economic environment has continued to be challenging, with negative impact being felt across the charitable sector. The income of many charities has fallen, they've struggled to recruit volunteers, and fixed costs have increased.

Despite these sector challenges, we have grown income by 11% and achieved a surplus of £267,000 (2022/23: £10.1m deficit) this year, before accounting for investment movements.

The markets began to recover in the year, and we experienced unrealised gains of £2.06m within our investment portfolio (2022/23: £2.6m unrealised losses).

Income has increased year-on-year, as have our volunteers and donor base. Our lottery, which launched in 2021, has seen annual income almost double to £485,000.

Onsite fundraisers are generating supporters and donation income, and whilst we have not increased our number of charity shops this year, the income from existing shops has increased to £269,000.

The trustees set a deficit budget for 2023/24, reflecting the ambition to invest in fundraising, and we are pleased to report that a surplus has been achieved, reflecting the careful monitoring of costs that has taken place throughout the year.

The charity exists because of its generous supporters and donors, and it is thanks to those individuals that £8.8m total income was received in the year (2022/23: £7.9m).

Expenditure on raising funds, before charitable activities, reduced slightly to £3.5m (2022/23: £3.6m), and charitable activities amounted to £4.98m (2022/23: £14.38m). This, along with unrealised investment gains, culminated in a net increase in charitable funds of 12% (£2.3m), taking total funds carried forward to £21.6m (2022/23: £19.3m).

The total funds of the charity consist of £3.6m (2022/23: £3.3m) endowed funds, £5.3m (2022/23: £4.5m) restricted funds, £8.4m (2022/23: £6.8m) unrestricted designated funds, and £4.3m (2022/23: £4.7m) unrestricted general funds.

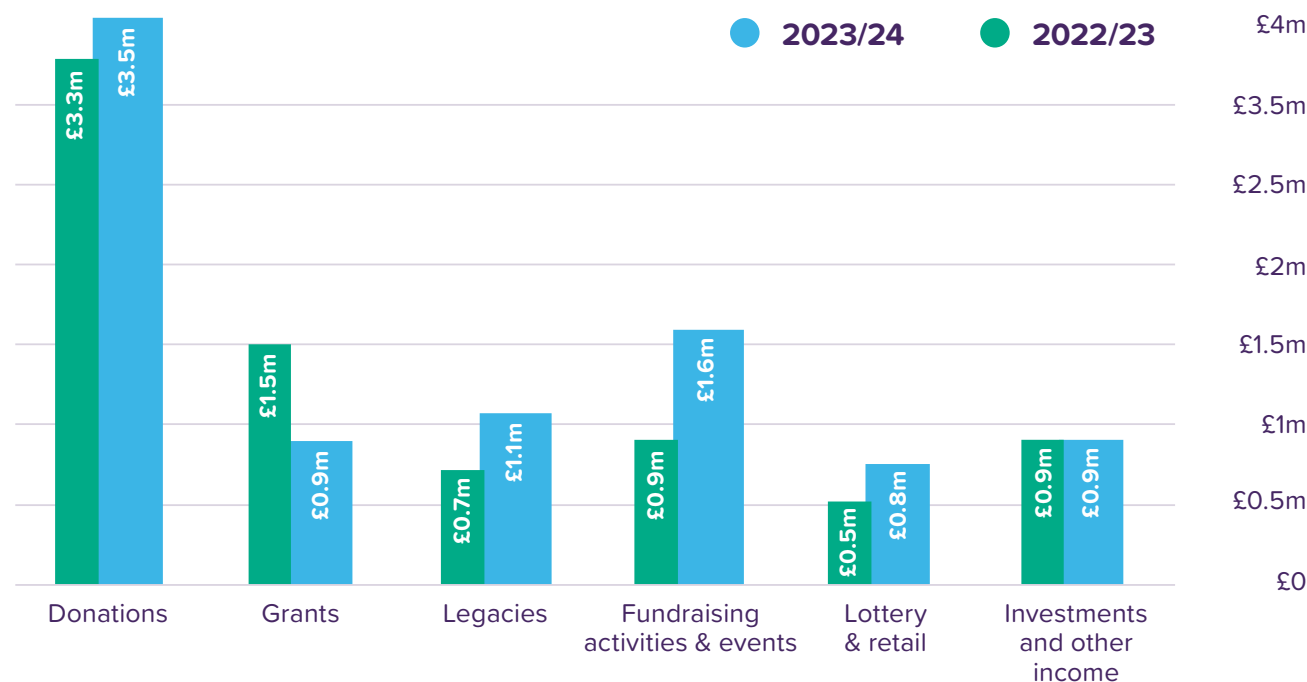
Endowed funds are held for the permanent benefit of the charity, with the income restricted for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are held for specific purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes and can be undesignated by the trustees for use as unrestricted income.

Income

Despite challenging circumstances, our total income has grown by 11.3% (£887,000) to £8.8m (2022/23: £7.9m). This is the highest income since the charity became independent in 2017, and we are extremely grateful to our donors for their support.

Donations remain our largest source of income. Of the £8.8m total income, 40% (£3.5m) came from donations. This is an increase on the previous year of 7.9% (2022/23: £3.3m).



Donations from individuals, clubs and societies amounted to £2.7m (2022/23: £2.8m). All other donation income streams increased this year: income from charitable trusts and associations was up 24% to £348,000 (2022/23: £281,000), donations from corporations rose by 187% to £415,000 (2022/23: £145,000), other donations and gifts in kind increased by 100% to £112,000 (2022/23: £1.5m).

Grant income of £900,000 was received this year (2022/23: £1.5m), comprising £0.7m from the Medical Research Council for early career fellowship funding and £200,000 from NHS Charities Together for the Greener Spaces initiative. This is a reduction of 40.2% (£605,000) year-on-year.

We have continued to promote legacy giving, resulting in an increase of 49.5% to £1.07m (2022/23: £718,000).

Income from fundraising activities and events has increased by 76.7% to £1.6m (2022/23: £903,000). The Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon and our Leeds Bear Hunt art trail, which was held in the city over the summer, were the biggest contributing factors to this increased income.

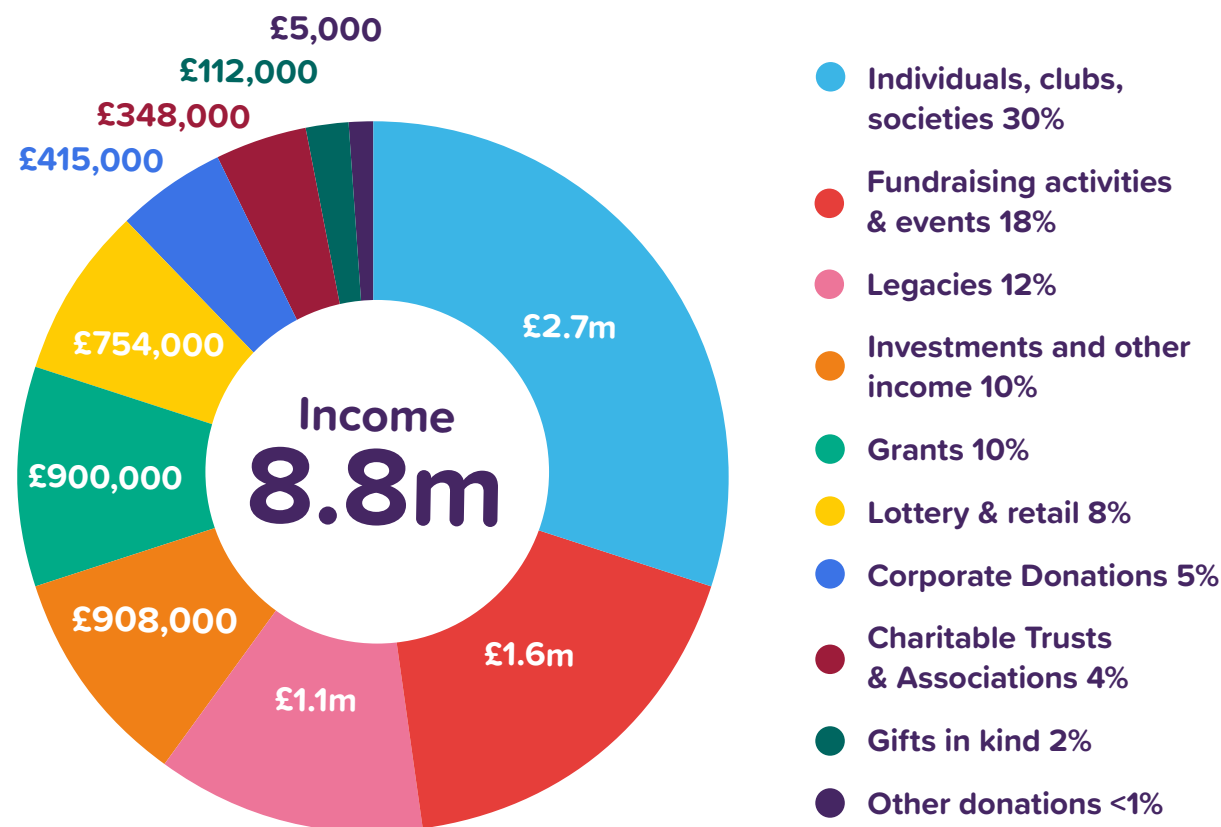
Income from our trading subsidiary LHC Enterprise Ltd, comprises £14,000 royalties received in respect of a commercial participation agreement.

Income from charitable activities reduced to £1,000 (2022/23: £62,000). This reduction is due to the courses and conferences previously run through the charity now being run by the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Investment income has remained in line with the previous year and contributes to 10% of our total income, at £883,000 (2022/23: £894,000).

Continued investment in diversifying income streams, with focus on lottery and retail, has seen these areas generate combined income of £754,000, an increase of 45% on the previous year (2022/23: £518,000).

The growing diversity of our income streams helps provide resilience against the challenges faced by fundraisers.



Income compared to last year



76.7%

Fundraising activities and events increased by 76.7% to £1.6m



49.5%

Legacy income increased by 49.5% to £1.1m



45.3%

Lottery and retail income increased by 45.3% to £0.75m



7.9%

Donation income increased by 7.9% to £3.5m



40.2%

Income from grants decreased by 40.2% to £0.9m

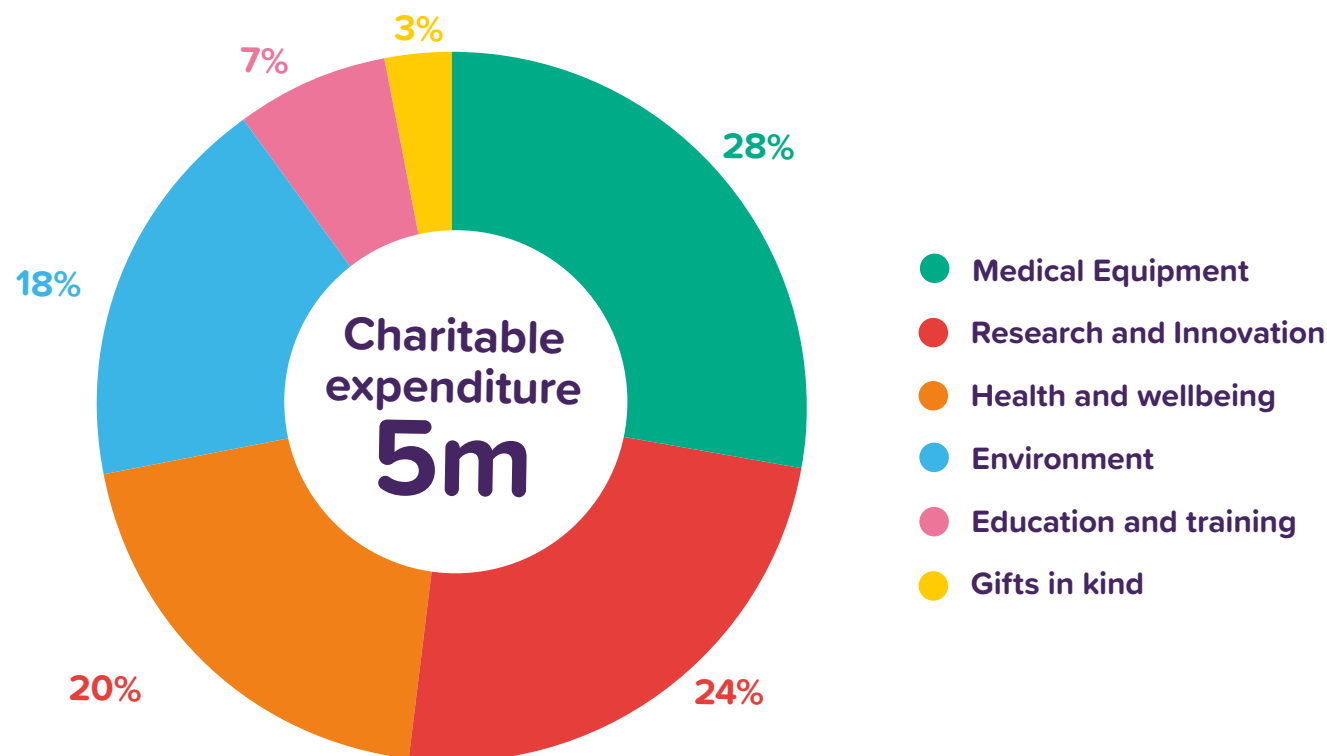
Expenditure

Total expenditure of the charity reduced by 52.7% (£9.5m) to £8.5m (2022/23: £18m). This reduction is a direct result of the charity investing a significant amount in charitable activities during the previous year.

Current year expenditure on charitable activities was £5m, a reduction of 65.4% (£9.4m) (2022/23: £14.4m). The previous year saw significant commitments made from reserves in respect of environment and research and innovation priority areas, due to underwriting the Rob Burrow Centre for MND at Seacroft Hospital (£6.8m) and the Child Health Outcomes Research at Leeds (CHORAL) project (£2.6m), in addition to our annual grant funding commitments.

We award multi-year grants to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. As a result, the commitments and designated funds fluctuate each year. Our commitment in respect of the Rob Burrow Centre for MND appeal of £6.8m is now due to be paid across to the trust within the next 12 months, resulting in a net current liability position.

Since the year-end, the trustees have drawn down £4m from the investment portfolio to ensure cash flow requirements are satisfied during the year.



Expenditure to run the charity and raise funds was £3.5m, a 2.2% reduction, which equates to £0.1m (2022/23: £3.6m).

Work continued, in line with our strategy, to diversify income by recruiting lottery players. The costs of the lottery remained in line with our previous year, at £789,000.

Investment of £179,000 was made in promoting legacies. This is an increase of 38% (£50,000) on the previous year (2022/23: £129,000).

The cost of fundraising events and activities reduced by £103,000 to £1.63m (2022/23: £1.73m).

Regular cost monitoring is undertaken, with a focus on

ensuring value for money in all contracts undertaken and delivery of excellent supporter care, with compliance to the Fundraising Regulator requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds and charitable activities includes an allocation of £1.79m (2022/23: £1.61m) for support costs, as set out in note 4, as required by the Charities SORP. These costs cover teams such as Finance, IT, HR, Volunteers, Communications and Governance.

Reserves policy and management

The trustees are aware of their general legal duty to apply the income of the charity for its purposes within a reasonable period of receipt, and within that framework have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Free reserves, as defined by the Charity Commission, are unrestricted reserves that are freely available to spend on charitable purposes.

Reserves are an inherent part of the risk management process. The need for reserves will vary depending on our financial position and our assessment of the risks the charity faces at a particular time.

Leeds Hospitals Charity needs to retain some reserve of funds to ensure continued progress towards its objectives. These free unrestricted funds are required to:

- enable the charity to maintain its level of grants to beneficiaries
- enable the charity to address financial contingencies as they arise
- enable the charity to meet its strategic objectives, as set out in the 2021–2026 strategy document
- protect the charity from investment market risk
- provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice
- provide funds to cover administration, fundraising and support costs, without which the charity could not function.

Given the unpredictable nature of the charity's income, the trustees have a target level of free reserves designed to cover the risks as set out above. This target level is projected as £5.5m for 2024/25 (2023/24: £5.8m), (2022/23: £5.8m).

The annual running costs of the charity have increased, due to the current economic climate, and trustees have committed to continuing investment in recruiting players to the lottery, along with planned expansion in our retail operation. These all contribute to the charity's five-year strategy to increase unrestricted income.

This minimum level of target reserves has reduced slightly, reflecting the last three years of growth in lottery and retail income. It is needed to mitigate against risks and cover staff costs and overheads approved by the trustees, and which ensure that the charity can fulfil its objectives and meet its financial commitments, as they fall due.

Unrestricted funds held by the charity have increased by £1.3m to £12.8m (2022/23: £11.4m) at the balance sheet date. Of these, £8.5m (2022/23: £6.8m) are designated by the trustees for specific purposes and £5,000 (2022/23: £20,000) are held as tangible fixed assets. This leaves free reserves of £4.3m (2022/23: £4.7m), which is a decrease of £400,000 on the previous year and below the current target of £5.5m.

The work of the charity's task and finish group to review all charitable funds was completed in the past year. When the group was appointed by trustees in 2021, there were over 470 unrestricted designated funds.

The purpose of this element of the group's work was to ensure that the designations in place continue to be appropriate, and that funds are being used in a timely manner. As a result, we reduced the number of these funds to 40 at the year end. These 40 designated funds all have trustee-approved spending plans with known timelines for spend.

As part of the review, the group also proposed principles of designating income that have been adopted by the Board of Trustees. These principles are to set aside income where there is a live fundraising appeal, which is not legally restricted, and where significant single donations in excess of £10,000 are received with specific donor wishes attached, which can then be honoured.

The work of the task and finish group has now been completed and the number of designated funds will be kept under annual review.

There is one fund materially in deficit at the close of this financial year: the Rob Burrow Centre for MND appeal. The trustees undertook to award grant funding of £6.8m, underwriting the cost of the centre's build costs. This liability is held on the balance sheet at the year-end, while fundraising continues. The trustees are confident that the necessary funds will be raised to meet this current deficit.

The major projects unrealised gain pool designated fund has been set aside for use on major projects within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and provides protection to the charity from investment risk. Given that the value of investments can go down as well as up, the trustees believe that a prudent level of reserves is necessary to ensure the charity can run efficiently and meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees' powers of investment are set out in the Trustee Act 2000, which allows the trustees to invest the assets of the charity in investments of any nature as they see fit, subject to a provision to avoid speculative and hazardous investments.

The trustees seek to balance ethical and socially responsible investment and risk. As such, the investment managers appointed by the trustees are restricted from investing directly in the processing and/or manufacture of tobacco products.

The portfolio is widely diversified, with an equity-based approach. Such an approach balances the greater risk posed by equity-based investment with the potential for higher returns.

Total investments are £35.8m, of which £4.3m were held as cash by our investment managers. Performance is monitored against set benchmarks, as agreed with our investment managers on a quarterly basis.

This year has seen an improvement on the previous year. The UK CPI inflation rates were 10.1% in March 2023 and began to ease towards the end of the year, reducing to 3.2% by March 2024.

The UK also returned to growth at the start of the year, with GDP growth of 0.3% in January. The Bank of England held interest rates steady at 5.35% in March, but suggested that it is moving towards cutting borrowing costs.

The US economy also defied predictions of a downturn. As a result, there were unrealised gains in our portfolio of £2.6m for the year ended 31 March 2024; the charity's portfolios are invested for the long-term and fluctuate year-on-year, with the expectation of delivering a positive return in the future.

On 31 March 2024, £4m cash is held by Rathbones in high-interest earning time deposit accounts.

Rathbones achieved a 12-month return of 9.6% (2022/23: -5.7%) compared with the agreed benchmark of 11.2% (2022/23: -1.9%). The yield on the portfolio was 2.2% (2022/23: 2.9%).

The value of the portfolio has increased in 2023/24, due to the unrealised gains experienced. There has been no disinvestment of the portfolio in the year. The projected yield has reduced from 2.9% to 2.2%.

The asset allocation was as follows at the year-end:

Asset class	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	Value (£000)	Weight (%)	Value (£000)	Weight (%)
Fixed interest	5,550	15.5	5,497	16.2
Equities UK	6,195	17.3	9,388	27.7
Equities overseas	16,400	45.8	8,949	26.4
Alternatives	3,371	9.4	4,660	13.8
Cash	4,317	12.0	5,389	15.9
	35,833	100	33,883	100

Pensions

Leeds Hospitals Charity provides a defined contribution pension scheme for staff, managed by Scottish Widows. The charity contributes 5% of employee salaries to the scheme, which is matched by the employee. Enrolment is automatic, unless individual employees elect not to join the scheme or are not eligible. There are no other material pension liabilities affecting the charity.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. At the end of the 2023/24 financial year, Leeds Hospitals Charity held total net assets of £21.6m (2022/23: £19.3m), of which £4.3m are free reserves.

The diversification of income streams during the year has protected the underlying net asset position in challenging circumstances; the increased income in the year is reflected in the increase to net assets, there have also been unrealised investment gains which have improved the net asset position of the charity.

The trustees have reviewed and approved the budget for the year to 31 March 2025 and the five-year financial forecast. They are confident that there are sufficient unrestricted free reserves to meet the charity's commitments as they fall due. The charity maintains an adequate cash position to meet its ongoing expenditure requirements.

Principal risks and uncertainties

As in the previous year, the highest rated risks in 2023/24 have been to income: the financial uncertainties for both individual and corporate donors caused by the continuing high interest rates and the cost-of-living challenges have been recognised in risks to the growth of the lottery and a slower than planned increase to the income from the retail operation.

In both cases, despite the national and regional picture, the charity's ability to be financially agile and raise donations from a wide variety of sources has increased resilience. Horizon scanning has started to identify medium to long-term issues which may crystallise into additional risks in 2024/25. These include the uncertainty which may follow for some months after the General Election, with implications and further pressures on the charity possibly resulting from a new government.

Principal among these will be the greatly delayed decision on the building of the Hospitals of the Future, for which the charity has agreed to raise significant funding to enhance the basic delivery of Leeds Children's Hospital. The slow rate of growth out of recession is likely to continue to affect income, but the expansion of the retail operation under the new Director of Retail should help to offset this to an extent.

Future plans

Looking towards the final year of our five-year strategy, we'll continue to ensure our grant funding has the maximum impact for our hospitals. We'll work together with Leeds Teaching Hospitals to identify projects of strategic importance, where charitable funding can support major improvements in patient care and treatment.

One of these projects has already been identified as a long-term investment in the Play Specialist Team at Leeds Children's Hospital. We'll provide funding to ensure the team is available seven days a week, rather than five, ensuring every child, on every ward in the hospital, has access to play resources.

In 2024/25, we also plan to introduce a series of themed grant funding calls to attract new applicants to the charity, increase diversity in our funding, and ensure that projects are delivering in one of our three impact areas: tackling health inequalities, health technologies and innovation, and rare conditions.

Next year will also see the continued investment in our retail activities, with the new Director of Retail driving forward a longer-term plan to increase profitability and open more of our charity shops across Leeds.

We'll continue to focus on growing our number of lottery players by investing in face-to-face recruitment. We are working with two new agencies, alongside our in-house team, who are signing up players on hospital sites and throughout the Leeds community, with an emphasis on high-quality donors who will have a higher retention rate. We have also recruited a new Lottery Manager to support the development of the lottery, with the aim to grow our supporter base to over 22,000 players by 2028/29.

We will continue to run regular giving campaigns to upgrade existing donations from our monthly donors, as well as ask other supporters to consider setting up a regular gift to support the charity. The new branding across the hospital sites has a focus on regular giving and will promote this to key audiences such as patients and their families.

The upcoming year will see the completion of the Rob Burrow Centre for MND appeal, with construction beginning in summer 2024 and the centre set to open in summer 2025. Attention can then turn to the launch of a major capital appeal to support the building of the new Leeds Children's Hospital, which is part of the government's New Hospitals Programme.

Brand visibility work across our hospital sites will continue through 2024/25. This will include the rollout of tap-to-donate units across all sites and promotional messaging in every hospital department. The messaging will showcase to hospital visitors the impact their donations have and the relationship between the charity and Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Governance

We are an ambitious charity that wants to increase its investment in projects that will improve the lives of patients, families and staff at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

To progress in the right way, we always aim to ensure our processes, policies and procedures reflect our three core values of Together, Transparent and Transform.

We want to be our very best so we can do the very best for the people we serve.

Our Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees is limited by the Articles of Association to a maximum of 15 trustees. At 31 March 2024 the charity had 11 trustees. One of our trustees was nominated by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, as required by the Articles of Association of our charitable company, the further ten were appointed because of their skills and experience. Two new trustees have been appointed post year end.

Name	Period of appointment	Number of board meetings attended 2023/24
Edward Ziff OBE DL	Chair from 22 November 2016 to 21 September 2023	2 of 2
Dr Yvette Oade CBE (Chair)	Vice Chair from 24 November 2020 to 21 September 2023 Chair from 21 September 2023	7 of 7
Mark Davies (Vice Chair)	Trustee from 14 June 2021 Vice Chair from 7 December 2023	5 of 7
Prof Peter McWilliam	Senior Independent Trustee from 22 November 2016 to 7 December 2023	2 of 3
Dr David Berridge (Senior Independent Trustee)	Trustee from 14 June 2021 Senior Independent Trustee from 7 December 2023	5 of 7
Cllr Caroline Gruen	From 22 November 2016	6 of 7
Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL (NHS Trust nominee)	From 22 November 2016	4 of 7
Christopher Schofield	From 1 July 2017	6 of 7
Dr Cassie Doherty	From 24 November 2020	6 of 7
Jonathan Grant	From 9 February 2021	6 of 7
Lauren Glaister	From 9 September 2021	5 of 7
Gemma Skelley	From 7 December 2023	0 of 1
Charlene Lyons	From 20 June 2024	0 of 0
Lalit Suryawanshi	From 20 June 2024	0 of 0

The work of our trustees

Leeds Hospitals Charity is a fully independent charity, the volunteer trustees of the charity are also appointed as directors of Leeds Hospitals Charity (company number: 10492128), which is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company.

There were 12 trustees as at 31 March 2024. Additional trustees are appointed by the incumbent trustees, under the provisions of the Articles of Association; in addition, there were two non-voting associate trustees in development roles.

The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year and is responsible for providing strategic leadership and governance for Leeds Hospitals Charity. In addition to these routine meetings, the trustees meet for development and strategic sessions and joint sessions with the Board of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust .

The Board of Trustees meets in person during the year; although trustees can attend virtually to help maximise attendance. All meetings of our board committees during the year took place virtually.

The Chief Executive of Leeds Hospitals Charity and the Executive Leadership Team also attend all meetings of the trustees, and selected staff members continue to attend as observers at committee meetings to strengthen links between the trustees and staff.

In the small number of instances where a decision requires early resolution between meetings, then these are either taken out of committee or with authority delegated to the Chair of Trustees ; they are then recorded and reported at the next available board meeting.

The trustees are responsible individually and collectively for the proper management of funds and are answerable

to the Charity Commission. They are required legally to ensure that all funds within their responsibility are spent in accordance with the wishes of the donor and the charitable objects of Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The trustees have set clear objectives against which the charity can assess its performance. The role of the trustees in delivering these is to ensure:

- demonstrably effective management of funds
- provision of additional equipment and environmental enhancements to Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- support for research and innovation
- support for training and education
- assistance with major planned developments.

More specifically, the Board of Trustees undertakes the following duties:

- overseeing strategic plans for fundraising and other operations
- approving the allocation of charitable expenditure
- approving business plans and budgets
- reviewing operating and financial performance at every meeting
- overseeing committees of the Board of Trustees.

An annual skills and diversity audit was completed towards the end of 2023 to identify skill sets which are unavailable within the current Board of Trustees. The results of which will inform the future recruitment of trustees. In addition, there continues to be more work to be done around improving the diversity of the board to better represent the communities which the charity serves.

The trustees have a legal obligation to act in the best interests of Leeds Hospitals Charity in accordance with the charity's governing documents. All trustees declare their interests in writing, using the Leeds Hospitals Charity declaration of interest form. This information is published at leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/how-we-are-governed

Trustees confirm annually that the information held continues to be relevant, accurate and complete, and this is audited during the year-end process. Additionally, prior to the commencement of each quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees and board committees, trustees declare any conflicts of interest which have either changed or are particularly relevant to business on the agenda for that meeting.

Appointment of our trustees

Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to appointing trustees with a range of experience and qualifications to ensure that the board is diverse and has the necessary skills to discharge its responsibilities.

There was one trustee appointment during 2023/24, Gemma Skelley was appointed to the board in December 2023. Two trustees (Mr Edward Ziff OBE DL and Professor Peter McWilliam) retired during the year.

All appointments are made on merit, based on recommendations to the board made by an interview panel consisting of a number of trustees and advised by the Chief Executive and the Company Secretary.

The process is open, transparent and fair for applicants. A range of sources for applicants are employed, with wide search criteria used to expand the pool. A shortlist of candidates is compiled based on the specific skills and experience they could bring to the post. This helps to ensure skills not currently represented on the board are added.

A thorough pre-appointment process is undertaken before the selected candidate(s) are proposed to the board for approval at a quarterly meeting. This process includes declarations of business or commercial interest and the Fit and Proper Persons test.

Following their appointment, trustees undergo a comprehensive induction process, during which they are provided with guidance on being a trustee, including provision of the Charity Commission's The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3). This explains the duties of a trustee and the role of the board.

Also included are elements of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust induction process to ensure that a new trustee begins to understand the relationship with, and scope of, the major beneficiary of the charity.

Trustees are required to sign the Trustee Code of Conduct, which encompasses the Nolan Committee guiding principles.

Our Executive Leadership Team

Name	Role
Ms Esther Wakeman	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Griffin (maternity leave 18 April 2023 to 31 March 2024)	Director of Communications
Mr Paul Watkins	Director of Fundraising
Mr Andrew Forsyth	Company Secretary
Ms Eve Hartrick	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Ms Rebecca Baldaro-Booth	Head of Grants
Ms Lara King	Interim Director of Communications (maternity)

Our patrons and ambassadors

Rob and Lindsey Burrow (patrons)

Since 2021, former rugby league player Rob Burrow CBE and his wife, Lindsey, have spearheaded our £6.8 million appeal to build a new centre for people living with motor neurone disease.

We are incredibly grateful for the time they have committed to fundraising, media activities and raising awareness of the appeal and Leeds Hospitals Charity.

Sadly, Rob died in June 2024, four and a half years after he was diagnosed with MND. He remains an inspiration to all of us at Leeds Hospitals Charity. We feel honoured to have worked with him and enjoyed his good humour over the past few years.

Dr Amir Khan (patron)

GP and TV presenter Dr Amir Khan continues to support the charity at fundraising events and through media activities. He is an excellent advocate for the NHS and local charities.

Ben Shires (ambassador)

Children's TV presenter Ben Shires has continued to support our fundraising events, and especially our activity for the Leeds Children's Hospital.

Structure, governance and management

Leeds Hospitals Charity is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England (registered number 1170369) and at Companies House as a company limited by guarantee (registered number 10492128).

Since 4 January 2021, the charity had operated under the working name of Leeds Hospitals Charity, although our legal entity remained Leeds Cares. The formal change to the name Leeds Hospitals Charity was confirmed in July 2023. There were no other changes to the legal entity.

The trustees confirm that Leeds Hospitals Charity operates in compliance with the Companies Act 2006; the Charities Act 2011; the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 (SORP) and other applicable accounting structures; and the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the organisation.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. The charity has established a wholly owned trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Ltd (registered number 13438357), in anticipation of increasing trading activity.

Memorandum of Understanding

A Memorandum of Understanding continues to underpin the relationship between Leeds Hospitals Charity and Leeds Teaching Hospitals, demonstrating our shared commitment to work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our patients and families, and support staff members.

A review of the Memorandum of Understanding was completed during 2023/24 and signed by the boards of Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and the charity in March 2024.

It reflects the evolution of the relationship between the two organisations since the creation of the charity. The memorandum will remain under regular review as a basis for the relationship between the charity and the trust.

Compliance

Leeds Hospitals Charity complies with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in so far as it applies to our operations, and we are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (reference number ZA480848).

Leeds Hospitals Charity has confirmed that the scale of its operations does not require the appointment of a data protection officer; instead, the charity has a senior responsible officer.

There is a policy in place to investigate and report breaches of the legislation. During 2023/24, there were a number of minor breaches. None of these reached the (low) threshold which requires reporting to the Information Commissioner.

Staff continue to demonstrate that they are aware of their data protection responsibilities and are keen to improve their practices when breaches occur. Lessons learnt in this area are shared across the charity to prevent recurrence.

Leeds Hospitals Charity is also registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

Risk management strategy

During 2023/24, the charity's risk management policy and framework was reviewed thoroughly to:

- improve the identification of risks
- provide unified descriptions and a more robust structure for actions and controls
- establish a mechanism for horizon-scanning to anticipate future risks.

The previously separate strategic and operational risk registers have been combined in the year and the charity now operates one single risk register. Risks have been categorised and assigned to a category owner who has responsibility for updating and managing it. The whole process now benefits from an in-house digital process with automated reminders. This has improved risk management significantly.

The Risk Register is reviewed monthly by the Executive Leadership Team and quarterly by the Audit and Risk Committee. The Board of Trustees reviews the risks that the Audit and Risk Committee identifies as having the highest scores.

A process of 'deep dives' by the Audit and Risk Committee has been established, starting with those scoring highest.

Complaints

A comprehensive complaints policy is in place and followed for all complaints received by the charity. The improved process introduced during 2022/23 has resulted in a better resolution of complaints. This approach is more structured and focuses on the source of an issue.

People who register a complaint are always contacted quickly to work through the issue they've raised as early as possible.

Regardless of whether we receive a complaint or general feedback, we always share it with relevant staff members and try to learn from it.

Our complaints register records details of a complaint, the complainant and the outcomes of the investigative processes, including a review, if necessary.

If complaints cannot be resolved internally by Leeds Hospitals Charity, using our complaints policy, then there is provision for reference to the appropriate regulators. There have been no reviews or references during 2023/24.

During 2023/24, a total of 31 complaints (2022/23: 59) were received by the charity. In the majority of cases (19), these were around the charity's proactive fundraising approach, both the principle and the practice.

All these complaints were resolved without referral to regulators. It is anticipated that the number of complaints in the forthcoming year will reduce significantly as supporter recruitment continues to be brought in-house.

Our committees

There were six board committees for much of this reporting year. These have undertaken detailed scrutiny of the full range of board business, under delegated authority from the board. They either decide or recommend a course of action to the board as part of their reporting responsibilities.

The Income Generation and Communications Committee was dissolved formally by the Board of Trustees in December 2023. Its remaining responsibilities were distributed between the Finance and Performance Committee and the Funding Committee, for which the Terms of Reference were amended.

The committees have Terms of Reference that are reviewed and approved at least annually by the board. The Board of Trustees appoints a trustee with the appropriate skills and experience to be the chair of each committee, and other trustees make up the membership.

All trustees are invited to attend all committee meetings should they so wish. Leeds Hospitals Charity staff, as well as representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and other stakeholders, are invited to attend the meetings to ensure strategic alignment and provide expertise, where appropriate.

Highlight reports are presented by committee chairs at each quarterly board meeting and the draft minutes of committee meetings are available to trustees.

The six committees of the board which operated at some point during 2023/24 are as follows:

Finance and Performance Committee

The committee oversees all matters relating to finance and performance, including budget setting, quarterly monitoring of financial matters, and the review of key performance indicators. Latterly, it has also included oversight of fundraising and communications, on the dissolution of the Income Generation and Communications Committee.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and is normally chaired by a financially qualified trustee. This year the committee was chaired by Mr Jonathan Grant.

Research and Innovation Committee

The committee makes decisions on applications for funding for research and innovation with a value greater than £10,000, where the funding is within the grants budget.

Applications with a value up to £10,000 are made by the Small Grants Panel, chaired by the Chief Executive, and reported to the committee on a quarterly basis.

Applications for over £10,000 when there is no funding available in the budget are recommended to the Board of Trustees for a decision.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and was chaired by Professor Peter McWilliam, prior to his retirement, and then by Dr Cassie Doherty.

Where it is appropriate, applicants are also invited to present their proposal to support transparent, fair and well-informed decision making.

The independent Scientific Advisory Panel, chaired by Dr Jonathan Sheffield OBE, has continued to examine the scientific value and relevance of research and innovation applications and provide advice and recommendations to the committee. The panel has no authority to make funding decisions on behalf of the charity, which remain the responsibility of the trustees on the committee.

Funding Committee

The committee makes decisions on applications for funding (other than for research and innovation) with a value greater than £10,000, where the funding is within the grants budget.

Applications with a value up to £10,000 are made to the Small Grants Panel, chaired by the Chief Executive, and reported to the committee on a quarterly basis.

Applications for over £10,000 when there is no funding available in the budget are recommended to the Board of Trustees for a decision.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and was chaired by Cllr Caroline Gruen.

Both the Research and Innovation Committee and the Funding Committee ensure that they take the opportunity to hear first-hand from award holders and beneficiaries of funding about the impact that the charitable funding has made.

Where it is appropriate, applicants are also invited to present their proposal to support transparent, fair and well-informed decision making.

Audit and Risk Committee

The committee is accountable to the board for the acquisition and scrutiny of assurances, oversight and advice for the board on matters relating to the effective design and operation of risk management, financial governance, internal financial controls and internal and external audit of Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The committee has a minimum of three trustees as members, at least one of whom has recent and relevant financial experience. Ideally, they will also have a professional qualification from a professional accountancy body.

The committee was chaired by Mr Chris Schofield. The Chair of the Board of Trustees is not a member of this committee but is invited to attend one meeting each year to discuss the annual report and accounts.

Income Generation and Communications Committee

When it was operating, the committee focused on the strategic direction of Leeds Hospitals Charity as a proactive fundraising organisation and was chaired by Mr Edward Ziff.

The functions of the committee were reviewed during the year, and it was concluded that its essential responsibilities would be better distributed and considered by other existing committees. This recommendation was endorsed by the Board of Trustees on 7 December 2023 and the committee was dissolved.

Remuneration Committee

This committee meets in private session as and when required. The committee considers and approves recommendations for changes to the salary levels and terms and conditions of the Chief Executive and the directors. In 2023/24, it was chaired by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Mr Edward Ziff and Dr Yvette Oade.

Our linked charities

Leeds Hospitals Charity encompasses 12 linked charities that share this report and a single set of aggregated accounts. The linked charities share the same charity number as Leeds Hospitals Charity, have the same trustees and are connected because of the services they provide. Information about their activities in 2023/24 are on pages 37-40 of this report.

To ensure robust governance arrangements are in place for our linked charities, we have embedded a linked charity framework which includes an annual partnership panel meeting and submission of an annual report by linked charity representatives.

Our linked charities are supported by all our directorates (Fundraising, Communications, and Finance and Corporate Services), and we work closely with their representatives to achieve the objects of each linked charity.

Two of our linked charities, Leeds Chest Clinic General Purpose Charity (1170369-2) and Leeds Children's Hospital Charity (1170369-5), have no assets or liabilities and have received/raised no income during 2023/24. We are likely to take action during the forthcoming year to close these linked charities down.

Name	Purpose	Charity number	Governing document scheme dated
Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund	To further any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the general or any specific purposes of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust or the purposes of the NHS.	1170369-1	29 March 2017
Leeds Chest Clinic General Purpose Charity	For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS and, in particular, but without any limitation, for the services provided by the Leeds Chest Clinic.	1170369-2	29 March 2017
Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity (formerly the Inflammation Group Fund – renamed 27 June 2023)	For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the rheumatology and arthritis services at Leeds Teaching Hospitals within the NHS.	1170369-3	29 March 2017 amended 27 June 2023
Leeds Children's Hospital Charity	To enhance the care and treatment of children in Leeds Children's Hospital and to provide equipment for Leeds Children's Hospital.	1170369-5	29 March 2017 amended 24 April 2018
Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre	To support the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre at St James's University Hospital.	1170369-6	29 March 2017
Yorkshire Brain Appeal	To fund research and clinical trials into brain diseases.	1170369-7	29 March 2017
Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	To fund specialist medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cancer; to fund cancer research; and to enhance the care of patients with cancer.	1170369-8	29 March 2017 amended 24 April 2018
Breast Cancer Research Action Group	To fund research into breast cancer and the purchase of equipment for the treatment of breast cancer.	1170369-9	29 March 2017
Leeds Children's Transplant Team (formerly Leeds Little Livers – Transplant Games Trust Fund – renamed 27 June 2023)	To support child transplant patients to participate in transplant games and events.	1170369-10	29 March 2017 amended 27 June 2023
Rays of Hope	To support research and education related to cancer and other harmful conditions of the abdomen, to improve patient care and outcomes.	1170369-11	29 March 2017 amended 29 August 2023
Elsie May Sykes	The income shall be applied for the purchase of medical equipment or to further medical research (but excluding research relating to the transplantation of human organs, human egg cells or human embryos and excluding medical research involving the vivisection of animals) for which no exchequer funds are available for the benefit of the hospitals.	1170369-12	29 March 2017
Jeremy Neil Allen	For the purpose of paediatric oncology research, and/or at the absolute discretion of the trustees for paediatric services (including research), and/or for any other part of Leeds Teaching Hospitals within the NHS for the purpose of paediatrics and/or oncology (including research).	1170369-13	29 March 2017

Statement of trustee responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with charity and company law.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company, 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 company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees also confirm that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

In approving the directors' and trustees' report on pages 5-70, the trustees are also approving the strategic report on pages 14-62, in their capacity as company directors.

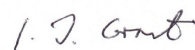
By order of the Board of Trustees.

Signed:



Yvette Oade, Chair

Date: 3 October 2024



Jonathan Grant, Trustee

Date: 3 October 2024

Reference and administrative details

Name and registered numbers

- Leeds Cares (24 April 2018 to 26 July 2023)
- Leeds Hospitals Charity (from 27 July 2023)
- Registered charity number: 1170369
- Registered company number: 10492128

Governing document

Memorandum and Articles incorporated 22 November 2016; as amended by Scheme dated 29 March 2017; as amended by Special Resolution registered at Companies House on 15 May 2018; as amended by Special Resolution registered at Companies House on 27 July 2023.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Leeds Hospitals Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leeds Hospitals Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its surplus 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorized for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

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. Based on our understanding of the charity and its sector, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations Charities Act 2011 the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation, pensions legislation and employment regulation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the charity is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as such as Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation and pensions legislation.

In addition, we evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to the treatment of revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut-off assertion), the restriction of income and expenditure, the treatment of liabilities from multi-year grant commitments, the apportionment of indirect costs and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:


- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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 company and the company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Restricted funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000	2022/23 Total funds £000
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3.1	3,669	1,850	-	5,519	5,510
Charitable activities	3.2	1	-	-	1	62
Other trading activities	3.3	2,246	103	-	2,349	1,421
Investments	10	794	89	-	883	894
Other income	3.4	25	-	-	25	3
Total income		6,735	2,042	-	8,777	7,890
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4.1	3,498	24	12	3,534	3,615
Charitable activities:	5					
Equipment		780	651	-	1,431	680
Environment		663	232	-	895	7,778
Supporting specialist staff		(3)	(26)	-	(29)	183
Research and innovation		474	735	-	1,209	4,705
Health and wellbeing		781	208	-	989	841
Education and training		329	5	-	334	127
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		147	-	-	147	62
Total expenditure		6,669	1,829	12	8,510	17,991
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	1,342	451	265	2,058	(2,597)
Net income/(expenditure)		1,408	664	253	2,325	(12,698)
Transfers between funds	6	(56)	56	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,352	720	253	2,325	(12,698)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		11,452	4,549	3,311	19,312	32,010
Total funds carried forward		12,804	5,269	3,564	21,637	19,312

Net income (£000) for the charity for the year before consolidation was £2,311 (2022/23: £12,698 net expenditure)

The notes on pages 80 to 96 form part of these financial statements. This consolidated statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities (see notes 3–7). A comparative statement of financial activities is included in note 21.

Consolidated and Charity Balance sheets as at 31 March 2024

	Note	Consolidated 31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000	Charity 31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9.1	5	20	5	20
Investments	9.2	31,516	28,494	31,516	28,494
Total fixed assets		31,521	28,514	31,521	28,514
Current assets:					
Stocks		7	6	7	6
Debtors	11.1	1,078	1,463	1,081	1,463
Investments	11.2	4,316	5,389	4,316	5,389
Cash at bank and in hand	17.2	1,678	842	1,661	842
Total current assets		7,079	7,700	7,065	7,700
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12.1	(13,868)	(7,134)	(13,868)	(7,134)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(6,789)	566	(6,803)	566
Total assets less current liabilities		24,732	29,080	24,718	29,080
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12.2	(3,095)	(9,768)	(3,095)	(9,768)
Total net assets		21,637	19,312	21,623	19,312
Funds and reserves:					
Endowment funds	13.2	3,564	3,311	3,564	3,311
Restricted income funds	13.3	5,269	4,549	5,269	4,549
Unrestricted funds	13.5	12,804	11,452	12,790	11,452
Total funds and reserves		21,637	19,312	21,623	19,312

The notes on pages 80 to 96 form part of these financial statements. These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the board of trustees on 3 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Yvette Oade, Chair

Leeds Hospitals Charity (company number: 10492128), (charity number: 1170369)

Consolidated Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17.1	(156)	(1,744)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends interest and rents from investments	10	883	894
Proceeds from the sale of investments	9.2	9,394	11,665
Purchase of investments	9.2	(10,358)	(10,873)
Purchase of fixed assets		-	(7)
Net cash used in investing activities		(81)	1,679
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	17.2	(237)	(65)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		6,231	6,296
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		5,994	6,231
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash in hand		1,678	842
Short-term deposits	11.2	4,316	5,389
Total cash and cash equivalents		5,994	6,231

The notes on pages 80-96 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, except for investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) (second edition, October 2019); all applicable UK Accounting Standards; and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are presented to the nearest thousand (£000) except where otherwise stated.

No separate Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) has been presented for the charity alone, as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act. The parent charity has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

- a) from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and the consolidated statement of cash flows, included in these financial statements, includes the charity's cash flows;
- b) from certain financial instrument disclosures required under FRS102 sections 11 and 12, as the information is provided in the consolidated financial statements disclosures.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash held in the bank. The charity's forecasts and projections show that the charity should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities. There are significant liabilities with respect to grant awards, with the largest of these falling due within the next twelve months resulting in a net current liability position. The Trustees are mindful of this and the potential need that may arise to draw down from the investments to satisfy this liability. The Trustees have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that there is a reasonable

expectation that the charity has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

At the end of the financial year, Leeds Hospitals Charity had total net assets in excess of £21.6m. The Trustees have revisited the forecast results for the five-year period to March 2029 and considered the period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts and are confident that there are sufficient unrestricted free reserves to meet its commitments as they fall due. The Charity maintains an adequate cash position to meet its ongoing expenditure requirements. For this reason, the Trustees have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the charity incorporate the financial statements of the Company Limited by Guarantee and its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, LHC Enterprise Limited (registered number: 13438357). Intercompany transactions and balances between charity companies are eliminated. Consistent accounting policies have been adopted across the group.

The net assets of the subsidiary at the date of association are assessed on a fair value basis for the purpose of consolidation into the results for the group.

1.4 Tax

Leeds Hospitals Charity, as a registered Charity, is exempt from tax under Part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of the Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that surpluses are applied to its charitable purpose.

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

1.5 Income

All income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as the following three factors can be met:

- entitlement (arises when a particular resource is receivable, or the charity's right becomes legally enforceable);
- probability (it is more likely than not that the economic benefits will flow to the Charity);
- measurement (when the monetary value of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability).

a) Income from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as income either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that payment of the legacy will be made, or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled, and when the amount can be estimated with sufficient reliability.

b) Income from investment assets

Investment income includes income from investment assets, including dividends, interest and rents but excluding realised and unrealised investment gains.

Individual unrestricted funds and the majority of restricted funds do not receive a direct allocation of income.

Investment income is utilised by the trustees to meet the ongoing running costs and grant-making activities of the charity.

Endowment funds are invested in a separate portfolio, and the full income received is allocated to associated restricted income funds.

Where such income is not subject to restriction, it would be allocated to an unrestricted income fund. The Charity has no such funds.

c) Income from trading activities

Income from the charity's trading subsidiary is disclosed under other trading activities. This income is recognised as it is contractually entitled to the income.

1.6 Expenditure

The Charity's accounts are prepared in accordance with the accruals concept.

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Grant commitments are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Grants are only made to related or third-party NHS bodies and non-NHS bodies in furtherance of the Charity's charitable Objects. A liability for such grants is recognised when approval has been given by the Trustees. A grant approval is taken to constitute a firm intention of payment, and so a liability is recognised.

Contractual arrangements are recognised as goods or services supplied.

a) Allocation of overhead and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated as a direct cost

or apportioned on an appropriate basis (refer to note 4) between charitable activities and governance costs. Once allocation and/or apportionment of overhead and support costs has been made between charitable activities and governance costs, the cost attributable to charitable activities is apportioned across those activities in proportion to total spend.

b) Costs of fundraising

The costs of fundraising are the costs associated with generating income for the Charity. This includes the costs associated with investment management.

c) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable Objects of the Charity. These costs comprise direct costs and an apportionment of overhead and support costs as shown in note 5.

d) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs incurred in the governance of the Charity. These costs include costs related to statutory audit, together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

1.7 Structure of funds

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the accounts as a restricted fund. Funds where the capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes and cannot itself be spent are accounted for as permanent endowment funds. The Charity holds no expendable endowment funds.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

Funds which are not legally restricted but which the Trustees have chosen to earmark for set purposes are classified as unrestricted designated funds.

The major funds held within these categories are disclosed in note 13

1.8 Accounting judgements and estimates

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Charity's accounting policies and the reported assets, liabilities, income and expenditure and the disclosures made in the financial statements.

These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The most significant areas of judgement and key assumptions are:

a) Multi-year grant commitments liability

Such grants are fully accrued when awarded and unspent amounts held as commitments until either the full award has been spent or the trustees consider that any residual sums will no longer be required or claimed by grantees. At that point the commitment will be judged complete and cancelled.

b) Pledged income

Verbal pledges were received by the Charity in 2021/22 in respect of the new Children's Hospital Capital Appeal, Hospitals of the Future. The new Children's Hospital was one of the previous Government's 40 proposed new hospitals. While these pledges can be measured and there is a good probability that they will be fulfilled, they were given prior to confirmation of Treasury funding, in a period when there was a Capital Appeal Director and the Capital Appeal Board met regularly. Due to uncertainty over Treasury funding in the year the Capital Appeal Board ceased to meet after July 2022, and the Capital Appeal Director left the Charity. Since the year end, prior to which it had been indicated that Treasury funding had been confirmed for the Children's Hospital, the incoming Government has not yet given any confirmation of this funding or proposed start date. Only once the probability of receipt and entitlement of pledged income is confirmed with these donors will they be recognised as income within these financial statements. There is no such income in the accounts for 2023-24.

1.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their historical cost. Fixed assets with a cost of more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated. These assets are depreciated to write off the cost over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

- Computer, other equipment and plant: 4 years
- Retail shops fixtures and fittings: over the term of the lease

Depreciation is only charged when assets are brought into operational use.

1.10 Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Charity does not acquire options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. The main form of financial risk faced by the Charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets

due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or subsectors.

Investment fixed assets are shown at market value. Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex dividend.

1.11 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and opening market value (or date of purchase if later).

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.12 Pensions costs

Under the terms of the Pensions Act 2008, the Charity is required to provide a pension scheme for employees. Qualifying employees are enrolled in the Charity's Workplace Pension, run by Scottish Widows. This is a defined contribution scheme.

There is one employee covered by the provisions of the NHS Pension Schemes (one employee in 2022/23). Details of the benefits payable and rules of the Schemes can be found on the NHS Pensions website (www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions). Both are unfunded, defined benefit schemes that cover NHS employers, GP practices and other bodies, allowed under the direction of the Secretary of State for Health in England and Wales. They are not designed to be run in a way that would enable the charity to identify its share of the underlying scheme assets and liabilities. Therefore, each scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme: the cost to the Charity of participating in the schemes is taken as equal to the contributions payable to the schemes for the accounting period.

1.13 Cash

Cash at bank and in hand is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

Current asset investments are represented by cash held on fixed term deposits, and cash held within our investment portfolio, by our investment managers, Rathbones. These deposits have varying maturity dates, not exceeding six months, and are constantly reviewed.

1.14 Financial Instruments

The Charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade and other creditors. Other derivative-based assets included in the investment portfolio are held at their fair value.

1.15 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs of purchase.

1.16 Donated goods

Gifts in kind received in the year have been distributed to beneficiaries and are not held as stock. They are measured at fair value and recognised as income within donations and, when distributed, the expenditure is included within charitable activities.

1.17 LHC Enterprise Limited

The charity has a wholly-owned trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Limited with called up share capital of £1. LHC Enterprise Limited is incorporated in the UK. The principal activities of the company are commercial activities, which cannot be undertaken in the charity. A summary of its trading results and net assets is shown below. These results are included in the group consolidation. Accounts are filed with Companies House.

	Year ended 31 March 2024 £000	Year ended 31 March 2023 £000
Profit and loss account		
Turnover	14	-
Cost of sales	-	-
Gross profit	14	-
Operating costs	-	-
Operating profit	14	-
Interest receivable and similar income	-	-
Profit before taxation	14	-
Taxation	-	-
Profit for the financial year	14	-
Distribution to Charity	(14)	-
Net movement in funds	-	-

	Total at 31 March 2024 £000	Total at 31 March 2023 £000
Balance sheet		
Cash	17	-
Current liabilities	(17)	-
Net assets	-	-
Profit and loss account	-	-
Share capital and reserves	-	-

2 Related party transactions

With the exception of five Trustees – including Mr Edward Ziff, Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL, Dr Yvette Oade CBE, Mr Mark Davies and Ms Lauren Glaister - none of the Trustees or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with Leeds Hospitals Charity during the year.

Mr Edward Ziff, who resigned as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Charity in September 2023, is the Chairman and CEO of Town Centre Securities plc, with whom Leeds Hospitals Charity entered into a lease for a charity shop in April 2021. Leeds Hospitals Charity has signed a commercial agreement at arm's length. The lease agreement is £50,000 plus VAT per annum (2022/23: £50,000).

Dr Yvette Oade, appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees September 2023, is a Lay Member of the council of the University of Leeds. The Charity contracts on several research grants with the University. Additionally, the University donated £7,500 plus VAT towards the Bear Hunt during (2022/23: £nil).

Mr Mark Davies is a Director of Think So Limited, who trade as Think OTB. A donation of £6,000 was received in 2023/24 from Think OTB towards the Bear Hunt and a donation of £32,500 to purchase a Bear sculpture (2022/23: £3,000 donation; £30,000 contract).

Ms Lauren Glaister was a Senior Client Portfolio Manager at ABRDN Capital Ltd, with whom the Charity contracted as pension scheme advisers until 1st February 2024. A fee was paid to ABRDN for these services. Ms Glaister was not involved in any contractual decisions with respect to the pension scheme. Ms Glaister is now a Partner at Evelyn Partners who donated £2,500 during 23/24 towards the MND Appeal (2022/23: £nil).

Leeds Hospitals Charity has made revenue and capital payments to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. The Chair of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL, is a Trustee of Leeds Hospitals Charity. Details of Leeds Hospitals Charity's related party transactions with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust are below:

- Medical equipment: 33 grants; £1,166k (2022/23: £694k)
- Research and innovation: 36 grants; £995k (2022/23: £4,273k)
- Health and wellbeing: 85 grants; £779k (2022/23: £793k)
- Education and training: 136 grants; £287k (2022/23: £159k)
- Environment: 26 grants; £535k (2022/23: £7,096k)
- Specialist staff: 0 grants; £nil (2022/23: £155k)

At 31 March 2024, Leeds Hospitals Charity had total commitments and creditors owing to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust of £15.4m (2022/23: £15.0m). No sums were owed to Leeds Hospitals Charity by the NHS Trust.

3 Income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000	2022/23 Total funds £000
3.1 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations from individuals, clubs and societies	2,484	181	2,665	2,803
Donations from charitable trusts and associations	193	155	348	281
Corporate donations	394	21	415	145
Corporate donations earmarked for research	5	-	5	1
Legacies	481	593	1,074	718
Grants	-	900	900	1,505
Donated goods and services for distribution	112	-	112	57
Total income from donations and legacies	3,669	1,850	5,519	5,510
3.2 Income from charitable activities				
Income from the provision of education and training	1	-	1	58
Corporate sponsorship of training events -	-	-	-	4
Total income from charitable activities	1	-	1	62
3.3 Income from other trading activities				
Income from fundraising activities	419	91	510	541
Lottery income	485	-	485	274
Sale of donated goods and merchandise	269	-	269	244
Income from fundraising events	1,073	12	1,085	362
Total income from other trading activities	2,246	103	2,349	1,421
3.4 Other income				
Other income	25	-	25	3
Total other income	25	-	25	3

4 Expenditure

4.1 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000	2022/23 Total funds £000
Fundraising events and appeals	1,610	22	-	1,632	1,735
Legacies	179	-	-	179	129
Charitable trusts and corporate donations	174	2	-	176	230
Operation of lottery	789	-	-	789	778
Operation of charity shops	300	-	-	300	319
Investment broker fees	97	-	12	109	107
Support costs allocated	349	-	-	349	317
Total cost of raising funds	3,498	24	12	3,534	3,615

4.2 Allocation and apportionment of governance costs

	2023/24 £000	2022/23 £000	Basis of Apportionment
Salaries, SLA* and related costs	1,241	947	Allocated on time
Legal and consultancy	203	233	Allocated on time
Branding and publicity	95	125	Allocated on time
Recruitment	7	10	Allocated on time
General running costs	113	117	Allocated on time
Computer hardware/software licences	96	135	Allocated on time
Audit and professional fees	25	26	Allocated on time
Bank charges	15	15	Allocated on time
Total	1,795	1,608	

*Service Level Agreement

4.3 Apportionment of support costs across costs of raising funds

	Costs of generating income £000	Investment management costs £000	Total allocated 2023/24 £000	Total allocated 2022/23 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	197	45	242	187
Legal and consultancy	32	7	39	46
Branding and publicity	15	3	18	25
Recruitment	1	-	1	2
General running costs	18	4	22	23
Computer hardware/software licences	15	4	19	26
Audit and professional fees	4	1	5	5
Bank charges	2	1	3	3
Total	284	65	349	317

4.4 Apportionment of support costs across charitable activities

	Medical equipment £000	Environment £000	Gifts in kind £000	Specialist staff £000	Research and innovation £000	Health and wellbeing £000	Education and training £000	Total allocated 2023/24 £000	Total allocated 2022/23 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	240	253	24	(3)	259	171	56	1,000	760
Legal and consultancy	39	41	4	-	42	28	9	163	187
Branding and publicity	18	19	2	-	21	13	4	77	100
Recruitment	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	5	8
General running costs	22	23	2	-	24	15	5	91	94
Computer hardware/software licences	19	20	2	-	20	13	4	78	108
Audit and professional fees	5	5	1	-	5	3	1	20	21
Bank charges	3	3	-	-	3	2	1	12	12
Total	347	366	35	(3)	375	246	80	1,446	1,291

5 Analysis of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Support costs £000	Total 2023/24 £000	Net grant funding £000	Support costs £000	Total 2022/23 £000
Medical equipment	433	651	347	1,431	612	68	680
Environment	297	232	366	895	7,085	693	7,778
Supporting specialist staff	-	(26)	(3)	(29)	167	16	183
Research and innovation	99	735	375	1,209	4,289	416	4,705
Health and wellbeing	535	208	246	989	764	77	841
Education and training	249	5	80	334	111	16	127
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries	112	-	35	147	57	5	62
Total analysis of charitable activities	1,725	1,805	1,446	4,976	13,085	1,291	14,376

5.1 Analysis of grants

	No	2023/24 total £000	No	2022/23 total £000
Name of recipient and number of grants				
Grants awarded to institutions				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – medical equipment	33	1,166	49	694
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – health and wellbeing	85	779	47	793
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – research and innovation	36	995	48	4,273
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – environment	26	535	27	7,096
Revenue grants				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – specialist staff	-	-	5	155
Grants awarded to individuals				
Staff of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – training and development	136	287	95	159
Total grants awarded	316	3,762	281	13,170
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		112	-	57
Grants returned, undrawn or written back	159	(344)	217	(142)
Total		3,530		13,085

6 Details of transfers between funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2023/24 £000	Total 2022/23 £000
Transfers between funds	(56)	56	-	-

The fund transfer has arisen as a result of identifying a restricted legacy which was not previously recognised as such. There have also been fund transfers within the unrestricted designated funds as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group. This group was set up to review all charitable funds, with a focus on the then over 470 unrestricted designated funds. The purpose of this element of the group's work was to ensure that the designations in place continue to be appropriate, and that funds are being used in a timely manner. As a result of this work, the number of designated funds has further reduced from 268 funds on 31 March 2023 to 66 on 31 March 2024 (see note 13.5).

7 Gains on investments

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000	2022/23 Total funds £000
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,656	451	265	2,372	(1,833)
Unrealised losses on investment assets	(314)	-	-	(314)	(764)
Total gains/(losses) on investments	1,342	451	265	2,058	(2,597)

8 Staff costs and emoluments

8.1 Analysis of staff costs

	Total 2023/24 £000	Total 2022/23 £000
Consultancy fees	-	2
Salaries and wages	2,360	2,081
Social security costs	198	196
Other pension costs	112	98
	2,670	2,377

Average head count

Fundraising staff	41	36
Marketing and communications	10	8
Impact and charitable funding	7	5
Finance and support resources	8	7
CEO Directorate	8	7

8.2 Staff emoluments

	2023/24 No	2022/23 No
£60k and £70k	2	-
£70k and £80k	1	3
£80k and £90k	2	1
£90k and £100k	-	1
£100k and £110k	1	-

8.3 Key management personnel remuneration

The key management personnel of the charity comprises Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Communications, Director of Fundraising, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Company Secretary and Head of Grants. Trustees are not remunerated. Trustees received no reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. The headcount of key management personnel, excluding trustees, is six (2022/23: five).

The Total cost of employing the charity's key management personnel during the year, including employer's social security and pension contributions, was £559,380 (2022/23: £475,914). The highest paid member of staff was the CEO, whose annual salary was £100,993 (2022/23: £98,357). Leeds Hospitals Charity median salary was £30,500 (2022/23: £28,000) which represents a ratio against the highest salary of 3.31:1. Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to equal opportunities and offering fair pay and conditions.

9 Analysis of fixed assets – Consolidated and charity

9.1 Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings, and equipment £000
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	77
Additions	-
At 31 March 2024	77
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	57
Charge in the year	15
At 31 March 2024	72
Net book value 31 March 2024	5
Net book value 31 March 2023	20

9.2 Investments	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Market value at 1 April 2023	19,028	6,397	3,069	28,494	31,883
Add: acquisitions at cost	6,904	2,205	1,249	10,358	10,873
Less: disposals at carrying value	(6,262)	(2,105)	(1,027)	(9,394)	(11,665)
Add: net gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,342	451	265	2,058	(2,597)
Market value at 31 March 2024	21,012	6,948	3,556	31,516	28,494
Historic cost				27,383	26,895

9.3 Class of investments	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Fixed interest	5,550	5,497
Equities – UK	6,195	9,388
Equities – overseas	16,400	8,949
Alternatives	3,371	4,660
	31,516	28,494

10 Investment income – consolidated and charity

	Total 2024 £000	Total 2023 £000
Investments – dividends received	660	750
Investments – interest received	223	144
Total investment income	883	894

11 Analysis of current assets

	Consolidated		Charity	
	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Trade debtors	9	705	9	705
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	3	-
Accrued income	1,064	757	1,064	757
Other debtors	5	1	5	1
Total debtors falling due within one year	1,078	1,463	1,081	1,463

11.2 Investments – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account	4,306	5,147
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account (B)	10	242
Total short-term investments and deposits	4,316	5,389

12 Analysis of liabilities – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Trade creditors	837	1,115
Accruals	12,971	5,963
Taxation and social security	60	56
Total creditors falling due within one year	13,868	7,134

12.2 Creditors over one year

	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Accruals for grants payable	3,095	9,768
Total creditors falling due after more than one year	3,095	9,768

13 Analysis of consolidated funds

13.1 Movement in funds

2023/24	Balance 1 April £000	Movement in year £000	Balance 31 March £000
Funds			
Unrestricted general purpose	4,663	(355)	4,308
Unrestricted designated	6,789	1,707	8,496
Restricted	4,549	720	5,269
Endowments	3,311	253	3,564
Total	19,312	2,325	21,637

2022/23	Balance 1 April £000	Movement in year £000	Balance 31 March £000
Funds			
Unrestricted general purpose	2,489	2,174	4,663
Unrestricted designated	19,653	(12,864)	6,789
Restricted	6,204	(1,655)	4,549
Endowments	3,664	(353)	3,311
Total	32,010	(12,698)	19,312

13.2 Endowment funds	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
A Elsie May Sykes Fund	2,001	-	(7)	-	215	2,209
B Jeremy Neil Allen	1,310	-	(5)	-	50	1,355
Total	3,311	-	(12)	-	265	3,564

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of fund
A Elsie May Sykes Fund	Funding of research and equipment at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
B Jeremy Neil Allen	Funding of paediatric oncology research, Paediatric Service, Oncology.

13.3 Restricted funds, including linked charities

All funds with either an opening balance exceeding £250,000 or material activity in the year are stated separately below.

Material funds

	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
A Arthritis and Inflammation Diseases Charity	532	-	54	-	93	679
B Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	1,330	124	(128)	-	125	1,451
C Breast Cancer Research Action Group	795	23	(200)	-	63	681
D Liaison Psychiatry	413	-	71	-	29	513
E Stroke Research – Raymond Bucktrout legacy	343	-	(147)	-	33	229
F Radiotherapy – Flynn legacy	-	480	(300)	-	-	180
G UKRI - Medical Research Council	-	700	(700)	-	-	-
H NHS Charities Together – Greener Communities Fund	-	200	(200)	-	-	-
Others (30):	1,136	515	(279)	56	108	1,536
Total	4,549	2,042	(1,829)	56	451	5,269

Linked charities share one set of accounts and a charity number, have the same Trustees and are connected because of the service they provide. They receive a proportion of unrealised and investment gains and losses.

13.4 Details of material funds – restricted funds

Name of fund	Status	Description of the nature and purpose of fund
A Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity	Linked	Funding for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the rheumatology and arthritis services at the Leeds Teaching NHS Trust (or its successor) within the National Health Service
B Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	Linked	Funding for specialist medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cancer, funding for cancer research and funding to enhance the care of patients with cancer
C Breast Cancer Research Action Group	Linked	Funding of research into breast cancer and purchase of equipment for the treatment of breast cancer
D Liaison Psychiatry		Funding for the benefit of the Department of Psychiatry
E Stroke Research		Income from the Raymond Bucktrout legacy restricted for stroke research
F Radiotherapy		Income from the Patricia Flynn legacy restricted for radiotherapy
G UKRI - Medical Research Council		Restricted grant for early career researchers from the Medical Research Council (MRC) part of the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).
H NHS Charities Together – Greener Communities Fund		Restricted grant income from NHS Charities together for green shoots of recovery at Chapel Allerton Hospital project

13.5 Unrestricted funds

All funds with either an opening balance exceeding £250,000 or material activity in the year are stated separately below.

	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains & losses £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
Material designated funds						
A Yorkshire Cancer Centre	445	(15)	(27)	1,131	-	1,534
B Academic Chair in Clinical Oncology	442	-	-	(442)	-	-
C Children's Services Charity	389	188	(615)	38	-	-
D Motor Neurone Disease Unit	(3,133)	2,417	(390)	-	-	(1,106)
E Critical Care Charity Fund	317	6	(44)	(154)	-	125
F Kidney Care Charity Fund	350	8	(17)	(5)	-	336
G Major Projects	2,039	-	-	-	1,342	3,381
H Grant Funding programme	73	-	(900)	2,249	-	1,422
I Education Funding Programme	-	-	(3)	255	-	252
J Research Funding Programme	196	-	(96)	384	-	484
Other designated funds (58):	5,671	422	(428)	(3,597)	-	2,068
Designated funds	6,789	3,026	(2,520)	(141)	1,342	8,496
General unrestricted fund	4,663	3,710	(4,150)	85	-	4,308
Total	11,452	6,736	(6,670)	(56)	1,342	12,804

Fund transfers are further explained in note 6.

13.6 Details of material funds – designated funds

Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of fund, and approximate timeframe for expenditure
A Yorkshire Cancer Centre	Funding of research, equipment and enhanced patient care, 3–5 years.
B Academic Chair in Clinical Oncology	Funding of research.
C Children's Services Charity	Funding of equipment, facilities and enhanced patient care at Leeds Children's Hospital.
D Motor Neurone Disease Unit	Funding of facilities, equipment & enhanced patient care for patients with motor neurone disease, 3–5 years.
E Critical Care Charity Fund	To enhance the treatment and care of patients requiring critical care at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, 3–5 years.
F Kidney Care Charity Fund	To enhance the care and treatment of patients requiring renal services in Leeds, 3–5 years.
G Major Projects	Unrealised gains on investment portfolio, designated for use on major projects within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in line with the Charity's strategy and objectives, 5–10 years.
H Grant Funding Programme	Funding towards the annual grant programme, 1-3 years.
I Education Funding Programme	Funding of education at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, 1-3 years.
J Research Funding Programme	Funding of research, 1-3 years.

13.7 Analysis of consolidated net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total funds
	General fund £000	Designated fund £000	Restricted fund £000	Endowed fund £000	2024 £000
2023/24					
Fixed Assets	5	-	-	-	5
Investments	4,983	16,029	6,948	3,556	31,516
Stock	7	-	-	-	7
Debtors	295	-	783	-	1,078
Cash investments	308	4,000	-	8	4,316
Cash at bank and in hand	558	644	476	-	1,678
Liabilities due within one year	(1,680)	(9,751)	(2,437)	-	(13,868)
Liabilities due after more than one year	(168)	(2,426)	(501)	-	(3,095)
Total net assets	4,308	8,496	5,269	3,564	21,637
	General fund £000	Designated fund £000	Restricted fund £000	Endowed fund £000	2023 £000
2022/23					
Fixed Assets	20	-	-	-	20
Investments	-	19,028	6,397	3,069	28,494
Stock	6	-	-	-	6
Debtors	321	424	718	-	1,463
Cash investments	5,351	(487)	283	242	5,389
Cash at bank and in hand	842	-	-	-	842
Liabilities due within one year	(1,492)	(3,582)	(2,060)	-	(7,134)
Liabilities due after more than one year	(385)	(8,594)	(789)	-	(9,768)
Total net assets	4,663	6,789	4,549	3,311	19,312

14 Legacies

Legacy income is only included in income where receipt is probable, and the amount is capable of being estimated with sufficient reliability or has been received. Legacies recognised in 2023/24 totalled £1,074k. The following exceeded £50k:

- Patricia Flynn to Leeds Cancer Centre
- Ian William Walker for the benefit of General purposes
- Margaret Janet Bulman for the benefit of General purposes
- George Rennie for the benefit of Radiotherapy
- Mary Elizabeth Powell for the benefit of Leeds Cancer Centre (Linked Charity)
- Susan Maud Halliday for the benefit of General purposes

15 Financial instruments

	2023/24 £000	2022/23 £000
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	1,078	1,463
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	16,066	15,732

Financial assets comprise accrued income. Financial liabilities comprise accruals including grants.

16 Trustee and connected persons transactions

16.1 Trustee indemnity insurance	2023/24 £000	2022/23 £000
Description of cover		
Trustee indemnity cover	13	11
Total	13	11

17 Notes to the consolidated cash flow statement

17.1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities	2023/24 £000	2022/23 £000
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	2,325	(12,698)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	15	30
(Gains)/losses on investments	(2,058)	2,597
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(883)	(894)
Increase in stock	(1)	(3)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	385	(438)
Increase in creditors	61	9,662
Net cash used in operating activities	(156)	(1,744)

17.2 Analysis of changes in net debt	Balance 1 April 2023 £000	Cash flows in year £000	Balance 31 March 2024 £000
Cash in hand and at bank	842	836	1,678
Cash equivalent	5,389	(1,073)	4,316
Total	6,231	(237)	5,994

18 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £26,220 relates to the 2023/24 audit (£20,850) and tax advice (£5,370) given in relation to the year (2022/23: £23,100 solely the audit).

19 Operating lease commitments

	<1 year £000	1–5 years £000	>5 years £000
Land and buildings	50	52	-

20 Contingent liabilities

The Charity has given indemnities to executors under the standard terms for legacies received from dormant accounts. The trustees believe the risk of significant claims arising as a result of these to be negligible.

21 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Restricted funds £000	2022/23 Total funds £000	2021/22 Total funds £000
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3.1	3,701	1,809	-	5,510	5,610
Charitable activities	3.2	62	-	-	62	44
Other trading activities	3.3	1,244	177	-	1,421	769
Investments	10	823	71	-	894	723
Other income	3.4	2	1	-	3	1
Total income		5,832	2,058	-	7,890	7,147
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4.1	3,414	189	12	3,615	3,260
Charitable activities:	5					
Equipment		343	337	-	680	1,025
Environment		7,760	18	-	7,778	444
Supporting specialist staff		116	67	-	183	611
Research and innovation		2,902	1,803	-	4,705	1,880
Health and wellbeing		157	684	-	841	1,001
Education and training		124	3	-	127	69
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		62	-	-	62	488
Total expenditure		14,878	3,101	12	17,991	8,778
Net losses on investments	7	(1,671)	(585)	(341)	(2,597)	1,926
Net (expenditure)/income		(10,717)	(1,628)	(353)	(12,698)	295
Transfers between funds	6	27	(27)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,690)	(1,655)	(353)	(12,698)	295
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		22,142	6,204	3,664	32,010	31,715
Total funds carried forward		11,452	4,549	3,311	19,312	32,010

Thank you

There's simply not enough space in our annual report to thank every individual person who gave valuable money or precious time in 2023/24 to support the work of Leeds Hospitals Charity.

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Ben, whose son, Rufus, is cared for at Leeds Children’s Hospital

