



Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25

Transforming lives

through better treatments, care and support

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Cover image: Play worker Claire with young patient on ward 52



Let's do good together

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Our year at a glance

Chair's welcome



**Dr Yvette Oade
CBE, Chair**

After another brilliant year, I'm pleased to present the annual report and accounts for Leeds Hospitals Charity for 2024/25.

I'm so proud to be the Chair of the Board at this fantastic charity. We've continued to stand alongside our NHS colleagues, funding innovative projects that can support them to really make a difference to patients and their families. Our flagship project this year was the expansion of the play service at Leeds Children's Hospital, allowing the award-winning play team to provide a 7-day a week service to all children, meaning every child now has access to play, whichever ward they're on and however long they're in hospital.

Projects like this are made possible by the continued generosity of you, our donors and fundraisers, who keep on supporting us, year after year. You keep on pushing yourselves, taking on new challenges, scaling new heights and raising even more money to give back and say thank you to our hospitals.

This year we've also seen a huge increase in the number of people giving their time to volunteer with the charity. New roles across our hospital sites, including our new family support trolley, have provided a wonderful opportunity for people to make an immediate difference on the wards of our hospitals. These friendly faces can transform the hospital experience for tired families and I'm

incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers – both new and old – for donating their time in this way.

In January we received the devastating news that Leeds was not going to be prioritised for new hospital funding as part of the government's New Hospitals Programme. This pushes the opportunity for a new Children's Hospital back to 2032 at the earliest. It was an extremely disappointing outcome but we remain committed to working with Leeds Teaching Hospitals to plan the best way forward for our teams working in paediatric care.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to every one of the Charity team, as well as our fantastic Board of Trustees, for your dedication and hard work.

Thank you,

Yvette

Dr Yvette Oade CBE

Chief Executive's review



Esther Wakeman
CEO

As we look back on the past year, I am again filled with gratitude for the progress we have made together.

The ongoing commitment of our donors and volunteers to support Leeds Hospitals Charity is incredible. In 2024/25 our fundraisers and donors went above and beyond yet again, helping us raise £7.2 million. This has meant we can keep supporting our NHS staff and the patients and families they care for. It also allowed us to expand our volunteering service across our hospitals for the first time and launch a brand-new family support trolley across Leeds Children's Hospital, providing a lifeline for tired parents and carers who are often spending days and weeks at their child's bedside.

A personal highlight for me was announcing, in December 2024, that the charity had reached our £6.8 million fundraising target for the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease, just over three years after launching the appeal. This was an incredibly special moment for the MND community and for every supporter who has donated to the appeal. Reaching this target so quickly now means that we are just a few months away from opening this centre for patients and their families, which will be a fitting tribute to the efforts of the late Rob Burrow CBE and his wife Lindsey who have been fantastic patrons for the charity.

We also made a huge step forward for our charity team and the support we're able to provide to staff, by opening our new headquarters at the Leeds General Infirmary site, with dedicated meeting rooms and co-working space

It's also been wonderful to see first-hand the difference our funding has made to patients undergoing treatment in our hospitals. Last year we were able to continue our support for the wig service, allowing patients experiencing hair loss to have a free wig fitted following chemotherapy treatment. One patient told us *"If I didn't have my wig, I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving the house... my wig is now part of my daily routine when I get ready and I don't feel like me without it, it's my lifeline to the outside world."*

This is a wonderful reminder of why we exist – to provide life-changing improvements to the service the NHS provides, so that patients can get on with living their lives.

I'd like to say a special thank you to everyone who has given their money, or their time, to support Leeds Hospitals Charity over this last year. An extra mention must go to those who have gone the extra mile, people like Ian and Rachael Flatt who took on their '7

mountains' challenge in Summer 2024, and superstar fundraiser Jacqui Drake, who, since the year end, has reached half a million in fundraising.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has supported Leeds Hospitals Charity – together we can do more for our hospitals.

Esther

Esther Wakeman
Chief Executive Officer

Our year in numbers



£7.2 million
income
raised



1.4million
people
impacted
through
our funding



232 projects
supported



£1.4 million
received from
gifts in Wills

201 new
volunteers



2 awards
won

Prolific North 'Not for
Profit' Campaign &
Yorkshire Business
woman Charity of
the Year



7 peaks
scaled

by Ian Flatt
in his motorised
wheelchair



2,099
people
supported
by the new
wayfinder
volunteers



1,095
extra
lottery
players



2,480 people
supported
by the family
support trolley



Why we exist

To show you why your support for 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.



Our vision

We're here to help Leeds Teaching Hospitals be the best hospitals in the healthiest city in the UK.

When we talk about Leeds Teaching Hospitals, we mean:

- 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 was launched in 2021, 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

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.

Strategic report

For details of our achievements and performance please see pages 11 to 63 of this report.

For our financial review, please see pages 57 to 63. For our principle risks and uncertainties please see page 63.

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 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 any 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.

Our public benefit

Our public benefit explains how our 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.

The stories detailed in our Annual Report are just a snapshot of the work carried out between Leeds Hospitals Charity and Leeds Teaching Hospitals; more case studies can be found on our website.

Our grants explained

Thanks to donations and Gifts in Wills, we awarded over £3.2 million of funding in the financial year 2024-25, to support patients, families and staff at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

In April 2024 we introduced a new funding model which included themed funding calls for staff across all hospitals to apply for, as well as funding for strategic projects that would support the core priorities of the hospital Trust. Our grant programme included eleven funding calls including workforce wellbeing, research, innovation, patient experience and equipment to deliver clinical excellence.

All of our applications fit into one of six categories:



Environment



Equipment



Health & Wellbeing



Research and Innovation



Education and training



Specialist staff

We prioritised supporting projects that align with our three areas of impact focus:



Tackling health inequalities



Innovation and health technologies



Rare conditions

Approved applications by impact area

In 2024/25 we spent the majority of our grant funding on projects to tackle health inequalities. Projects categorised as 'other' are often initiatives that support NHS staff, such as health & wellbeing projects or staff recognition programmes.



Tackling health inequalities
£1.8 million

55%

Paediatric Care	26%
Cancer Care	15%
Mental Health	6%
Transplantation	3%
Cardiovascular	2%
Care of older people	1%
Women's Health	1%
End of life care	1%



Innovation and health technologies
£784,000

24%

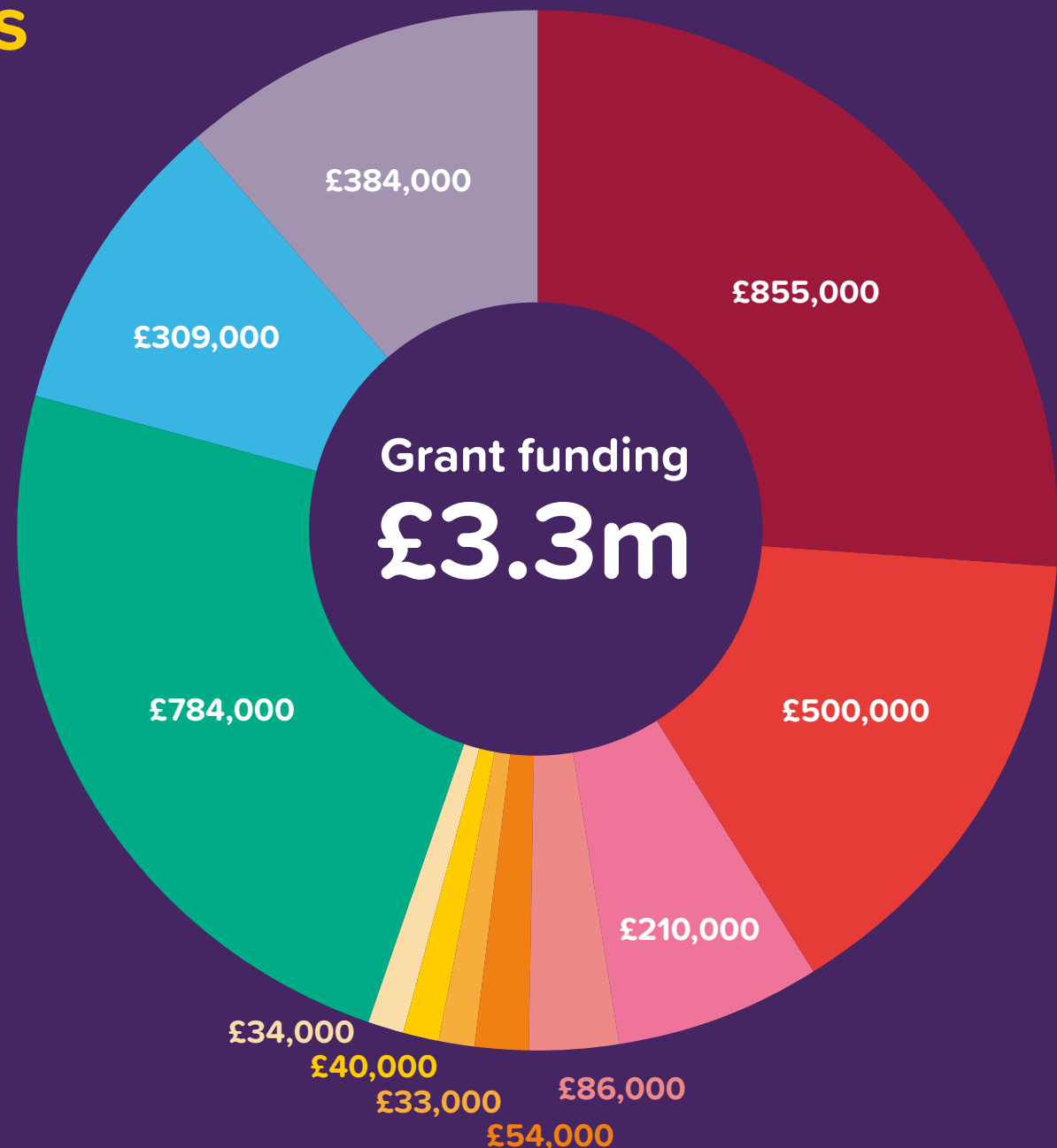


Rare conditions
£309,000

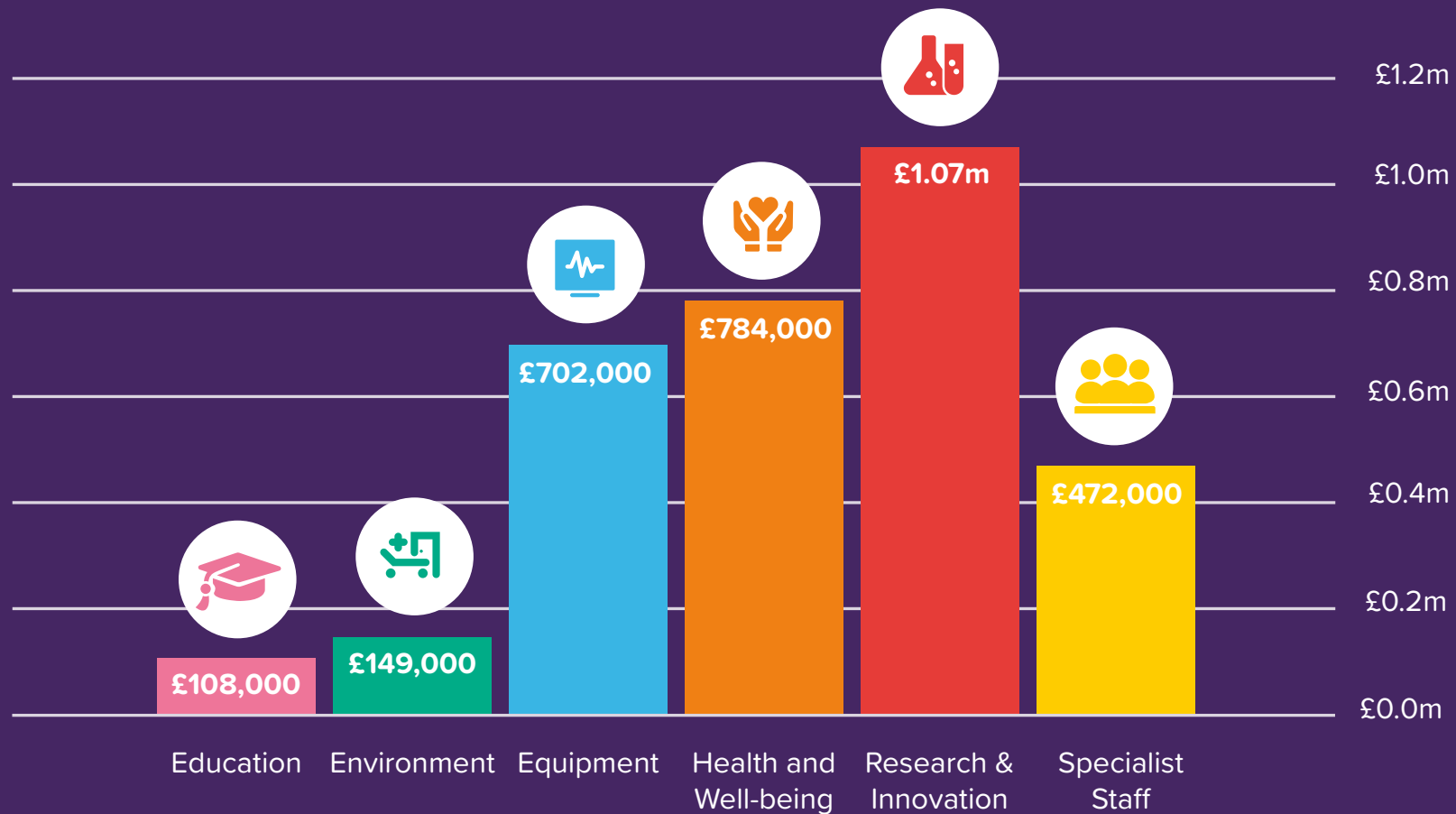
9%

Other
£384,000

12%



Approved applications by priority



Tackling health inequalities

During 2024-25 we approved over £1.8 million in funding to support projects to address health inequalities across our hospitals.

From specialist staff roles to ward refurbishments, we're passionate about projects that ensure everyone experiences equity when they use our NHS.



7 days of play at Leeds Children's Hospital



Specialist Staff
£471,000

Key information

Children admitted to hospital can often struggle with anxiety about their treatment journey. Unexpected hospital stays can also impact families.

A grant of almost half a million pounds supported Leeds Children's Hospital to deliver a 7-day-a-week play service across all wards, ensuring equity for all children.

Every year more than 11,000 children are admitted to Leeds Children's Hospital for an inpatient stay. That's the equivalent of more than one admission every hour, every day of the year.

Hospital can be a scary place for a child and cause challenges for parents and siblings too. Evidence shows that lengthy hospital stays can cause emotional distress, disrupt schooling and impact on family relationships.

Allowing children access to age-related play whilst in hospital has huge benefits for both the patients and their families.

It can provide:

- Normalcy and comfort
- Stress and anxiety reduction
- Developmental & educational support
- Support for medical care – drug administration, scans & tests
- Improving understanding and the journey ahead

*Evidence taken from the Starlight & NHS Play Toolkit. In early 2024, Laura Whelan, Head of Nursing at Leeds Children's Hospital, approached the charity for a grant of almost half a million pounds to address inequalities within the current play service. Although play specialists were providing support on some wards, the service was only available five days a week and there was no holiday or weekend cover. Some wards did not have access to a play worker at all. The vision was for every single ward to have access to 7 days of play, all year round. This would mean every child, and every family, could be supported by a play leader or play specialist whenever they need.

The charity launched a fundraising campaign in September to support the project, featuring the stories of Max, Ruby and Leo, who've all experienced multiple stays at Leeds Children's Hospital and know just how valuable the play team are.



Max's Story

When he was young, 11-year-old Max was diagnosed with a condition called Alpha 1 antitrypsin deficiency, which can cause lung and liver disease. In May 2024, Max had a liver transplant to help cure him of the condition.

During his stay with us, Max received lots of support from the play team and particularly enjoyed playing video games. But he only had access to the team on weekdays. On Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, there weren't enough play workers to visit Max.

Max's mum, Laura, said, "Before his liver transplant, the Play Team did an amazing job of preparing Max for his operation by using teddies to explain his surgery."

Then, after his transplant, Max had to isolate on his ward for 21 days because of the risk of infection. This was really tough. He really missed school and his friends, but the Play Team were a real lifeline throughout the week, not just for Max, but for us too.

However, at weekends, when the Play Team wasn't available, it was really hard for Max, and he felt really lonely."

The impact of our funding

By the end of January 2025, play support was available to every child, 7 days a week, even on bank holidays.

The funding also enabled new play workers to be recruited to Paediatric Intensive Care, the Neonatal Unit, on general medical wards and allowed for a play worker on the dialysis ward to continue in her role. It also meant that the use of VR technology could be rolled out across the children's wards as a distraction tool during procedures, scans and tests. In all, ten play worker roles were recruited to as part of the funding.

To demonstrate the financial support the charity has provided to the play service, the entire team now wear a brand-new purple uniform, bearing the charity's logo and mascot Ernie.



Play worker in their new branded uniform

Play worker Lucy using a VR headset with a patient



Feedback from staff:

“I’m really proud that we’re starting to address some of the health inequalities for children and young people. It doesn’t matter what condition you have or where you’re having care; children can now access play as part of their care, to process their treatment, get out of hospital quicker and to feel less frightened when they’re with us.”

Head of Nursing, Laura Whelan

“The input from the play team on the dialysis unit and support for patients admitted to the ward has been essential. Play therapy helps children and young people process what has happened to their bodies and helps them understand the need for dialysis treatment. They are therefore much more relaxed and able to tolerate the dialysis session”

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

Funding the wig service at Leeds Cancer Centre



Health and wellbeing
£45,000

Key information

For the fifth year in a row, Leeds Hospitals Charity has provided funding for the wig service at Leeds Cancer Centre, meaning every patient has access to a wig after hair loss, completely for free.

The service supports around 300 patients – men and women – every year. This reduces inequity in the service the team can provide and, most importantly, helps patients feel more confident in the appearance following treatment.

The latest feedback survey conducted by the team:

58% of patients

said they wouldn't have accessed a wig if it hadn't been funded

For many patients, losing your hair during cancer treatment can feel like a very challenging part of the cancer journey. Having a wig fitted following hair loss is an option offered to patients but, prior to the charity's support, it was sometimes out of reach due to cost.

Before we started supporting the wig service back in 2020, patients had to pay a prescription charge of £80, but this was often a challenge due to the financial burden of living with cancer and being unable to work.

In 2024, the team at Leeds Cancer Centre asked the charity for funding for the fifth year in a row.

Judy Turley, Business Manager at Leeds Cancer Support, said: "We originally approached the charity for support because we wanted to reduce inequalities some of our patients faced and make sure everyone has the opportunity to have a wig regardless of their background. So, we are eternally grateful to everyone who makes a donation to Leeds Hospitals Charity, as it's enabled them to continue to fund the wigs and make a difference to so many people."

Every year, around 300 patients choose to be fitted with a wig at Leeds Cancer Support, which offers a professional hair loss service. Thanks to charity donations, this service is now entirely free.

Julie Carrick dedicated Hair Loss Specialist said: "When patients come for a wig fitting you see the relief on their faces when they try on the wigs, often they will say "This is me!" It gives them a degree of normality back, sometimes it makes them emotional, tears of joy when they look at themselves in the mirror. You can see that it gives them confidence at a time when there is a lot of worry and uncertainty in their lives".

We spoke to a patient who was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year and benefitted from a free wig, she said:



One of the wigs fitted by Leeds Cancer Support

"I was delighted to be provided with a wig free of charge, and the hair loss specialist Julie gave me support and tips on how to style it, so I felt like me, I went for a similar colour but something much shorter and it looks so natural. Julie was also a great emotional support when my hair started falling out dramatically and within a week, I had lost almost all my hair.

If I didn't have my wig, I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving the house... I don't want cancer to be my identity. "

Improvements to dental radiology

Patient Experience Funding Call



Environment
£1,300

Key information

A small grant helped to improve the care of paediatric dental patients with additional needs. Harsh lighting in X-ray rooms was replaced with dimmable lights, creating a calmer environment. A survey showed 90% of parents supported this sensory lighting.

The change eased distress during invasive procedures, helping staff work more efficiently. Donations also funded sensory and fidget aids.

Sometimes the smaller grants can make a really big difference. Around 20,000 patients visit the dental radiology department every year, some with complex dental issues, and the team recognised the need to offer tailored support to children and people with disabilities or additional needs.

Thanks to your donations, we helped to make the hospital experience less scary for patients having X-rays by installing dimmable lighting to create a calmer and more relaxed environment.

Before this change was implemented, the X-ray rooms had a clinical feel with harsh, bright lighting. Staff conducted a survey with the parents of young patients which found that 90% said their child would benefit from sensory lighting.

The imaging procedures can be invasive and distressing, with X-ray equipment placed into the patients mouth to obtain images which can be particularly challenging for patients and staff.

By making a small, but impactful change like dimmable lights can create an environment where patients feel more at ease and staff can get the images they need quicker to diagnose and treat them and reduce waiting times for other patients.

The funding also helped the team to purchase distraction, fidget and sensory aids to create a more calming and pleasant environment for these young and often vulnerable patients.



Dental staff at the radiology department

“We want to create a calm environment for our patients and something as simple as changing the lighting can help make a procedure feel less daunting and overwhelming and reduce overall anxiety. We also know that a positive first experience visiting the department helps patients feel more comfortable coming back for follow up appointments and ensures they can get the treatment they need.”

Lydia Johnson, LGI X-ray & LDI X-ray Team Manager

Patient and volunteer support fund



Health and wellbeing
£75,000

Key information

For the fourth year in a row, the charity supported the Trust's Patient and Volunteer Support Fund, allowing patients and their families to apply for a grant of up to £500 to provide financial support during times of hardship.

Donations have enabled Leeds Hospitals Charity to continue to support the Patient and Volunteer Support Fund across Leeds Teaching Hospitals. An initiative which began during the pandemic, the fund provides financial support to help patients, their families or carers who are experiencing hardship.

The fund is also designed to help support patients be able to access healthcare, to ensure they can attend their appointments and manage their treatment. It can provide financial support to patients to help with things like travel costs, accommodation or parking to access the care and support they need.

The Patient and Volunteer Support Fund Panel Team meet on a weekly basis to review all the applications received. The aim is to provide patients and families with the money within a couple of weeks to ensure they are receiving help as quickly as possible.

As part of this process the Panel also support applicants by signposting them to other city-wide partners or community groups who may be able to help relieve some of the pressures they are facing.



“Over the last few years, we have seen a real need for this support fund for our patients and their families. We see a lot of people who are experiencing financial hardship become unwell and need care and treatment in hospital, and the impact of this can be devastating.”

Krystina Kozłowska, Head of Patient Experience at Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Comfort care packs

Patient Experience Funding Call

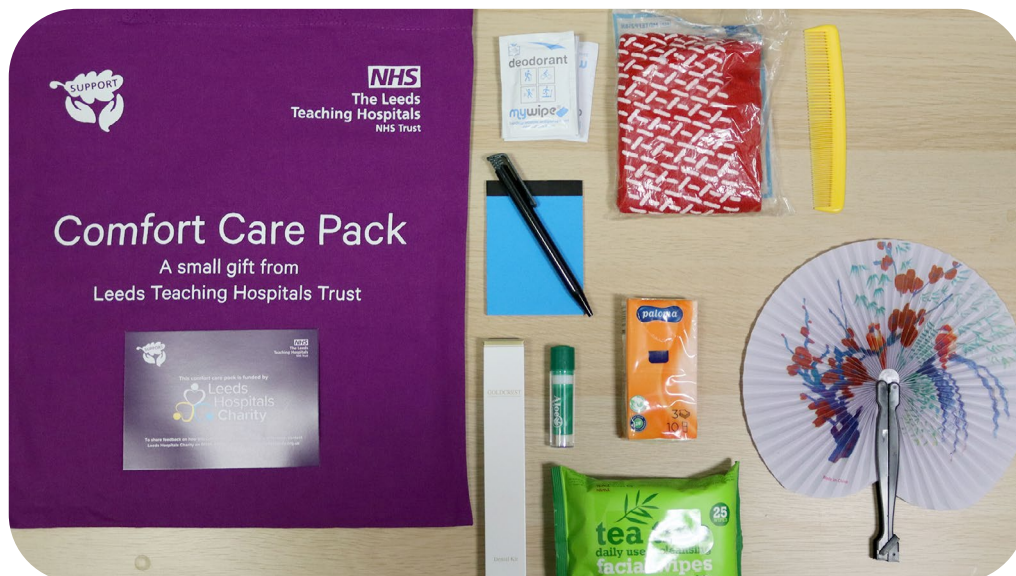


Health and wellbeing
£6,100

In 2024/25, further funding was approved to support the Comfort Care Packs initiative, ensuring that families of end-of-life patients across Leeds Teaching Hospitals receive essential care items during difficult times.

Originally launched in 2015, the packs - which include practical items such as toothbrushes, socks, fans, and pens - were initially designed for families of oncology patients. However, thanks to continued funding and support from Leeds Hospitals Charity donors, the initiative has served all end-of-life families across all hospitals since 2019.

Feedback from families has been positive, highlighting the packs' usefulness.



Staff from the end-of-life team with the comfort care packs

Claire Iwaniszak, Clinical Educator in the Palliative Care Team, who has led the project since its inception, said:

“Since 2019, Leeds Hospitals Charity has funded over 3,000 comfort care packs, with over 2,000 provided directly to families of patients at end of life. These have been an invaluable resource, offering support during incredibly difficult time. The feedback that I've had over the years is always really positive. A recent comment from a family member said, 'When I was with my dad at the end of his life, I felt someone had really taken the time to think about what I might need, when I had other things to think about. So, thank you so much.'”

Supporting the care of older people

Patient Experience Funding Call



Health and wellbeing
£19,000

Key information

Patients suffering with dementia can often become distressed and anxious in a hospital environment.

Funding was used to purchase lifelike pets and dolls to act as therapeutic aids to keep patients calm whilst on the ward. A lightbox and gaming unit was also purchased to promote physical activity.

Around 4% of patients who are admitted to St James's Hospital every year have a diagnosis of dementia, and the majority of those are cared for by the older people's team. Often patients who have dementia can become easily distressed outside of their normal routines and structure and can experience loneliness and depression during their hospital stay.

The nurse team approached the charity to purchase therapeutic aids for these patients in order to improve their experiences.

Lifelike pets and dolls are used as interventions to reduce stress and anxiety for dementia patients. These aids can provide comfort to older people and reduce social isolation, helping to provide calm and reduce incidents of severe behaviour. Evidence shows the robotic pets can also reduce the need for antipsychotic medications.

The team purchased 10 therapeutic lifelike cats, 20 kittens, 30 dogs and 30 empathy dolls.

The team also requested funding for the 'Happiness Programme' – a light box and gaming device used for therapy in the ward environment.

Using interactive light technology as part of rehabilitation and therapy is shown to support with a patient's recovery. By introducing games in a hospital environment that a patient has to work through, the patient is encouraged to interact and keep moving, improving cognition and aiding in physical activity.



Nurse Alison Raycraft with one of the robotic pets.

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Investing in innovation and health technologies



Throughout 2024-25 we invested nearly £800,000 in projects to support innovation and the use of technology in our hospitals. From the latest medical equipment to trialling new processes, we know that innovative changes can help save the NHS money and improve patient care.



Asim Sheikh demonstrating the technology

“We hope this study will help us pave the way for use of state-of-the-art technology to improve patient experience, but it should also help us save money. If the use of this new technology reduces the infection rate by just 1%, then over a year, it will save the hospital over £100,000 and around £500,000 over the next five years.”

Asim Sheikh, Consultant Neurosurgeon

Trial to prevent infection after surgery

Innovation Funding Call



Key information

Endonasal surgery is a fantastic option for patients with brain tumours but it comes with a higher risk of infection.

A grant of £3,700 enabled a research trial to go ahead, with the aim of reducing post surgery infections and saving Leeds Teaching Hospitals considerable money in the cost of infection treatment.

Every year, around 80 patients undergo endonasal surgery at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, a minimally invasive procedure that allows surgeons to operate on the brain through the nose to remove brain tumours.

Regardless of the size of the tumour, 9 out of 10 patients will be able to return home the next day. This is because the non-invasive surgery means there is a shorter recovery period enabling patients to return to normality sooner.

However, almost a quarter of these patients will develop an infection following surgery, leading to a rise in re-admissions to hospital. This is scary for the patient and also incurs further costs for the hospital – with the care of an individual with a life-threatening infection costing as much as £20,000.

To combat this risk, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Asim Sheikh and Consultant Surgeon Paul Nix have launched a trial using new technology which hopes to prevent infections developing.

Asim's team were provided with a steriwave nasal disinfection machine to kickstart the project. The medical device uses a light-activated solution to reduce bacterial load in the nose, which takes just 10 minutes to complete.

However, the team still needed access to consumables for the machine, single-use light probes that would be inserted into the nasal cavity to use the technology.

Leeds Hospitals Charity provided £3,700 to purchase a Steriwave machine and the disposable nasal probes which meant the trial could begin in Summer 2024. Patients recruited for the trial will be monitored following their surgery to see if they contract an infection

Understanding a rare blood cancer: Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia



Thanks to funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity, researchers are developing a new laboratory model to better understand Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia (WM), a rare and slow-growing blood cancer.

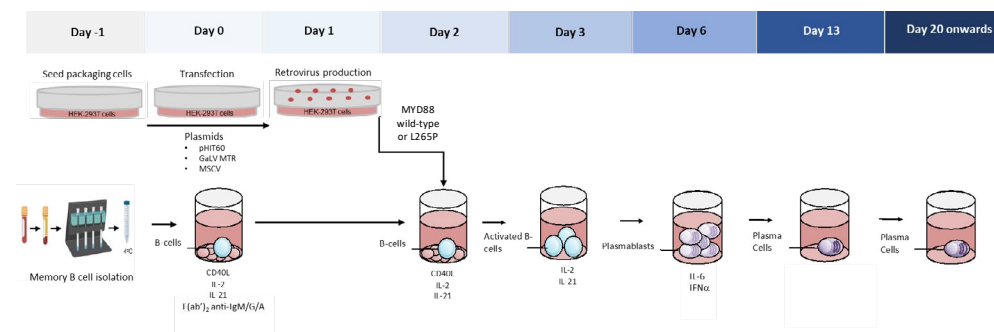
WM affects a type of white blood cell called B cells, which normally help fight infection. In this disease, cancerous B cells build up in the bone marrow and produce unusually high levels of a protein called an antibody - this thickens the blood and leads to symptoms like fatigue, bleeding problems, and vision changes.

Scientists know that genetic changes are behind the disease but are still unclear exactly how each mutation contributes to the cancer's development, progression, or response to treatment. This project is working to solve that.

Researchers are now using advanced gene-editing tools to introduce these cancer-related genetic changes into healthy human B cells in the lab. This allows them to track how each mutation affects the cells' behaviour, and which cell processes are switched on or off as a result. They will then compare these lab-grown cells to samples taken from patients with WM.

By building a clearer picture of what drives WM at a genetic and cellular level, the team hopes to find more targeted and effective ways to treat it in the future.

Experimental system used to evaluate the impact of WM-associated MYD88^{L265P}



Transduction of human B cells. Isolated B cells activated by CD40L, IL-2, IL-21, and F(ab')₂ anti-Ig are transduced by retroviruses pseudotyped with the GaLV envelope and subjected to sequential culture conditions that promote plasma cell generation.

Developing a new early walking aid for patients with trans-femoral limb loss

Equipment to Deliver Clinical Excellence Funding Call



Equipment
£15,000

Key information

Following knee amputation, around 50% of patients stop using a prosthetic leg due to challenges with the fit and flexibility.

Funding of £15,000 has allowed the development of a new fully adjustable prosthetic device to be trialled with patients.

Around 50 people every year are expected to benefit and staff hope that the introduction of this new device will improve patient outcomes and reduce the number of patients who go on to abandon their prosthetic leg.

After an above the knee amputation, many patients struggle with mobility, and it can be a complex process assessing suitability for a prosthetic leg. Staff working in the Prosthetic Limb Centre at Seacroft Hospital are there to provide and maintain prosthetics legs and support their rehabilitation.

Patients are offered a temporary adjustable prosthesis, which allows them to experience using a prosthetic leg and understand challenges they may face. It also gives staff the opportunity to assess patients to decide whether a prosthetic limb will help regain their walking function or if using a prosthetic leg could be a safety concern.

In 2023, the supplier of the adjustable prosthetic device discontinued production. With no suitable alternative, the team approached Leeds Hospitals Charity for funding to develop their own trial device.

“Offering an adjustable prosthesis, that can be used while patients wait for their prosthetic limb to be ready, is vital for us to help prepare them for what life would be like and give them the best chance of regaining their mobility.”

Once the new device has been developed, a group of established prosthetic users will be invited to trial the device. This will allow staff to practice adjusting it to individuals of different heights and sizes, as well as gain feedback.



A patient at Seacroft Hospital

Jack Cawood, Specialist Physiotherapist at the Prosthetic Limb Centre explains why the devices are so important:

“Following an amputation, patients generally have to use a wheelchair until they are ready to have a prosthetic limb made. During this time, if they don’t have access to the best possible rehabilitation, it can be easy to lose strength and fitness, significantly reducing a patient’s ability to regain their ability to walk.”

Research into earlier diagnosis for Motor Neurone Disease



Thanks to donors continuing to support the charity beyond the fundraising target for the Rob Burrow MND Centre, we were able to award funding for two new research projects in early 2025.

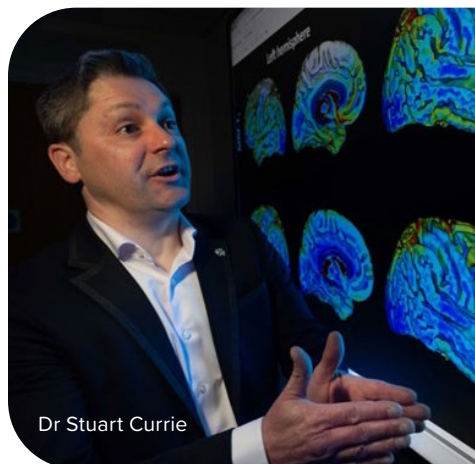
Patients with potential symptoms of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) will now get access to earlier diagnosis thanks to the two projects which aim to significantly reduce the time between symptoms and clinical diagnosis.

The projects will leverage artificial intelligence and advanced technology to enhance diagnostic accuracy and improve outcomes.

Key information

Continued donations to support the new MND centre have enabled the charity to fund two new research projects into earlier diagnosis of the disease.

Both projects use novel technologies to try and identify symptoms of the disease at an earlier stage, reducing the anxiety caused by waiting for a formal diagnosis, which can often take over a year.



Dr Stuart Currie

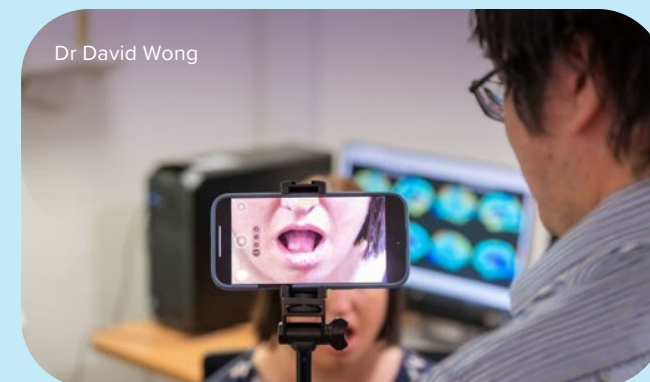
Research project 1: A UK-first for MND – Magnetic Resonance Fingerprinting

The first project, led by Dr Stuart Currie, will use an MRI (Medical Resonance Imaging) technique called MR Fingerprinting (MRF) to detect upper motor neurone signs in the brain. Unlike standard MRI used in clinical practice, MRF quickly quantifies multiple brain areas at once. This provides measurements of brain tissue rather than just what the brain looks like to the human eye. By examining multiple areas of the brain, Dr Currie hopes to measure abnormalities in the underlying brain tissue of patients with MND that do not exist in healthy volunteers.

Research project 2: A UK-first for MND – Computer vision to detect the signs of MND

Currently, most people with suspected MND undergo a specialised test using painful needles and electricity, called electromyography (EMG). Dr Stefan Williams plans to test a new way of detecting and measuring the signs of MND, using artificial intelligence on videos of patients' limbs and tongues to identify small muscle twitches that are a key sign of the condition.

This is a collaboration with computer scientists at the University of Leeds, Dr David Wong and Dr Sam Relton. The aim is to develop a simple test that can help doctors recognise the signs of MND earlier, using AI applied to input from an ordinary camera (e.g. in a smartphone). This could help to reduce the long delay before a final diagnosis. Dr Agam Jung, Director of the new Rob Burrow Centre for MND said, "I am delighted that we are launching our own MND research projects here, in Leeds for the very first time. This is something that I have been wanting to do for a long time and now with the additional funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity,



Dr David Wong

this vision to help early diagnosis is a reality. It's positive news for our current and future patients.

“Harnessing technology, machine learning and artificial intelligence will help us alleviate our patients' suffering significantly and give them a better chance to make the most of their lives, to 'live in the now'.”

Agam Jung, Director of the new Rob Burrow Centre for MND

Improving the lives of people with rare conditions

Over £300,000 has been awarded to support projects related to the treatment of rare conditions. From new research projects to rehabilitation equipment, funding to support patients with rare conditions is vital.



Supporting parents of babies with Down's Syndrome

Patient Experience Funding Call



Health and wellbeing
£2,800

A Down Syndrome diagnosis can be a difficult and unexpected moment for new parents.

In the past, families at Leeds Teaching Hospitals would leave with a bulky A4 information pack, often before they had time to fully process what was happening. While practical, it lacked warmth and could leave parents feeling overwhelmed and alone with too much information to take in at one time.

With a £2,800 grant from Leeds Hospitals Charity, the Learning Disability team have introduced Baby Suitcases for babies born with Down Syndrome; small, carefully prepared cases offered to families as early as possible. Each suitcase includes gentle baby items, positive and trusted information about relevant support networks, and a storybook for siblings, to help them understand. Adapted from a model developed by Carlisle based charity Diff-Ability, the suitcases provide a softer, more thoughtful way to begin their new baby journey.

One nurse on the ward said "It's more like a gift than a warning. It gives families something they can return to in their own time once they are ready."

The suitcases also support better clinical practice by prompting staff to ensure the right alerts are added to the baby's electronic record, so future care is tailored appropriately. Staff report feeling more confident and supported when discussing a diagnosis with families, helping shift the tone to one that feels more compassionate and considered.



A young boy with the baby suitcases

Over 2000

suitcases are to be distributed across maternity and neonatal services for many years to come, with positive feedback from both parents and staff.



Continued support for the paediatric neuromuscular service



Research and innovation
£155,000

Key information

Over 500 children with neuromuscular conditions are currently looked after by the team at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Children with conditions like Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy face a devastating decline in their mobility and overall health and there's currently no cure.

By partnering with Duchenne UK, funding has been provided for new research roles that will offer new trials and hope to patients and their families.

The neuromuscular service at Leeds Children's Hospital has received major funding to support pioneering research into treatments for neuromuscular conditions. Working alongside Duchenne UK, Leeds Hospital Charity approved funding for two roles at the service for five years.

They are collectively donating over £300,000 to the service because of its track-record as a centre for excellence in paediatric neuromuscular care and leading-edge research. The service currently looks after nearly 500 children with neuromuscular conditions from across the Yorkshire region.

While there has been progress in research into new treatments for some neuromuscular conditions, there is still a huge need for new and more effective treatments. This includes conditions such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), the most common and severe type of childhood muscular dystrophy.



Austin and his mum Maxine

Austin's story

11-year-old Austin was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) at just two years old.

In 2022, Austin began a trial at the Leeds Children's Clinical Research Facility, with his family travelling for treatment over 8 hours each week. Now, Austin has received over 130 infusions, he has a better understanding of his condition and knows he will lose the ability to walk, telling his mum he takes part in the trials because, "I want to help boys in the future to walk longer."

Austin's mum Maxine says: "From the moment Austin was diagnosed, our world changed. Nothing could have prepared me for the grief of knowing his life would be cut short. But through the darkness, clinical trials gave us

hope. The support from the team in Leeds has been incredible; they've become like family. Research is vital, not just for medical breakthroughs, but for families like ours to feel less alone. Austin is paving the way, and we're so proud of him."

Consultant Paediatric Neurologist Dr Anne-Marie Childs said the funding enable the service to plan for the future.

“We're incredibly grateful to both charities for their grant funding to support the children's neuromuscular service – it will allow us to attract the best people and create new opportunities for clinical trials that can support more families.”

Outpatient rehabilitation facility

Patient Experience Funding Call



Equipment
£7,500

Key information

Physiotherapy rehabilitation plays a key role in recovery. It can support with:

- Improved physical function
- Quality of life
- Mental health

The purchase of new rehab equipment allowed a dedicated physio centre to be created for patients being treated for cancer.

Every year, over 400 outpatients with rare conditions like sarcoma, haemophilia and head & neck and breast cancer, visit the hospitals to receive innovative assessments, treatment and rehabilitation with the physiotherapy service.

Daniel Fulleylove, Senior Outpatients Physiotherapist, recognised that there was no dedicated space for these patients and saw an opportunity to improve the hospital experience and help improve recovery time.

“Due to the outdated facilities and space on the ward, we have taken small groups of patients to the on-site gym at the hospital, but we understand that our patients have concerns about risk of infection because of being on long-term chemotherapy and also can feel self-conscious exercising in front of others. Many patients also cannot afford gym memberships as they are unable to work because of their cancer diagnosis.”

Funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity has enabled Daniel's team to purchase new equipment, including weights and an exercise bike, for two dedicated rehab rooms that will transform the service they can offer.

The new equipment will improve the patient journey from the start, enabling staff to more accurately measure things like muscle strength and joint motion in order to create tailored treatment plans.



Physiotherapy staff working with patients

“Our patients with rare cancers can have very complex needs and require rehabilitation tailored to many factors like their age, treatment plans and mobility. We don't currently have access to the right equipment to carry out the most accurate assessments.”

Daniel Fulleylove, Senior Outpatients Physiotherapist

OPTIMAL-RT personalised radiotherapy for rare cancers through data science



Leeds Cancer Centre is pioneering research to transform how rare cancers are treated by harnessing the power of real-world data and artificial intelligence.

Rare cancers like anal, brain (glioblastoma), and liver (hepatocellular carcinoma) often lack robust clinical trial data. Many patients, especially those from underrepresented groups such as ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ communities, and the elderly, are excluded from trials, leaving critical gaps in evidence. Without better data, treatment remains “one-size-fits-all,” limiting outcomes and increasing side effects.

By combining local NHS data with international datasets using a privacy-preserving technique called federated learning, the team will identify biomarkers that predict how patients respond to radiotherapy. This will enable clinicians to tailor treatment plans -choosing the right dose, duration, and combination therapies for each individual.

The team has already secured 50% of the funding through Cancer Research UK. Funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity will match that investment, enabling the recruitment of a full-time data scientist for three years who will play a pivotal role in linking patient records, imaging, and pathology data to uncover new insights into radiotherapy outcomes.



Professor David Sebag-Montefiore

“ This project is about learning from every patient. By combining cutting-edge AI with real-world data, we can personalise radiotherapy in ways never before possible - improving outcomes, reducing side effects, and ensuring no patient is left behind. ”

This work will cement Leeds’ position as a global leader in AI-driven cancer research and deliver tangible improvements in care for some of the most underserved cancer patients - locally and worldwide. ”

Professor David Sebag-Montefiore, Clinical Oncology Consultant

Helping our hospital staff and volunteers be their best



Family Support Trolley

Children's Hospital Kite Awards



Health and wellbeing
£11,000

Thanks to donations, Leeds Hospitals Charity has been able to support the Kite Awards, an annual recognition event for staff at Leeds Children's Hospital, for the last few years.

The event hosts a variety of awards celebrating everything from innovation in patient care, to colleagues who lead the field in their professional area and those who consistently go above and beyond for patients and their families.

Thanks to funding from the charity, the event was able to grow in 2024, allowing nearly 250 staff members to attend. Colin Holton, Clinical Director at Leeds Children's Hospital spoke about the importance of recognising staff:

“ The Kite Awards reaches every single member of staff across the hospital in the build-up, the nominations, the event itself and the recognition for winners. It lifts the spirits of colleagues across the hospital and shines a spotlight on outstanding achievements, the things that make Leeds Children's Hospital a truly special place to work. In a busy hospital it's so important to stop and recognise the people who go above and beyond every single day. Thank you for your support. ”

Colin Holton, Clinical Director at Leeds Children's Hospital



Children's Hospital staff enjoying the awards



The children's hospital senior management team

Time to Shine Awards



Health and wellbeing
£110,000

It is well recognised that an enthusiastic, motivated and empowered workforce helps to deliver outstanding care and treatment for patients. To support the goal of being the best place to work in the NHS, Leeds Teaching Hospitals host an annual recognition event for staff across the organisation, known as 'Time to Shine'.

Thanks to donations, Leeds Hospitals Charity has supported this event with funding since it first launched in 2014. In the current financial year, the charity awarded funding for both the 2024 and 2025 award ceremonies, £50,000 for 2024 and £60,000 for 2025.

We're incredibly grateful to Sovereign Healthcare who sponsored the awards in 2024 with a donation of £10,000.

“ Our Time to Shine Awards has become one of the most anticipated dates in the Trust calendar over the years and we're really grateful for the support from Leeds Hospitals Charity. We want to be the best place to work in the NHS and events like this help to build a sense of community and celebrate the commitment and dedication of our brilliant teams. ”

Jenny Lewis, Director of HR and OD,
Leeds Teaching Hospitals



Hospital staff enjoying the Time to Shine Awards in July 2024



Winners celebrating at the Time to Shine Awards

Over 500 colleagues attended our last awards ceremony (July 2024) with

97% of guests saying it made them feel appreciated and proud to work for Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Mental health first aid programme



Health and wellbeing
£26,000

Following the coronavirus pandemic, in 2021, Leeds Teaching Hospitals introduced a Mental Health First Aid Programme across the Trust.

Charity funding has now supported the continuation of this vital programme, enabling the team to recruit new staff into Mental Health First Aider roles through a two-day training course and provide refresher training for staff who have been part of the programme for three years.

Alison Munro, Health and Wellbeing Project Lead at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, said:

“The pandemic really highlighted how important it is to look after our mental health and wellbeing, and as a Trust we want to ensure we are supporting our staff as much as we can. This programme offers staff a first point of contact for anyone who might be struggling with their mental wellbeing and offers them a safe space to talk to one of our dedicated Mental Health First Aiders.

Our team of Mental Health First Aiders are there to listen and support a staff member who may be going through a difficult period in their life. They can signpost to support options that are available and help give them the control to manage their own mental wellbeing.”

Within Leeds Teaching Hospitals there are currently over 800 Mental Health First Aiders. Since the launch of the programme in 2021, there has been over 12,400 contacts made by staff members to a Mental Health First Aider, highlighting the impact this service is having across the whole organisation.

Phlebotomy team development



Education
£2,000

The Phlebotomy Team consists of around 80 staff members working across the hospital sites and within the local community. The team take more than 10,000 blood samples a week supporting the entire NHS Trust with blood testing for patients.

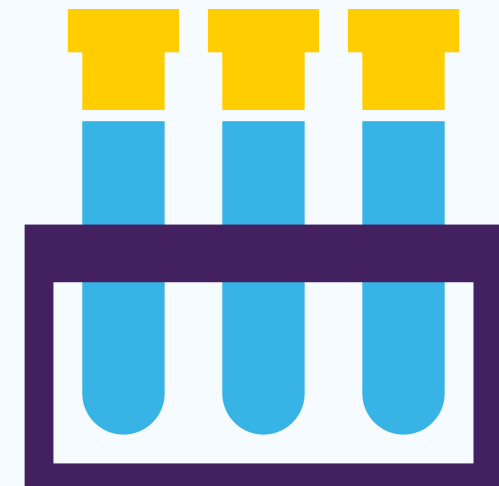
Charity funding has enabled the Phlebotomy Senior Team to undertake a series of training sessions to support the team's development and enhance working relationships.

In November, the Phlebotomy Senior Team took part in the first set of sessions, focusing on interactions with colleagues and how this can influence leadership and learning. The sessions brought together senior colleagues from across the different hospital sites to enable them to take part in this training together.

Sarah Endicott, Clinical Educator for Outpatients said “The aim of these training sessions is for the team to feel supported in their professional development and help boost staff morale. We really want the Phlebotomy Senior Team to really take these valuable learnings and drive this forward within their teams, which ultimately leads to positive working relationships and the best patient care.

“The Phlebotomy Team provide such a huge and valuable service to all the sites across Leeds Teaching Hospitals and it's important we are supporting their professional development. We're really grateful that through the donations from Leeds Hospitals Charity we have been able to support this project with really valuable sessions that we hope will positively impact the whole workforce.”

Judith Shackleton, Matron for Outpatients



Working together

Over the course of 2024/25, Leeds Hospitals Charity has worked much more closely with Leeds Teaching Hospitals to showcase the impact of our work and collaborate on projects.





Innovation Showcase

In November 2024, we held an innovation event together, demonstrating over 20 charity-funded projects that are supporting innovation in patient care. The event, organised in partnership with the Trust's Innovation Pop-up team was attended by nearly 100 people from the NHS, academia and the commercial sector. This was the culmination of a series of innovation events, helping to match donors with potential charitable projects and demonstrate the impact the charity is having.



Exhibitors at the innovation showcase in November 2024

CHORAL (Children's Health Outcomes Research at Leeds)

Work has also progressed within the CHORAL team throughout 2024/25, following an initial grant award from the charity of £2.6 million towards the project in 2023.

Professor Jon Dorling was appointed as Chair of the programme and began his tenure since the year end, in June 2025. Other key posts were also appointed to, including pre- and post-doctoral fellows and an early phase consultant with protected research time. By the end of the second year of the project, the team had managed to secure a further £10 million of investment for research programmes.

Christmas

Once again, Leeds Hospitals Charity worked closely with our hospitals to create a truly magical Christmas for patients and staff in December 2024. The team organised a light 'switch on' event, complete with reindeers, a choir and, of course, Father Christmas himself. The charity also funded gifts for all inpatients, along with Christmas lunches for staff working on Christmas Day and taxis to help get them to and from work throughout the Christmas period.



Christmas elves visiting patients at Leeds Children's Hospital

Staff on 'wear it purple' day

Wear it Purple

In May 2024, the charity celebrated its second 'Wear it Purple' Day. Coinciding with the NHS' birthday, this day of fundraising activities aims to get NHS staff engaged across hospital sites and encourage organisations in the community to get involved and thank the NHS by donning purple outfits and organising fundraising events as a way of 'giving back' to their local hospitals.



Our linked charities

Leeds Hospitals Charity has several 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 2024/25 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 pages 71 and 72.



A young transplant patient at Leeds Children's Hospital



Rays of Hope

Rays of Hope supports research, education, and volunteer work at Leeds Teaching Hospital, focusing on cancer and other abdominal illnesses. In 2024/25, it awarded nearly £23,000 for various activities, including international conferences and resources for research.

One project was the HOPE4Cancer study, which examines liver cancer, a common reason for liver transplants, and aims to reduce cancer recurrence using a method called hypothermic oxygenated perfusion (HOPE).

HOPE helps improve donor liver quality before transplant. The trial aims to see if an oxygen perfusion lowers cancer recurrence compared to the standard method of preserving the liver.

The linked charity also supported two advanced nurse practitioners to attend the Association of Surgeons

meeting in Edinburgh and present to an international audience.

In 2024/25, Professor Peter Lodge, co-founder of Rays of Hope, was honoured as President of the European Surgical Association. The association's annual congress was then held in Leeds, with funding from the Rays of Hope linked charity, allowing staff to share learning and best practices to keep the city at the forefront of surgical innovation.

The highlight of the year for the Rays of Hope team was Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust being awarded a £3 million grant from the National Institute for Health Research. The grant will be used for a project to look at the need for surgery after a bile duct stone procedure. This six-year project will be led by Mr Andy Smith and Professor Giles Toogood and will recruit emergency surgery patients from across the UK. Rays of Hope has provided IT equipment for the project.



Breast Cancer Research Action Group

In 2024/25 Breast Cancer Action Research Group achieved a significant milestone celebrating 30 years of fundraising for specialist equipment and research into treatments for breast cancer.

In this year the Group awarded £92,000 of funding for two pieces of specialist surgical equipment, to increase theatre capacity and reduce waiting times for patients. The C-Trak Apollo Gamma Probe System, which is used to identify sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer surgeries and the Flaxitron Trident HD, which is used to take real time x-rays of specimens during breast surgery. Both will facilitate improved outcomes for patients.

Radiologist, Dr Nisha Sharma's research, (funded by the Linked Charity in 2022) to improve the detection of breast cancer using AI technologies when reviewing mammograms received

national recognition from NHS England. Her experience in this field has since led to her involvement in a national AI trial.

Following the 30th anniversary, the fundraising group reflected on their next steps and decided to continue fundraising to support breast cancer patients in Leeds. The Linked Charity is actively looking for new volunteers and is also considering the potential impact of broadening the scope of its objects to include environmental improvements and health and wellbeing initiatives. Any proposed change will require approval by the Charity Commission and this process will be supported by Leeds Hospitals Charity.

Members of the Breast Cancer Research Action Group were invited into the hospital to see the launch of the Surface Guided Radiotherapy Treatment equipment that they funded in 2023/24 and meet the team who will be using it.

Leeds Children's Transplant Team

The 2024 Transplant Games held in Nottingham were full of positive stories of energy and fun. It was amazing to see such a turn out from the transplant community.

The annual games delivered a welcoming, inclusive and friendly space for people of all ages to celebrate their transplant journey and their donors. It is also an opportunity to say thanks to the many donors everywhere who have given the gift of life. It's a special event that celebrates the incredible transplant journeys of children and young people and provides a focused opportunity for their families to connect and provide peer support.

The volunteers and families of transplant patients once again threw themselves into fundraising for the linked charity from sponsored walks to quiz nights and raffles.

In 2024 the families of the children's team raised £25,000 to support their participation in the Games at Nottingham. This fundraising contributed towards the £63,000 grant that was awarded to the team.



Teighan's Story



Teighan, born in September 2017, was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia at six weeks old, a rare liver disease causing bile duct blockages.

Initially treated successfully with the Kasai procedure, Teighan faced ongoing health issues including portal hypertension, cholangitis, and sepsis. By early 2023, her condition worsened, leading to the discovery of liver nodules. As her health declined, she was listed for a liver transplant in August 2023. Her deteriorating

health caused malnutrition, mobility problems, and school absences, prompting urgent medical intervention as she awaited a transplant.

In February 2024, Teighan's family got the call they'd been waiting for when a donated liver was a match for Teighan. A year on from her transplant, Teighan is looking forward to participating as part of 'Team Leeds' at her first Transplant Games in Summer 2025.

Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre

The Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre has for many years funded and supported the delivery of a comprehensive holistic cancer support programme.

This involves complimentary therapies, a hair loss service, peer support and information advice and guidance for patients in Leeds undergoing treatment for cancer, often at extremely challenging points in their lives. Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to continuing this excellent patient centred programme as the Linked Charity ceases active fundraising activity and moves to closure.

Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity

The Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity continues to deliver outstanding work and have a global impact. Professor Paul Emery CBE who founded the charity has been ranked the no. 1 immunologist in the UK and no. 21 in the world by Research.com in their 2025 Edition of the Basic Scientists Ranking. He is also ranked no.1 in the world for arthritis.

Professor Emery has also been honoured with the Research.com Immunology Leader Award for 2025, a testament to the incredible work taking place at Chapel Allerton Hospital in Leeds. Professor Emery's drive for discovery and innovation has created a world class research facility and the work of the Linked Charity provides opportunities for talented researchers as they progress through their research career. In the last 12 months, several early career researchers have been supported as Research Fellows, learning from the best and ensuring a pipeline of talent to sustain their world leading status.

Supporting Systemic Sclerosis

Thanks to donations to our linked Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases charity, has awarded £68,000 of funding towards Leeds based research to improve outcomes for patients with Systemic Sclerosis (SSc).

This is a rare chronic, multi organ, autoimmune disease, with patients unfortunately suffering the highest morbidity and mortality amongst rheumatic diseases. Leeds is an internationally renowned centre of excellence for SSc, with research embedded into clinical practice, offering patients access to novel treatments and techniques to diagnose and manage their condition.

The funding will support dedicated research time that will allow the existing Leeds Raynaud's and Scleroderma programme to expand, aiming to improve early diagnosis, clinical management and quality of life for patients with SSc.



Dr Lesley-Anne Bissell said

“Early results from Cardiac MRI scans show that people with SSc may have abnormal heart energy use compared to healthy individuals, but more research is needed to understand how this links to different types and stages of the disease.”

Raising money to transform lives

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals and organisations whose generous donations and fundraising efforts make our work possible—both in Leeds and beyond.

In 2024/25, one-off and regular contributions, legacy gifts, and creative fundraising have helped us reach an outstanding total income of £7.2 million.

Thank you for your continued kindness. You are helping to transform lives across our hospitals.

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.



Harry from Wakefield Grammar School Foundation

Fundraising success for the Rob Burrow MND Centre

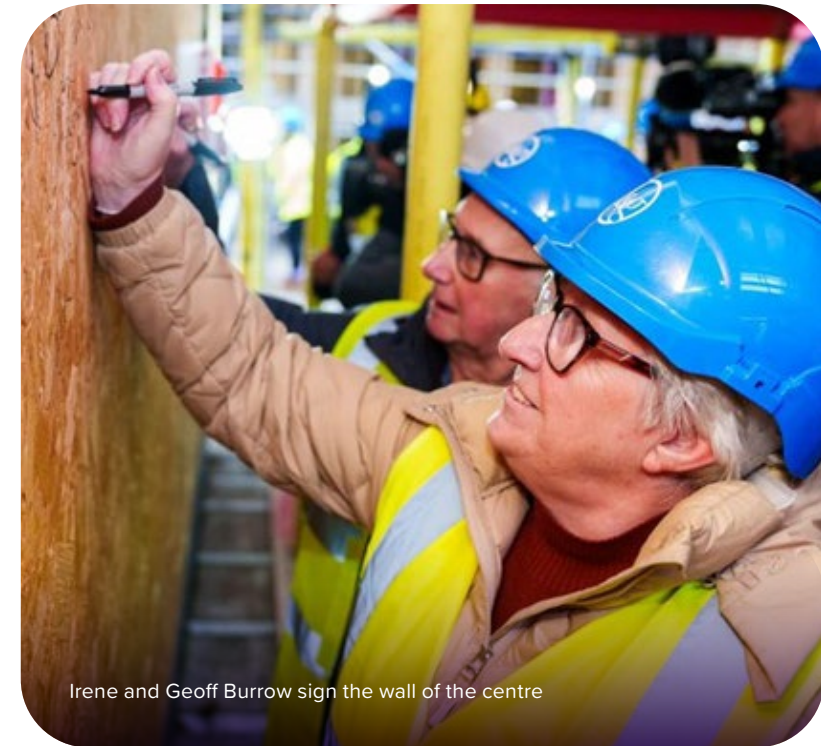
In December, Rugby legend Rob Burrow's parents, Geoff and Irene, together with Leeds Teaching Hospital's MND patients, families and clinical team, and with 77 fundraisers for Leeds Hospitals Charity, came together to sign the frame of the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease as the build progressed at Seacroft Hospital.

At the event, Leeds Hospitals Charity surprised attendees when Director of Fundraising, Paul Watkins announced that they had reached the £6.8 million fundraising target for the centre thanks to over 17,000 donors who have supported the appeal.

The new building will be a flagship centre in the North of England, covering more than 1,000m² with a striking design that includes a light and spacious atrium, wheelchair-accessible parking, and newly landscaped gardens.

“ We'd like to say thank you to every person, every company, every school group and sports team who have helped to make the building of this centre a reality. The Burrow family has inspired people across the country and created an incredible community who have supported this appeal, right from the beginning. ”

Paul Watkins, Director of Fundraising



Irene and Geoff Burrow sign the wall of the centre



Celebrating reaching the fundraising target

Major fundraising events

Norman Hunter Golf Day

In 2024, the 4th Annual Norman Hunter Golf Day raised **£28,000**, making a staggering total of over **£140,000** since Norman's family started their fundraising.

The money is being used towards supporting a research fellow as part of an international trial that will inform future Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) treatment on a global scale. In July 2025, the family ran their fifth golf day at Horsforth Golf Club.



Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon & Half Marathon

For the second year in a row, Leeds Hospitals Charity was one of the charity partners of the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon & Half Marathon.

Over 14,000 runners took to the streets of Leeds to take on both the 26- and 13-mile routes, including 180 people who fundraised over £130,000 in total for the charity. After her first marathon the year before, our Patron Lindsey Burrow took on the half marathon in 2024, raising nearly £25,000 (including Gift Aid) for the charity.



Burrow Strictly Ball

The second Burrow Strictly Ball took place in April 2024 at the Ballroom in the Winter Gardens at Blackpool. It was organised by Rob's sisters Jo and Claire, just two months before he died.

The event was hosted by Dan Walker, Sally Nugent, Gethin Jones and Helen Skelton, with celebrity judges including Coronation Street stars Dan Brocklebank, Peter Ash and comedian Billy Pearce. The event raised £48,000 which was split between the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Rob Burrow Discretionary Trust and Leeds Hospitals Charity, each receiving £16,000.

7 Locks Walk

For the second year in a row, the charity held their '7 Locks Walk' event which took place along the Leeds to the Liverpool Canal on Saturday 28th September 2024.

Over 100 people took part in the event, raising money for both the Rob Burrow MND Centre Appeal and the charity more broadly. People walked in memory of loved ones, to thank the NHS for the care that they had received and to support the Burrow Family in their fight against motor neurone disease. The event, which is fully accessible and attracts families and wheelchair users, raised over £9,000 in total.

Fundraising heroes



Fundraiser Jacqui Drake with colleagues from Leeds Cancer Centre and Leeds Hospitals Charity

In 2024/25 the team supported nearly 1000 community fundraisers taking on wild and wacky adventures to support Leeds Hospitals Charity,

Two weeks after Rob Burrow's death in June, a group called **Otley's Finest** took on their third fundraising challenge, camping in Otley and running 2.2 miles, every hour, for 24 hours, covering the distance of two marathons. The group raised £5,000 for the Rob Burrow MND Centre.

Also inspired following the death of Rob Burrow, staff and students at **Queen Ethelburga's College** raised £12,000 for the Rob Burrow MND Centre in June 2024. The school community challenged themselves to run (or walk!) 7 laps of the school AstroTurf, with entrants paying £7 to enter the challenge or £7 to sponsor someone else. The school aimed to raise £7,777 but surpassed the target by £4000!

Another fundraising hero supporting the MND Centre Appeal was **Lynn Pritchatt & the Mel Evans MBE Foundation** who organised her annual bowls day in 2024 and raised £5,000.

Following the sad death of their baby boy Frankie, who

was born prematurely at just 25 weeks, **Alex Beasley, his wife Lucy** & their family supported the neonatal unit by organising a fundraising golf day and raising £6,000. Since 2021, the couple have raised nearly £30,000 in Frankie's memory.

Superstar fundraiser **Jacqui Drake** had another successful year of fundraising in 2024/25. Through her events, her fundraising stall in the Leeds Cancer Centre and other generous donations, Jacqui raised an incredible £66,000 for her Jacqui's Million appeal supporting cancer patients and their families.

Volunteer **Sarah Clarke** who regularly gives up her time to play the piano at Leeds Cancer Centre, also carried out her own fundraising in 2024 by organising a playathon to support our hospitals. She raised a fantastic £3,100.

Wakefield Grammar School Foundation fundraised to support Leeds Children's Hospital after one of their pupils was diagnosed with cancer.

Patient **Ian Flatt and his wife Rachael** continued their fundraising in 2024/25, raising funds for the MND Centre Appeal. Ian took on seven mountains across England,



Ian Flatt and team before climbing Wharfedale as part of his "7 Mountains, 3 Countries, 1 Goal" challenge

Scotland and Wales in three weeks in his motorised wheelchair with a small army of supporters. He faced all weathers and challenging terrain but successfully reached six of the seven summits, achieving a total elevation of 19,685 feet and raising a phenomenal total of £42,000.

Ian also took part in the second Rob Burrow Leeds marathon in May 2024, with a small team who pushed him around the course.

Fundraising legend **Kevin Sinfield** carried out his fifth challenge in aid of motor neurone disease charities in December 2024. The 'Running Home for Christmas' challenge saw him complete seven ultra marathons in seven regions in seven days starting in Liverpool on Sunday 1 December and finishing in Saddleworth on Saturday 7 December. Members of the public were invited to join Kevin in a themed shorter 'Santa run' on selected days.

Leeds Hospitals Charity received £371,000, from the challenge including £50,000 of gift aid, which was a 22% share of the total raised.

Leeds Dad **Paul Wood** took on his second challenge for the MND Centre Appeal, taking part in Europe's 'Toughest Mudder' in the summer of 2024. This is a 12-hour endurance race taking place predominantly in darkness. Paul ran for over 40 miles completing various obstacles including being electrocuted, covered in mud and being immersed in icy water! His efforts raised over £1,000 for the appeal, which was made even more meaningful when a close friend of his was also diagnosed with the disease.



“Being able to play a small part in creating a world-class facility for MND patients and their families is a real honour.”

Paul Wood,
Toughest Mudder Contestant

Our corporate partners

The business community went above and beyond in 2024/25 to support Leeds Hospitals Charity. Existing corporate fundraisers, new partnerships and gift in kind donations generated £253,000 for the charity over the course of the year. Here are just a few highlights of their amazing generosity.

A partnership with **Elite Pro Sports** resulted in a donation of £82,000 to support the MND centre appeal, following the sale of their limited-edition memorial rugby shirt following the death of Leeds Rhino's legend Rob Burrow in June 2024.

Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management & Consulting Services raised £6,600 after choosing Leeds Hospitals Charity as their 'charity of the year' partner. The firm took part in a variety of activities over the year including a quiz night for employees. After a successful year, Gallagher have decided to keep on supporting the charity throughout 2025/26.

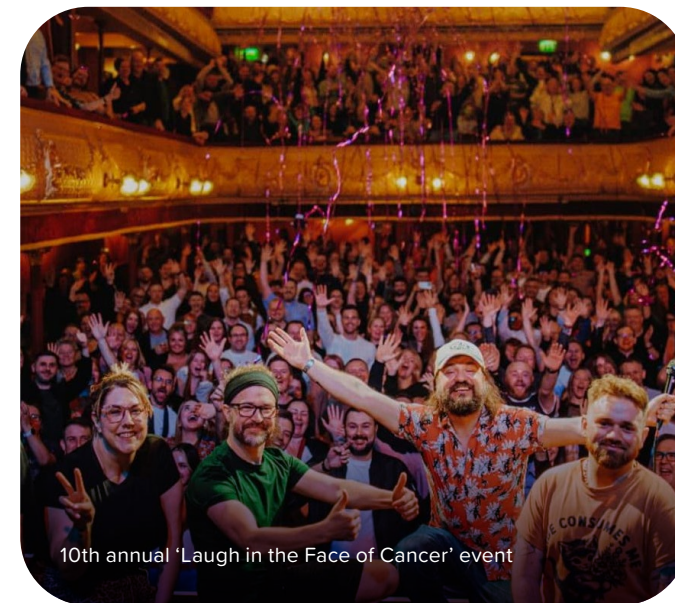
Lovell Homes also continued their partnership with the charity into 2024/25, choosing to specifically support the MND centre. The housing specialist raised £6,800 over the year.

An ongoing relationship with badge makers **Name Badges International** continued in 2024/25 to support Leeds Cancer Centre through the 'Hello My Name Is..' campaign which was set up by the late Kate Granger. The company contributed £6,000 throughout the year from the sale of name badges across the NHS.

Your Choice Fire and Security also selected Leeds Hospitals Charity as their chosen charity for the year. They raised £6,800 specifically to support the Rob Burrow MND Centre. –

Long term supporters of the charity Jordan and Liz Long also held their tenth annual comedy event in March to support Leeds Cancer Centre. The 'Laugh in the Face of Cancer' event at Leeds City Varieties featured famous comedians like Russell Kane, Darren Walsh and Larry Dean. Over £15,000 was raised on the night, which was match funded by company **Lowell Financial** to a fantastic £30,000.

We'd like to say a special thank you to **Greggs of Bramley** for supporting events and NHS staff with food donations throughout the year, and to local restaurant **Mylahore** for donating their catering services at two networking events.



Give at the till

Long term partner The Entertainer donated £12,000 during 2024/25 and have donated a total of £79,000 during our partnership together. The toy store uses giving provider 'Pennies' to allow shoppers to round up their purchase to the nearest pound.

Sponsor the Sparkle

Once again, Leeds Hospitals Charity worked with local companies to 'sponsor the sparkle' in December 2024, sponsoring Christmas lights on the front of the Children's Hospital, Brotherton Wing and the Bexley Wing at St James's Hospital. Nine companies got involved with the initiative, raising £5,000 in total. Thanks to Avanta UK, Lovell, Mute Animation, CDC Draincare, AGC Consultancy, Europe Building Services, Leigh Day, JTM Service and Edge PS.

Major donors, trusts and foundations

Support from major donors, trusts and foundations throughout 2024/25 amounted to £976,000 with the majority of donations supporting the Rob Burrow MND centre.

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

Carol Carthy who gave £250,000 to support the Rob Burrow Centre for MND. The couple were inspired by Rob & Lindsey's story and were delighted to meet the Burrow family on a visit to the construction site.

Richard and Gill Hayes gave a generous donation as part of the MND Centre Appeal, specifically for the creation of a new family room.

Chris Crabtree & Olga Brand gave £111,000 to the MND Centre.

Roger Pickering also gave £30,000 to the MND Centre.

The **George A. Moore Foundation** (led by Angela James and Charlotte Lowe) gave a £25,000 towards the surface guided radiation therapy (SGRT) equipment at Leeds Cancer Centre, allowing patients to have tattoo-less radiotherapy which more precisely targets tumours and minimises damage to the surrounding healthy tissue.

The **Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation** gave a donation to support the MND Centre.

The **Marjorie & Arnold Ziff Charitable Trust** donated £33,000 specifically for research into Leukaemia.

The **Parker Foundation** awarded £16,000 to the MND Centre Appeal.

The Tolkien Trust gave a generous donation to support the MND Centre.

MedEquip4 Kids donated three brightly coloured dialysis chairs for Leeds Children's Hospital, which had a value of over £11,000. This gift will help children sit more comfortably during their lengthy treatment and will also brighten up the ward.



Carol & Martin Carthy with the Burrow Family

The **Tobias Crowther Foundation** gave over £11,000 for stretcher chairs to support neuro-intensive care

The **Matt Gallagher Foundation, Linden Charitable Trust and Risman Foundation** all awarded £10,000 to the MND Centre Appeal.

The **Luma Foundation** donated £100,000 to fund the Laparo Apex, a piece of equipment enabling surgeons to train to be able to carry out minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, this will result in more patients being able to have this surgery which is quicker and requires less time in hospital. ultimately leading to less time in hospital for patients who undergo this minimally invasive surgery.

Gifts In Kind

There were **68 gifts in kind** received during the year which equated to a value of **£38,000**.

The most significant gift was a Gunther Baby Grand Piano donated by the Gilfillan Family. The piano is now positioned in the entrance of Leeds Children's Hospital and is part of the wider Leeds International Piano Trail. Charity volunteers play the piano regularly, creating a welcoming and relaxing environment for patients and their families.



Patient Lucy playing the new piano in March 2025

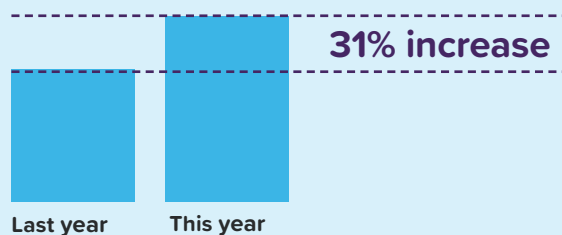
Gifts in Wills

Legacy income amounted to **£1.4 million in 2024/25**, an increase of **31% compared to the prior year**.

Since 2022, Leeds Hospitals Charity have been investing in legacy marketing to promote the impact that gifts left in Wills can have. Over the course of 2024/25 this activity continued, with advertising across social media, print advertorials, radio, billboards, digital screens and back of buses. The cost of promoting legacy giving during the year was £116,000. This has resulted in a huge increase in enquiries about legacy giving and an increase in visitors to the website who are accessing and downloading information about legacies. The true impact of this promotional activity may not be felt for several years.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who left a gift in their Will to support Leeds Teaching Hospitals, including:

- **William Brooks** who left a gift to specifically benefit research into renal conditions
- **Andrew Coxah** who left £33,000 for use across the hospitals
- **Nancy Ruth Firth** who left £33,000 for the benefit of the Ophthalmology department
- **Janet Smith** who left a gift for the benefit of children's cancer, burns, heart and baby unit.
- **David Harry Meek** who left a gift to specifically support Leeds Cancer Centre
- **Cynthia Ann Hill** who left a gift for general purposes
- **Geoffrey Smith** who left a gift for use across the hospitals
- **Marjorie Stoddard** who gave £1,000 to benefit Leeds Children's Hospital
- **Marjorie Tibbs** who gave £17,000 for use across the hospitals
- **Arthur Turner** who left £9,000 for use across the hospitals
- **John Atterton West** who donated £3,000 for cancer research projects



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Regular giving

We are hugely grateful to our Friends of Leeds Hospital Charity, who donate to us on a monthly basis. Many of our regular givers have now been supporting us for many years and we feel extremely grateful that they have chosen to keep giving to us; regular gifts are extremely valuable, as they help us allocate funds where the need is greatest and, plan affectively for the future.

We currently have 3,540 active 'Friends' who donate through direct debit or standing order

Over the past year, we have received £383,000 in income from regular giving

Despite not actively investing in promotion during 2024/25, we gained 280 new regular givers, through website sign-ups and via our face-to-face fundraising team.

Since we began our Friends of LHC programme in 2020, we have received over £1.5million in donations, which is making a huge difference to the support we can give to Leeds Teaching Hospitals.



“I wanted to say thank you for the great care we received”

Winner of our £1,000 lottery prize

Lottery success

Following the launch of the Leeds Hospitals Charity Lottery in November 2021, investment has continued to grow and retain our lottery players. In 2024/25 the lottery generated income of £622,000 with 20% of lottery proceeds being directly used to fund the work of the charity.

Prizes were awarded to 583 players during the year, with a total prize value of £93,000 including rollovers.

There was £25,500 given out in rollover prizes to 8 people with the maximum single amount won being £6,500.

During the year, changes were also made to the lottery branding and sign-up process to make it

easier and more user-friendly. The stand-alone site was deactivated, and the sign-up process was brought into the main charity website and under the charity's brand identity.

We also invested in the use of external fundraising agencies to recruit new players and began a multi-channel campaign (including a mailer, social media adverts, bus and outdoor advertising) to promote the lottery, which went live in Summer 2025.

In 2024/25 we engaged a professional external fundraising agency, operating on hospital sites, and invested £387,000 with them to recruit new players to the lottery. This resulted in a 46% increase in weekly lottery entries, from 4350 in March 2024 to 6350 by March 2025.

Charity shops

The 2024/25 financial year was a pivotal period for the charity's retail programme, marked by a strategic and operational review, laying strong foundations for future growth. While financial performance remained below our ambitious target, the year saw significant progress in strengthening the retail function and improving shop operations.

Income remained stable year-on-year at £266,000 but fell short of budget due to the delayed opening of new shops. Expenditure was well managed, with increased costs reflecting strategic investment in leadership and infrastructure. Total retail costs were £365,000 in year reflecting the investments that were made with a long-term view to improving performance and growing income.

Retail Strategic Review

A comprehensive strategic review of the retail programme was undertaken in 2024/25, resulting in a new operating model designed to improve performance, accountability, and long-term sustainability. We were also delighted to appoint a Director of Retail in the year to drive the retail strategy.

Retail Growth Framework

In partnership with trustees, a new shop acquisition framework was developed and approved during the year to support the charity's ambition to expand its retail footprint. The framework sets out clear criteria for identifying, assessing, and approving new retail opportunities, ensuring decisions are made swiftly and with appropriate oversight. This includes a tiered approval process based on financial risk, enabling the charity to act quickly in a competitive market while maintaining strong governance. The framework is a key enabler of future growth and reflects the charity's commitment to building a sustainable and strategically aligned retail estate.



A volunteer in our Merriam centre store



Volunteers at the Leeds marathon



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 transparency, transformation and working together. You can read our fundraising promise in full at 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 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

Throughout 2024/25, nearly 17,000 hours of volunteering time were given by 363 volunteers, working across our retail stores, within our hospitals, bucket collecting at our fundraising events and donning our 'Ernie' mascot costume.

As part of our strategy to grow our volunteering offer, we restructured the volunteering team, appointing a Head of Volunteering and splitting the team into two – one side focussing on recruiting and supporting our retail and fundraising volunteers and the other side supporting our hospital volunteers.



This newly invigorated team recruited

201 new volunteers

within the year and also launched two new hospital volunteer opportunities in quarter three.

Trolley Volunteers

The Family Support Trolley role was piloted between September and March. The trolley visits the children's wards several times a week, providing free-of-charge snacks, hot drinks and a friendly face to poorly children and their parents or carers. The hospital had noticed an increasing number of families facing financial hardship because of spending weeks, or sometimes months at their child's bedside in hospital. After a successful six-month pilot, the charity has now committed to supporting the volunteer-led initiative going forward. Eight trolley volunteers have now been recruited for the service and has ambitious plans to expand charity trolley services to other sites across Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Wayfinder role

The wayfinder volunteer role, initially launched at Leeds General Infirmary following a short pilot, supports patients with getting to their appointments on time and providing a friendly face on a patient's arrival. Plans are now underway to try and expand the wayfinder service to other areas of Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Volunteers working in both the trolley and wayfinder roles supported a fantastic 4,579 people within the first six months of operation.

Corporate volunteers

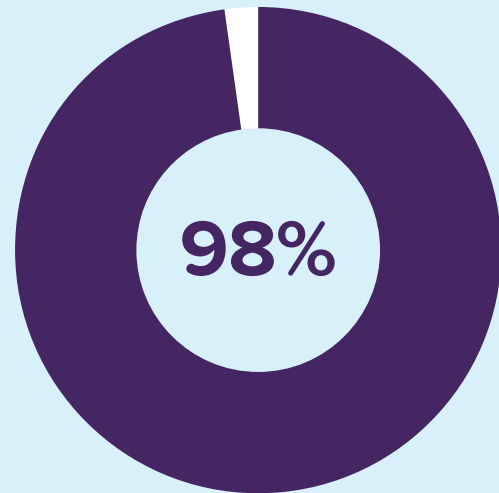
Over 200 corporate volunteers gave nearly 700 hours of their time throughout the year. They supported our retail teams and helped us to write thank you cards to our supporters. We'd like to say a huge thank you to our corporate volunteers, including GHD, Sticky Eye, Yorkshire & NE Continence Care, Medical Protection, HSBC, Blue Yonder, NHS Recovery, Nationwide, Lloyds Banking Group and British Gas.



A trolley round at Leeds Children's Hospital

Volunteer stories

Hear from Lidia and Martin about why they volunteer:



of our volunteers
said they felt proud
to volunteer with Leeds
Hospitals Charity

Lidia

Lidia is one of the trolley volunteers, she wanted to give something back after her son received specialist care at Leeds Children's Hospital.

As a single mum, caring for a son with complex medical needs, Lidia found it difficult to find a full-time job, so this voluntary role opened up an opportunity that works around her family commitments.

She said: "As someone who has been on the other side in hospital with my poorly son, I know exactly how these parents are feeling. When you're by your child's side worrying about them, you're putting them first and can forget to take care of yourself and feel guilty about leaving their bedside to just grab a snack or a drink.

“It's lovely to see how parents react when we offer them a drink, snack or even a listening ear, they are so grateful and appreciative and you can see that it just makes their day! The parents are so tired and having someone recognise them and their wellbeing is equally as important.”

Lidia, trolley volunteer

Martin

Martin helps out at our shops and at our fundraising events. He's one of the Charity's longest serving volunteers. His journey with Leeds Hospitals Charity began after his own experience as a patient at the Leeds Cancer Centre.

"I've been volunteering for years, and I still feel like I'm giving back for the care I received," Martin says. "But honestly, I could volunteer here my whole life and still not repay what the staff and doctors have done for me."

Martin's volunteering style is rooted in compassion and connection. For him, it's all about being present. He believes volunteering gives a unique insight into hospital life, helping people understand the challenges and triumphs behind the scenes. "It's a rewarding experience. Even if you make one person feel better, that's enough."

Our thanks go to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust Voluntary Services Team, Voluntary Action Leeds, University of Leeds, and the Voluntary Service Teams at Imperial Health Charity, Alder Hey, UCLA, Royal Free and GOSH for their time, expertise and support throughout this year as we have launched our hospital volunteering programme. An extra special thank you goes to all of our dedicated volunteers who generously give their time to support our hospitals – you're all amazing!

Financial review



Thanks to our generous supporters the charity received total income of £7.2 million in 2024/25. Our strategic focus remains consistent, with our priority being to grow and diversify fund-raised income, enabling more responsive grant-making.

We invited grant applications from all staff across Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, through open funding calls. These targeted our three core strategic impact areas: health inequalities, innovation and health technologies and the treatment of rare conditions.

As we move towards the final year of our five-year strategy, active fundraising campaigns are underway to further expand income from retail, lottery and legacy giving.

Charity Trustees remain confident that the charity holds sufficient reserves to meet its obligations and will continue to support the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust in improving the lives of people in Leeds and beyond.

Our financial year

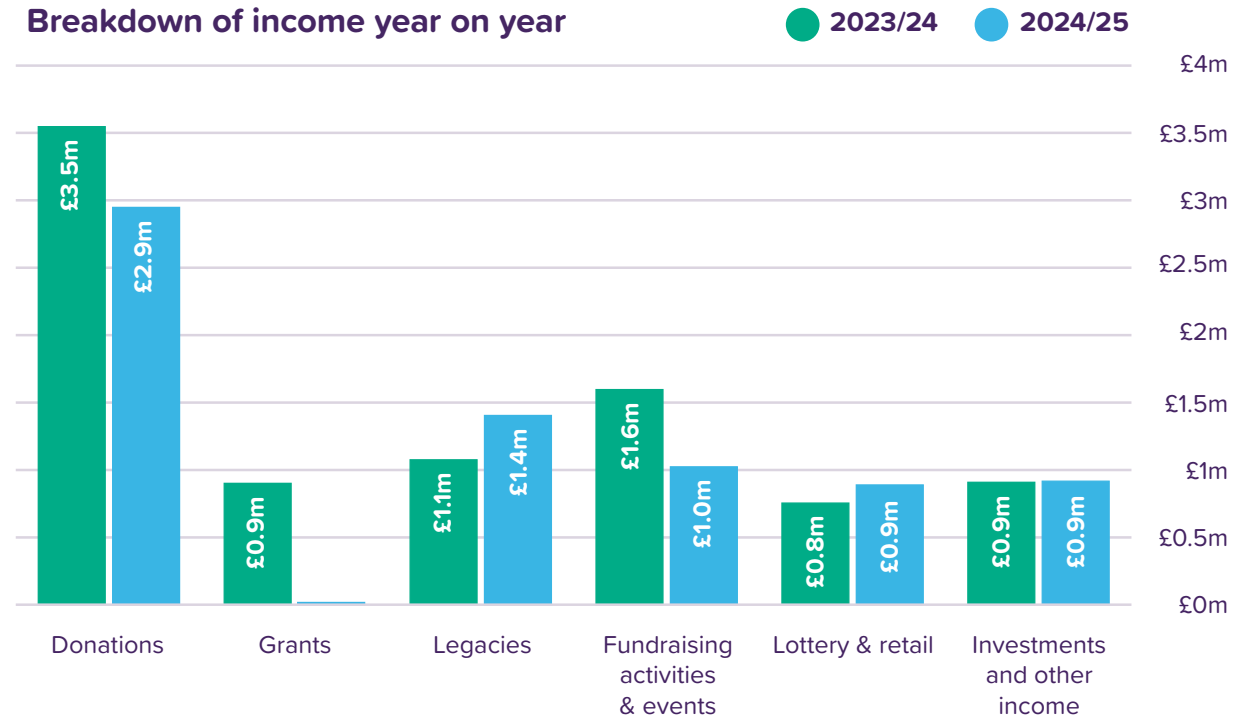
Our strategic direction remained unchanged in 2024/25 with a focus on growing and diversifying our fundraised income to mitigate against economic uncertainty and enable more agile grant funding.

Open grant funding calls were held for the first time during the year, inviting applications from all staff across the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust. Grants of £3.29 million (2023/24: £3.76 million) were awarded, these will drive change in our three key impact areas; tackling health inequalities, innovation and health technologies, and rare conditions. As we enter the final year of our five-year strategy there is still a focus on growing unrestricted income streams and there are continued campaigns underway to grow both our lottery and legacy income.

Trustees set a deficit budget for 2024/25, reflecting the ambition to invest in growing the legacy income, recruiting lottery players and expanding retail operations. Following investment in both a legacy campaign and lottery recruitment drive, the income from legacies has increased by 31% to £1.4million (2023/24: £1.07million) and lottery income increased by 28% to £622,000 (2023/24: £485,000). Since the year end our retail expansion has begun, with two new shops having opened in Q1 of 2025/26, in year the income from retail was in line with prior year at £266,000 (2023/24: £269,000).

The charity continues to be impacted by the economic uncertainty, social change and political events. These impact on both the value of investment portfolio, and income from those investments, but also on the ability to fundraise from the public. As a result of these challenges, we experienced a reduction of 18% in our total income and we reported a deficit of £516,000, favourable on budget by £500,000 (2023/24: £267,000 surplus) prior to investment movements.

Breakdown of income year on year



Strengthening markets resulted in unrealised investment gains in the period to 31 December 2024, but the beginning of 2025 was turbulent with markets constantly adjusting to shifting government policies and this volatility saw investment portfolio close with unrealised gains of £16,000 (2023/24: £2.06million gains) on 31 March 2025.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors, the charity received £7.19 million in income this year (2023/24: £8.78 million).

Expenditure on raising funds, before charitable activities, reduced to £3.11 million (2023/24: £3.53 million) and expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £4.62million (2023/24: £4.98 million). This, along with unrealised investment gains, culminated in a net decrease in charitable funds of 2% (£516,000), taking the

total funds carried forward into 2025/26 to £21.12 million (2023/24: £21.64 million).

The total funds of the charity consist of £3.69 million (2023/24: £3.56 million) endowed funds, £5.17 million (2023/24: £5.27 million) restricted funds, £8.80 million (2023/24: £8.49 million) unrestricted designated funds, and £3.45 million (2023/24: £4.31 million) 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 as determined by the donor. 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

In the prior year, two major fundraising events, the inaugural Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon and our Leeds Bear Hunt art trail, held in the city over the summer, significantly boosted income, contributing a combined total of £1.6 million.

Additionally, grant income of £700,000 was received in the prior year from the UKRI Medical Research Council to support early career researchers. These income streams were not repeated in the current year and as a result total income has reduced by 18% to £7.19 million (2023/24: £8.78 million).

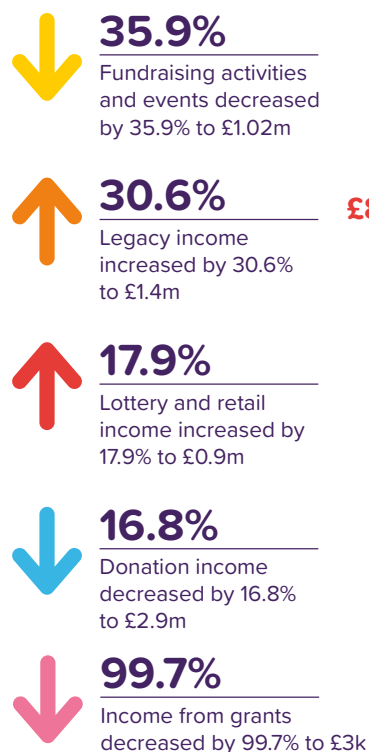
We are extremely grateful to our donors for their continued support and are delighted to report that, thanks to your generosity, the £6.8 million fundraising target in respect of the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease was successfully achieved in the year.

Donations remain our largest source of income, contributing £2.95 million, 41% of total income, this is consistent with the previous year's proportion (2023/24: 40%). However, this represents a 17% decrease in absolute terms on the donations received in the previous year (2023/24: £3.54 million).

We saw a reduction in income across all donation income streams. Donations from individuals, clubs and societies amounted to £2.36 million (2023/24: £2.66 million). Charitable Trusts and Associations income was £298,000 (2023/24: £348,000). Corporate donations were down 39% to £253,000 (2023/24: £415,000) and gifts in kind reduced by 65% to £38,000 (2023/24: £112,000).

Grant income reduced by 99.7% to £3,000 (2023/24: £900,000). Grants of £200,000 and £700,000 were received in the prior year from NHS Charities Together and UKRI Medical Research Council respectively, these were not repeated in the current year.

Income compared to prior year

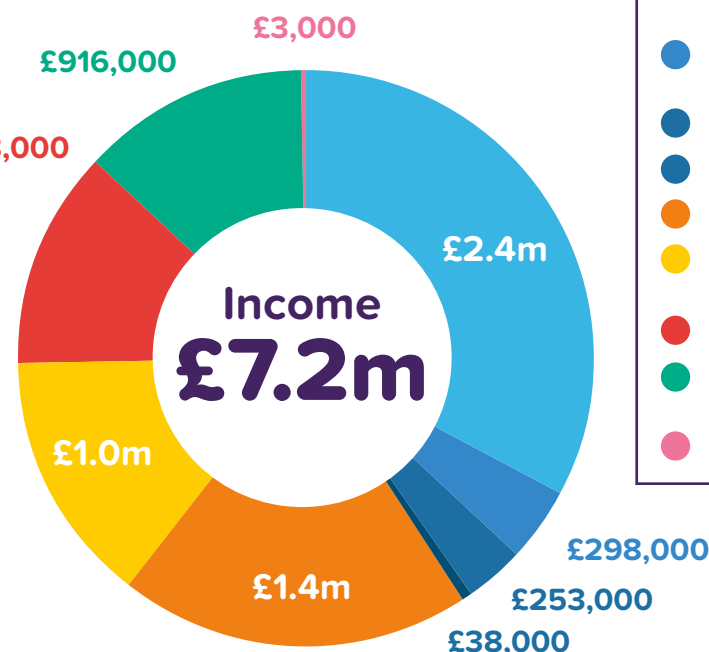


There has been continued investment in promoting legacy giving resulting in an increase in legacy income of 30.6% to £1.4 million (2023/24: £1.07 million).

Income from fundraising activities and events has decreased by 35.9% to £1.02 million (2023/24: £1.6 million) due to the prior year benefitting from income generated by the Leeds Bear Hunt art trail.

Income from our trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Limited comprises £7,000 (2023/24: £14,000) in respect of royalties from Kevin Sinfield's book deal with Macmillan Publishers International Limited.

Current year income split



Income from charitable activities increased to £13,000 (2023/24: £1,000) due to support being received for training events in the year.

The continued investment in lottery and retail has seen these areas achieve growth of 17.9% and generate combined income of £888,000 (2023/24: £754,000).

Investment income has remained stable at £905,000 (2023/24: £883,000) despite a reduction in our investment portfolio balance. This is due to interest being earned on fixed term cash deposits held with Rathbones. Investment income contributes to 13% of total income.

Expenditure

Total expenditure of the charity reduced by 9.2% to £7.72 million (2023/24: £8.51 million). Cost of raising funds reduced by 12.1% (£429,000) to £3.10 million (2023/24: £3.53 million) and expenditure on charitable activities decreased by 7.2% to £4.62 million (2023/24: £4.98 million).

We award multi-year grants to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, as a result the commitments and designated funds fluctuate year on year. The commitment in respect of the Rob Burrow Centre for MND appeal is due to be paid within the next 12 months which has resulted in a consolidated net current liability position of £35,000 (2023/24: £6.8 million net current liability).

Expenditure to run the charity and fundraising was £3.10 million (2023/24: £3.53 million). This is an 11% reduction on the prior year costs.

There was continued focus on growing unrestricted income by investing in recruiting lottery players and expanding the retail operation. The costs of the lottery reduced by 4% to £759,000 (2023/24: £789,000) and the investment in retail was £365,000, an increase of 22% on prior year (2023/24: £300,000).

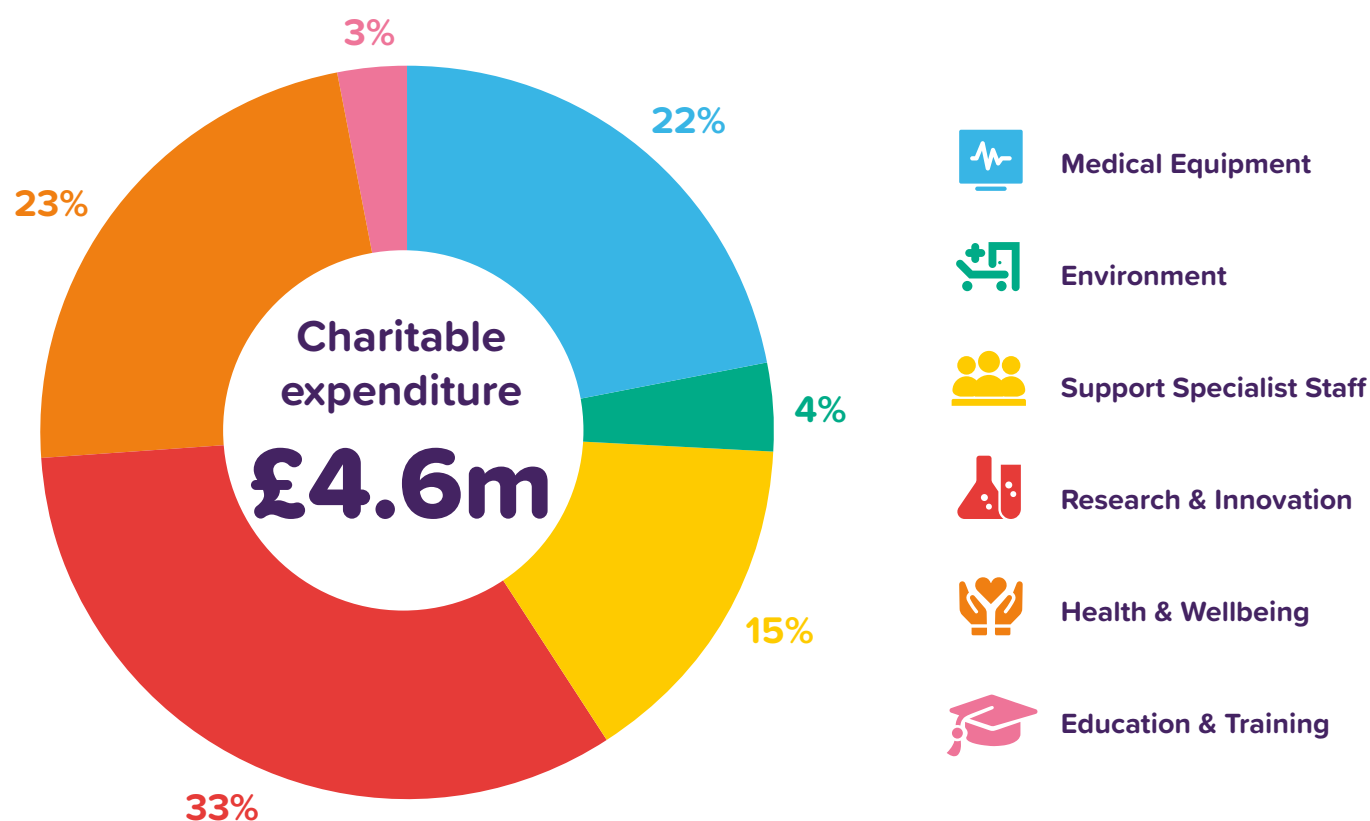
The legacy campaign continued and £164,000 was invested in promoting legacy giving, a decrease of 9% on prior year (2023/24: £179,000).

The reduction in expenditure on fundraising events and appeals of 31% to £1.13 million (2023/24: £1.63 million) was due to costs being incurred in the prior year in respect of the Bear Hunt art trail that were not replicated in the current year.

The charity is committed to regular cost monitoring and ensuring value for money in line with the Fundraising Regulator requirements.

The support costs of the charity are detailed in note 4 of the financial statements and allocated across both the cost of raising funds and charitable activities, as required by the Charities SORP. Total support costs have increased by 3% to £1.85 million (2023/24: £1.79 million). This increase primarily reflects inflationary pressures on staff costs and general overheads in the year. Support costs include expenditure in relation to finance, IT, HR, Volunteers, Communications and Governance.

Split of charitable expenditure in the year



Reserves policy and management

The trustees are fully aware of their legal duty to apply the charity's income towards its charitable purposes within a reasonable timeframe following receipt. In line with this responsibility, the trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy, and need for reserves, taking into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Free reserves, as defined by the Charity Commission, refer to unrestricted funds that are readily available to spend on charitable purposes. These reserves exclude restricted funds and those tied up in fixed assets.

Reserves play a critical role in the charity's risk management strategy. The appropriate level of reserves will vary depending on our financial position and our assessment of the risks we face at a particular time. The trustees regularly assess these factors to ensure that the reserves held are both prudent and aligned with the charity's operational and strategic needs.

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 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 £4.5 million for 2025/26 (2024/25: £5.5 million), (2023/24: £5.8 million).

The annual running costs of the charity have increased and are expected to rise further driven by factors such as the increase in employer National Insurance contributions and the broader economic environment. In response, the trustees have reaffirmed their commitment to strategic investment in key income-generating areas. This includes continued investment in lottery player recruitment and the planned expansion of the retail operation. These initiatives are integral to the charity's five-year strategy, which aims to significantly grow unrestricted income, ensuring long-term sustainability and flexibility in delivering charitable objectives.

The minimum reserves level has been reduced by £1 million, reflecting the successful achievement of the fundraising target for the Rob Burrow Centre for MND. Previously, the charity had underwritten the shortfall against this target, but this is no longer required. The target reserves are needed to mitigate financial risks and to ensure the charity can meet its staffing costs and overheads, as approved by the trustees. This prudent approach ensures the charity can fulfil its objectives and meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

Unrestricted funds held by the charity have decreased by £550,000 to £12.25 million (2023/24: £12.8 million) at the balance sheet date. Of these, £8.8 million (2023/24: £8.5 million) are designated by the trustees for specific purposes and £23,000 (2023/24: £5,000) are held as tangible fixed assets. This leaves free reserves of £3.43 million (2023/24: £4.3 million), which is a decrease of

£877,000 on the previous year and below the current target of £4.5 million.

There are no unrestricted designated funds in deficit at the close of this financial year.

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 grant funding programme from investment risk. Given that the value of investments can fluctuate, the trustees consider it prudent to maintain an appropriate level of reserves. This ensures the charity can continue to operate efficiently, deliver on its commitments, and meet the needs of its beneficiaries, even during periods of market uncertainty.

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. The investment objectives are to maintain the real value of the capital whilst generating a sustainable level of income to support charity activities. The approach to asset allocation and investment selection remains active, identifying resilient businesses that can deliver strong performance over the cycle, rather than positioning the portfolio for predicted short-term changes in economic conditions. Such an approach balances the greater risk posed by equity-based investment with the potential for higher returns.

Total investments are £31.27 million (2023/24: £35.83 million), of which £6.32 million (2023/24: £4.32 million) 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 a marginal inflationary improvement on the previous year. The UK CPI inflation rates were 3.2% in March 2024, reducing to 2.6% by March 2025.

The UK economy shrank unexpectedly at the start of the year and experienced two consecutive months of decline in April 2025 (-0.3%) and May 2025 (-0.1%)

raising concerns about sluggish growth. The Bank of England held interest rates steady at 4.5% in March, following a cut in February, while wages continued to outpace inflation this casts doubt on hoped-for rate cuts.

There were unrealised gains in our portfolio of £16,000 for the year ended 31 March 2025; however, 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 2025, £5.5 million cash is held by Rathbones in high interest earning time deposit accounts. Rathbones achieved a 12-month return of 2% on the investment portfolio (2023/24: 9.6%) compared with the agreed benchmark of 6.4% (2023/24: 11.2%). The yield on the portfolio was 2% (2023/24: 2.2%).

The value of the portfolio has increased in 2024/25, due to the unrealised gains experienced. There has been £6 million disinvestment of the portfolio in the year, to meet the liabilities in connection with the Rob Burrow Centre for MND. The projected yield has reduced from 2.2% to 2%.

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

Asset class	31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
	Value (£k)	Weight (%)	Value (£k)	Weight (%)
Fixed interest	5,506	17.6	5,550	15.5
Equities –	3,668	11.7	6,195	17.3
UKEquities – overseas	13,779	44.1	16,400	45.8
Alternatives	1,993	6.4	3,371	9.4
Cash	6,324	20.2	4,317	12.0
	31,270	100	35,833	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 2024/25 financial year, Leeds Hospitals Charity held total net assets of £21.12 million (2023/24: £21.64 million), of which £3.4 million are free reserves.

The trustees have reviewed and approved the budget for the year to 31 March 2026 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

We are committed to effective risk management; this is fundamental in delivering the strategy and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the charity.

Robust risk management processes are in place to ensure that risks are identified, mitigated and reported on an ongoing basis, both at the operational and strategic level. Key risks are reviewed by the Executive Team and received by the Audit and Risk Committee and Board. The trustees have reviewed these key risks and are satisfied that the major risks have been identified, and appropriate procedures and systems are in place to mitigate and manage the risks. It is recognised that any control measures can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance, that major risks have been adequately managed.

The highest rated risk on the corporate risk register remains in connection to the strategic growth of unrestricted income, financial uncertainties for donors caused by the continuing challenging economic environment remain and while income has remained stable, there is still a risk that this could be impacted negatively due to forces outside the control of the charity.

The diversification of income streams that started at the beginning of the current five-year strategy has given the charity the ability to be financially agile and resilient with the historic risk of over-reliance on income from investments having been mitigated.

Horizon scanning is an active part of risk management undertaken by the charity; new risks have been added to the register this year with respect to the impact of Artificial Intelligence. These risks are mitigated by controls that have been put in place, but trustees are

mindful that this is a fast-paced changing environment and are keeping abreast of developments, harnessing the benefits that come with Artificial Intelligence, whilst being mindful of potential risks.

One of the most significant risks on the corporate risk register in the prior year was in respect to the government delays impacting the building of the Hospitals of the Future. The charity had agreed to raise significant funding to enhance the basic delivery of the new Leeds Children's Hospital. Following the government decision in January 2025, to delay this build until 2032 at the earliest, this risk has crystallised. The charity is focussed on supporting future capital appeals and campaigns to support the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and is working closely with the Trust Executive Team to identify these campaigns.

Future plans

As we enter into the final year of our current strategy, we'll continue engaging with our stakeholders and beneficiaries to develop our next strategy, covering 2027-2032.

We'll continue to work closely with Leeds Teaching Hospitals to identify major projects where the charity can have significant impact. Following a CQC visit to the Trust in early 2025, one of our key areas of focus will be supporting colleagues working in maternity and paediatric care, identifying opportunities where we can provide funding that will improve the experience for patients and their families.

We also remain committed to ongoing support of the play service at Leeds Children's Hospital, a project that we expect to support for several years, due to the huge benefits it has for poorly children and their families.

Following the appointment of our Director of Retail in July 2024, our retail expansion will continue with several stores in the pipeline for opening during 2025/26 and

a focus on suburban high-street stores over shopping centre units. These stores will be part of an updated concept for our retail offering, providing a more boutique shopping experience that's still affordable for the customer.

We'll continue our investment in lottery promotion, with a multi-channel recruitment campaign planned for the Autumn. Significant investment will also be made into year-round legacy promotion, following the success of the previous years.

Following the departure of one of our trustees, Dame Linda Pollard, we'll also have a dedicated focus on innovation in 2025/26 with a themed funding call following the launch of the Dame Linda Pollard Innovation Fund in June 2025, attracting gifts from major donors who are keen to support innovation across our hospital sites.

We'll also be putting continued focus on our people, including our expanded volunteer team. We'll be renewing our emphasis on training across the charity and a commitment to continuous professional development at all levels. Part of this is the introduction of AI tools, primarily through Microsoft Co-Pilot, to help staff work more efficiently and reduce the administrative burden.

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 Transparent, Transform and Together.

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 2025, the charity had 12 trustees, one of whom is nominated by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, as required by the Charity's Articles of Association.

Name	Appointment details	Number of board meetings attended 2024/25
Dr Yvette Oade CBE (Chair)	From 24 November 2020	4 of 4
Mark Davies (Vice Chair)	From 3 June 2021	4 of 4
Dr David Berridge (Senior Independent Trustee)	From 14 June 2021	4 of 4
Caroline Gruen	From 22 November 2016	4 of 4
Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL (NHS Trust nominee)	From 22 November 2016 to 31 July 2025	3 of 4
Antony Kildare (NHS Trust nominee)	From 1 August 2025	0 of 0
Christopher Schofield	From 1 July 2017	4 of 4
Dr Cassie Doherty	From 24 November 2020	4 of 4
Jonathan Grant	From 9 February 2021	3 of 4
Lauren Glaister	From 9 September 2021	4 of 4
Gemma Skelley	From 7 December 2023	2 of 4
Charlene Lyons	From 20 June 2024	2 of 3
Lalit Suryawanshi	From 20 June 2024	3 of 3

The work of our trustees

Leeds Hospitals Charity has a fully independent Board of Trustees, whose members are 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 2025. Additional trustees are appointed by the incumbent trustees, under the provisions of the Articles of Association.

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. The Finance and Performance Committee met in person to approve the annual budget, all other 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 use their skills and experience to support the Charity and are responsible individually and

collectively for the proper management of charitable 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 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 in March 2025 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 [How we are governed as a charity](#).

Trustees confirm annually that the information held continues to be relevant, accurate and complete, and this is reviewed during the year-end audit 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 were two new trustee appointments during 2024/25; Ms Charlene Lyons and Mr Lalit Suryawanshi were appointed in June 2024.

A meeting of the Nominations Committee is held at least once annually and is responsible for the recruitment of trustees. 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.

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	Director of Communications
Mr Paul Watkins	Director of Fundraising
Mr Andrew Forsyth	Company Secretary (until 21 August 2024)
Ms Eve Hartrick	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Ms Rebecca Baldaro-Booth	Head of Grants (until 31 March 2025) Director of Grants and Impact (from 1 April 2025)
Mr Jake Hornsbury	Director of Retail (from 1 July 2024)

Our patrons and ambassadors

Our patrons support us on a longer-term basis, often from a business or entertainment background, their high profiles help to raise awareness of the charity and help us raise funds. Our Ambassadors support us with specific campaigns or events throughout the year.

Andy Clarke (patron)

Andy Clarke, former President and CEO of Asda, has over 25 years' experience driving performance improvement in multi brand international businesses. As a trusted public speaker and influential figure in British business, Andy has sector experience in food, fashion and general merchandise across property-intensive, multi-channel and online retailers. He has managed multi-site retail businesses from £1billion to £25billion in turnover, with net income of £150million to £1.1billion and employees from 18,000 to 180,000.

Having served on the Prime Minister's (David Cameron) Business Advisory Group, Andy now sits on the board of directors at four forward-thinking and ambitious companies where he is on hand to share his considerable knowledge and expertise.

Dr Amir Khan (patron)

TV's favourite GP, Dr Amir Khan became Leeds Hospitals Charity's first ambassador in March 2021. The Bradford-born GP has worked in West Yorkshire for over a decade, where he first appeared on hit TV series GPs: Behind Closed Doors and is now well-known for regular appearances on ITV's Lorraine and Good Morning Britain.

Angus Kinnear (patron)

Angus Kinnear is former Chief Executive of Leeds United FC and is a trustee of the Leeds United Foundation.

Ben Shires (ambassador)

Ben Shires is an award-winning children's TV presenter has appeared on TV favourites including Guinness World Records-themed children's show Officially Amazing Officially Amazing, Match of the Day Kickabout (CBBC) and Dig Detectives (Sky Kids). He is also a Leeds United supporter and president of the LUFC Future Trust.

Ben who was born at Leeds General Infirmary, became a Leeds Hospitals Charity ambassador in 2022 with particular focus on supporting some of our region's youngest patients at Leeds Children's Hospital, especially after recently becoming a dad for the first-time.

Chris Blundell (patron)

Chris was a Director of Food Retailer WM Morrison for 23 years and currently chairs a hospitality business based in Yorkshire. In addition, he runs a livestock farm alongside other rural enterprises with an emphasis on tourism and property. Chris was a national trustee of the Royal Horticultural Society (2009-2019) and currently chairs a Yorkshire charity event.

Christine Talbot (patron)

Christine Talbot is a multi-award-winning TV presenter and journalist, best known as the presenter of the ITV Yorkshire regional news programme Calendar for twenty years, and, before that, as host of the magazine programme Tonight.

She has covered most of region's main news stories in this time and interviewed those in the news from Prime Ministers and celebrities to ordinary people with extraordinary tales to tell. She is also an Ambassador and Patron of nine local charities and is a regular awards and event host.

Dr Edward Ziff OBE DL Hon DBA (Vice President)

Edward is a well-known local businessman and has previously served as the elected Chair of the Board of Trustees, as well as Chair of the Income Generation Committee until he stepped down in 2023.

Garry Wilson (patron)

Garry Wilson is the Founder and Managing Partner at Endless LLP which is headquartered in Leeds and invests funds into UK SMEs and Mid-Market Companies. Its investors have invested over £1.1billion via Endless and include 6 of the Top 10 Universities globally, some of the world's largest Charitable and Research Foundations and Family Offices of leading global entrepreneurs

Lindsey Burrow (patron)

Rugby League legend Rob Burrow and his wife, Lindsey, were given the honour of becoming Leeds Hospitals Charity's first ever patrons in 2023.

The announcement of the couple's role came after the Burrow family spearheaded our Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Appeal.

Rob was diagnosed with MND in 2019, and up to his death in 2024, he worked tirelessly to help raise awareness and funds for several charities, his family continue to support the charity.

Michael Beverley (Vice President)

Michael is the Vice-Chair and Co-Founder of OneMedical Group and Chairman of Seneca Partners Limited.

Michael worked for Arthur Andersen for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2001 as UK Regional and Senior Managing partner. He developed a number of businesses in healthcare and property, and in 2009 made the decision to reorganise those interests to focus on growing OneMedical Group.

From 2000–2006 Michael was a government appointed member of the then Department of Trade and Industry's Industrial Development Board (IDAB). Michael is a current member of the Court of the University of Leeds and was a founding member of the Campaign Board which successfully raised over £100m for research and teaching facilities at the University. From 1998 – 2010 he was the Chairman of Opera North. Latterly from 2013 to 2019 he was the Chairman of the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestras (English Baroque Soloists and the ORR). He has also chaired a number of other arts organisations. Michael was appointed in 2000 a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of West Yorkshire.

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).

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 (FRS102) (second edition, October 2019) and all applicable UK accounting standards; and the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the organisation.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. The charity has 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 Trust, demonstrating our shared commitment to work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our patients and families, and support staff members.

The Memorandum of Understanding reflects the evolution of the relationship between the two organisations since the creation of the charity. The memorandum remains 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 2024/25, there were no data breaches requiring 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.

The charity operates a society lottery and is registered and regulated by the Gambling Commission.

Risk management strategy

During 2024/25, the charity maintained one corporate risk register. The risk management policy and framework are under regular review and are set out 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.

Risks are categorised and assigned to a category owner who has responsibility for updating and managing it. The whole process is managed through an in-house digital system with automated reminders. This ensures continuous review and 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 continued during the year with a focus on both the lottery operation and cyber security.

Complaints

A comprehensive complaints policy is in place and followed for all complaints received by the charity. The approach is 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 2024/25.

During 2024/25, a total of 12 complaints (2023/24: 31) were received by the Charity. All these complaints were resolved without referral to regulators.

Our Committees

There were six Board Committees for 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 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 2024/25 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. It also included oversight of fundraising, retail and communications following the dissolution of the Income Generation and Communications Committee in 2023/24.

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 annual grants budget.

Decisions with respect to grant 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 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 grant funding (other than for research and innovation) with a value greater than £10,000, where the funding is within the annual grants budget.

Decisions on grant 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 Ms 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.

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 2024/25 it was chaired by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr Yvette Oade CBE.

Nominations Committee

This committee meets normally at least once annually and otherwise as required. The committee is responsible for the recruitment of trustees including defining the skills required, oversight of the process, approval of timescales and deadlines, assessing of applications and listing, and interviewing candidates.

Our linked charities

On the 31 March 2025 Leeds Hospitals Charity encompassed 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 2024/25 are on page 39 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, Grants and Impact 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 a nil fund balance and have received/raised no income in the year. Post year end these were merged with Leeds Hospitals Charity (1170369), the mergers were registered by the Charity Commission on 10 July 2025.

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 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 merger registered with the Charity Commission on 10 July 2025
Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity	For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the rheumatology and arthritis services at the Trust 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 – merger registered with the Charity Commission on 10 July 2025
Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre	To support the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre	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	To support child transplant patients to participate in the 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 trustee for paediatric service (including research), and/or for any other part of the Trust 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 4–73, the trustees are also approving the strategic report on pages 11–63, in their capacity as company directors.


By order of the Board of Trustees.

Signed:



Yvette Oade, Chair

Date: 21 October 2025



Jonathan Grant, Trustee

Date: 21 October 2025

Reference and administrative details

Name and registered numbers

Leeds Hospitals Charity

Registered charity number: 1170369

Companies House number: 10492128

Governing document

Memorandum and Articles incorporated 22 November 2016; as amended by Charity Commission Scheme dated 29 March 2017; as amended by Special Resolutions registered at Companies House on 15 May 2018, 16 December 2020, 3 September 2021 and 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 “parent charity”) and its subsidiary (“the group”) for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated 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 group and parent charity’s affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the group’s income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 group’s or the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

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 group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees’ 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 trustees' 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 set out on page 73, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: 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 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 charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: **29 October 2025**

Financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	2024/25 Total funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3.1	3,830	522	-	4,352	5,519
Charitable activities	3.2	13	-	-	13	1
Other trading activities	3.3	1,815	96	-	1,911	2,349
Investments	10	811	94	-	905	883
Other income	3.4	11	-	-	11	25
Total income		6,480	712	-	7,192	8,777
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4.1	3,025	69	11	3,105	3,534
Charitable activities:	5					
Equipment		622	362	-	984	1,431
Environment		136	48	-	184	895
Supporting specialist staff		683	1	-	684	(29)
Research and innovation		1,450	74	-	1,524	1,209
Health and wellbeing		943	117	-	1,060	989
Education and training		41	86	-	127	334
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		56	-	-	56	137
Total expenditure		6,956	757	11	7,724	8,510
Net gains on investments	7	(94)	(32)	142	16	2,058
Net (expenditure)/income		(570)	(77)	131	(516)	2,325
Transfers between funds	6	20	(20)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(550)	(97)	131	(516)	2,325
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		12,804	5,269	3,564	21,637	19,312
Total funds carried		12,254	5,172	3,695	21,121	21,637

The notes on pages 82-99 form part of these financial statements. This 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 2025

	Note	Consolidated		Charity	
		31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9.1	23	5	23	5
Investments	9.2	24,946	31,516	24,946	31,516
Total fixed assets		24,969	31,521	24,969	31,521
Current assets:					
Stocks		9	7	9	7
Debtors	11.1	1,789	1,078	1,798	1,081
Investments	11.2	6,324	4,316	6,324	4,316
Cash at bank and in hand	17.2	1,837	1,678	1,827	1,661
Total current assets		9,959	7,079	9,958	7,065
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12.1	(9,994)	(13,868)	(9,994)	(13,868)
Net current liabilities		(35)	(6,789)	(36)	(6,803)
Total assets less current liabilities		24,934	24,732	24,933	24,718
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12.2	(3,813)	(3,095)	(3,813)	(3,095)
Total net assets		21,121	21,637	21,120	21,623
Funds and reserves:					
Endowment funds	13.2	3,695	3,564	3,695	3,564
Restricted income funds	13.3	5,172	5,269	5,172	5,269
Unrestricted funds	13.5	12,254	12,804	12,253	12,790
Total funds and reserves		21,121	21,637	21,120	21,623

Net expenditure (£000) for the charity for the year before consolidation was £503 (2023/24: £2,311 income).

The notes on pages 82–99 form part of these financial statements. These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 21 October 2025 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 2025

	Note	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17.1	(5,299)	(156)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends interest and rents from investments	10	905	883
Proceeds from the sale of investments	9.2	13,805	9,394
Purchase of investments	9.2	(7,219)	(10,358)
Purchase of fixed assets		(25)	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		7,466	(81)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	17.2	2,167	(237)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,994	6,231
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		8,161	5,994
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash in hand		1,837	1,678
Short-term deposits	11.2	6,324	4,316
Total cash and cash equivalents		8,161	5,994

The notes on pages 82–99 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:

- 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;
- 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. 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 £21.12m. The trustees have revisited the forecast results for the five-year period to March 2030 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 and interest 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

Only once the probability of receipt and entitlement of pledged income is confirmed with donors will they be recognised as income within these financial statements. There is no such income in the accounts for 2024/25.

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 2023/24). 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 is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than six months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

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. The subsidiary was exempt from the requirements relating to the audit of individual account by virtue of Section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

	Year ended 31 March 2025 £000	Year ended 31 March 2024 £000
Profit and loss account		
Turnover	7	14
Cost of sales	-	-
Gross profit	7	14
Operating costs	-	-
Operating profit	7	14
Interest receivable and similar income	-	-
Profit before taxation	7	14
Taxation	-	-
Profit for the financial year	7	14

	Total at 31 March 2025 £000	Total at 31 March 2024 £000
Balance sheet		
Cash	9	17
Current liabilities	(1)	(16)
Net assets	8	1
Profit and loss account	8	1
Share capital and reserves	8	1

2 Related party transactions

With the exception of two trustees, Dr Yvette Oade CBE and Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL, 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.

Dr Yvette Oade, Chair of the Board of Trustees, is a Lay Member of the council of the University of Leeds. The Charity contracts on several research grants with the University.

Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL was the Chair of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust until 31 July 2025. Leeds Hospitals Charity has made revenue and capital payments to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Details of Leeds Hospitals Charity's transactions with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust are below:

- Medical equipment: 48 grants; £702k (2023/24: £1,166k)
- Research and innovation: 28 grants; £1,074k (2023/24: £995k)
- Health and wellbeing: 68 grants; £784k (2023/24: £779k)
- Education and training: 54 grants; £108k (2023/24: £287k)
- Environment: 32 grants; £149k (2023/24: £535)
- Specialist staff: 2 grants; £472k (2023/24: £nil)

At 31 March 2025, Leeds Hospitals Charity had total commitments and creditors owing to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust of £12.2m (2023/24: £15.4m). No sums were owed to Leeds Hospitals Charity by the NHS Trust.

3 Income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2024/25 £000	Total 2023/24 £000
3.1 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations from individuals, clubs and societies	2,227	130	2,357	2,665
Donations from charitable trusts and associations	219	79	298	348
Corporate donations	232	21	253	415
Corporate donations earmarked for research	-	-	-	5
Legacies	1,114	289	1,403	1,074
Grants	-	3	3	900
Donated goods and services for distribution	38	-	38	112
Total income from donations and legacies	3,830	522	4,352	5,519

3.2 Income from charitable activities

Income from the provision of education and training	1	-	1	1
Corporate sponsorship of training events	12	-	12	-
Total income from charitable activities	13	-	13	1

3.3 Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising activities	734	88	822	510
Lottery income	622	-	622	485
Sale of donated goods and merchandise	266	-	266	269
Income from fundraising events	193	8	201	1,085
Total income from other trading activities	1,815	96	1,911	2,349

3.4 Other income

Other income	11	-	11	25
Total other income	11	-	11	25

4 Expenditure

4.1 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2024/25 £000	Total 2023/24 £000
Fundraising events and appeals	1,122	11	-	1,133	1,632
Legacies	164	-	-	164	179
Charitable trusts and corporate donations	169	58	-	227	176
Operation of lottery	759	-	-	759	789
Operation of charity shops	365	-	-	365	300
Investment broker fees	86	-	11	97	109
Support costs allocated	360	-	-	360	349
Total cost of raising funds	3,025	69	11	3,105	3,534

4.2 Allocation and apportionment of governance costs

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000	Basis of Apportionment
Salaries, SLA* and related costs	1,322	1,241	Allocated on time
Legal and consultancy	84	203	Allocated on time
Branding and publicity	81	95	Allocated on time
Recruitment	17	7	Allocated on time
General running costs	169	113	Allocated on time
Computer hardware/software licences	141	96	Allocated on time
Audit and professional fees	29	25	Allocated on time
Bank charges	10	15	Allocated on time
Total	1,853	1,795	

*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 2024/25 £000	Total allocated 2023/24 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	213	44	257	242
Legal and consultancy	13	3	16	39
Branding and publicity	13	3	16	18
Recruitment	3	-	3	1
General running costs	27	6	33	22
Computer hardware/software licences	22	5	27	19
Audit and professional fees	5	1	6	5
Bank charges	2	-	2	3
Total	298	62	360	349

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 2024/25 £000	Total allocated 2023/234 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	224	48	12	151	344	251	35	1,065	1,000
Legal and consultancy	14	3	1	10	22	16	2	68	163
Branding and publicity	14	3	1	9	21	15	2	65	77
Recruitment	3	1	-	2	5	3	-	14	5
General running costs	29	6	2	20	43	32	4	136	91
Computer hardware/software licences	24	5	1	16	37	27	4	114	78
Audit and professional fees	5	1	-	3	7	6	1	23	20
Bank charges	2	-	-	1	3	2	-	8	12
Total	315	67	17	212	482	352	48	1,493	1,446

5 Analysis of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Support costs £000	Total 2024/25 £000	Net grant funding £000	Support costs £000	Total 2023/24 £000
Medical equipment	307	362	315	984	1,084	347	1,431
Environment	69	48	67	184	529	366	895
Supporting specialist staff	471	1	212	684	(26)	(3)	(29)
Research and innovation	968	74	482	1,524	834	375	1,209
Health and wellbeing	591	117	352	1,060	743	246	989
Education and training	(7)	86	48	127	254	80	334
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries	39	-	17	56	112	35	147
Total analysis of charitable activities	2,438	688	1,493	4,619	3,530	1,446	4,976

5.1 Analysis of grants

	No	Total 2024/25 £000	No	Total 2023/24 £000
Name of recipient and number of grants				
Grants awarded to institutions				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – medical equipment	48	702	33	1,166
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – health and wellbeing	68	784	85	779
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – research and innovation	28	1,074	36	995
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – environment	32	149	26	535
Revenue grants				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – specialist staff	2	472	-	-
Grants awarded to individuals				
Staff of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – training and development	54	108	136	287
Total grants awarded	232	3,289	316	3,762
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		38		112
Grants returned, undrawn or written back	132	(201)	159	(344)
Total		3,126		3,530

6 Details of transfers between funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2024/25 £000	Total 2023/24 £000
Transfers between funds	20	(20)	-	-

The fund transfer has arisen as a result of a donor removing the restrictions placed on their donation.

7 Gains on investments

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2024/25 £000	Total 2023/24 £000
Realised (losses)/gains on investment assets	(319)	(105)	(7)	(431)	2,372
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets	225	73	149	447	(314)
Total gains on investments	(94)	(32)	142	16	2,058

8 Staff costs and emoluments

8.1 Analysis of staff costs	Total 2024/25 £000	Total 2023/24 £000
Salaries and wages	2,530	2,360
Social security costs	255	198
Other pension costs	126	112
	2,911	2,670

Staff numbers	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
Fundraising staff	33.0	42	33.2	41
Marketing and communications	7.8	8	8.3	10
Impact and charitable funding	8.5	9	6.7	7
Finance and support resources	6.7	8	7.3	8
CEO Directorate	8.7	9	7.9	8
	64.7	76	63.4	74

8.2 Staff emoluments	2024/25 No	2023/24 No
Between		
£60k and £70k	3	2
£70k and £80k	-	1
£80k and £90k	1	2
£90k and £100k	2	-
£100k and £110k	1	1

8.3 Key management personnel remuneration

The key management personnel of the charity comprise Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Communications, Director of Fundraising, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Director of Retail, Director of Grants and Impact and Company Secretary. Trustees are not remunerated. Trustees received no reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

The Total cost of employing the charity's key management personnel during the year, including employer's social security and pension contributions, was £576,766 (2023/24: £559,380). The highest paid member of staff was the CEO, whose annual salary was £106,038 (2023/24: £100,993). Leeds Hospitals Charity median salary was £30,576 (2023/24: £30,500) which represents a ratio against the highest salary of 3.47:1. Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to equal opportunities and offering fair pay and conditions.

9 Analysis of fixed assets

9.1 Tangible fixed assets – consolidated and charity

	Fixtures, fittings, and equipment £000
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	77
Additions	25
At 31 March 2025	102
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	72
Charge in the year	7
At 31 March 2025	79
Net book value 31 March 2025	23
Net book value 31 March 2024	5

9.2 Investments – consolidated and charity

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £000
Market value at 1 April 2024	21,012	6,948	3,556	31,516	28,494
Add: acquisitions at cost	4,893	1,641	686	7,220	10,358
Less: disposals at carrying value	(9,864)	(3,264)	(678)	(13,806)	(9,394)
Add: net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(94)	(32)	142	16	2,058
Market value at 31 March 2025	15,947	5,293	3,706	24,946	31,516
Historic cost				22,945	27,383

9.3 Class of investments – consolidated and charity

	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £000
Fixed interest	5,506	5,550
Equities – UK	3,668	6,195
Equities – overseas	13,779	16,400
Alternatives	1,993	3,371
	24,946	31,516

10 Investment income – consolidated and charity

	Total 2025 £000	Total 2024 £000
Investments – dividends received	413	660
Investments – interest received	492	223
Total investment income	905	883

11 Analysis of current assets

11.1 Debtors

	Consolidated		Charity	
	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Trade debtors	12	9	12	9
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	9	3
Accrued income	1,768	1,064	1,768	1,064
Other debtors	9	5	9	5
Total debtors falling due within one year	1,789	1,078	1,798	1,081

11.2 Investments – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account	6,260	4,306
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account (B)	64	10
Total short-term investments and deposits	6,324	4,316

12 Analysis of liabilities

12.1 Creditors under one year – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Trade creditors	746	837
Accruals	9,185	12,971
Taxation and social security	63	60
Total creditors falling due within one year	9,994	13,868

12.2 Creditors over one year – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Accruals for grants payable	3,813	3,095
Total creditors falling due after more than one year	3,813	3,095

13 Analysis of consolidated funds

13.1 Movement in funds

2024/25	Balance 1 April £000	Movement in year £000	Balance 31 March £000
Funds			
Unrestricted general purpose	4,308	(858)	3,450
Unrestricted designated	8,496	308	8,804
Restricted	5,269	(97)	5,172
Endowments	3,564	131	3,695
Total	21,637	(516)	21,121

2023/24

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

13.2 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
A Elsie May Sykes Fund	2,209	-	(6)	-	85	2,288
B Jeremy Neil Allen	1,355	-	(5)	-	57	1,407
Total	3,564	-	(11)	-	142	3,695

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.

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Material funds						
A Arthritis and Inflammation Diseases Charity	679	-	(55)	-	(6)	618
B Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	1,451	65	(54)	-	(7)	1,455
C Breast Cancer Research Action Group	681	9	(59)	-	(4)	627
D Liaison Psychiatry	513	-	-	-	(3)	510
E Jeremy Neil Allen	250	37	-	-	(2)	285
Others (27):	1,695	601	(589)	(20)	(10)	1,677
Total	5,269	712	(757)	(20)	(32)	5,172

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 Jeremy Neil Allen	Linked	Income from the Jeremy Neil Allen Endowment Fund for paediatric oncology research, paediatric service, oncology

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 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains & losses £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Material designated funds						
A Yorkshire Cancer Centre	1,534	58	6	(28)	-	1,570
B Children's Services Charity	-	445	15	16	-	476
C MND Support Fund	-	984	(249)	63	-	798
D Kidney Care Charity Fund	336	-	2	(6)	-	332
E Major Projects	3,381	-	-	(1,012)	(94)	2,275
F Grant Funding programme	1,422	-	(1,741)	989	-	670
G Education Funding Programme	252	-	-	-	-	252
H Leeds Leads Research Fund	484	-	5	53	-	542
I Motor Neurone Disease Unit	(1,106)	1,301	(132)	(63)	-	-
Other designated funds (52):	2,193	228	(467)	(65)	-	1,889
Designated funds	8,496	3,016	(2,561)	(53)	(94)	8,804
General unrestricted fund	4,308	3,464	(4,395)	73	-	3,450
Total	12,804	6,480	(6,956)	20	(94)	12,254

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 Children's Services Charity	Funding of equipment, facilities and enhanced patient care at Leeds Children's Hospital.
C MND Support Fund	Funding of research, facilities, equipment & enhanced patient care for patients with motor neurone disease, 3–5 years.
D Kidney Care Charity Fund	To enhance the care and treatment of patients requiring renal services in Leeds, 3–5 years.
E 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.
F Grant Funding Programme	Funding towards the annual grant programme, 1-3 years.
G Education Funding Programme	Funding of education at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, 1-3 years.
H Leeds Leads Research Fund	Funding of research, 1-3 years.
I Motor Neurone Disease Unit	Capital Appeal in respect of the Rob Burrow Centre for MND – closed.

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	2025 £000
2024/25					
Fixed Assets	23	-	-	-	23
Investments	3,499	12,448	5,293	3,706	24,946
Stock	9	-	-	-	9
Debtors	401	525	863	-	1,789
Cash investments	166	4,568	1,526	64	6,324
Cash at bank and in hand	793	790	329	(75)	1,837
Liabilities due within one year	(1,384)	(6,551)	(2,059)	-	(9,994)
Liabilities due after more than one year	(57)	(2,976)	(780)	-	(3,813)
Total net assets	3,450	8,804	5,172	3,695	21,121
	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

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 2024/25 totalled £1,403,000. The following exceeded £50,000:

- Cynthia Anne Hill for General purposes
- Mary Sheelagh Fitzgerald for the benefit of the Rob Burrow Centre for MND
- William Brooks for the benefit of Renal Research
- For the benefit of Leeds Children's Hospital
- Janet Smith for the benefit of children's cancer, burns, heart and baby unit
- David Harry Meek to specifically support Leeds Cancer Centre
- Geoffrey Smith for use across the hospitals.

15 Financial instruments

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	1,788	1,078
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(12,997)	16,066

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

16 Trustee and connected persons transactions

16.1 Trustee indemnity insurance	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Description of cover		
Markel (UK) Limited:		
Social Welfare Combined Insurance Cover	13	13
Total	13	13

17 Cash flow

17.1 Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(516)	2,325
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	7	15
Gains on investments	(16)	(2,058)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(905)	(883)
Increase in stock	(1)	(1)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(711)	385
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(3,157)	61
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,299)	(156)

17.2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Cash flows in year £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Cash in hand and at bank	1,678	159	1,837
Cash equivalent	4,316	2,008	6,324
Total	5,994	2,167	8,161

18 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £27,350 relates to the 2024/25 audit (£22,800) and tax advice (£4,550) given in the year (2023/24: £26,220 relates to the 2023/24 audit (£20,850) and tax advice (£5,370)).

19 Operating lease commitments

	<1 year £000	1–5 years £000	>5 years £000
Land and buildings	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 Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

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

Thank you

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