

**Charitable Incorporated  
Organisation (CIO)  
1176249**

Registered Charity No. 1054459



## **Annual Report**

**Period: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

- **Objectives and Activities**

**Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document (SORP para 1.17).**

The objects of the CIO are:

- (1) The protection and promotion of health, particularly among people suffering from breast cancer and other breast disease in Kent and other parts of the South-East of England ("the Local Area");
- (2) The relief of those in need as a result of ill-health resulting from breast cancer in the Local Area;
- (3) The promotion of research into the nature, causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of breast cancer and other breast disease; and
- (4) The advancement of education through providing training to medical professionals specialising in breast cancer and reconstructive surgery in the Local Area.

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**Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts (SORP para 1.17 and 1.19).**

Improved care for breast cancer patients – Continued funding of training and professional development courses for breast care nurse specialists and other nurses involved with breast cancer patients at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust. Provision of fitness and well-being courses for patients living with secondary breast cancer. Purchasing of equipment to improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients with breast cancer.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding the public benefit of the Charity's activities (SORP para 1.18).

- **Achievements and Performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole (SORP para 1.20).**

Patient well-being after breast cancer diagnosis and treatment remains an important element of the Charity's work. The charity supports fitness classes for patients with breast cancer and the patient support group. We continue to maintain a petty cash system at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Breast clinics, which allows us to purchase items for elderly and vulnerable patients such as a taxi home or a surgical support garment. In addition, the charity refurbished the counselling room in the Tunbridge Wells Breast Clinic to make it a more appropriate space to deliver bad news.

This year the charity upgraded the contrast enhanced mammogram (CESM) guided biopsy equipment. This equipment will help timely diagnosis of cancers not diagnosed by standard mammography and reduce the need for patients to travel to London for MRI biopsies.

The charity also funded purchase of a new surgical headlight system at Maidstone hospital which has been hugely beneficial for surgeons whilst operating through small incisions.

The charity has supported the ongoing training and development of breast team members by funding attendance at breast cancer conferences and educational courses.

- **Financial Review**

## **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period (SORP para 1.21)**

The accounts were prepared using the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE). At the end of the financial year, the charity is in a strong financial position with £649,122 in the current account.

### **• Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Type of governing document (SORP para 1.25)**

Constitution.

#### **How is the charity constituted (SORP para 1.25)**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### **Trustee selection methods (SORP para 1.25)**

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
- (3) A charity trustee retiring on the expiry of a fixed term will be eligible for re-election.

### **• Reference and Administrative details**

**Name:** Breast Cancer Kent

**Charity Number:** 1176249

**Principal Address:** PO Box 1355, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 9UP

**Email:** [breastcancerkent@gmail.com](mailto:breastcancerkent@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.breastcancerkent.org](http://www.breastcancerkent.org)

#### **Trustees:**

Deepika Akolekar (Chairperson) appointed by the Settlor.

Russell Burcombe appointed by the Settlor.

Helen Teare appointed by other trustees.

Colm Walls appointed by other trustees.

Charlotte Moss appointed by other trustees.

Michal Uhercik appointed by other trustees

Laura Freeman appointed by other trustees.

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Hazel Randall appointed by other trustees.  
Judith Mallett appointed by other trustees.  
Eleonor Grandi appointed by other trustees.

There are no corporate trustees or trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

- **Declarations**

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

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



**Deepika Akolekar**  
**Chairperson**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Reference document: Charities SORP (FRS 102).

**Breast Cancer Kent**  
**Independent examiner's report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees/members of Breast Cancer Kent on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise an income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025 and a balance sheet as at that date.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under s.144 of the Charities Act 2016 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under s.145 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under s.145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connect with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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**Breast Cancer Kent**  
**Income and expenditure**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Year end 31.03.25 £	Year end 31.03.24 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	61,499	200,920
Fundraising	60,676	165,665
Bank interest	20,317	12,451
	<u>142,493</u>	<u>379,036</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
CESM Biopsy Upgrade	73,800	-
Faxitron	-	98,500
Patient Journey app	3,065	3,112
Quiet room refurbishment	-	15,000
Surgical headlight system	4,901	-
Microtomes	21,225	-
Accupuncture needles	266	-
Training courses & conferences	396	1,879
Fitness courses	2,560	2,380
Petty cash for breast care nurses	200	100
Insurance	478	478
Printing & postage	353	545
IT costs	-	57
Patient support group	530	214
End-of-treatment group sessions	1,250	-
Younger women support group	735	-
Website costs	926	540
Cancer literature	262	122
Display board & banners	378	-
JustGiving costs	306	209
Bank charges	49	-
	<u>111,680</u>	<u>123,135</u>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<u><b>30,813</b></u>	<u><b>255,901</b></u>

**Breast Cancer Kent  
Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2025**

		<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank	- current	30,388	19,892
	- reserve	88,072	86,850
	- liquidity 35 day	106,405	103,188
	- liquidity 95 day	424,256	408,378
		<b>649,122</b>	<b>618,309</b>

<b>Represented by</b>		<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance as at 1 April		618,309	362,408
Net surplus for the year		30,813	255,901
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Mr Colm Walls  
Treasurer



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Approved by the Board of Trustees on:



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