
Annual Report

2023-24

Charity report and financials for Mesothelioma UK for period ending 31 March 2024.

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Foreword from the CEO



As Mesothelioma UK enters the final year of our current three-year strategy, we are optimistic about the year ahead and I would like to congratulate the whole Mesothelioma UK team, the board, nurses, operations team, our supporters, partners, volunteers and ambassadors.

We have all focused on the charity and done our very best to make Mesothelioma UK even better than it was before. We have made sure that the charity is not only able to sustain current services, but also strengthened our ability to grow and reach more people in the years ahead. The whole team has pulled together, evaluated, reflected, planned, tried and tested, made difficult decisions and generally worked extremely hard.

I am confident we have emerged a stronger, more focused and united team with a shared vision completely dedicated to the charity's cause.

Whilst completing a 'root and branch' review of the charity's income generating methods, processes, and skills, we have still met the needs of more people living with mesothelioma than previously. In addition, the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre Sheffield has continued to publish and have impact across awareness, prevention, and service development. Several of our nursing team have embarked on their own research journeys, fully supported by our research centre's academic team. It has proven to be a harmonious 'bench to bedside' approach to patient focused research.

The charity has had significant impact in raising awareness and asbestos exposure prevention. Much of this has been made possible through individuals generously sharing their stories, maximising available communication channels and through partnership working with other groups and individuals. It really feels like we could be on the cusp of some radical changes in asbestos management.

This year it has become apparent that Mesothelioma UK's ability to provide specialist support and services for people and families living with mesothelioma is recognised beyond the UK. Other nations have reached

out, keen to replicate our approach, our methods and services. It is an honour to share what we can and we are grateful to everyone who has helped shape and support the charity over the years.

There is an air of optimism as we enter a new financial year. Thank you to all our partner groups and organisations, our generous donors and supporters. Mesothelioma UK could not do any of this without you; working together we make a difference every day.

Thank you.

Liz Darlison
CEO, Mesothelioma UK

Objectives & Activities

Mesothelioma UK is the national charity for anyone affected by mesothelioma, a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos.

We exist to support people with mesothelioma to live better and longer, and to prevent mesothelioma happening to future generations.

Established in 2004 as a Macmillan Cancer Support Resource Centre at the University Hospitals of Leicester, the charity has gone from strength to strength. In 2008 we registered as an independent charity, and in 2018 registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation before reaching £1 million in charitable activity by 2020.

The focus of our charitable activity since our foundation has been to provide access to specialist nurses at the point of need, at the front door of our NHS, and in hospitals across the UK.

Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialists provide a large range of benefits including specialist expertise available to patients, increased access to clinical trials, an increase in the number of patients accessing treatment, a lower rate of unplanned admissions, better management of symptoms, and an overall increase in the quality of life for patients.

We also understand that people diagnosed with mesothelioma feel very strongly about preventing future cases. That is why we work closely with partner organisations to raise awareness of asbestos and to shine a light on the devastating impact of mesothelioma.



How We Work

Five key pillars represent the scope and aims of the charity: Improving Outcomes & Experiences, Research, Information, Awareness, and Sustainability & Fundraising.

Our [strategy](#) gives more details on how we work. We use these pillars as a way to showcase our key activities and achievements throughout this report.

1. Improving Outcomes & Experiences

At the heart of everything we do at Mesothelioma UK is our desire to support mesothelioma patients for as long as they need us.

At Mesothelioma UK, we provide a range of services to support anyone affected by mesothelioma. This includes a freephone Support Line, specialist benefits advice, travel grants to support the cost of accessing clinical trials, a dedicated research centre at The University of Sheffield and a comprehensive information service accredited by the Patient Information Forum.

Our Nurses



This year has been another challenging time in healthcare as the NHS continues to recover from the pandemic amid increased demand for services and unprecedented industrial action across its workforce.

Our nurses have continued to meet these challenges with their usual vigour, regularly going above and beyond expectations to ensure the highest standard of care for patients.

As a charity we have a continued challenge to provide our services within the current economic climate. Therefore, it has not been possible to grow the team in numbers during this period. However, the nurses all continue to grow in knowledge and experience within their roles, further cementing their position as expert mesothelioma nurses.

June 2023 saw the biannual International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMig) Conference take place in Lille,

France. Twenty-one members of our nursing team attended the conference, and we were grateful to our legal panel for generously donating to our education fund, which allowed us to provide some financial assistance to many of the nurses who otherwise would have not been able to attend. The conference, which was held over four days, included the latest updates in trials and treatments from across the world. The Mesothelioma UK team had 14 posters displayed at the conference, 11 of which were produced by nurses showcasing their role, development and innovation in patient care. Several members of the team delivered oral presentations on subjects such as access and barriers to clinical trials, and nurse-led pleural services.

In addition to iMig, our nurses have also delivered posters and presentations to audiences at esteemed conferences such as the British Thoracic Oncology Group, Lung Cancer Nursing UK and the World Conference on Lung Cancer in Singapore, not to mention organising and chairing numerous local educational events across the UK. As always, the nursing team have maintained a strong presence across their communities at support groups, social and fundraising events, and of course Action Mesothelioma Day.

We continue to strive to provide expert mesothelioma nursing in all four nations. Our nurses in Scotland are core members of the successful Scottish Mesothelioma Network which includes a national MultiDisciplinary Team (MDT) and a coordinated approach to care. Project Cymru continued to bring professionals together to work towards equity of care across Wales, with an inaugural education event held in October. Although our Project Lead retired during this year, we ensured patients in Wales were not disadvantaged and we were pleased to welcome a new nurse in Wales. In Northern Ireland we are working closely with NHS colleagues to establish the first mesothelioma nurse posts. Over the next year, we hope to be able to extend our reach to more nurses across the UK with the launch of our nursing network.

As we look towards the next 12 months, I would like to thank our nurses for their energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to improving the lives of all those affected by mesothelioma, and look forward to supporting them in their forthcoming achievements.

Leah Taylor
Head of Nursing

Nursing Posts

During the year we said warm welcomes and sad farewells to some of our nurses.

Jo Hargrave was our Mesothelioma UK nurse based at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. Jo was a key member of the nursing team, a fount of all knowledge and go-to person for surgical advice. After six years Jo felt it was time for a new challenge and to fully focus on her passion for thoracic surgery.

Sarah Morgan was our Project Lead for Wales based at Hywel Dda Health Board. Sarah retired in November after seven years with the charity and a long and distinguished nursing career, leading the development of specialised mesothelioma services in Wales and championing for equity of access to care and treatment across the country.

Lucy Johnson was our Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialist in Portsmouth. In addition to this role Lucy was also a Pleural Clinical Nurse Specialist. Pleural medicine is an exciting emerging specialty and Lucy decided to focus on her pleural role to ensure that all patients requiring this service could benefit from specialist care.

We wish Jo, Sarah and Lucy well for their futures and thank them for their dedication and enthusiasm to improving the care of people affected by mesothelioma.



Also in Wales, we welcomed Becky Weston-Thomas to the team. Becky is based at Aneurin Bevan Health Board in Newport. This post is being generously funded by Macmillan Cancer Support for the first two years. In addition to her mesothelioma role, Becky is also a Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Many of our partners have generously funded some of our nursing posts, and are also a great source of support to our whole team. Thank you to all our partners, without you and your donors and fundraisers we would not be able to make such an enormous impact on the lives of mesothelioma patients across the UK.

Facts & Figures

Total number of new patients

1,104

Episodes of care* provided

by our Mesothelioma UK nurses for both new and existing mesothelioma patients

29,821

* Support and advice on topics including symptoms, pain, treatment options, clinical trials, psychological support

Total number of support groups attended*

384

* Groups held locally or virtually where patients and families can meet our nurses, ask questions, and feel supported

Number of MDT* meetings attended

944

* Multi-Disciplinary Team - group of healthcare professionals working together to make decisions on the best course of care for patients



Legal panel:

- The Asbestos Law Partnership
- Digby Brown
- Fieldfisher
- Hugh James
- Irwin Mitchell
- Leigh Day
- Novum Law
- RWK Goodman
- Simpson Millar
- Slater and Gordon
- Thompsons

Case Study

Anne Moylan

Former Mesothelioma UK Team Leader and CNS, Portsmouth



Anne joined the Mesothelioma UK Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) team as the fourth CNS in September 2014, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in lung cancer nursing.

Anne quickly established herself as a senior member of the team being appointed to the post of Team Leader for the South of England in 2016, and with additional funding from HASAG brought the post up to full time. Anne's clinical activity was always at the heart of her role, maintaining a clinical caseload and establishing a nurse-led clinic for mesothelioma patients within her Trust. As a Team Leader, Anne was a role model providing clinical leadership and mentorship to the nurses within the South as well as supporting the wider national Mesothelioma UK CNS Team and the Head of Nursing.

With a base in Portsmouth, Anne was particularly eager and well placed to ensure patients diagnosed with mesothelioma who were exposed in the Armed Forces had access to specialist support. Anne became Senior Nurse for the Supporting Our Armed Forces (SOAF) Project team and was engaged with the project until leaving her Mesothelioma UK CNS post in May 2024.

During her time on the project, Anne was involved in several initiatives including providing support and guidance for the Lead Nurse for Armed Forces, reviewing and developing patient information, signing the Armed Forces Covenant, and securing numerous grants. The Armed Forces work has been well recognised with Mesothelioma UK being awarded the prestigious Health Services Journal Military and Civilian Partnership Award in 2020. Anne herself was recognised for her work within her own Trust, being awarded Portsmouth University Hospitals NHS Trust's first Veteran Challenge Coin, launched to recognise those who have gone over and above in their duties in relation to members of the Armed Forces community.

One of Anne's most notable achievements is the establishment of a permanent memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in honour of those who have served in the Armed Forces and have been affected by mesothelioma. The memorial depicts the building blocks of life, engraved with information about mesothelioma, asbestos and the Armed Forces.

During the 10 years Anne was in post, she delivered numerous presentations to local, national and international audiences. Anne also presented many posters at conferences around the world and sought to ensure the mesothelioma nursing voice was represented as far as possible. In spring 2024 Anne decided the time was right to embrace some new challenges in her career. Whilst she will be missed by the Mesothelioma UK CNS team her leadership and professionalism has shaped the team to what it is today, and her legacy will have a lasting impact.



Anne with Johnny Mercer MP in support of the Armed Forces

Highlight on Wales

Project Cymru commenced as a three-year initiative in 2020, with the ambition being to enhance mesothelioma services across Wales and bring together a countrywide network of expertise.

Background

There are approximately 100 diagnoses of mesothelioma per year. Work undertaken early in the project highlighted inequity of access to support and information. Wales is a predominantly rural nation which can pose challenges for patients with a rare disease to access specialist care and support.

Network Cymru

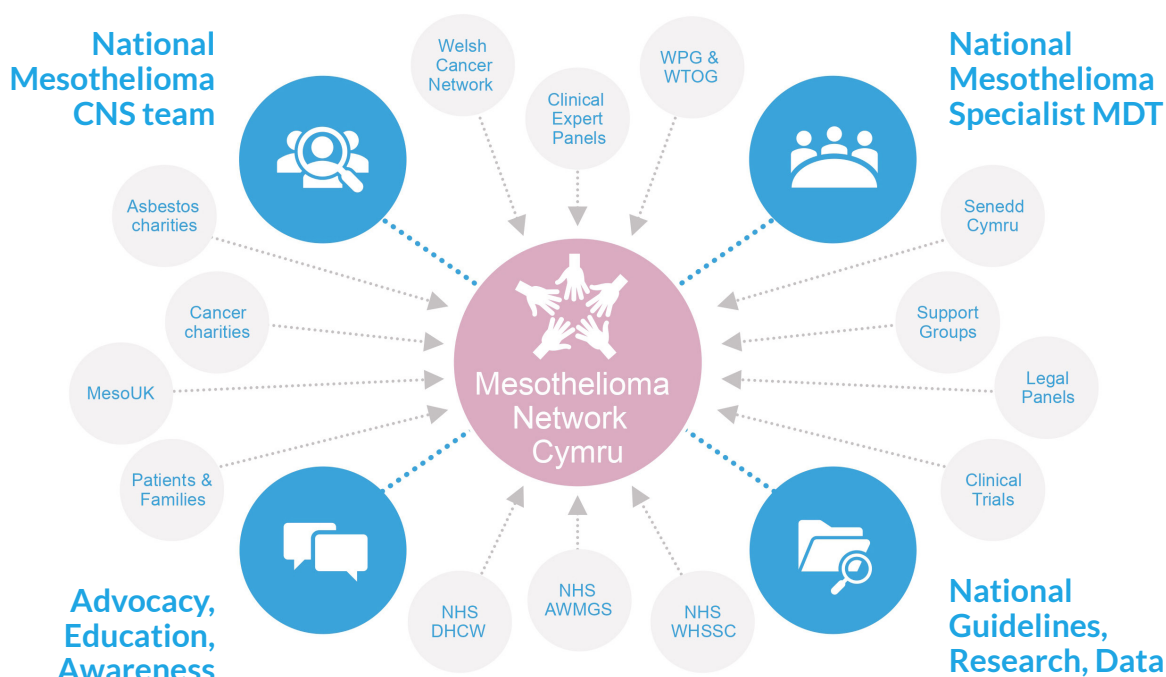
In 2022 the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee agreed funding for commissioned mesothelioma services in Wales, to include a single multidisciplinary team. Our Project Cymru Lead CNS was integral to developing the service specification, national optimal pathway and quality performance indicators to underpin and benchmark the services. Progress in developing commissioned services has been slow but despite this, work has continued to bring together the wider mesothelioma community.

Project Cymru was extended for six months which saw the inaugural Wales Professionals Education event take place with over 70 attendees from healthcare, legal and voluntary sectors. The event was very well received although low attendance from some areas in Wales confirms the need to offer hybrid events due to distance needed to travel. Due to retirement there was no dedicated mesothelioma CNS in post. Funding support was obtained from Macmillan Cancer Support to establish two CNS posts in Wales, which will be funded by Macmillan for the first two years and Mesothelioma UK thereafter. Becky Weston-Thomas from Anuerin Bevan Health Board was appointed in December. Below she reflects on her first six months in post.



Highlight on Wales

Four key pillars of Mesothelioma Network Cymru



“So far, I have found the role very rewarding, and it is vastly different from my other role as a lung cancer nurse. I have enjoyed throwing myself into the role and I am looking forward to the year ahead. To get the most out of the role you need to be very organised and self-driven, which suits me very well. I have enjoyed making the role my own and this role has allowed me to carve my way into the mesothelioma world in Wales by helping patients and professionals. I do love that I can organise my workload and caseload independently so that I can work autonomously across Wales.

Mesothelioma UK is a great organisation as it facilitates this type of working, with the added benefit of dipping into peer support and the additional support that Mesothelioma UK offers. I am just over six months into the role now and I must say I have been loving it. Hopefully this is the start of great things with me and Mesothelioma UK and my aim is to continue to support both patients and professionals from across Wales.”

Becky Weston-Thomas
Mesothelioma UK CNS

Key

CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
MDT	MultiDisciplinary Team
WPG	Welsh Pleural Group
WTOG	Welsh Thoracic Oncology Group
DHCW	Digital Health and Care Wales
AWMGS	All Wales Medical Genomics Service
WHSSC	Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

Moving forward

Although Project Cymru has now concluded we will continue our work in Wales. We are working with our partners to establish a second mesothelioma CNS post, a further education event is planned to take place in September 2024 and we will continue to support colleagues from across Wales to work towards the goal of establishing a countrywide mesothelioma multidisciplinary team and improve access to specialist care, support, treatment and trials.

Highlight on Northern Ireland



Project Northern Ireland was launched in 2023 in response to contact the charity had with the Rodgers family from Newry, Co Down following the passing of their father, Tony on New Year's Day 2022.

Since the launch of the project we have been working closely with colleagues from Health and Social Care Northern Ireland, Macmillan Cancer Support and local clinicians to progress plans for developing mesothelioma services including the first CNS post.

It is anticipated the specialist nurse post will be based in Belfast but with a Northern Ireland wide remit to ensure all those diagnosed have equitable access to mesothelioma expertise. One of the first tasks of the specialist nurse will be to explore support networks and information sources that already exist, identify any gaps in provision and look at strategies to tackle these.

Due to the link with asbestos it is essential patients with mesothelioma have access to specialist legal advice and we were keen to ensure our legal panel contains experts from Northern Ireland.

The Rodgers Family

The Rodgers family from Northern Ireland first reached out to us in January 2022, following the heartbreaking loss of their father and husband, Tony. Since then, they have worked tirelessly to fundraise for Project Northern Ireland, becoming a key part of its success.

Thanks to the Rodgers family's dedication, Project Northern Ireland has continued to thrive. In September 2023, they held a line dancing event, raising **£2,300**, and another family member organised a raffle at their gymnastics club, contributing an additional **£1,000**. Through their incredible efforts, a total of **£39,073.33** has been raised in just two years.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Rodgers family, not only for their remarkable fundraising but for being such an inspiring and committed partner in this project. We look forward to continuing to make progress in Northern Ireland with their invaluable support.

Highlight on Scotland



**Scottish
Mesothelioma
Network**

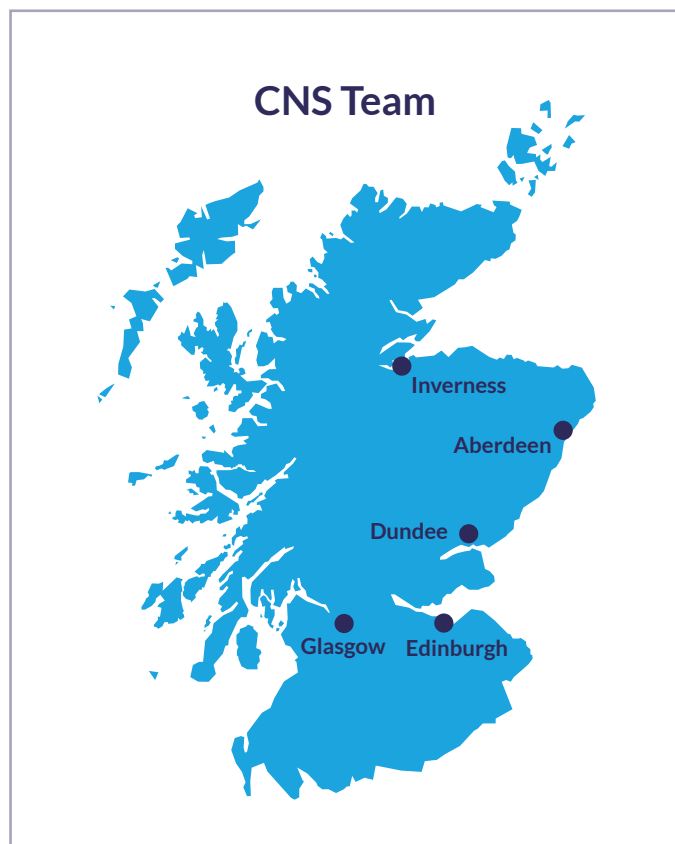


Scotland has one of the highest rates of mesothelioma in the world, significantly surpassing the global average. While still a rare cancer, the incidence has increased exponentially since the early 1900s and is projected to continue to rise over the next two decades, a legacy of the extensive use of asbestos in heavy industry and its presence in public buildings across the country.

In 2019, the Scottish Mesothelioma Network (SMN) was launched in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, Mesothelioma UK and NHS Scotland with the aim of transforming care for those in Scotland affected by mesothelioma. As of April 2022, it has secured funding from the Scottish Government and moved into the Scottish Cancer Network. Bringing together specialist healthcare professionals, researchers and charity support organisations from across the country, the overall aim of the SMN is sustainable delivery of equitable services to all patients with mesothelioma in Scotland regardless of geographical location. This extends to internationally benchmarked, high quality clinical care, information and support, and access to potentially life-changing clinical trials.

Network staff, based in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Dundee and Inverness attend a virtual MultiDisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting every week to present and discuss new and known patients. Clear, high-quality management plans and clinical trial information is fed back to local sites the same day. This approach aims to speed diagnosis and treatment for patients affected by mesothelioma no matter where they live in the country, provide national expert advice, and ensure optimal care is delivered as close to home as possible. The MDT also provides a forum for clinical teams to share expertise and gather mesothelioma specific patient information which can be used to audit the care provided. The second Quality Performance Indicator (QPI) Report covering calendar year 2022 was published at the end of 2023 and can be viewed on the Scottish Mesothelioma Network [website](#).

Over the past year, the network team has continued to develop their relationships with acute services and charity support organisations, to ensure that patients and their families are being offered the most up to date legal advice and welfare benefits as well as emotional and practical support. The work of the network is significantly enhanced through collaborative working with Mesothelioma UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, Maggie's Cancer Care and our associated asbestos charities, Action on Asbestos, Clydebank Asbestos Group and Asbestos Action.



Improving Services

There are five Mesothelioma UK Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) across Scotland, one in each of the health board regions:

- Carolyn MacRae, Mesothelioma UK CNS and Team Lead for Scotland, based at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
- Susan Smyth, Mesothelioma UK CNS, based at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
- Tracy Petrie, Mesothelioma UK CNS, based at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen
- Lynne Hunter, Mesothelioma UK CNS, based at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh
- Jenn Latham, Mesothelioma UK CNS (affiliated post), based at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

CNSs remain an integral part of the network, possessing specialist knowledge, skills, competencies and experience. They play a key role within the multidisciplinary teams to plan and deliver care and services that aim to meet the unique, complex needs of patients diagnosed with mesothelioma.

Network Goals and Developments

Diagnostics

Local anaesthetic thoracoscopy (LAT) is considered the ideal tool for mesothelioma diagnosis, allowing high quality biopsies and drainage of fluid (pleural effusion) at the same time if needed. The SMN has continued to work to improve local LAT services. Raigmore Hospital in Inverness has been able to set up their service, joining Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow, Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and Western General Hospital in Edinburgh.

Treatment Advances

On 26 October 2023, the National Cancer Medicines Advisory Group (NCMAG) issued approval for the off-label use of single agent Nivolumab in NHS Scotland in the second-or-subsequent line setting for pleural or peritoneal mesothelioma in those who have progressed following platinum-based chemotherapy.

Use of Nivolumab in this setting, proven in the phase III CONFIRM study reported by Fennell et al in 2021, demonstrated statistically significant longer progression-free survival (3.0 months v 1.8 months, HR 0.67, $p=0.0012$) and overall survival (10.2 months v 6.9 months, HR 0.69, $p=0.009$) when compared to placebo.

Having the ability to offer Nivolumab is an opportunity to offer for the very first time proven life-extending treatment in this setting, and a new standard of care that will offer hope and positivity to those in Scotland affected by this devastating disease.

Clinical Trials and Research

Access to clinical trials is granted to all Scottish patients regardless of geographical location (assuming eligible as per trial specific inclusion/exclusion criteria). Where travel may incur costs, grants can be sought to cover them. The CNS team plays a key role in identifying suitable patients, advocating for them, and supporting them throughout the trial process.

Current trials/research opportunities across Scotland include:

- MITOPE
- EXTRA-Meso (EXercise TherApy in Mesothelioma) feasibility study
- Meso-ORIGINS
- ASSESS-Meso

Patient Support & Information



Information Packs

The network has continued to offer patient information folders to all patients diagnosed with mesothelioma. The pack can be supplemented as per patient need and contains nationally agreed, standardised information including a mesothelioma patient information booklet, local asbestos charity information and contact details, Mesothelioma UK care record, Mesothelioma UK keeping-in-touch card and clinical trials app details, an invitation to our national support group and local Mesothelioma CNS contact details.

To offer equitable information and support to patients nationally, these packs are offered to Lung Cancer CNS teams across every health board region to distribute as appropriate to those patients who are not attending a hospital trust with a dedicated Mesothelioma UK CNS present.

The content of the pack is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it is kept up-to-date and relevant.

Support Group

A monthly online support group facilitated by Maggie's Highland remains available to anyone across the country directly or indirectly affected by a diagnosis of mesothelioma. Each of the Scottish CNS's attend in rotation to support the Maggie's team. The groups are patient led and topics of discussion have included diagnostic pathways, treatment and trials, symptoms and symptom control.



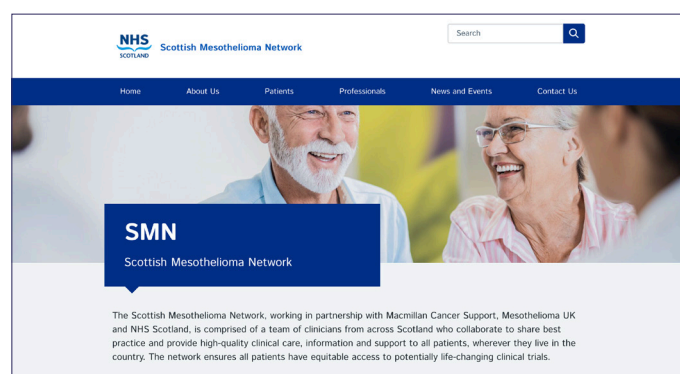
Attendees' feedback to the Maggie's team regarding the benefits of the group has included:

- Meeting others with similar experiences
- Up-to-date information on treatments and symptom advice/management
- Access to a Clinical Nurse Specialist to answer any questions
- Sharing knowledge and practical tips
- Gaining a sense of control

Sharing Knowledge and Expertise

Network Newsletter

A network newsletter has been created to help raise awareness and share all the news and developments in relation to mesothelioma across Scotland and the SMN itself. Primarily aimed at healthcare professionals and support agencies with a special interest in mesothelioma, it is also sent to all the Scottish Lung Cancer CNSs (via the Scottish Lung Cancer CNS Forum) and is available to patients and their families as appropriate. The current issue along with a back catalogue can be viewed on the Scottish Mesothelioma Network [website](#).



Education Events

The network team continues to host an annual education and networking event for health care professionals and those with a specialist interest in the care of those affected by a diagnosis of mesothelioma. Presentations at the last event in May 2023 included:

- An Impact Analysis of the Scottish Mesothelioma Network
- Trials and Treatment: An update on Meso-ORIGINS
- The results of SYSTEMS-2 Trial
- Staging and State-of-the-Art Imaging in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (Diagnosis and Staging in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma and Mesothelioma Imaging for now and the future: MRI, research and beyond)
- Exercise therapy in Mesothelioma – the EXTRA-Meso feasibility study

Fundraising



Whether baking 'Muffins For Meso' or attending education events, networking and setting up information stands, the CNS team across Scotland has continued to highlight and promote the work of Mesothelioma UK and raise vital funds for them.



A special thanks, in particular, to Lynne Hunter (Lothian CNS) who helped raise an amazing **£1,477.50**, and the Tayside Respiratory team for completing the Kiltwalk, raising funds for both Mesothelioma UK and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Patient Case Study

Roger Tweed



Here Roger shares his journey with mesothelioma and the pivotal supporting role that Mesothelioma UK has had throughout.

This is a very personal account of one person's initial journey with mesothelioma. It is incomplete and there is more to come and more to learn. It is unique, just as everyone's experience of living with cancer is unique. In meeting so many brave and wonderful fellow travellers, at hospital and through Mesothelioma UK, I have learnt more in five years of the diversity of people's responses to life's challenges than I learned in my first 70 years.

It was August 2019. I was on holiday in Crete celebrating both my son's wedding and my 70th birthday. It was great except that I could not climb the hill to our bedroom apartment from the hotel main building and facilities. I had to hire a car just to return from breakfast! I was totally out of breath after just a few yards up the steep hill.

As soon as we were home my wife sent me to the doctors. Epithelioid mesothelioma. It took Joan and I an age to get our tongues round those words.

We had great emotional support, but as we later discovered, there was a lack of experience of mesothelioma at my local hospital. This meant that I was given the prognosis of no more than 12 months to live. As a result of this I gave up work and rather than planning for the future, we set about planning for my death. It was a dark time for both of us.

I noticed too, that whilst I was given loads of support, my wife, who was hit extremely hard by my diagnosis, was given much less. It is a truth, well recognised by Mesothelioma UK, that the carer needs as much practical and emotional support as the person living with the cancer. Indeed, the carer lives with the cancer at least as much as the one diagnosed.

So, I had my first course of chemo. They were not the best times, but it reduced the tumour, and the cancer became inactive. However, I was told there was no further treatment and I would be put on palliative care.

Palliative care. I had no idea what this involved. I imagined a hospital bed would be delivered and that would be the end of my life.



That was not the case though! I had a wonderful 2020 from March to November. The total lockdown for us was a wonderful time spending 24 hours with each other every day and then caravanning together July, August, and September. Sadly though, it didn't last. My wife became ill in November, was admitted to hospital in December, caught Covid there and died early January. She died at around the time we had planned for my end. It was devastating and I still feel that sense of guilt that it should have been me.

However, I had further life changing events by the end of February. I was invited to the Hope Centre at Leicester Hospital to discuss the possibility of a trial. This changed everything.

I arrived excited and optimistic but with little hope. I felt very much I was on borrowed time. The Hope Centre changed everything. For the first time I met Mesothelioma Specialist Nurses from Mesothelioma UK who were fully aware of my cancer. I got to know them, they got to know me and suddenly I was the one being treated rather than

the disease. They gave me accurate information; they answered every question honestly and fully but most importantly they gave me hope.

The Mesothelioma UK nurses, the research nurses at the Hope Centre delivering my treatment and monitoring my disease and the team of doctors have been the greatest support imaginable. In my journey with cancer, they have accompanied me on seven further courses of treatment, listening to my every moan and happy moments. They have given me encouragement each time I have had side effects, and I claim to have managed to get every side effect listed for each treatment. It has been an incredible experience to have had the privilege and luck to share my journey with such kind and dedicated professionals.

During the last four years I have enjoyed a full and active life. Some activities have been harder to maintain, and some I have moved on from, but it has led me to find new sources of joy and pleasure. There is something about realising fully, for the first time in one's life, that one really is mortal and the certainty of death is accepted, that leads to a greater appreciation of the everyday mundanities of life. It has been surprising that I have in many respects found that certainty to be liberating.

The support of the Mesothelioma UK nurses has enabled me to maintain my acceptance of my cancer, and whilst I refuse to let the cancer define me, I have been enabled to make it part of me and to help me learn more about myself and to still find joy, laughter and purpose in my life.

Roger was diagnosed in 2019, but it wasn't until he was referred to the Hope Centre in Leicester for a clinical trial that he first met the Mesothelioma UK nurses. These nurses have been instrumental in his journey, offering knowledgeable support and guidance, especially after the loss of his wife. They have encouraged patients to network and come together as a group, which has been vital for sharing experiences and supporting one another. Additionally, they have acted as a crucial link between Roger and his consultant. Without the Mesothelioma UK nurses, there would be no one to turn to during anxious moments and times of worry.

Benefits Support

Benefits Advisors

Patients with mesothelioma are highly likely to be entitled to government benefits and compensation, regardless of their current financial position, and it is a key priority for Mesothelioma UK to ensure that all patients have access to high quality, specialist advice.

We continue to provide one to one benefits and compensation advice to our patients in North East England, provided by our Benefits Manager, Sarah Thomas. In the rest of the UK we work closely with members of the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum to ensure patients asking us for advice are matched with a suitable specialist advisor in their area.

We continue to raise awareness of Mesothelioma UK's benefits advice service by attending health professional training and educational days and working closely with the mesothelioma professional community.

An ongoing major challenge is the deterioration in service levels and processing times of Industrial Injuries benefits at the Department for Work and Pensions. Previously held in high regard by specialist advisors, the Industrial Injuries department has seen a doubling in processing times for benefits and government compensation claims by mesothelioma patients.

Our research shows that Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit processing time¹ for claimants with mesothelioma has increased from an average of 28 days in April 2022 to 54 days in April 2024 and processing time for government lump sum payments under the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979 and 2008 Diffuse Mesothelioma Scheme has increased from an average of 34 days in April 2022 to 71 days in April 2024.

It is no exaggeration to say that multiple patients have died before their benefit claims were processed. Mesothelioma UK has sought to raise awareness of this issue via a PR campaign and by making repeated contact with government ministers.

Facts & Figures

Total number of clients

90

Lump Sum Payments Identified

£1,291,658

Estimated Annualised Benefit

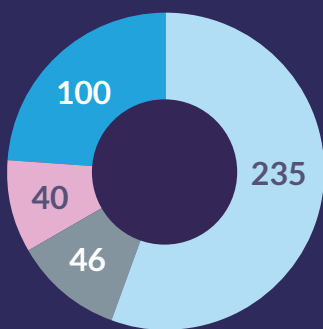
£903,086

1. Processing time as defined by Mesothelioma UK is the time from the postal date of the claim forms to the date the claimant receives their award letter.

Support Line

The Mesothelioma UK Support Line sits at the centre of the support services provided by the charity. A freephone number (Mon - Thurs 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-3pm) provides access to expert support and advice for those not able to find this locally - sometimes a listening ear is all that is required.

In 2023/2024 the Mesothelioma UK Support Line dealt with 421 contacts for support split as follows:

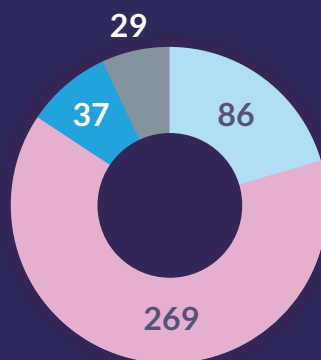


- Via email
- Via our website contact form
- Calls to our freephone support line
- Via our Patient & Carer Facebook group

What does this show us?

Numbers of calls and emails year on year seems to be similar. Those choosing to contact us via our website or via social media have increased threefold since last year (2022/23). Total contacts for support across all media have increased since last year by 10% showing that demand for our services is on the increase.

So, who contacts Mesothelioma UK for support?

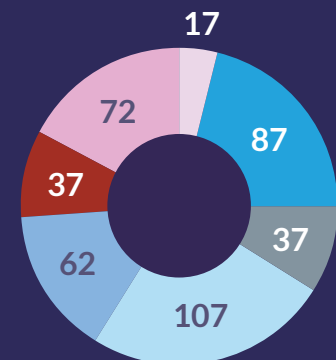


- Well but worried about asbestos exposure
- Healthcare professional
- Patients
- Relative/carer

What does this show us?

As has been the case in recent years, we receive requests for support from three times more family members than from patients themselves. Support for Carers remains high in our priorities with the Carers Hours monthly support group, Carers Course and the Patient and Carer Facebook group. Many plans are in place for 2024/25 to increase and improve services for carers. Recent press coverage and campaigns have brought the issue of asbestos exposure to the minds of more people, so the increase in calls from those worried about this is to be expected.

What kind of support are our users looking for?



- Compensation & benefits
- New diagnosis
- Symptom & pain management
- Treatment options
- Clinical trials
- Well but worried about exposure
- Other

What does this show us?

Most contacts are about symptoms, treatment, benefits and compensation showing a continuing need for our support services for those who are not receiving this information and advice locally.

2. Research

Introduction

Mesothelioma UK is dedicated to advancing research in all areas of mesothelioma care and treatment. Our goal is to support top-tier, scientifically relevant research focused on mesothelioma.

In April 2023, we launched our third independent grant round. We continue to be proud members of the Association of Medical Research Charities, whose support and guidance we deeply appreciate. We are also immensely grateful to our Research Advisory Steering Committee (RASC) for their thorough review of applications, ensuring we fund only the highest quality research.

Active Grants



Leveraging clonal genomics to augment diagnostic accuracy and forecast survival in mesothelioma

Project Aims:

The key aim of this project is to establish whether a deep knowledge of how mesothelioma evolves can be leveraged to develop a simple test that can be readily implemented in clinical practice. This test should be able to:

1. Significantly improve diagnostic accuracy and
2. Predict clinical outcomes with respect to overall survival and commonly used chemotherapies



Tipping the balance: pro-and anti-apoptotic proteins as determinants of radiation resistance in mesothelioma

The key aim of this project is to investigate why radiotherapy treatment reduces pain for some patients with asbestos-related cancer, mesothelioma, and not others.

EXTRA-Meso feasibility study – EXercise TheRApy in Mesothelioma feasibility study.

The aim of this study is to examine the feasibility of a randomised trial of exercise therapy in mesothelioma. Outcomes from the study will help us refine the design of a future definitive phase 3 trial, including the number of recruiting centres required, and the optimum duration and format of the exercise intervention.

Completed Grants 2023-24



Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Health & Lifestyle of Patients with mesothelioma (HELP-MESO)

A new research initiative by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, funded by Mesothelioma UK, has delved into the health and lifestyle of patients battling mesothelioma. The study, aptly named 'Health and Lifestyle of Patients with Mesothelioma' (HELP-MESO), aims to enhance patient care by focusing on appetite, diet, and physical activity.



North Tees and Hartlepool
NHS Foundation Trust

The journey from diagnosis to end of life care for patients with Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (MPM) – a retrospective palliative care review

A study conducted by North Tees and Hartlepool sheds light on the challenging path faced by patients diagnosed with Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (MPM). This rare and incurable cancer, primarily linked to asbestos exposure, affects the lung pleura and presents complex symptoms. The study aimed to trace the journey from diagnosis to end-of-life care, uncovering unmet needs and opportunities for improvement.



University of Sheffield

MINNOW Investigating the Mental health Implications of a mesothelioma diagnosis and developing resources to Optimise Wellbeing

MINNOW was the first study to explore both mental health impacts and interventions for patients and carers living with mesothelioma. Through adopting a mixed-methods design, we have been able to provide a detailed picture of the mental health and wellbeing experiences of patients, and current and bereaved carers.



University of the
Highlands and Islands
Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd
agus nan Eilean

Use of pleural effusion to diagnose mesothelioma by detection of genetic anomalies

Researchers at the University of the Highlands and Islands have made significant progress in the diagnosis of mesothelioma, a rare and aggressive cancer linked to asbestos exposure. The study, funded by Mesothelioma UK, explored a novel approach using pleural effusion - a build-up of fluid around the lungs - as a diagnostic tool.

Funding partners for 2023/24

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Update from the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre



The Mesothelioma UK Research Centre at the University of Sheffield was established in 2020, and is funded by Mesothelioma UK. By the end of June 2024 we will have completed four years as a research centre.

In its fourth year the Research Centre has continued to expand its programme of research to benefit the care of people diagnosed with mesothelioma and their families. In 2023/4 we completed three studies on mental health and wellbeing impacts of mesothelioma, palliative care needs in mesothelioma and variability in peritoneal mesothelioma experiences. We are continuing with our new studies - the Supporting Our Supporters (SOS) study which is exploring experiences of carers in mesothelioma, and the experiences of coroner/procurator fiscal services in mesothelioma study.

In addition, we will commence a nested study within the HIT-MESO clinical trial which will explore patient experiences of receiving proton beam radiotherapy treatment. These studies complement our existing portfolio of projects, which all respond to top priorities for mesothelioma research, as identified in our 2021 Research Prioritisation Exercise.

Since the Research Centre was established the team has achieved the following:

- Led 17 high-quality research studies
- Achieved 169 research outputs, conference presentations and publications
- Published 27 papers in peer review journals (e.g. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, *Palliative Medicine*, *European Journal of Oncology Nursing*)
- Presented 72 posters and oral presentations at national and international conferences including International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMIG), British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG), International Thoracic Oncology Nursing Forum (ITONF)
- Invited to present 32 presentations at conferences (including as keynote speaker, plenary and discussant) and study days e.g. law firms, Local Mesothelioma Networks, asbestos monitoring industry seminars
- Made 10 policy/parliamentary contributions
- Contributed to 44 public engagement events including creating animations and films, infographics and events at the Festival of the Mind and Festival of Social Sciences
- Had a book commissioned on Living with Mesothelioma that will be published by Routledge in 2025

We have recently developed a '[Resources](#)' webpage where all our outputs can be accessed.

The Research Centre has also been working hard to support other early career mesothelioma researchers and has provided mentoring and advice to students, nurses, doctors and other aspiring academics.

Earlier this year we were delighted to be awarded core funding from Mesothelioma UK up to the end of June 2026. We look forward to continuing our research and making a difference to people with mesothelioma and their families.

The Research Centre is led by Prof. Angela Tod and Prof. Clare Gardiner who work with a team of researchers and PhD students, supported by a Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) panel. More information about the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre can be found on their website: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/murc>

Highlight on a Research Centre Study

Palliative care needs of those living with mesothelioma and their families

Research summary

Palliative care is treatment, care and support for people with a life-limiting illness, and their family and friends. The aim of palliative care is to help people have a good quality of life. In 2021-2023 we conducted a study investigating the palliative care needs of people with mesothelioma and their families, and explored the important role of Mesothelioma UK CNSs in supporting people with palliative care needs.

We found that people with mesothelioma have significant palliative care needs from the moment they are diagnosed, such as the management of pain and other symptoms. Family carers have their own palliative care needs, for example, information needs around 'what lies ahead.' Mesothelioma UK CNSs are highly skilled at providing palliative care and have an important role in supporting patients with their early palliative care needs; they also work closely with specialist palliative care teams to manage greater needs.

A striking finding from the study was that people can be reluctant to accept palliative care because of negative perceptions about the word 'palliative,' which some people associate with death. We found palliative care can be valuable at any point in the mesothelioma journey and can improve quality of life throughout.

Since completing the study, we have been working hard with Mesothelioma UK to improve palliative and end-of-life care in mesothelioma. For example, we have used our research findings to support Mesothelioma UK CNSs in their clinical practice and have published a number of articles in peer review journals. We have also produced a range of resources to help all doctors and nurses understand more about palliative care in mesothelioma.



To help patients and families understand the important role of palliative care, we have produced a short animation and accompanying infographic, which have been widely used and are available on our website. We also took part in the 2023 Festival of Social Sciences, where we hosted a panel discussion with patients, nurses, doctors and researchers to discuss, and address, some of the common misconceptions around palliative care.

In 2024 we were delighted to receive funding to develop a play about mesothelioma. 'Invisible Threads' is a powerful play telling the stories of families affected by mesothelioma; highlighting injustice, human spirit, and the strength, positivity, and hope of the mesothelioma community. The play was a collaboration between the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre and Dead Earnest Theatre. It premiered in Sheffield in September 2024. For more details about this study, a recording of the play, or to download any of our resources see our [webpage](#).

3. Information

Example of our leaflets

We aim to provide everyone with timely, high-quality information, empowering patients to make informed decisions about their care.



Our accreditation with the PIF TICK, the UK-wide quality mark for health information from the Patient Information Forum, is crucial to this effort.

Our downloadable leaflets and booklets are for everybody affected by mesothelioma. They complement the [support given by our nurses](#). Our website also has lots of additional information including [looking after yourself](#) and understanding [clinical trials](#).

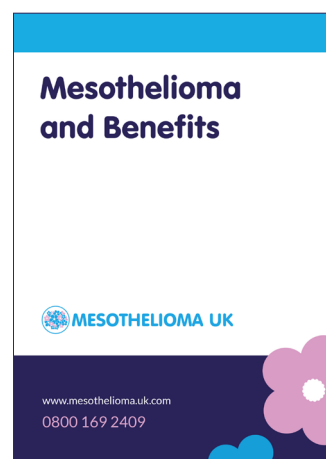
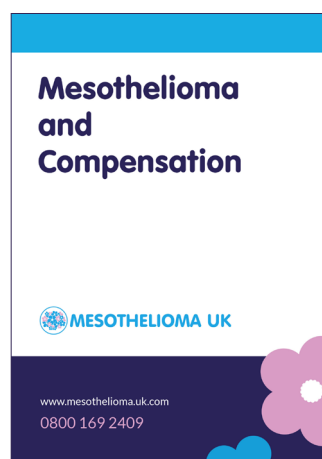
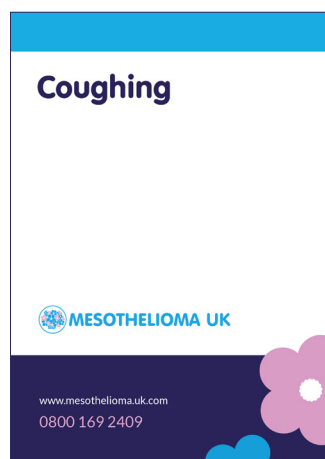
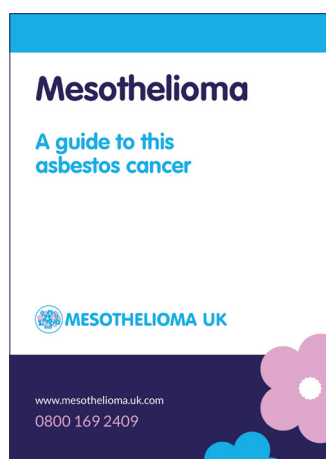
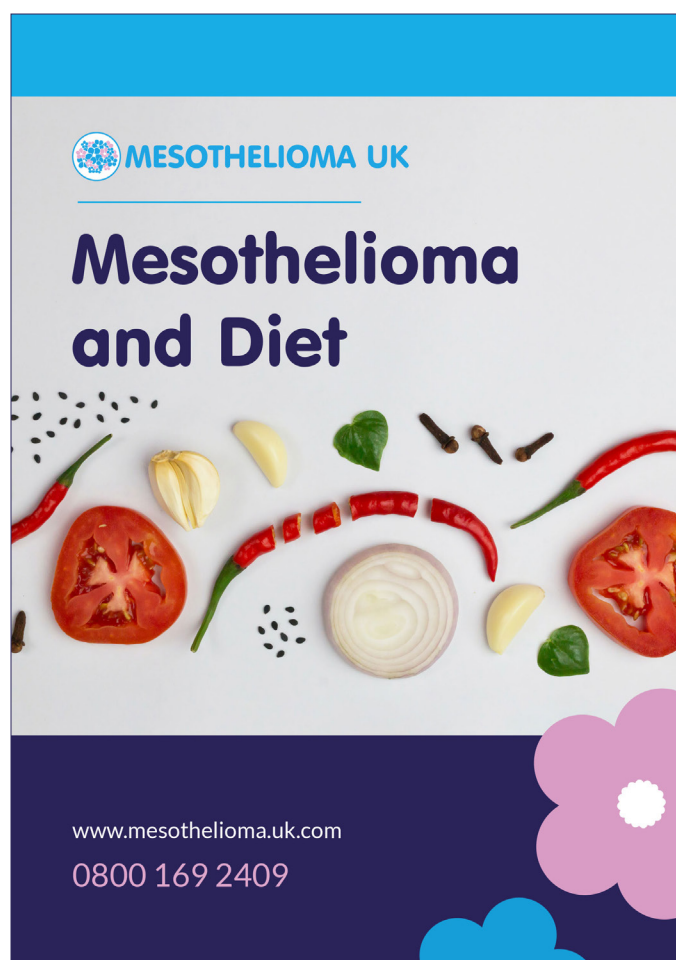
Number of
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17,999

Number of
downloads

Mesothelioma & Diet
2,574

Planning for End of Life
2,361



Our Communications

The following information can be found on our [website](#).

Blog pages

Our blog brings together stories from our amazing fundraisers and staff, as well as real-life stories linked to our campaign work.

News pages

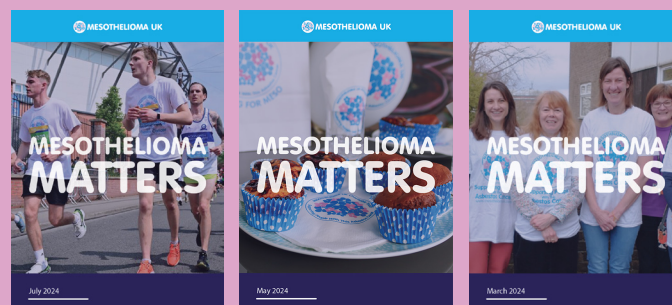
News stories and press releases are published in our 'latest news' section.

Our magazine

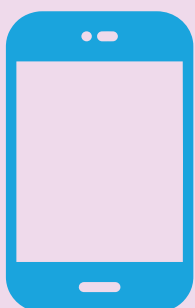
Mesothelioma UK aims to keep patients, families, fundraisers, corporate donors and healthcare professionals up to date with the latest news and developments in the mesothelioma community.

Recipients on our mailing list

1,672



Social media



We also share lots of news and information via social media on our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts.



www.facebook.com/therealmesouk



[@mesotheliomauk](https://www.instagram.com/mesotheliomauk)



<https://uk.linkedin.com/company/mesothelioma-uk>



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[Patient stories](#)

4. Awareness



The charity seeks to prevent mesothelioma from happening to future generations by raising awareness of the impact of mesothelioma and asbestos. We also want to champion mesothelioma within the healthcare profession, to ensure mesothelioma is always on the agenda.

Don't Let the Dust Settle

In April 2023, Mesothelioma UK launched the Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign, highlighting the urgent need for government action on asbestos in public buildings. It is estimated that up to 1.5 million buildings in the UK may contain asbestos, including public buildings like schools and hospitals. As these buildings age, the risk of releasing harmful asbestos fibres increases - a significant but overlooked public health threat. The campaign called for the introduction of a national asbestos register and the phased removal of asbestos from all public buildings.

We received incredible support from patients, carers, volunteers, fundraisers, and government officials. Public figures, such as Alex Horne (co-host on Channel 4's Taskmaster) also lent their voices to the campaign. Our goal was to engage people through social media and encourage them to contact their MPs, share personal stories, and raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos exposure.

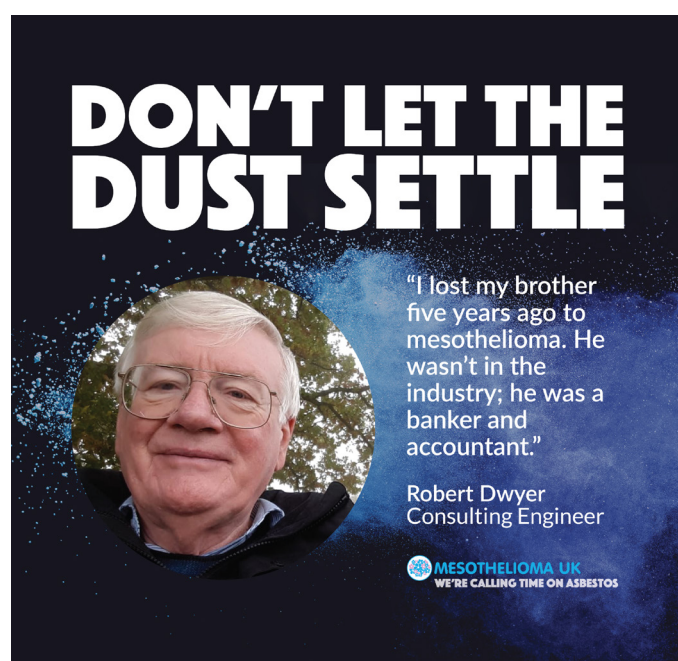


Alex Horne supporting Don't Let the Dust Settle

One of our dedicated supporters and mesothelioma patients, Helen Bone, launched a petition urging the government to act on the recommendations of the Work and Pensions Select Committee inquiry. These recommendations included the creation of a central asbestos register and a plan for the safe removal of asbestos over the next 40 years. Helen's petition gathered over 10,600 signatures, which triggered a formal government response. While the response fell short of expectations, Mesothelioma UK remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for those affected by mesothelioma. In the words of Mesothelioma UK's CEO, Liz Darlison: "It beggars belief that in 2023 the UK continues to have the highest rates of this preventable, incurable industrial cancer."

The Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign generated significant impact. Our campaign video received over 5,000 views within the first month. On Facebook, our posts reached nearly 40,000 people with over 4,800 engagements. Our top post alone had 6,125 impressions and almost 900 engagements, further spreading the word that asbestos is still a danger. And the campaign was mentioned in Parliament during a hearing for a 10-minute rule motion in September 2023. We also strengthened our collaboration with other organisations, such as the Asbestos Support Groups Forum, who have pledged their continued support for the campaign.

Although financial constraints have required us to scale back campaign activities, Mesothelioma UK remains committed to advocating for patients and promoting the safe removal of asbestos across the UK.



Cost-Benefit Analysis



In collaboration with our partner organisations, Mesothelioma UK also published a cost-benefit report, *Clearing the Air*, which was unveiled at a Parliamentary Reception hosted by Sir Stephen Timms on 30 November 2023. The event was chaired by our Ambassador, Carolyn Quinn, and received strong cross-party support, along with broad representation from unions. Mesothelioma UK was invited to present the findings at the All-Party Parliamentary Group on 13 December.

The report outlines the significant economic and social costs of asbestos-related diseases, specifically in schools and hospitals. In 2023 alone, the cost to the UK economy and society from asbestos exposure in these sectors was estimated at over £1.3 billion. The report's findings strongly advocate for the removal of asbestos from public buildings within the next decade, projecting that such action could save the UK economy nearly £12 billion over the next 50 years. The savings to public finances would amount to approximately £3.6 billion.

These findings reinforce the urgency and relevance of our Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign. Mesothelioma UK will continue to push for a future free from asbestos and the devastating diseases it causes.



Mesothelioma and the Armed Forces

Funds secured through the covenant fund grants scheme have enabled Mesothelioma UK to continue raising awareness about the impact of mesothelioma across the armed forces. The charity has attended armed forces events, distributed leaflets and material to highlight the disease. To honour all those armed forces personnel who have lost their life to mesothelioma a memorial was unveiled at the National Arboretum in October 2023.

Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) Service

Mesothelioma UK has picked up on a downturn in the DWP handling of industrial benefits and claims. The charity is collating the experience of patients and particularly the delays they are experiencing in having their awards confirmed. Working together with other charities, the DWP and MPs, we are actively seeking to rectify the situation.

Coroners Project

On death, a diagnosis of mesothelioma necessitates a coroner's inquest. Family and carer experience of this process can vary enormously with too many people having a protracted, unnecessarily negative and unhelpful experience. The charity has formed a project group to look at this and working with the charity's research team they have embarked on a rigorous review exploring the experiences of families/carers, coroner offices, and health care professionals.

MAGS: The Healthcare Staff Mesothelioma Asbestos Guidance Study



Future Plans

Mesothelioma UK will continue to raise awareness and seek to prevent mesothelioma, with a particular focus on the recommendations from the MAGs report and health care workers' study once completed. The projects exploring issues around the coroner and DWP experience will be completed and the findings and recommendations will be disseminated appropriately.

As we look ahead, our commitment to advocacy remains stronger than ever. Through our ongoing Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign, we will continue to raise awareness and drive meaningful change for those affected by mesothelioma and asbestos-related illnesses. This important issue is being addressed by a broad network of organisations with whom Mesothelioma UK collaborates regularly. These partnerships allow us to contribute our expertise and amplify the collective effort toward meaningful progress. We believe that working together is essential to creating long-lasting change for the mesothelioma community.

5. Sustainability & Fundraising



Overview

Over the last year, the mesothelioma community have come together in remarkable ways to support our mission and vision. The fundraising efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary, reflecting the dedication and generosity of our donors, volunteers and partners.

To maintain our current level of activity and ensure a more equitable impact across the UK, we will persist in working toward the objectives outlined in our strategy.

- Working towards raising our sustainable income
- Ensuring the right governance and support to enable us to grow effectively as an organisation

- Developing and maintaining a high-performing team who can make a tangible difference to those affected by mesothelioma

Year on year we are blown away by the innovation and determination of our fundraisers.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every donor, volunteer, fundraiser, trust, foundation, corporate partner, and our legal panel for their continued contribution to our mission. Your generosity and support inspire us to strive for excellence and drive our vision forward. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for helping us make a tangible impact. Here is a short round-up of what they have been up to!

Community Fundraising

Our Community Fundraising team has worked with many of our fabulous supporters, encouraging them to participate in various challenges and activities to raise essential funds for the charity.

Challenges

London Landmarks

In April Mesothelioma UK again had a presence in the iconic London Landmarks Half Marathon which was a fantastic day and enjoyed by so many. The weather as always was kind to us and our wonderful ambassadors and volunteers helped with our cheer station where we met with our runners en route and at the finish line where we welcomed and cheered them in.

There were many tears of joy followed by the euphoria that they had completed this incredible challenge in memory of their loved ones. As always Nile our fantastic volunteer photographer was there to catch those special moments and our 20 runners raised an amazing **£21,304.20**.



Great North Run

September is the month for the Great North Run and every year our dedicated runners flock to take part and this year was no exception. Twenty-seven took part including our CEO Liz Darlison who went to support 'The Great North Run'. Ron has mesothelioma and has taken part in every Great North Run since the race began so he threw down the gauntlet at our Patient and Carer Day, and Liz valiantly took up the challenge and took part. The weather was atrocious and there were unprecedented storms which led to flooding and absolute chaos towards the end of the race, but our undeterred runners carried on the brave fight to the finish and raised an amazing **£17,351.33**.



Fundraising Stories

Mt. Kili at 60

Jackie Bentley, along with her daughter Elena and friend Deborah, had always had a personal ambition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, so in February 2024 whilst celebrating her 60th birthday, she did it in support of her sister!

“We successfully summited Mount Kilimanjaro on February 25 at 7.20am, my 60th birthday. The weather had been perfect up until the last couple of days when it became extremely windy although remained dry. We commenced our summit walk on 24 February at around 11pm hoping to see the sunrise at Stella Point around 6am. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side with rain, snow and very windy and icy conditions making our climb more challenging. The relief when we got there was immense! It is certainly the hardest thing I have ever done, both physically and mentally. I am so pleased that in completing this challenge I have managed to raise funds for Mesothelioma UK and assist in helping to provide support to people in the same situation as my sister. My sister is very grateful for the support she has received, and I know she finds the monthly forums in particular very helpful.”

Jackie, Elena and Deborah raised an incredible **£1,220** and **£248.50** in Gift Aid. Thank you so much for taking on this challenge for Mesothelioma UK!



Chasing the Sun

Murray Fearn and his brother completed the Chasing the Sun Cycle Ride in memory of their father who passed away from mesothelioma in 2008.

“We set ourselves a tough fundraising challenge: generally speaking, cycling 100 miles is considered to be a big day out. My brother Fraser and I are both keen cyclists, but even to us, attempting 200 miles was very much an unknown. What made it special and unique for us was the time limit: complete those 200 miles between the hours of sunrise and sunset, coast to coast, ‘chasing the sun’.

It was a spectacular day out on the bikes: it had wind, rain, hill fog, and thankfully some well-deserved sunshine. We cut it fine, with only 15 minutes to spare before sunset. We reckon it was the faffing during the food stops, but, as we get that from our dad, it seemed fitting and a tribute to him. We are overwhelmed by and super grateful for the donations the charity has received as a result of our fundraiser. The work of Mesothelioma UK means a lot to us, and we hope it keeps on providing support to those in need.

The Fearn brothers raised **£2,035** and **£446.25** in Gift Aid in their Chasing the Sun Challenge. Thank you both for your dedication and support!



Fundraising Campaigns

Muffins for Meso



Our annual national 'Muffins For Meso' campaign had a great response, raising both awareness and tempting our tastebuds. As always we held our competition for *Best Dressed*, *Most Unusual* and *Best Recipe* categories and we were spoilt for choice!

Again, this year we held our own event at head office and were supported by our local Waitrose Mountsorrel who kindly provided us with some lovely muffins and the operations staff took to their ovens and baked some wonderful delights for our guests. In total the campaign raised nearly **£3,000** and it was a wonderful day.

Fitness Feb

Our Fitness Feb campaign was another huge success! We had many fundraisers taking part across all regions including individuals, families, work colleague teams and even a dog and a horse! Together they completed almost 5000km and raised **£7,463.62** (Inc. Gift Aid).



Fundraising Appeals



Each year in the UK, more than 2,700 people are diagnosed with mesothelioma - the highest rate in the world. Yet not all patients have access to the specialist care they need. At Mesothelioma UK, we are determined to change that. We're working tirelessly to ensure that every patient receives the support of a Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialist, as we share your commitment to ensuring that no one loses hope in the face of this diagnosis.

In December, we launched our Give Hope This Christmas appeal, aimed at making a lasting impact on the lives of those living with mesothelioma. The campaign ran across social media, our website, and via email, encouraging regular donations to support our mission. We were thrilled with the positive response, particularly to the videos and John's story, which resonated with many. Thanks to the generosity of new supporters, we secured donations amounting to **£1,440** in the first year alone.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, shared, and supported the appeal. It's still ongoing, so if you'd like to read John's story or contribute to the campaign, you can do so on our website [here](#).

Our Ambassadors



In August this year, Brian Chamen Wallis decided that it was time to take retirement from his role as a Mesothelioma UK Ambassador.

Brian has travelled the country over the last 10 years for Mesothelioma UK raising awareness with his dedicated team. He has taken part in our fundraising campaigns, attended events on behalf of the charity and has spoken many times about his personal journey of losing his beloved wife Rosemary to mesothelioma and why he supports the charity. In memory of Rosemary, Brian has been instrumental in not only opening three support groups in the East of England area to help support patients and their families which was his promise to her, but has also help lead and guide the Mesothelioma Armed Forces Project.

Brian has also been a huge supporter of and contributor to the Armed Forces Memorial which now sits in pride of place at the National Memorial Arboretum. Brian continues to attend and help at the support groups. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Brian for his dedication and support.

Rosemary Giles is a Partner in the Cambridge and London offices of Irwin Mitchell and has been handling cases for victims of mesothelioma and asbestos-related disease generally for 25 years.

Carolyn Quinn is a former journalist and a much loved voice on Radio 4 for decades. Carolyn has supported the charity a number of times by orchestrating interviews and being a key speaker and chair at events.

Chris Emmett was responsible for major procurements including British Rail Channel Tunnel Project, St Pancras chambers refurbishment, King's Cross, and rail privatisation. She now reviews major high-risk projects such as rail upgrades, NHS hospitals and reconfigurations and has extensive knowledge of best practice across government health and transport.

Ginny Chalmers heads up the Asbestos-Related Disease team in Bristol. She specialises exclusively in helping people and their families who are suffering from illness because of asbestos exposure.

Richard Blunt is an experienced public affairs consultant with over eight years' experience working in the sector. He has worked across a number of sectors including healthcare, transport, sustainability and financial services. With this knowledge Richard has been a fantastic support to Mesothelioma UK's political efforts and campaigning in the last year.

Our Volunteers



Sue Farrall and Catherine Cocking

Volunteering is a fantastic way to give back within the community and volunteers are a vital part of supporting and raising awareness for our charity.

Our wonderful group of volunteers support us in many ways across our community – from helping at events, distributing leaflets and collection pots, to proofreading valuable information and raising awareness through social media! We are committed to growing our volunteer group to enable us to continue to support all people affected by mesothelioma, whilst raising awareness of this terrible disease, throughout the community.

On 8 March 2024, we held our popular Ladies' Lunch event in Manchester. Two of our wonderful volunteers, Catherine Cocking and Sue Farrall, were there to support us to ensure all ran smoothly on the day, from registering the guests on arrival, to manning our stand handing out leaflets, and selling Mesothelioma UK goods. Thanks to their incredible support, it was a successful and enjoyable day for all!



Rebecca Dunmore

Rebecca Dunmore is a research scientist and works for a small biotech company developing and advancing potential medicines through to clinical trials. When Rebecca's father, Errol, sadly passed away from mesothelioma she wanted to do something to support the charity.

"Since my father passed, I have supported the mesothelioma community in some small way. I arranged for our local medieval bridge to be illuminated blue for the #goblueformeso campaign on Action Mesothelioma Day, I have taken part in research studies with my experience as a carer and became a volunteer for the charity. I contribute to the 'spotlight on research' section in the *Mesothelioma Matters* magazine. I read and summarise research articles to find the key information that is important to mesothelioma patients and their families. It has been very rewarding to utilise my professional and personal experiences to contribute to this and I hope to continue."

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and continued support.

Mesothelioma UK Legal Panel

The Mesothelioma UK Legal Panel is a group of specialist solicitors who have years of experience providing specialist legal advice to people diagnosed with mesothelioma.

The panel includes 12 UK law firms that support and raise awareness of the charity, as well as offering independent legal support to both patients and their families. They are instrumental in recovering costs for treatments that are not available on the NHS that patients may need in the future.

While the idea of making a legal claim can seem daunting for those diagnosed with mesothelioma, our expert Legal Panel members are there to help guide and navigate, providing clear and sound advice throughout and are always on hand to help. Importantly, there is no cost to patients or families and the panel take extraordinary care to minimise the impact of pursuing a claim on their clients and families.

Our Legal Panel members play such an important role in Mesothelioma UK. They help to spread information about the work we do (they promote gifts in wills and some members provide our free wills service) and also by giving advice and support, sponsoring our specialist nurses for education, sponsoring our events such as Patient and

Carer Day, Awards Evening and Ladies' Lunch, and by taking part in the charity's fundraising campaigns, holding their own events and much more.

We are forever grateful for their continued support.

Corporate Partners

We are proud to have a number of Corporate Partners who generously give monthly donations, ranging from £200 to £500.

Our amazing Corporate Partners support us in various ways, from making one-off and regular donations to organising fundraisers like quizzes, balls, team-building events, and coffee mornings.

Many also participate in Mesothelioma UK's fundraising events and campaigns, or choose us as their charity of the year. We are incredibly grateful to these fantastic organisations for their ongoing support, which helps us make a real difference for those affected by mesothelioma.

Our Corporate Relations Team is committed to strengthening these partnerships and building new ones in the year ahead. To learn more about becoming a Corporate Partner, visit our website at [Mesothelioma UK Corporate Donors](#).

Gifts in Wills

Our vision is a future free from mesothelioma, and leaving a gift in your will plays a vital role in making that vision a reality. This year, we are deeply grateful to have received 17 legacy donations, totalling **£220,913**. Each gift is an immense honour, reflecting the compassion and commitment of our supporters while helping us plan for the future.

To make this process more accessible, Mesothelioma UK has partnered with several respected firms from our Legal Panel to offer a free will-writing service. While there is no obligation to include a charitable gift, we warmly

encourage individuals to consider pledging support for Mesothelioma UK through their will. Since launching this service in 2019 we have helped over 92 mesothelioma patients and their families create or update their wills at no cost.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a gift in your will to Mesothelioma UK, please contact us at **0800 169 2409** for your complimentary guide, or request one online [here](#).

Your kindness and generosity will help create a brighter future for those affected by mesothelioma.

Events



Patient and Carer Day

Mesothelioma UK was delighted to host our 18th annual Patient and Carer Day at the Leonardo Royal Hotel Brighton Waterfront on 5 October 2023.

Aside from being a wonderful educational event and a chance to learn more about a whole host of mesothelioma and asbestos related topics, Patient and Carer Day is very much about connecting with others. It presents a rare opportunity for people affected by mesothelioma to meet face to face and share their experiences.

Professor Nick Maskell, Chair of the Mesothelioma UK Board of Trustees and Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Bristol, was first to the podium and gave an update on mesothelioma in the UK today. Across the rest of the day, a range of speakers talked about

diverse topics from a Mesothelioma UK nursing expert, to the MARS2 trail and the future of radical surgery, through to advanced asbestos detection.

Other speakers addressed issues relating to cough and mesothelioma; wellbeing workshops; managing Scan Related Anxiety (Scanxiety) in mesothelioma; carers courses; advances in drug therapy; how useful are radiotherapy approaches in the treatment of mesothelioma; an overview of recent patient experience research at the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre; nanotechnology to improve mesothelioma care; thermal recycling; an update from the UK National Asbestos Register; and a focus on groundbreaking technology.

One of the most poignant presentations was that given by Eric Jonckheere who lost both parents and two brothers to mesothelioma. More on Eric's story can be found [here](#).

Awards Night

After the daytime event, it was time for Awards Night, a chance to give thanks and recognition to some of our amazing supporters.

Guests arrived for a seaside themed evening, and enjoyed a meal, drinks and a raffle before the awards were announced.

Congratulations go to our winners who were:

Fundraiser of the Year – Rob Juby

In 2022, Rob began his fundraising efforts for Mesothelioma UK. Rob was motivated to honour the memory of his late father, John, who sadly passed away in 2018. Rob embarked on a challenging 60-mile bike ride across the Peak District, followed by a 26-mile hike around Bakewell, alongside his AXA colleagues and later in the year, he organised a quiz event. His invaluable support and dedication to the charity have gone beyond fundraising, as he has also volunteered his time. We are truly fortunate to have Rob as a part of our team at Mesothelioma UK and we extend our thanks to him for his contributions.



Rob Juby wins Fundraiser of the Year

Special Contribution – Denise Burwell & Nile Ateem

Denise Burwell – since the beginning of her volunteer journey, Denise has provided unwavering dedication and a huge level of commitment to the cause. No task is too small for her – she has set up stands at her local hospital, distributed flyers throughout London for Action Meso Day, and passionately advocated for change during the Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign. Denise's profound commitment to our charity is nothing short of exceptional and her receipt of this award is so well deserved.

Nile Ateem - Another outstanding volunteer who has consistently demonstrated enthusiasm, dedication and total support for Mesothelioma UK, Nile has become an integral member of our team with his photography services. He has not only documented our brilliant fundraisers and supporters in action at events but has also undertaken his own fundraising initiatives in support of Mesothelioma UK and was able to secure celebrity endorsement for the promotion of the Don't Let the Dust Settle campaign.

Charity Partner – HASAG

Mesothelioma UK is privileged and beyond grateful to work with some amazing asbestos support groups. Our relationship with HASAG spans many years and they are always there for us to turn to and seek support from. Their success as an organisation reflects how closely they work with, and support people living with asbestos-related diseases.



Diane Salisbury (r) accepts the Charity Partner award on behalf of HASAG

Corporate Partner of the Year

The Mesothelioma UK Legal Panel: Asbestos Law Partnership, Digby Brown, Fieldfisher, Hugh James, Irwin Mitchell, Irwin Mitchell Scotland, Leigh Day, Novum Law, Simpson Millar, Slater & Gordon, Thompsons, RWK Goodman

The Mesothelioma UK Legal Panel are a group of specialist solicitors who have years of experience in providing specialist legal advice to people diagnosed with mesothelioma. The Legal Panel consistently supports fundraising events and campaigns, promotes our free will service leading to donations through legacies, shares information and collaborates with other specialist firms. They support our nurses through sponsorship for educational events and also our Patient and Carer Day and Awards Night. We are truly grateful for all they do.

Dedication to the Charity – Pam Hamshaw

Pam has been supporting the charity for a very long time. In 2008, she lost her husband, Tony to mesothelioma. At that time, she was aware that many people had never heard of mesothelioma which inspired her and her family to do what they could to both raise awareness and funds to support the charity. Their first fundraiser was to walk the then unopened section of the relief road between Weymouth and Dorchester. Pam is dedicated to the charity and we love receiving Pam's letters letting us know what she has been up to – there is always a smile that comes with them. Pam is one of our most dedicated supporters, she continually flies the flag for Mesothelioma UK and truly deserves her award.



Sally Reedman (l) and Emma Brookes (r)

Most Inspirational Fundraisers – Sally Reedman & Emma Brookes

Sally and her daughter, Emma, have been fundraising since 2013 in memory of dear Michael, who was a wonderful husband to Sally and father to Emma. Sadly, Michael passed away in 2012 and the pair have been committed to raising awareness and funds since. Nothing has deterred them; even during the pandemic, they continued to find the inspiration to carry on and fly the flag for Mesothelioma UK and have raised over **£14,000**. Sally and Emma, our two wonderfully dedicated and inspirational fundraisers, truly deserve their awards.

Honourable mentions and special thanks

Brian Wallis – retiring as a Mesothelioma UK Ambassador. Brian has done a tremendous amount of work over the last 10 years in the East of England in memory of his dear wife, Rosemary. His vision was to help others diagnosed with mesothelioma, so he went about setting up support groups in Norfolk, Bury St Edmunds and Wells-next-the-Sea and he champions Mesothelioma UK wherever he goes. He has been instrumental in raising funds for a mesothelioma specialist nursing post in the Norfolk and Suffolk area and is truly committed to improving the mesothelioma journey of patients and their families.

Sarah Morgan – retiring as a Mesothelioma UK Clinical Nurse Specialist. In 2017, after a long and distinguished nursing career in palliative care and lung cancer, Sarah Morgan joined our team to lead Mesothelioma UK's support for patients in Wales. During the past six years, Sarah has tirelessly advocated for better access to care and treatments for people with mesothelioma. By becoming Project Lead for Wales, Sarah has ensured that the Welsh voice was heard at a national and international level.

In 2021, the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee announced the commissioning of mesothelioma services in Wales including a national MDT and optimal pathway. Sarah has continued to be the leading voice in developing the service specification and ensuring the establishment of a mesothelioma network across Wales.

Ladies' Lunch

On Friday 8 March, we held our annual Mesothelioma UK Ladies' Lunch in conjunction with International Women's Day at the Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel in Manchester. Hosted by Lorraine Creech (Trustee) and our Community Fundraising Team, with help from one of our Ambassadors, Carolyn Quinn and some of our Clinical Nurse Specialists and volunteers – it was a huge success with many patients, families, supporters and members of the legal community coming together.

The day included a three-course lunch as well as some special raffle prizes including a spa day for two people at Ragdale Hall, a stadium experience at Leicester City Football Club, vouchers, hampers and much more! Our special guest speakers included Michelle Spencer, David Staley and Dr Bethany Taylor of the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre. Thanks to everyone's incredible support and generosity, we raised **£5,413.85**.



How We Raised the Funds

Donations for
Specific Funds

£5,446

Individual Giving

£467,718

Corporate & Trust

£101,105

Grants

£602,877

Campaigns & Challenges

£53,591

Legacies

£220,913

Events

£36,916

Non Charitable
Funding Activities

£178,529

Donated Services
& Facilities

£25,000

Investment

£26,353

Rental

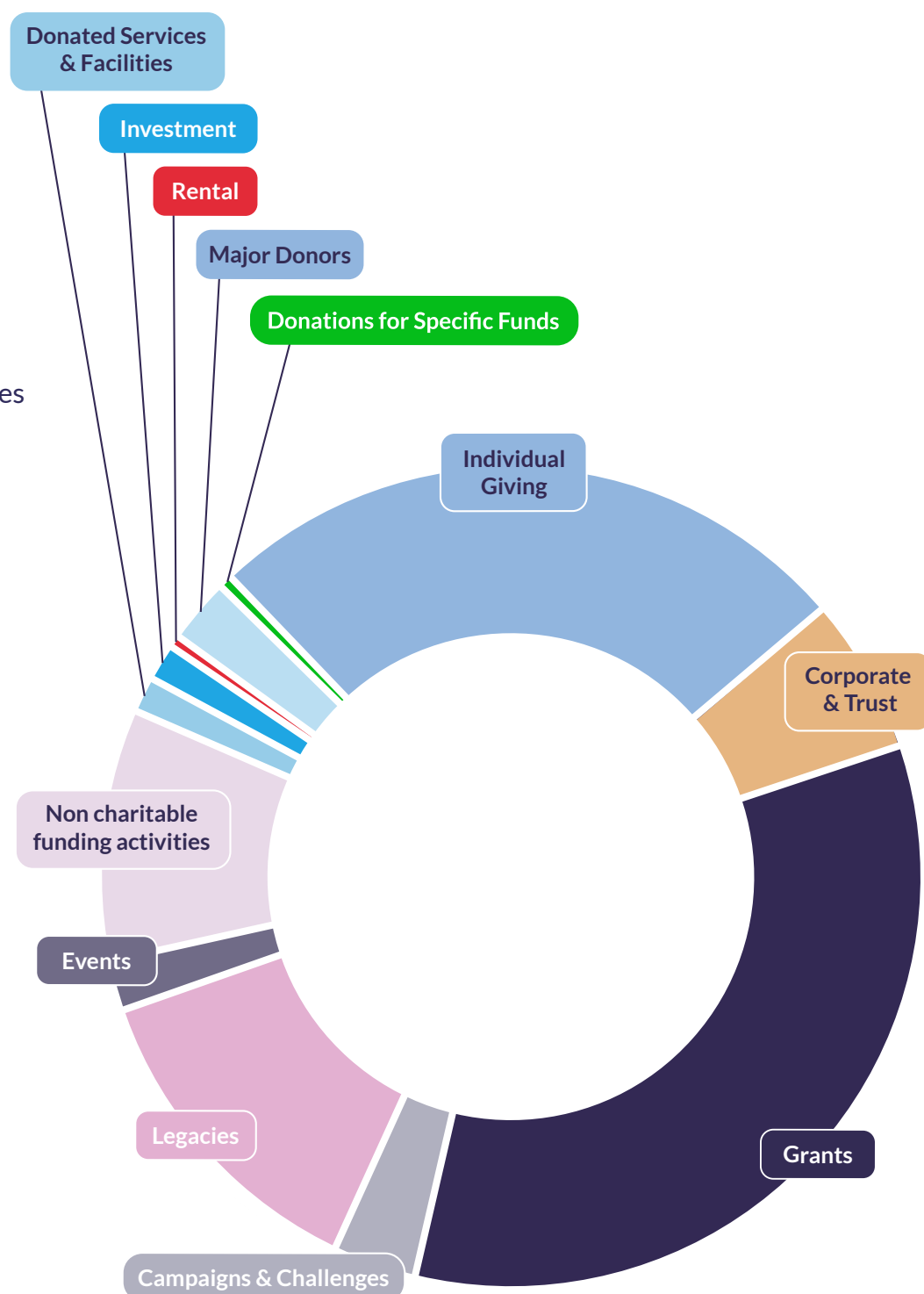
£4,260

Major Donors

£48,800

TOTAL:

£1,771,508



How We Spent the Funds

Income Generation

£243,177

Patient Support

£873,234

Admin & Operational

£258,672

Research & Audit

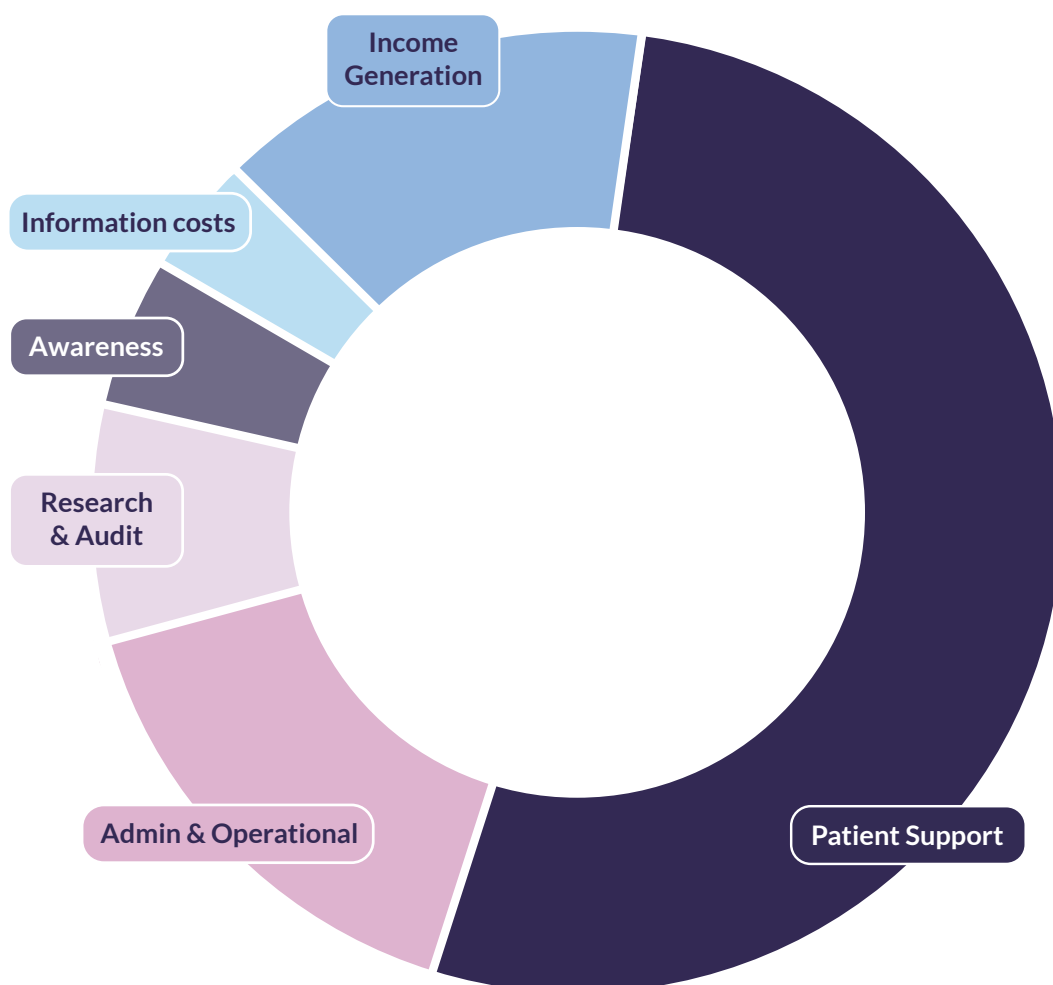
£137,708

Awareness

£79,767

Information Costs

£65,936



TOTAL:

£1,658,494

Trustees Report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of Mesothelioma UK CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024. (The financial statements can be found at www.mesothelioma.uk.com/accounts-and-reports).

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Since re-registering in 2018, the charity has operated with a constitution and the income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its constitution.

Status

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Launched as a resource centre in 2004 it became a Charitable Trust in 2008 and re-registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2018.

Reference and administration details of the Charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Number

1177039

Company Number

12541690

Principal Office

235 Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7AS

Trustees

Dr N Maskell (Chair)
D E McKinley
A L Coates
Prof K Blyth
M Waters (resigned 25/6/24)
H Childs (resigned 27/3/24)
Lorraine Creech (appointed 3/7/23)
Simon Purves (appointed 3/7/23)

Chief Executive Officer

Liz Darlison

Operational Team

Faye Forde, Director of Operations and Finance*
Saranjit Sihota, Director of External Affairs*
Tracey Calvert, Head of Finance
Jill Lemon, Community Engagement & Fundraising Manager
Alyshia Riley, Individual Giving & Marketing Manager (Maternity leave commencing March 2024)
Justine Bates, Individual Giving & Marketing Manager (Maternity cover, appointed March 2024)
Megan Huxtable, Community Fundraising Officer (Appointed November 2023)
Mollie Shields, Corporate Fundraising Manager (Appointed January 2024, Resigned May 2024)
Mike Holmes, Senior Corporate Relations Officer (Resigned July 2024)
Julie Morton, Support Services Manager
Joelle Kirby, Editorial Manager (Resigned January 2024)
Rachel Murphy, Events Officer (Resigned May 2023)
Sarah Thomas, Benefits Manager
Roland Ungood-Thomas, Creative Designer
Beth Colbert, Operations Manager
Hazel Curtis, Finance Officer (Resigned May 2024)
Leah Scrimshire, Supporter Care Administrator
Dumitrita Gulian, Finance Officer
Beverley Forrester, Housekeeper

Independent Auditors

Mark J Rees LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors, Granville Hall, Granville Road, Leicester, LE1 7RU

* Note: Since the time of this report, Faye Forde and Saranjit Sihota have left the organisation due to redundancy. We thank them for their invaluable contributions during their time with Mesothelioma UK and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Investment Advisors

Magma Wealth Management Limited, Magma House, 16 Davy Court, Castle Mound Way, Rugby, CV23 0UZ

Subsidiaries and Related Parties

The Mesothelioma UK Trading Company was incorporated on 31 March 2020 with company number 12541690. It is the sole subsidiary of Mesothelioma UK and exists to raise trading income for the charity. All of its profits were transferred to the charity.

Financial Overview

Basis for Preparation

The Trustees assess whether the use of the going concern concept is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt over the ability of the group to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the group's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Financial Overview

Mesothelioma UK's income is entirely dependent on donations, legacies, and grants. These contributions are crucial for funding the charity's research, support services, and awareness initiatives.

Gross income increased on the previous year and the charity managed to achieve a small increase in reserves at year end. The final amount raised over the year was £1,771,508 (2023 – £1,610,457).

Mesothelioma UK remains indebted to our charity partners who have provided significant funds toward the charity's team of specialist nurses, benefits advisor and two of our research projects. A total of £433,823 was raised through these partners towards the cost of funding these areas.

Expenditure decreased from £1,839,233 in 2022/23 to £1,658,494 in 2023/24. Spending on charitable activities was £1,414,497, a decrease of 12.9% on the previous year. As in previous years, the largest expenditure was on the patient support pillar, which is mainly comprised of the funding of specialist nursing posts.

More detail on how we raised and spent the funds can be seen in the charts on pages 37 and 38.

To address the charity's long term income requirements, supported by fundraising consultants, we have completed a 'root and branch' analysis of the charity's fundraising resources and methods. A long-term plan to strengthen Mesothelioma UK's income generating potential has been developed.

For 2023/24 the overall costs of raising funds were 14% of the total income (2023 – 13%) - similar to pre-pandemic levels. Going forward the need to invest in fundraising is essential to enable Mesothelioma UK to continue to expand its services.

Risks

Day-to-day risks for the charity are identified, treated, or managed and then monitored by the operational team. Those that pose the greatest threat to the charity are raised with the board of trustees.

Reserves

As an organisation relying almost entirely on fundraising income, our policy is to hold adequate reserves to enable us to react to any unexpected adverse events.

The trustees undertook a review of the charity's reserves policy during the previous year. As it stands, Mesothelioma UK's unrestricted reserves should cover, at a minimum, six months operating and research centre costs, three months costs of our contractual liabilities, and also to enable us to fulfil all our research project costs.

As of 31 March 2024 the minimum unrestricted reserves were £626,148 (31 March 2023 – £641,088) and the actual level of unrestricted reserves, excluding the value of tangible fixed assets, held by the charity was £912,911 (31 March 2023 – £771,847).

Investments

Our investment portfolio is managed by Magma Wealth Management. As of the 31 of March 2024, the portfolio stood at £791,075. This includes £774,648 of invested assets and £16,427 of cash. The investment manager's brief is to manage the portfolio within agreed risk tolerance to produce long term growth in excess of Bank of England base rate plus 4% pa whilst investing in "ethical investments". i.e., excluding specific sectors deemed to be causing harm and positively investing in companies which are seen to be benefiting the world. 2023 was a difficult year for investment with virtually all asset classes reducing in value globally early in the year but subsequently recovering strongly from November onwards. The really problematic area of longer duration fixed interest was avoided early in the year but adopted later, which worked very well leading to above average returns over the period.

Ethical investments have tended to underperform the general market as interest rates have risen and outperform as they fall, as they are perceived to be more growth orientated. This bodes well over the next few years as rates look to gradually reduce globally.

Over the longer term it is believed ethical investments still offer better prospects and outperform the wider market but are likely to be more volatile due to the concentration on a narrower band of investments.

Shorter-term requirements to maintain liquidity need to be considered and we are in discussions to reduce risk on the portfolio for the year ahead.

Funds Held as Custodian

The charity holds funds on behalf of the UK Mesothelioma Alliance of £1,334 (2023 – £1,334).

Statements of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements

for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, 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 Charity SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the CIO trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the group's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Mark J Rees LLP Chartered Accountants, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



S Purves, Trustee

Looking Forward

From the Chair of the Trustees Board



Mesothelioma UK is feeling confident and optimistic as we move into 2024/25.

After the challenges posed by COVID and the downturn in the global economy, we have strengthened our ability to raise the funds necessary to sustain, and hopefully grow, our vital services.

The year ahead will hopefully see the charity engage with more people and families living with mesothelioma. We will do this through building stronger relationships with our partner charities, corporate supporters and our amazing fundraisers. With everyone's help we anticipate being able to grow our nurse and benefits advisory team and develop an even better range of support services, resources and events.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to congratulate the Mesothelioma UK Team for weathering a difficult few years and more importantly acknowledge and thank the charity's faithful, generous supporters.

The UK Mesothelioma community is special, it is a privilege to be part of and Mesothelioma UK pledges to continue to do all we can to help people live better for longer and to prevent mesothelioma happening to future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Maskell'.

Prof N Maskell
Chair of the Trustees Board

My Leadership Journey

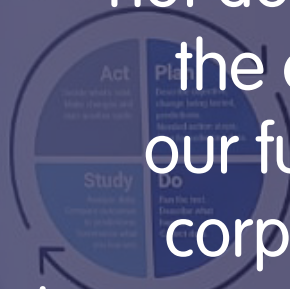
Laura Smith



My name is Laura Smith I am a Mesothelioma Nurse specialist. The RCN Clinical Leadership programme for specialist nurses has been so beneficial to me as a newly posted Band 7, with little leadership experience it has given me the confidence to believe in myself more and to push out my ideas to improve our service, this has been fed back through my 360 Appraisal. My hope for this next year would be to gain my prescribing qualification so I can offer a Nurse led clinic for patients that fall under the palliative care bracket.

Aims and objectives

The aim of this quality improvement project is to devise and deliver a nationwide carers course purely for those carers/ NOK of loved ones with mesothelioma. The aim of the course is to provide carers with a better understanding of what to expect throughout their loved one's journey with the disease, from diagnosis to end of life. Currently around 2,000 people a year are diagnosed with Mesothelioma. Mesothelioma is a rare cancer that is caused by exposure to asbestos.



Plan: Bring together a team of mesothelioma professionals to discuss the course and deliver it. We had initially discussed having a maximum number of 25 carers on the zoom call however due to the popularity of the course we had to increase this to 30. We had initially discussed having a maximum number of 25 carers on the zoom call however due to the popularity of the course we had to increase this to 30.

Do: With the team agreed we each focused on one of the six sessions that we had chosen to deliver. 1. Looking after yourself. 2. Looking after your loved one. 3. Looking after your finances. 4. Looking after your legal affairs. 5. Looking after your emotional health. 6. Palliative and end of life care.

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Act: I was then asked to promote the course. I then contacted Mesothelioma U.K. to ask for their help in promoting the course via a flyer and social media posts. I then contacted Mesothelioma U.K. to ask for their help in promoting the course via a flyer and social media posts. I then contacted Mesothelioma U.K. to ask for their help in promoting the course via a flyer and social media posts.

NEW COURSE FOR CARERS

Are you caring for someone with mesothelioma or have someone who is?

Standardised supporting information for carers of people with mesothelioma. The information is designed to help carers understand the disease and what to expect throughout their loved one's journey with the disease, from diagnosis to end of life.

The course will be delivered by a team of mesothelioma professionals and will cover the following topics:

1. Looking after yourself. 2. Looking after your loved one. 3. Looking after your finances. 4. Looking after your legal affairs. 5. Looking after your emotional health. 6. Palliative and end of life care.

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Results and Findings

Below is some of the data taken from the pre course questionnaire. Seeing the feedback from the pre course questionnaire made me realise I can provide definitely give them some tools to take away with them once completed.

Post course Results.

Disappointingly I have only received 1% of the carers post course questionnaire. From those that responded to the questionnaire, all carers would have preferred more discussion with each other. All topics delivered received good feedback. We asked if the carers would have preferred face to face course but those that responded said zoom was more convenient.

What's next?

Due to the popularity of the course and the interest it has received we have brought forward the date of the next course to Jan. 2024. With this in mind I am planning on running 3-4 courses a year, with the potential to then run a similar course for patients. I will endeavour to monitor the post course questionnaires to see if we can gain more feedback.



2. Do you have any worries about caring for your loved one?



3. Are you aware of any practicalities to think about when caring for your loved one?



RCN Leadership

RCN Professional Services



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AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
ORGANISATION**

Mark J Rees LLP Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Granville Hall
Granville Road
Leicester
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**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
ORGANISATION**

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mesothelioma UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and Consolidated 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 and the parent 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the group has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
ORGANISATION**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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 groups and 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 parent or parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISA's (UK).

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

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the group and the parent charity and industry in which it operates through our general commercial experience. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: Charities SORP (FRS 102).

We enquired of management concerning the group's and parent charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- the identification and compliance with laws and regulations.
- the detection and response to the risks of fraud.
- the internal controls inherent within the group and parent charity to mitigate fraud risk and non-compliance to laws and regulations.

We enquired of management, whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or whether they had any knowledge of actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential areas of fraud to all audit team members. We remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We have determined that the principal risk areas where material irregularities could occur were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, income recognition and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond in particular to these identified risks (including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud).

Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- A review of a sample of sales invoices and monies received from the income streams to ensure income has been accurately recorded and to confirm amounts are recognised in the correct period.
- A review of laws and regulations the charity is subject to, followed by compliance checks and discussion with management to ensure no instances of non-compliance.
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing a journal entry test.

We did not identify any matters during the course of our work that indicated non-compliance with laws and regulations or relating to fraud.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mark J Rees LLP

Mark J Rees LLP Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Granville Hall
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Date: 11/12/2024

**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
ORGANISATION**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	918,433	643,933	1,562,366	1,414,359
Other trading activities	4	178,529	-	178,529	177,664
Investment income	5	26,353	-	26,353	14,264
Other income	6	4,260	-	4,260	4,170
Total		1,127,575	643,933	1,771,508	1,610,457
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	243,177	-	243,177	215,630
Charitable activities	8				
Information Expenses		65,936	-	65,936	76,865
Awareness Costs		60,123	19,644	79,767	118,926
Research & Audit Costs		59,511	78,197	137,708	275,373
Patient Support Costs		360,705	512,529	873,234	887,956
Administration and operational costs		258,672	-	258,672	264,483
Total		1,048,124	610,370	1,658,494	1,839,233
Net gains/(losses) on investments		60,065	-	60,065	(54,590)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		139,516	33,563	173,079	(283,366)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		785,704	324,502	1,110,206	1,393,572
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		925,220	358,065	1,283,285	1,110,206

The notes form part of these financial statements

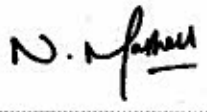
**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	16	12,309	-	12,309	13,857
Investments	17	791,075	-	791,075	731,621
		803,384	-	803,384	745,478
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	18	231,804	(2,655)	229,149	122,606
Investments	19	85,738	15,000	100,738	101,638
Cash at bank and in hand		13,310	345,720	359,030	336,380
		330,852	358,065	688,917	560,624
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	20	(209,016)	-	(209,016)	(195,896)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		121,836	358,065	479,901	364,728
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		925,220	358,065	1,283,285	1,110,206
NET ASSETS		925,220	358,065	1,283,285	1,110,206
FUNDS	22				
Unrestricted funds				925,220	785,704
Restricted funds				358,065	324,502
TOTAL FUNDS				1,283,285	1,110,206

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5/12/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


S Purves - Trustee


N Maskell - Trustee

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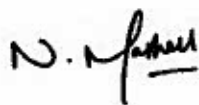
**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	16	12,309	-	12,309	13,857
Investments	17	<u>791,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>791,076</u>	<u>731,621</u>
		803,385	-	803,385	745,478
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	18	231,003	(2,655)	228,348	122,606
Investments	19	85,738	15,000	100,738	101,638
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>13,310</u>	<u>345,720</u>	<u>359,030</u>	<u>336,380</u>
		330,051	358,065	688,116	560,624
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(208,216)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208,216)</u>	<u>(195,896)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>121,835</u>	<u>358,065</u>	<u>479,900</u>	<u>364,728</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>925,220</u>	<u>358,065</u>	<u>1,283,285</u>	<u>1,110,206</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>925,220</u>	<u>358,065</u>	<u>1,283,285</u>	<u>1,110,206</u>
FUNDS	23				
Unrestricted funds				925,220	785,704
Restricted funds				<u>358,065</u>	<u>324,502</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,283,285</u>	<u>1,110,206</u>

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**MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED
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**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(2,655)</u>	<u>(80,407)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(2,655)</u>	<u>(80,407)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,573)	(5,724)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(181,608)	(189,451)
Sale of fixed asset investments		184,133	175,260
Interest received		<u>26,353</u>	<u>14,264</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>25,305</u>	<u>(5,651)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		22,650	(86,058)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>336,380</u>	<u>422,438</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>359,030</u>	<u>336,380</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	173,079	(283,366)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,121	5,310
(Gain)/losses on investments	(60,065)	54,590
Interest received	(26,353)	(14,264)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(106,757)	153,819
Increase in creditors	12,320	3,504
Net cash used in operations	<u>(2,655)</u>	<u>(80,407)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>336,380</u>	<u>22,650</u>	<u>359,030</u>
	<u>336,380</u>	<u>22,650</u>	<u>359,030</u>
Liquid resources			
Deposits included in cash	-	-	-
Current asset investments	<u>101,638</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>100,738</u>
	<u>101,638</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>100,738</u>
Total	<u>438,018</u>	<u>20,848</u>	<u>458,866</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

Mesothelioma UK CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Group is aware of probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Group that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Group has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Group, or the Group is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Group has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Group of the time is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the Group would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities or equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Grants are included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in then relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

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

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

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at costs, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.33% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

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

Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Group anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are cash or cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year valued at fair value.

Going Concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt over the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

MESOTHELIOMA UK CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 16 for the carrying amount of the fixture and fittings and computer equipment and note 1 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

Residual legacies

There is some uncertainty in the value of residual legacies recognised due to the time lapse between when probate has been granted and the final distribution is made.

Donated services and facilities

The Group has been donated the use of the premises they operate from. The fair value of the donated facility has been arrived at based on the amount the Group would pay in the open market for an alternative. This has been calculated on an estimated average rate per square foot. While this is considered a reasonable, reliable approach there is some uncertainty due to multiple factors affecting the rental value of the property including the size, the age and demographical area.

3. DONATIONS, GRANTS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	713,576	578,351
Legacies	220,913	133,686
Grants	602,877	677,322
Donated services and facilities	25,000	25,000
	<u>1,562,366</u>	<u>1,414,359</u>

Donated services and facilities comprise of the use of the premises the Group operates from. The donation represents the deemed market rent of the property.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Armed Forces Covenant	712	27,732
Education and skills funding agency		1,500
Football Family Ltd		500
Mick May Memorial Fund	-	100,000
Readleys for provision of benefits advisor	6,736	-
UK Government Covid Medical Research	133,178	109,644
Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical		12,000
Memorials Grant Scheme to cover Meso UK's AF Memorial VAT costs	4,040	-
Grants for the provision of nursing services from:		
HASAG	150,225	81,413
LASAG	22,000	17,688
Readleys	19,952	19,114
MavisNye foundation	33,000	33,543
Action on Asbestos	44,000	53,400
Asbestos Action	48,000	53,758
SWASAG	11,498	10,410
Meso's UK Legal Panel	31,124	32,528
MAPS Benevolent fund	25,000	25,000
RS Oncology	-	88,000
Grants for research projects from:		
HASAG	37,191	-
Erase-Meso	36,221	-
	<u>602,877</u>	<u>677,322</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trading income	166,076	165,512
Shop income	12,453	12,152
	<u>178,529</u>	<u>177,664</u>

The trading income represents income from Mesothelioma UK commercial relationships which includes:

- Commission from the UK National Asbestos Register
- Income raised from members of Mesothelioma UK Trading Ltd's legal panel, who make payment to Mesothelioma UK Trading Ltd, in return for the inclusion of their name and logo on our website and legal advice leaflet. Their logo is also included on the Mesothelioma Matters magazine, and they each have space for one article in one of the quarterly magazines per year.

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	21,631	10,025
Dividends received	<u>4,722</u>	<u>4,239</u>
	<u>26,353</u>	<u>14,264</u>

6. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	<u>4,260</u>	<u>4,170</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	124,148	93,879
Will writing	1,817	2,675
Stripe and online giving fees	11,897	9,288
Christmas card purchases	1,869	1,884
Fundraising costs	32,464	27,670
Travel expenses	193	3,066
Charitable events	17,639	17,173
Website and social media	3,110	3,110
Print and design magazine	-	1,532
Online shop expenses	3,049	1,928
UHL staff costs	43,111	49,376
Head of nursing	<u>2,225</u>	<u>2,132</u>
	<u>241,522</u>	<u>213,713</u>

Other trading expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Administration expenses	<u>1,655</u>	<u>1,917</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9) £	Support costs (see note 10) £	Totals £
Information Expenses	65,936	-	65,936
Awareness Costs	79,767	-	79,767
Research & Audit Costs	137,708	-	137,708
Patient Support Costs	873,234	-	873,234
Administration and operational costs	-	258,672	258,672
	<u>1,156,645</u>	<u>258,672</u>	<u>1,415,317</u>

9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	198,529	185,964
Provision for nursing services	649,660	602,700
Nurses meetings	5,200	3,344
Website and social media	12,442	12,442
Patient support sundries and other support costs	5,464	6,198
Patient travel	1,412	8,595
Printing and design magazine	-	13,787
Project Wales	2,438	4,958
Research centre main award	(1,639)	169,125
Other research costs	578	879
Armed Forces project expenses	19,611	10,696
Information expenses	11,482	11,747
Patient carer day	11,253	10,722
Awareness costs	1,671	5,398
UHL staff costs	-	35,038
Travel expenses	47	1,243
Benefit advisors	-	29,124
Team leaders	84,144	133,700
Mick May memorial expenditure	-	130
Research grants	108,289	73,404
Head of nursing	40,058	38,375
Educational event expenses	6,006	1,551
	<u>1,156,645</u>	<u>1,359,120</u>

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other costs £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Administration and operational costs	<u>251,042</u>	<u>7,630</u>	<u>258,672</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Administration and operational costs	Administration and operational costs
	£	£
Wages	140,589	129,965
Social security	10,151	8,507
Pensions	9,613	8,526
Rates and water	4,709	10,371
Insurance	1,032	836
Telephone	3,905	3,943
Postage and stationery	1,674	2,091
Repairs and maintenance	751	1,290
Legal and professional fees	6,746	3,012
Governance	4,455	1,581
Travel expenses	513	2,160
Investment manager costs	6,022	6,041
UHL staff costs	-	8,244
Training	106	2,946
Subscriptions	4,888	4,039
IT support and other IT costs	10,597	17,970
CRM expenses	7,349	6,746
Marketing and adverts	2,576	3,677
Bank charges	862	630
Office expenses	2,159	2,264
Head of nursing	2,224	2,132
Rent	25,000	25,001
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,121	5,310
Auditors' remuneration	7,630	7,200
	<u>258,672</u>	<u>264,482</u>

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,121</u>	<u>5,309</u>

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12. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the group's financial statements	<u>7,630</u>	<u>7,200</u>

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

For the year ended 31 March 2024, there was £191 paid to Mr N Maskell on 19 October 2023 and £50 paid to Ms L Creech on 18 January 2024.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023.

14. STAFF COSTS

Remuneration of key management personnel

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility, delegated to them by the trustees for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity amounted to £112,415 (2023: £115,617).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Support staff	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**15. COMPARATIVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES -
31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations, grants and legacies	828,427	585,932	1,414,359
Other trading activities	177,664	-	177,664
Investment income	14,264	-	14,264
Other income	4,170	-	4,170
Total	1,024,525	585,932	1,610,457
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	215,630	-	215,630
Charitable activities			
Information Expenses	76,865	-	76,865
Awareness Costs	109,230	9,696	118,926
Research & Audit Costs	271,913	3,460	275,373
Patient Support Costs	503,088	384,868	887,956
Administration and operational costs	262,612	1,870	264,482
Total	1,439,339	399,894	1,839,233
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(54,590)	-	(54,590)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(469,404)	186,038	(283,366)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,255,108	138,464	1,393,572
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	785,704	324,502	1,110,206

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16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	3,787	29,981	33,768
Additions	-	3,573	3,573
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,787</u>	<u>33,554</u>	<u>37,341</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	2,796	17,115	19,911
Charge for year	149	4,972	5,121
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,945</u>	<u>22,087</u>	<u>25,032</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>842</u>	<u>11,467</u>	<u>12,309</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>991</u>	<u>12,866</u>	<u>13,857</u>

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - CHARITY

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	3,787	29,981	33,768
Additions	-	3,573	3,573
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,787</u>	<u>33,554</u>	<u>37,341</u>
DEPRECIATION			
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NET BOOK VALUE			
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17. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - GROUP

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2023	717,106	14,514	731,620
Additions	181,608	189,545	371,153
Disposals	(184,133)	(187,631)	(371,764)
Revaluations	60,066	-	60,066
At 31 March 2024	774,647	16,428	791,075
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	774,647	16,428	791,075
At 31 March 2023	717,106	14,514	731,620

FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - CHARITY

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE				
At 1 April 2023	1	717,106	14,514	731,621
Additions	-	181,608	189,545	371,153
Disposals	-	(184,133)	(187,631)	(371,764)
Revaluations	-	60,066	-	60,066
At 31 March 2024	1	774,647	16,428	791,076
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	1	774,647	16,428	791,076
At 31 March 2023	1	717,106	14,514	731,621

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
Valuation in 2024	-	774,647	16,428	791,075
Cost	1	-	-	1
	1	774,647	16,428	791,076

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FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Mesothelioma UK Trading Limited

Registered office: 235 Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7AS

Company Number: 12541690

Nature of business: Sponsorship and advertising sales

	% holding		
Class of share:			
Ordinary	100		
		31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		1	1
Profit for the year		<u>164,421</u>	<u>163,595</u>

18. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR – GROUP

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	14,599	35,735
Other debtors	5,817	6,136
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>208,733</u>	<u>80,735</u>
	<u>229,149</u>	<u>122,606</u>

DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR – CHARITY

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	13,798	35,735
Other debtors	5,817	6,136
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>208,733</u>	<u>80,735</u>
	<u>228,348</u>	<u>122,606</u>

19. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash on deposit	<u>100,738</u>	<u>101,638</u>

Current asset investments consists of fixed rate deposits with high street banks and building societies.

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20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - GROUP

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	65,983	60,920
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-
Social security and other taxes	14,376	16,079
Other creditors	4,954	4,387
Accruals and deferred income	<u>123,703</u>	<u>114,509</u>
	<u>209,016</u>	<u>195,895</u>

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - CHARITY

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	65,983	60,920
Amounts owed to group undertakings	10,105	9,293
Social security and other taxes	9,311	8,795
Other creditors	4,954	4,387
Accruals and deferred income	<u>117,863</u>	<u>112,501</u>
	<u>208,216</u>	<u>195,896</u>

Within accruals and deferred income are funds received in advance from fundraising challenges yet to take place at the year end. The deferred income is £11,097 (2023: £12,213). The events are expected to take place in 2024/25.

21. LEASING AGREEMENTS – GROUP AND CHARITY

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	25,000	25,000
Between one and five years	100,000	100,000
In more than five years	<u>62,093</u>	<u>87,093</u>
	<u>187,093</u>	<u>212,093</u>

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets	12,309	-	12,309	13,857
Investments	791,076	-	791,076	731,621
Current assets	330,051	358,065	688,116	560,624
Current liabilities	<u>(208,216)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208,216)</u>	<u>(195,896)</u>
	<u>925,220</u>	<u>358,065</u>	<u>1,283,285</u>	<u>1,110,206</u>

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23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	785,704	139,516	925,220
Restricted funds			
Grants and donations for nurses	141,276	(109,395)	31,881
Armed Forces Grant	1,474	(1,474)	-
Project NI	35,714	3,360	39,074
Grants and donations for research	-	149,183	149,183
Grants and donations for other restricted projects	24,826	(16,173)	8,653
Project Wales	11,739	8,062	19,801
Mick May Memorial Fund	109,473	-	109,473
	<u>324,502</u>	<u>33,563</u>	<u>358,065</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,110,206</u>	<u>173,079</u>	<u>1,283,285</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,125,921	(1,046,470)	60,065	139,516
Restricted funds				
Grants and donations for nurses	385,747	(495,142)	-	(109,395)
Armed Forces Grant	712	(2,186)	-	(1,474)
Project NI	3,360	-	-	3,360
Grants and donations for research	206,590	(57,407)	-	149,183
Grants and donations for other restricted projects	17,023	(33,196)	-	(16,173)
Project Wales	10,500	(2,438)	-	8,062
Cost-Benefit study	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
	<u>643,932</u>	<u>(610,369)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,563</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,769,853</u>	<u>(1,656,839)</u>	<u>60,065</u>	<u>173,079</u>

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23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,255,108	(469,404)	785,704
Restricted funds			
Grants and donations for nurses	77,847	63,429	141,276
Armed Forces Grant	-	1,474	1,474
Project NI	24,557	11,157	35,714
Grants and donations for other restricted projects	24,863	(37)	24,826
Project Wales	11,197	542	11,739
Mick May Memorial Fund	-	109,473	109,473
	<u>138,464</u>	<u>186,038</u>	<u>324,502</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,393,572</u>	<u>(283,366)</u>	<u>1,110,206</u>

23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,022,607	(1,437,421)	(54,590)	(469,404)
Restricted funds				
Grants and donations for nurses	416,866	(353,437)	-	63,429
Armed Forces Grant	27,732	(26,258)	-	1,474
Project NI	11,157	-	-	11,157
Grants and donations for research	3,460	(3,460)	-	-
Grants and donations for other restricted projects	11,614	(11,651)	-	(37)
Project Wales	5,500	(4,958)	-	542
Mick May Memorial Fund	109,603	(130)	-	109,473
	<u>585,932</u>	<u>(399,894)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,038</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,608,539</u>	<u>(1,837,315)</u>	<u>(54,590)</u>	<u>(283,366)</u>

Unrestricted funds are available to be spent for any purposes of the charity.

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23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Purposes of restricted funds

Grants and donations for nurses

Various grants and donations were received during the year towards the payment of grants to trusts for the provision of mesothelioma clinical nurse specialists and team leaders.

Project NI

These are ring-fenced donations restricted for Mesothelioma UK to establish or expand services across Northern Ireland. Nurses are currently being recruited in the region who will lead the development of appropriate services.

Project Wales

These are ring-fenced donations restricted for Mesothelioma UK to establish or expand services across Wales. Nurses are currently being recruited in the region who will lead the development of appropriate services.

Mick May Memorial Fund

The majority of the funds were from a grant from the Schroder Foundation. This is for use under the 'Improving Outcomes and Experience' pillar, to ensure patients have equitable access to the best treatment, care, information and support including helping to build a comprehensive multi-disciplinary team approach and evidenced based care pathways and guidelines which are fundamental to achieving improved outcomes and experiences.

Armed forces Grant

This is monies received from the Armed Forces covenant fund trust to help fund our armed forces project. The project finished early in the year. The objectives of the project were to:

- Quantify the incidence and impact of mesothelioma amongst our armed forces veterans.
- Understand the experience of those affected.
- Raise awareness about the presence and dangers of asbestos.
- Improve healthcare professional understanding and ability to support veterans and their families.

Cost-benefit study

Mesothelioma UK lead on the completion and publication of this study working in partnership with several groups and organisations. The study was co-funded with some of the project partners. Monies received were restricted to funding this study which is now complete.

Grants for Research

Donations were received restricted for both general research and specific research projects.

Grants for other restricted projects

This includes commissioning the construction of an armed services memorial to be placed in National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Other donations were received and restricted for the education of the nurses and towards the funding of a benefits advisor.

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24. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund. At the balance sheet date £3,620 (2023: £3,053) were payable to the fund and are included in creditors.

25. CONTINGENT ASSET

The Group has been notified of an entitlement to legacies of which the Group is unable to measure reliably the value of amounts due and therefore no provision has been made in the accounts.

26. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

A L Coates is a Trustee of the parent charity and a partner of Irwin Mitchell Solicitors. During the period, £36,828 (2023: £34,294) was receivable by the group from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors being £24,000 (2023: £24,000) sponsorship income plus £12,828 (2023: £12,970) from fundraising events and donations. Also, during the period, the group acquired will writing and other professional services from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors at a cost of £1,547 (2023: £2,676).

H Childs is a Trustee of the parent charity and a partner of Royds Withy King Solicitors. During the period, £28,358 (2023: £14,600) was receivable by the group from Royds Withy King Solicitors being £28,358 (2023: £12,600) sponsorship income plus £nil (2023: £2,000) in donations.

D McKinley is a Trustee of the parent charity and Senior Executive Officer of the British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG). During the period, BTOG paid rent to the parent charity of £4,260 (2023: £4,170) and received amounts for recharged expenses of £194 (2023: £1,312).

All transactions with related parties are at arms length and in accordance with the charity's objectives.

27. CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of volunteer fundraiser's who take part in a wide range of sponsored events and other fundraising activities. The vast majority of income comes from private individuals making donations, participating in sponsored events, or leaving legacies.

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**DETAILED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations, grants and legacies		
Donations	713,576	578,351
Legacies	220,913	133,686
Grants	602,877	677,322
Donated services and facilities	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	1,562,366	1,414,359
Other trading activities		
Trading income	166,076	165,512
Shop income	<u>12,453</u>	<u>12,152</u>
	178,529	177,664
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	21,631	10,025
Dividends received	<u>4,722</u>	<u>4,239</u>
	26,353	14,264
Other income		
Rental income	<u>4,260</u>	<u>4,170</u>
Total incoming resources	1,771,508	1,610,457
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	108,463	82,686
Social security	8,294	5,729
Pensions	7,391	5,464
Will writing	1,817	2,675
Stripe and online giving fees	11,897	9,288
Christmas card purchases	1,869	1,884
Fundraising costs	32,464	27,670
Travel expenses	193	3,066
Charitable events	17,639	17,173
Website and social media	3,110	3,110
Print and design magazine	-	1,532
Online shop expenses	3,049	1,928
UHL staff costs	43,111	49,376
Head of nursing	<u>2,225</u>	<u>2,132</u>
	241,522	213,713
Other trading expenses		
Administration expenses	<u>1,655</u>	<u>1,917</u>

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	2024 £	2023 £
Raising donations and legacies		
Charitable activities		
Wages	171,452	160,030
Social security	15,240	13,888
Pensions	11,837	12,046
Provision for nursing services	649,660	602,700
Nurses meetings	5,200	3,344
Website and social media	12,442	12,442
Patient support sundries and other support costs	5,464	6,198
Patient travel	1,412	8,595
Printing and design magazine	-	13,787
Project Wales	2,438	4,958
Research centre main award	(1,639)	169,125
Other research costs	578	879
Armed Forces project expenses	19,611	10,696
Information expenses	11,482	11,747
Patient carer day	11,253	10,722
Awareness costs	1,671	5,398
UHL staff costs	-	35,038
Travel expenses	47	1,243
Benefit advisors	-	29,124
Team leaders	84,144	133,700
Mick May memorial expenditure	-	130
Research grants	108,289	73,404
Head of nursing	40,058	38,375
Educational event expenses	6,006	1,551
	1,156,645	1,359,120
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	140,589	129,965
Social security	10,151	8,507
Pensions	9,613	8,526
Rates and water	4,709	10,371
Insurance	1,032	836
Telephone	3,905	3,943
Postage and stationery	1,674	2,091
Repairs and maintenance	751	1,290
Legal and professional fees	6,746	3,012
Governance	4,455	1,581
Travel expenses	513	2,160
Investment manager costs	6,022	6,041
UHL staff costs	-	8,244
Carried forward	190,160	186,567

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	2024 £	2023 £
Other		
Brought forward	190,160	186,567
Training	106	2,946
Subscriptions	4,888	4,039
IT support and other IT costs	10,597	17,970
CRM expenses	7,349	6,746
Marketing and adverts	2,576	3,677
Bank charges	862	630
Office expenses	2,159	2,264
Head of nursing	2,224	2,132
Rent	25,000	25,001
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,121	5,310
	251,042	257,283
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	7,630	7,200
Total resources expended	1,658,494	1,839,233
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses	113,014	(228,776)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	60,065	(54,590)
Net income/(expenditure)	173,079	(283,366)

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