

Charity registration number 1179844

**HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

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# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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### **Chair's statement**

In the year that Holibobs Children's Cancer Charity celebrated our 5th birthday, the Chair is pleased to report that the charity continues to successfully navigate ongoing economic uncertainty with our strong financial performance. As a result, we remain well placed to meet our objective of providing valuable support to some wonderful families.

In addition to supporting families through the provision of holidays and short breaks to a variety of different locations across the UK, we also arranged tickets for a number of events for families, including pantomimes and Christmas shows. These proved to be very popular and will be something we will look to continue with in the coming year.

Funds continue to be received from a range of different sources, providing diversified income through both individual and corporate supporters. In May 2024, fundraisers participating in 10 Y Fan raised over £18,000 for Holibobs, a significant contribution to our finances for the year, despite no longer being a nominated charity for this event. Other significant contributions came from the Blueberry Foundation (£5K) and HMP Buckley Hall (over £3K). In addition, a quiz night arranged by the Trustees in October was very successful, raising over £650 on the night and with excellent feedback from attendees there are plans to arrange further quizzes in future. Regular income is also now being received from a number of clothing bins located in positions around South Wales. The trustees are grateful to all supporters and fundraisers who have helped us to raise funds for the charity over the course of the year.

Feedback and photos from families have been gratefully received and provide a welcome reminder of the importance of the work we do and the impact this has on the families we support. We thank them for sharing this with us and allowing us to share some fantastic photos with our supporters via social media.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, who continue to dedicate a huge amount of time and effort to running the charity. We look forward to continuing to help as many families as possible in the year ahead.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)".

### Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Holibobs is:

*'To assist in the treatment and care of children and young people suffering from cancer or leukaemia who are aged 19 or under and living in Wales, and to preserve and protect the health of those caring for them and their families, in particular but not exclusively through the provision of respite holidays and holiday accommodation.'*

Requests for holidays and short breaks are predominantly received from social workers supporting the family but are also on occasion received directly from a family themselves. Either way, they are required to be supported by an appropriate consultant, doctor or other medical professional overseeing treatment. The CIO aims to fulfil all holiday requests which meet the above criteria.

The charity continues to operate via the support of the trustees, volunteers and fundraisers, all of whom give their time freely and without remuneration for any of the work that they undertake. Holibobs continues to keep its operating costs to a minimum, maximising the amount of funds raised that is spent directly on providing support to children with cancer or leukaemia and their families.

Fundraising activity from a diverse range of sources has taken place, which has enabled us to cover our costs during the period and to maintain a healthy bank reserve. This reinforces and strengthens our ongoing viability as a charity, an important consideration for the Trustees. We are very grateful to all individuals and organisations who have raised funds for Holibobs over this period.

### Public benefit

The Trustees have at all times paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Everything that has been done by Holibobs has been undertaken in full compliance with the above aims and objectives. The charity continues to dedicate its time and resources to supporting families affected by cancer and leukaemia and the Trustees are all in agreement that these aims meet the requirements set out therein.

### Achievements and performance

Several notable fundraising initiatives have taken place during the year, across corporate fundraising, individual and team fundraising, including 10 Y Fan, a quiz night, a sponsored shave, choir concert, and a cake sale. Funds received from clothing bins installed in various locations, where Holibobs receives donations from the proceeds from the clothing received into the bins, provides a good ongoing source of revenue for the charity.

Our proudest achievement continues to be how many families we have been able to support. Holidays and short breaks for the families we support provide welcome respite and the opportunity to make positive memories at a time when this is much needed. Unfortunately, the nature of the conditions faced by the children means that occasional rescheduling of holidays is inevitable, so we are very grateful for the flexibility that several of the companies that we've booked holidays through have continued to show to us, often waiving additional charges in such cases. We have also been able to offer the families we support the opportunity to attend pantomimes and other Christmas shows, which were enjoyed by all who came to these events.

The positive feedback and wonderful photos shared by the families we have supported emphasises how important our cause remains, showing how much these experiences mean to the whole family. These continue to be a source of inspiration to all involved with the charity and we look forward to continuing to support as many families as possible in the year ahead.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### Financial review

The charity made an unrestricted surplus of £5,909 for the financial period (2023: £75,850).

The charity maintains a policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use will be maintained at a level equivalent to between 3 to 6 months expenditure as a minimum. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in income, as has been experienced in recent years due to the pandemic, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities/ This also provides sufficient time for consideration to be given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period and overall reserves have increased over the period.

The charity's free reserves totalled £140,744 as at 30 June 2024 (2023: £135,799).

### Plans for future periods

Holibobs continues to attract support from a range of corporate and individual fundraisers from both within Wales and beyond. This involves fundraising initiated by supporters and events such as 10 Y Fan, quiz nights etc that are promoted by Holibobs. Following the success of the Christmas events, where free tickets were provided to families we support, the Trustees will look to arrange further such events to provide a range of different opportunities.

The Trustees will continue to explore opportunities to raise funds and to raise the profile and awareness of the charity, in addition to seeking opportunities to help as many families as possible, through the ongoing provision of holidays and short breaks and other activities, such as tickets to shows, in the year ahead.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), whose governing document is CIO-Foundation registered 7th September 2018.

Trustees are recruited by the current Trustee Board, with new Trustees selected through a meeting of the Board, where nominees are considered and appointed accordingly. The roles of Chair and Treasurer are selected by the Trustees at a meeting of the Board and these roles are rotated among the Trustees as appropriate periodically.

The Trustees consider the current structure and governance arrangements of the charity to still be appropriate to its needs.

### The Board of Trustees

The current Board of Trustees are all volunteers, who give up their own time freely and without remuneration to undertake all aspects of day-to-day operations and ensure the continued success of the charity.

All Trustees remain committed to their roles and no additional trustees are considered necessary to be added to the Board at this time.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### Reference and administrative details

**Charity name** Holibobs Children's Cancer Charity

**Charity number** 1179844

**Trustees** Mr L Gillen  
Ms E Gillen (Treasurer)  
Mr I Stone (Chair)  
Mrs R Stone

**Principal address** 46 Heol Cae-Rhys  
Rhiwbina  
Cardiff  
CF14 6AP

**Independent examiner** Azets Audit Services  
Ty Derw  
Lime Tree Court  
Cardiff Gate Business Park  
Cardiff  
CF23 8AB

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Mr I Stone**

Trustee

Dated: 30.4.25

# **HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Holibobs Children's Cancer Charity (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Andrew Howells**

**Azets Audit Services**

Ty Derw

Lime Tree Court

Cardiff Gate Business Park

Cardiff

South Glamorgan

CF23 8AB

United Kingdom

30 April 2025

Dated: .....



# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	38,870	99,856
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<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	4	32,961	24,006
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<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		5,909	75,850
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		135,798	59,949
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<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2024</b>		141,707	135,799
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		963		-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	5,709		5,709	
Cash at bank and in hand		136,895		131,866	
		<u>142,604</u>		<u>137,575</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(1,860)</u>		<u>(1,776)</u>	
Net current assets			140,744		135,799
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>141,707</u>		<u>135,799</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			141,707		135,799
			<u>141,707</u>		<u>135,799</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30.4.25



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Mr I Stone - Trustee

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holibobs Children's Cancer Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, whose principal office is 46 Heol Cae-Rhys, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, CF14 6AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for smaller charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Event and sponsorship income is credited to the accounts in the period to which it relates.

Sale of merchandise income is recognised when the sale takes place.

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 bank.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.
- Governance costs included in support costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial assets***

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

#### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and sponsorship	38,870	99,856

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 4 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation and impairment	137	-
Donations and holidays	25,142	16,539
General fundraising expenditure	891	2,816
Consumables and merchandise	2,821	1,342
Telephone	844	716
Storage	696	650
	<u>30,531</u>	<u>22,063</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	2,430	1,943
	<u>32,961</u>	<u>24,006</u>

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination fees	-	1,860	1,860	1,943
Accountancy fees	-	570	570	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>1,943</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	2,430	2,430	1,943
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>1,943</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £1,860 (2023: £1,560) for independent examination and accountancy fees. £570 (2023: 216) was paid for bookkeeping costs.

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

During the year, no trustees (2023: none) were reimbursed for expenses. (2023: £nil).

# HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
Additions	1,100
At 30 June 2024	1,100
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
Depreciation charged in the year	137
At 30 June 2024	137
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2024	963

### 10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	-	50
Prepayments	5,709	5,659
	5,709	5,709

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,860	1,776

# **HOLIBOBS CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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### **12 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or prior year.