

FRIENDS OF RCSI

REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Registered Charity no. 1183659

Company Number: 11571364

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Charitable Purposes, Activities and Achievements

The charitable purposes of the Charity are the advancement of education in medicine and health sciences including surgical science.

Friends of RCSI provides funding for research and educational activities in the programmes of RCSI in the fields of medicine and health sciences, including surgical science. This will benefit the public in the treatment of various illnesses and medical conditions, particularly through the high-level training and skills development of health professionals.

Friends of RCSI received 57 donations raising over £87,000 for the Charity in the year. The principal way the Charity raises funds is through fundraising activities with RCSI alumni and friends based in the UK.

Friends of RCSI is a charity that assesses RCSI grant applications in accordance with the Trustees' grant making policy. RCSI is one of the four Royal medical colleges for the UK and Ireland. For over 200 years RCSI has played a major role in medical education and surgical training in Ireland. The College provides extensive education and training for healthcare professions at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Its activities are subject to the usual independent educational accreditations and oversights applicable to the courses/qualifications provided.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Financial review

The Charity's cash receipts for the year ended 30 September 2024 were £87,857 (2023: £25,433) and consisted principally of fundraising donations received from RCSI alumni and friends.

Cash Reserves

The Trustees consider that they don't need to hold free reserves as a matter of course. The Charity employs no staff and has no contractual obligations. All grants made are discretionary and made out of funds that have been raised.

As at year end, the Charity's free cash reserves were £5,056 (2023: £4,931) and these will be deployed in grant funding.

Plans for future periods

Fundraising activities will continue with RCSI alumni and friends in the UK through events and various communications channels.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Friends of RCSI was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company on 17 September 2018. The company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales. Friends of RCSI was entered on the Register of Charities on 31 May 2019.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the purposes of Friends of RCSI. Selected candidates are appointed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Trustees at a meeting.

New Trustees receive an Induction pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with the Charity. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know together with the Charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Friends of RCSI for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 May 2025.....and signed on their behalf by:

Aine Gibbons

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Aíne Gibbons

Trustee

FRIENDS OF RCSI

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Registered numbers	1183659 (Charity Commission for England and Wales) 11571364 (Companies House)
Trustees	Nadeem Moghal (Chairman) Aíne Gibbons Tom Browne Sheraz Daya Marylyn Poynter Rafael Gafoor Hilal Bahia Paula Cowan (Appointed October 2024) Martin Holt (Appointed October 2024) Owen Owens (Appointed October 2024) Maurice Jackson (Appointed October 2024)
Registered Office	10 Queens Street Place London EC4R 1BE
Bankers	Triodos Bank Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS
Independent examiner	Joshua Kingston BSc ACA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower 5 Farleigh Court Old Weston Road Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 1UR
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE'S OF FRIENDS OF RCSI ('THE COMPANY')

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 accounts to be reached.

Joshua Kingston

Joshua Kingston BSc ACA
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Date: 14 May 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	-	87,857	87,857	25,433
Investments	3	268	-	268	81
Total income		<u>268</u>	<u>87,857</u>	<u>88,125</u>	<u>25,514</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	143	25,269	25,412	31,610
Total expenditure		<u>143</u>	<u>25,269</u>	<u>25,412</u>	<u>31,610</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	5	125	62,588	62,713	(6,096)
Total funds at start of year	7	4,931	25,158	30,089	36,185
Total funds at end of year	7	<u>5,056</u>	<u>87,746</u>	<u>92,802</u>	<u>30,089</u>

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Comparative fund transactions are shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Company number: 11571364

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		92,802	30,089
Net current assets		92,802	30,089
Net assets		92,802	30,089
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	8	5,056	4,931
Restricted funds	8	87,746	25,158
Total funds		92,802	30,089

For the year ending 30 September 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements of Friends of RCSI were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 May 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Aine Gibbons

Aíne Gibbons
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

- I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
- II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable Activities

Grants awarded are allocated to charitable activities.

Grants awarded are treated as expenditure and a liability in the accounts as soon as they become legal or constructive obligations. In the case of multi-year grant awards, the funding for all years is immediately recognised unless there are conditions which need to be met by the recipient to enable the release of subsequent years' funding.

Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs are included within support costs.

Allocation and apportionment costs

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and this has been included in those cost categories. Other costs, which are attributable to more than one category, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an assessment of workload carried out from time to time.

Cash at bank & in hand

Cash at bank and cash 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.

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1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for particular purposes by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note 7 of the financial statements.

2 Income from: Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	-	87,857	87,857
	-	87,857	87,857

Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations	-	25,433	25,433
	-	25,433	25,433

3 Income from: Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest received	268	-	268
	268	-	268

Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest received	81	-	81
	81	-	81

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4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Support Costs £	Direct Costs £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants Payable	-	25,269	25,269
Bank Charges	143	-	143
	<u>143</u>	<u>25,269</u>	<u>25,412</u>

Prior Year

	Support Costs £	Direct Costs £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants Payable	-	31,435	31,435
Bank Charges	175	-	175
	<u>175</u>	<u>31,435</u>	<u>31,610</u>

All costs are directly attributed to activities

5 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees	1,760	1,650

The Independent examiner's fees for the year ended 30 September 2024 were paid and invoiced to RCSI (Irish Charity number: 20001957).

No Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses (2023: £0). No Trustee received any remuneration during the current or previous year.

Aggregate donations from Trustees, key management personnel and other related parties were £Nil (2023: £Nil).

6 Taxation

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

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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

7 Movement in funds

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	At 1 Oct 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 Sept 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Student Programmes	25,158	87,857	(25,269)	-	87,746
	<u>25,158</u>	<u>87,857</u>	<u>(25,269)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,746</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	4,931	268	(143)	-	5,056
	<u>4,931</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,056</u>
Total funds	<u>30,089</u>	<u>88,125</u>	<u>(25,412)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,802</u>

Restricted funds

Student Programmes support the expansion of RCSI's scholarship programme, which celebrates excellence, breaks down barriers and unlocks opportunity for talented students. Career defining opportunities including international Clinical Elective placements and selection for the Research Summer School to gain practical laboratory and clinical experience under the supervision of a Principal Investigator are supported for the best and brightest students requiring financial assistance.

Prior Year

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	At 1 Oct 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 Sept 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Student Programmes	31,160	25,433	(31,435)	-	25,158
	<u>31,160</u>	<u>25,433</u>	<u>(31,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,158</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,025	81	(175)	-	4,931
	<u>5,025</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>(175)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,931</u>
Total funds	<u>36,185</u>	<u>25,514</u>	<u>(31,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,089</u>

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8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
As at 30 September 2024			
Other net assets	87,746	5,056	92,802
	<u>87,746</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>92,802</u>

Prior Year

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Total
	£	£	£
As at 30 September 2023			
Other net assets	25,158	4,931	30,089
	<u>25,158</u>	<u>4,931</u>	<u>30,089</u>

9 Related party transactions

There are no transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

10 Comparative fund movements

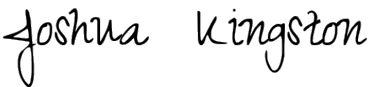
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations	-	25,433	25,433
Investments	81	-	81
Total income	<u>81</u>	<u>25,433</u>	<u>25,514</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	175	31,435	31,610
Total expenditure	<u>175</u>	<u>31,435</u>	<u>31,610</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	(94)	(6,002)	(6,096)
Total funds at start of year	5,025	31,160	36,185
Total funds at end of year	<u>4,931</u>	<u>25,158</u>	<u>30,089</u>

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