



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 2024** To

31 March 2025

Charity name: The National HIV Story Trust

Charity registration number: 1185923

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of education for the public benefit in the subject of the HIV/aids epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s by making available recordings of first-hand testimony of persons affected by the HIV/aids epidemic and other related educational resources and materials in order to improve the knowledge and understanding of such persons' experiences and HIV/aids.• To promote and protect the health of persons affected by HIV/aids by the provision of grants and donations to charities or charitable organisations providing care and support for such persons.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The aims of our charity are to preserve the history of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, remembering the stories of tragedy but also those of love, compassion and humanity. The lessons from the pandemic remain as pertinent today as they did in the 80s/90s. The NHST hopes the 100+ interviews filmed with survivors and victims' families, partners and medical professionals, will be a voice for those who didn't survive, a chance to honour those who did, and an education for those who live so freely today because of this generational struggle.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The delivery of this plan ensures that the charity is aligned with guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The NHST reached its 10th anniversary as an organisation and has spent the last 12 months accelerating its aims to tell the stories of the HIV/Aids era with its Heritage Lottery Funded project, HIVstory.</p> <p>The undertaking of this project has delivered a focused bespoke travelling exhibition, which tells the story of 45 people in our archive through a variety of formats – short form and long form video and written precis in both short and long versions.</p> <p>Over the last 12 months we have successfully staged the exhibition in a wide range of locations and venues, from train stations to universities, libraires to museums. Venues included London Bridge Station, Stratford East Station, Dudley Library, Durham University, Royal College</p>

		<p>of Nursing, Senate House, Central Newcastle, The London Archives and Fitzrovia Chapel.</p> <p>In February 2025 we were gifted an exceptional exhibition of photographs by the internationally renowned photographer Danielle van Zadelhoff, featuring 17 survivors from our interviews, this collection adds to the NHST archive and we will be displaying these photographs at a future event currently being planned.</p> <p>Our continued outreach work includes general public film nights – showing a combination of our own interview material and relevant films on the subject matter or era that cover – our first at UCL East was well attended and a great start to the programme.</p> <p>We have also undertaken two programmes of volunteer training – using our archive as a basis for different forms of story telling.</p> <p>In June our co-founders were key note speakers at the Discovering Collections Discovering Communities conference, sharing our experience of using sensitive materials to tell stories to the widest audiences.</p> <p>As part of the HIVstory project we also took on our first contract apprentice, training in various aspects of archive work, under the instruction of our partner the London Archive.</p> <p>Fund raising continues to provide many challenges in the current financial environment, but we have undertaken a number of corporate presentations which raise funds, participation in the Red Run fundraiser event, and been part of corporate Pride month initiatives.</p> <p>We also undertook an awareness event for our work, where Paul Brand (ITV) interviewed Craig Revel-Horwood (Strictly Come Dancing) about his experiences and memories, this event was kindly gifted to us and allowed us to reach a large number of new supporters.</p>
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		<p>Plans for future periods</p> <p>Looking forward to the next year, our focus will be on undertaking more exhibitions and out-reach as part of our HLF project. We are also looking to recruit our next volunteer cohorts and will be bringing on our second contract apprentice (who will work with our partner Newcastle University). We will continue to develop our archive and intend to undertake a small number of interviews to add into the archive, alongside developing the completion of a number of films combining our interviews.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has free reserves of £10,880 at 31 March 2025 (2024: £10,307) which has been calculated as the total funds of the charity less restricted funds. At 31 March 2025, the charity had restricted funds of £53,428 (2024: £6,550). The charity needs free reserves for its ongoing operations and the trustees are satisfied with the level held.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are interviewed by a panel of trustees and appointed where they have the necessary skills to contribute to the Charity's governance and strategic development.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>Before registering as a charity, the activities of the charity were conducted through a limited company, Two Point Zero Ltd, a company not intended to be profit-making. Trustees Paul Coleman and Nicholas Thorogood were directors of the company. The company incurred costs conducting interviews. These were originally paid by a director unconnected to the charity but Nicholas Thorogood made a loan to the company of £16,000 to repay the departing director. When the charity was registered, the rights of the interviews were transferred to the charity along with the debt and the company was dissolved. The repayment of the loan from Nicholas Thorogood is not constrained by any time period and at 31 March 2025 stands at £14,621.</p> <p>In the year ended 31 March 2025 the Trust reimbursed 2 Trustees a total of £3,567 (2024: 3 Trustees a total of £299) for</p>

		expenses paid by them. Additionally, 1 Trustee was paid £6,000 (2024: £nil) for editing services. No other related party transactions took place in the year.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The National HIV Story Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1185923
Charity's principal address	13 York Villas Brighton BN1 3TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Kevin Watson			
	2	Nicholas Thorogood			
	3	Erica Piennar			
	4	George Ruiz			
	5	Janet Pimblett			
	6	Julian Ingle			
	7	Paul Coleman			
	8	Dan Costen			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Independent examiners	Price Bailey LLP	Anglia House, 6 Central Avenue St Andrews Business Park Thorpe St Andrew Norwich Norfolk NR7 0HR
	Bankers	NatWest Bank Plc	27/28 St Peter's Hill Grantham Lincs NG31 6QG
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

	Signature(s)	Kevin Watson	
		<small>Mr K Watson (Jan 30, 2026, 10:02am)</small>	
	Full name(s)	Kevin Watson	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
	Date	30 Jan 2026	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The National HIV Story Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Price Bailey LLP have provided book-keeping services to the Charity. I have applied the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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30 January 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The National HIV Story Trust

No (if any)
1185923

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-24		31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	6,108	-	-	6,108	4,039
Grant income	-	120,094	-	120,094	6,550
Trading income	-	-	-	-	2,666
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,108	120,094	-	126,202	13,255
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,108	120,094	-	126,202	13,255
A3 Payments					
Web hosting & computer software	2,130	24,219	-	26,349	1,075
Legal & professional and Insurance	526	-	-	526	561
Consultancy & subcontractor costs	-	39,387	-	39,387	-
Accountancy	2,430	-	-	2,430	2,676
Editing	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Audio recording	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	524	-	524	-
Office Equipment	370	-	-	370	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	1,728
Postage	9	2,195	-	2,204	237
Travel	60	891	-	951	294
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	18
Foreign exchange differences	10	-	-	10	13
Sub total	5,535	73,216	-	78,751	6,602
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,535	73,216	-	78,751	6,602
Net of receipts/(payments)	573	46,878	-	47,451	6,653
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,307	6,550	-	16,857	10,204
Cash funds this year end	10,880	53,428	-	64,308	16,857

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	10,880	53,428	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,880	53,428	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Fixed assets	Restrictcd	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan	Unrestricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Date of approval		
Signature		Print Name		
Kevin Watson		Kevin Watson		30 Jan 2026

Mr K Watson (Jan 30, 2026, 10:02am)