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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:(A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH, AND IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROMOTION OF THE EFFECTIVE WORKING OF NHS CHARITIES;(B) THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION IN RELATION TO NHS CHARITIES AND THEIR PURPOSES INCLUDING BY ENGAGING IN AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH (AND THE DISSEMINATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS); AND(C) THE FURTHERANCE BY ANY OTHER MEANS OF THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF ALL OR ANY NHS CHARITIES GENERALLY.3.2 NOTHING IN THESE ARTICLES SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHARITY FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

Activities: We are the national charity partner of the NHS. We mobilise the collective power of NHS charities and the nation to help the NHS go further for patients, staff and communities, ensuring extra support goes

where it is most needed and enabling the NHS to advance in a rapidly changing world. Our vision is a future with a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,467,385	£10,364,195	£37,723,535	74
2023-12-31	£9,515,294	£24,232,101	£40,620,345	62
2022-12-31	£6,992,619	£22,727,218	£55,337,152	48
2021-12-31	£11,897,651	£47,650,945	£71,071,502	27
2020-12-31	£158,354,000	£51,529,000	£106,825,000	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Sangster Phippen	Chair	2024-09-25
AMARJIT SINGH		2021-09-22
Antony Tiernan		2021-09-22
James Clarke		2024-09-25
Jayne Elizabeth Mee		2021-09-22
Joanne Revill		2024-09-25
Khalil ur Rehman		2024-09-25
Nicola Gilham		2024-09-25
Sarah Brampton		2024-09-25
Sarah Louise Armstrong		2024-09-25
TIMOTHY HUGH DIGGLE		2019-05-15

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Annual Report
2024



23 June 2025



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Message from our Chair
Peter Phippen

Moving forward together



For the first time as Chair, I'm delighted to introduce NHS Charities Together's 2024 annual report, sharing another year of real impact. Motivated by my own personal journey of NHS care, I can see how special NHS charities are, making every day better for patients, staff and communities. I'm proud to be representing an organisation and sector on the move.

As a sector, we contribute £1.5m every day to the NHS. This contribution helps the NHS to innovate, transform and evolve to improve the health of the nation.

Right now, the challenges facing the NHS are the subject of a national conversation and solving them is a focus for the government. We believe NHS charities are going to be needed more than ever, as important partners in person-centred healthcare, and that we will have a significant role to play in the years ahead. As the NHS formulates its response to its many challenges, we will be developing our plans to support it and ensure this support continues to grow.

Over the last year, we have begun to implement our new strategy. We are moving beyond the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal into our next phase as an organisation, ensuring a long-lasting legacy for the unique moment when the nation got behind the NHS.

We have helped to grow the NHS charity sector, creating opportunities for sharing best practice, training and networking. We have also developed programmes that will enable us to have impact at scale. For example, in May we announced a new £16m Workforce Wellbeing fund, in partnership with NHS England, to provide much needed extra support to an exhausted healthcare workforce.

This year, we issued the first grants through our Innovation Challenge to fund innovations tackling health inequalities among children and young people. And we launched a programme to fund training and equipment for lifesaving community first responder volunteers, made possible by our 2023 Omaze partnership.

We were pleased to take on hosting the National Arts in Health Network and its important work promoting the arts in healthcare, and to begin the second phase of the Greener Communities programme, improving health through green spaces. We also co-led the Volunteering for Health programme, working with NHS England and CW+ to fund, evaluate and share best practice in volunteering.

None of this would have been possible without the support of member NHS charities, funders and donors, and voluntary sector, NHS and government partners – thank you. To those working hard in the more than 230 NHS charities across the UK, your efforts make such a difference and are truly valued. I would also like to thank my fellow trustees and the NHS Charities Together staff for your time, commitment and the warm welcome you have given me.

It is clear we are needed more than ever. I look forward to working together over the coming year to realise our shared vision of a future with a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.



A vital role over the next **10 years**

I'd like to add my thanks to Peter's and to welcome him in his role as Chair of NHS Charities Together. I am delighted to co-lead the organisation and sector into our next phase, motivated by delivering the best possible outcomes for the communities we serve.

The scale of the challenges facing healthcare right now is so great that the NHS cannot tackle them alone. The NHS charity sector is uniquely placed to bring together partners and philanthropists to help the NHS adapt, innovate and transform the health of the nation.

As waiting lists grow and staff shortages impact capacity, our research shows many people are concerned they are not going to get the help they need, when they need it. We know that for most NHS staff, theirs is still the best job in the world. But outdated equipment, crumbling hospitals, and lack of capacity to give personalised care is affecting their own health and wellbeing and that of their patients.

NHS Charities Together supports all NHS charities in the UK to make every day better for their patients, staff and communities. Through partnership, we test, learn and share what works to scale-up improvements to patient experience and outcomes, workforce wellbeing, and helping people live well in communities.

Public awareness of the role of charitable giving in the NHS has increased over the last year, with more people believing NHS charities have a role to play in supporting healthcare. Since 2020, the sector's turnover has grown by 20% to around £600m a year.



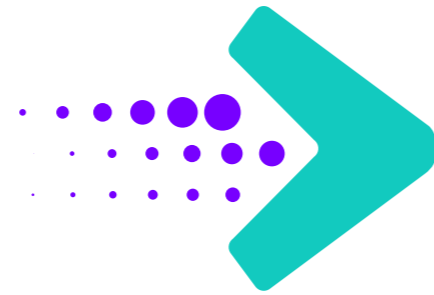
However, so much more needs to be done. We are just scratching the surface of the difference we could make together. That's why we are calling for more investment in NHS charities and the wider voluntary sector.

In 2024, we began to actively engage in the consultation around the 10-year health plan for the NHS, announced by the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England in November. There is enormous potential for the NHS charity sector to work across the NHS to help bring about the shifts needed – from hospital to community, treatment to prevention, and analogue to digital. Too often, the role of the voluntary sector is overlooked and this potential is not seen. We urge those leading the plan to ensure NHS charities are part of the solution.

I'd like to end by thanking everyone who helped make our work in 2024 possible – funders, partners, trustees, staff and NHS charities across the UK. We are needed more than ever and together we are making a real difference.



Section 01 Our strategy



Achieving our potential together

In 2024, we continued to embed our new strategy and work in line with our refreshed vision and mission. We were focused on our role supporting the NHS and the health of the nation into the future.

As the national charity for the NHS, representing the network of NHS charities based in every trust and health board across the UK, we help tackle the biggest challenges facing healthcare.

We want everyone to get the healthcare they need, when they need it. We are fighting to break down barriers to access, ease pressure on the NHS and improve healthcare experiences for patients and staff. We champion innovation and share important knowledge and insights.

Our strategy focuses on three impact areas:

- transforming patient experience and outcomes
- supporting workforce wellbeing through caring for NHS staff and volunteers
- supporting people to live well, through preventing ill health and holistic management of long-term conditions

These are supported by four enablers that will help us achieve these outcomes – developing transformative programmes, building NHS charity sector capacity, developing our voice, and becoming a sustainable organisation.

The scale of the challenges facing the NHS are so great it can't tackle them alone. We believe the NHS charity sector is needed more than ever. There is so much we can do to support the much-needed shifts outlined in the NHS 10-year health plan, expected to be published in 2025.

Together, we can make a real difference for the NHS patients, staff and volunteers, and communities we serve and help to bring about the best possible healthcare for everyone.

Our vision

A future with a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

Our mission

We mobilise the collective power of NHS charities and the nation to help the NHS go further for patients, staff and communities – ensuring extra support goes where it's most needed and enabling the NHS to advance in a rapidly changing world.

Our impact values

- **Inclusive**
We build inclusive relationships with diverse stakeholders, sharing our time, knowledge and skills to create partnerships that support each other, members and the NHS.
- **Authentic**
We are open, honest and act with integrity in all that we do.
- **Make a difference**
We remain focused on making a positive difference for members and the NHS, based on evidence and insights on what works the best.
- **Compassionate**
We care about people and treat everyone with equity, kindness, respect, empathy, and support; we put heart into all we do and how we care for the NHS.
- **Pioneering**
We dare to be different and are constantly curious, asking questions to uncover what needs to be done so that we can have most impact.
- **Transformative**
We actively champion innovation and transformational leadership, and we advocate for change, bringing supportive challenge to ourselves and others.



Section 02
**Looking back
 at 2024**

This year's
highlights

Looking back on 2024, we achieved so much together to support the people who work and volunteer for the NHS and the patients they care for. Here are a few of the stand-out moments.



April

Spotlighting NHS staff struggles

In April, we shared the results of our survey of more than 1,000 NHS staff. Over three in four staff (76%) said they have experienced a mental health condition in the last year and others reported experiencing anxiety or low mood and exhaustion. Despite these challenges, almost four in five healthcare professionals (79%) were proud to work for the NHS.

**With all our
 Hearts concert**

In April, the crème de la crème of the entertainment industry came together at London's Adelphi Theatre to celebrate over 75 years of the NHS. All the proceeds from this one-night-only gala were donated to NHS Charities Together.



May

Growing Greener Communities

We funded eight projects working with NHS charities across the UK to improve or create access to green spaces in or near healthcare settings, greatly benefitting communities with limited access to nature. These projects were made possible by our partnership with environmental charity Hubbub and funding from Starbucks' 5p cup charge.



Member conference

In May, we hosted our third national conference for members, under the theme of Transformation in Action. Representatives from members across the UK came together to explore the art of the possible, stretch our thinking, and showcase the life-changing impact of NHS charities on patients, healthcare workers and communities.



£

£16m
 for Workforce
 Wellbeing

Workforce Wellbeing programme announced

At our member conference, we announced a £16m Workforce Wellbeing programme to support NHS staff across the UK, in partnership with NHS England, which has contributed £5m in England alongside our initial commitment of £6m to be shared proportionately across the four nations. We aim to secure a further £5m in donations and funding over the duration of the programme.

June

Showcasing the sector at NHS ConfedExpo

We sponsored our first ever Role of the Voluntary Sector Learning Theatre at this flagship NHS conference, also supported by CCLA Investment Management. This was a brilliant opportunity to highlight the role of the voluntary sector in supporting healthcare.



July

Partnering with Loose Women

ITV's Loose Women regulars Brenda Edwards and Kaye Adams lent their support over the summer as part of a brand partnership with NHS Charities Together. Brenda visited The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in Shropshire, where a 'Path of Positivity' is boosting wellbeing. Kaye interviewed Kate Betts, a Therapy Associate Practitioner at the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries and staff governor who first instigated the idea of the path in 2019.



Celebrating the NHS's 76th birthday

In July, we shared videos from supporters making their birthday wish for the NHS. Our Charity Champion Jordan Henderson MBE said:

"My birthday wish for the NHS is that the NHS workforce get the support they need to do their jobs caring for us all. I know first-hand what an incredible job they do in really difficult circumstances, and how loved and appreciated they are by all of us."



September

Football legend joins us for BGC Charity Day

Harry Redknapp joined us for global brokerage and financial technology company BGC's Charity Day. Harry brought his trademark charm and humour to the trading floor, raising funds to help make healthcare better across the UK.

Taking on the Great North Run for NHS charities

On 8 September, almost 600 AJ Bell Great North Run participants raised money for NHS Charities Together or a local NHS charity. With a much bigger presence at the event in 2024, together they raised a phenomenal £27,407, trebling the average amount raised in previous years. Rosie, 30 from Hartlepool, said:

"I'm running for NHS Charities Together to thank our wonderful NHS staff for everything they do. My mum was in hospital with breast cancer and went into anaphylactic shock – the staff were amazing and saved her life."



October

Celebrities join the public to take 'The Big Step'

Gaby Roslin, other well-known faces and steppers across the UK took either 5,000 or 10,000 steps every day throughout October, while fundraising for better healthcare for everyone. Every penny raised will help to transform health and care across the UK.

270 supporters clocked up 25,690,199 steps, raising £17,205 for NHS charities!



25,690,199 Big steps taken!



Contributing to the NHS 10-year health plan

At the end of the year, we engaged with the government's consultation on its 10-year health plan for the NHS in England. We held workshops with member NHS charities across the UK, who shared examples of the impact they are making, and outlined our vision of how we could work together strategically to make even more of a difference in the future. We believe NHS charities and the wider voluntary sector have a big role to play in achieving the shifts outlined in the plan – the NHS can't do it alone.



November

Charity partner at HSJ awards

In November we were charity partner of the HSJ awards for 7th year running. NHS Charities Together CEO Ellie Orton OBE delivered a speech, alongside Secretary of State Wes Streeting, to hundreds of attending NHS staff, highlighting how NHS charities are there to support NHS staff and help tackle the big challenges facing healthcare.



December

Starbucks NHS festive giveaway

On Thursday 5 December, Starbucks stores gave away a free Tall beverage to all NHS workers. We were happy to be partnering with Starbucks in this fourth year to share a heartfelt thank you for the hard work and dedication of NHS staff nationwide.

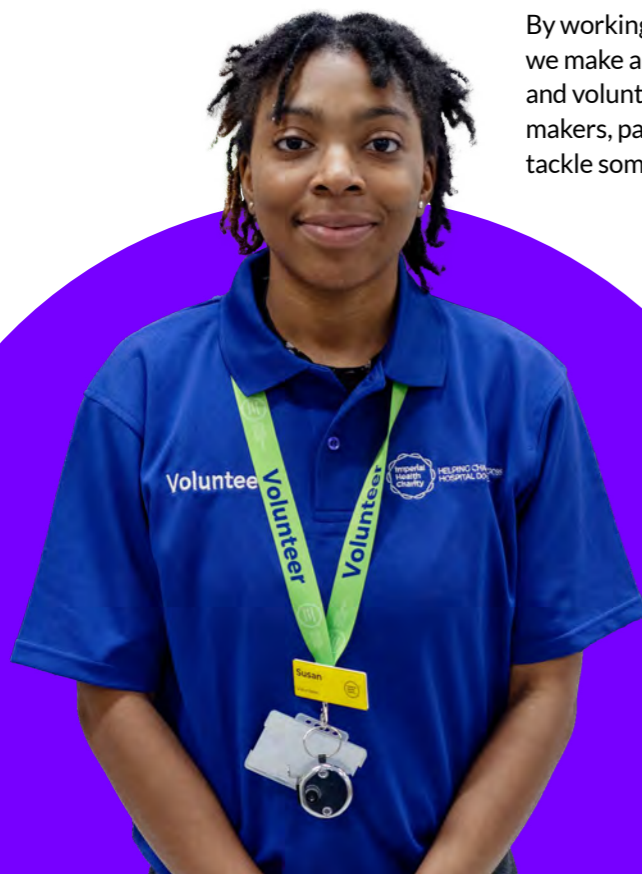
A growing network of charitable support

The NHS charity sector has grown by 20% in the last three years and is now investing over £1.5m in the NHS every day.

There are more than 230 local and specialist NHS charities across the UK supporting hospitals, ambulance trusts, mental health trusts, and community health services.

These charities support the NHS in different ways. But what they all have in common is the aim of making every day better for patients, whether by supporting staff and volunteers, improving buildings and facilities, or championing the well-known health benefits of the arts and green spaces in the community.

By working together and sharing skills and experiences, we make an even bigger impact for NHS patients, staff and volunteers, and communities. We bring decision makers, partners and NHS charities together to help tackle some of the biggest challenges facing the NHS.



Speaking with one voice

As the national charity for the NHS, we use our collective voice to influence change nationally.

In 2024:

- We ran campaigns that raised awareness of the need for and potential of the NHS charity sector. 63% of UK adults now agree that giving to an NHS charity is important to help the NHS achieve more.
- We were the charity partner for our first ever Role of the Voluntary Sector Learning Theatre at the NHS ConfedExpo, supported by CCLA. The Learning Theatre hosted talks about how trusts can work with their charity and highlighted the role of NHS charities and the wider voluntary sector in healthcare.
- We had a stand at the NHS Providers Annual Conference which gave us the opportunity to highlight our upcoming Workforce Wellbeing programme to senior leaders across the NHS and to show trusts the potential of their own NHS charity. Our CEO Ellie Orton OBE also took part in a panel discussion about how trust leaders can work with their charity to support their staff.
- At the end of the year, we engaged with the government's 10-year health plan consultation. We held workshops with member NHS charities enabling them to share examples of the impact they are having across the UK, and outlined how our sector could work strategically with the government to make an even bigger difference in the future.



The impact of the NHS charity sector

Over the last year, NHS charities have been making a huge difference to the lives of patients, NHS staff and communities across the UK – from enhancing environments to improve patient experience and outcomes, to delivering prevention projects that help people stay well. Here are just a few examples of their life-changing work:

Birmingham Community Healthcare Charity – Keeping people warm and well

Fuel poverty is affecting health and leading to more people being readmitted to hospital after being discharged. To support people in the local community, Birmingham Community Healthcare Charity is working in partnership with Cadent Gas on a 'Keeping Warm and Well' service. The project aims to relieve pressure on NHS services, helping vulnerable patients to leave hospital and rehabilitate safely at home.

St George's Hospital Charity – Lowering the pressure

St George's Hospital Charity in London has enabled the hospital's cardiology department to buy 1,667 cardiac remote monitoring devices, alerting patients with a variety of conditions when a serious episode is occurring. The devices have been shown to reduce stroke and heart failure admissions and the number of bed days during heart failure admissions. They are also giving clinicians more data on patients and reducing hospital visits.

Alder Hey Children's Charity – Improving infrastructure

Alder Hey Children's Charity in Liverpool has helped to bring about improvements to infrastructure, equipment and processes at Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust which includes a children's campus inspired by nature. With support from donors, the charity has raised millions of pounds to build and fund unique facilities and projects devoted to community and mental health services, a research Institute and even a specialist bereavement centre, which also runs the National Child Death Helpline. The charity recently raised £3m for a UK-first specialist surgical neonatal intensive care unit, keeping families together at the toughest times, which will be opening towards the end of this year.

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Supporting members

We represent the network of NHS charities based in every trust and health board across the UK. This includes charities based in hospitals and mental health, community and ambulance services.

We're proud to be working with members to deliver change for NHS patients, staff and communities. We support them to connect, learn and grow their influence, income and impact through sector events like our national member conference and Charity Leaders events, training and workshops, peer support groups, and our Member Connect online community.

At the same time, we continue to develop and strengthen the sector, raising the profile of NHS charities and creating opportunities for influence on the national stage.

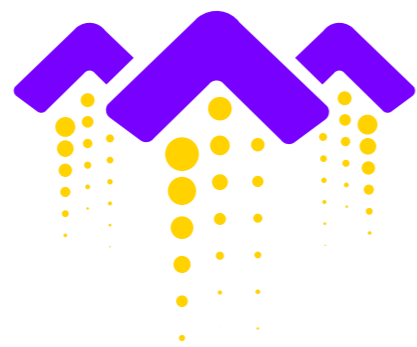
We are continuing to introduce new member benefits, based on member feedback, and to support sector development.

National conference

Our third national conference for members took place in Birmingham in May 2024, on the theme of 'Transformation in Action'. Over two packed days, we brought together member charities from across the UK to share their experiences and learn together.

Keynote speakers included Professor Tony Young OBE and Professor Bola Owolabi, Director of the National Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Programme at NHS England.

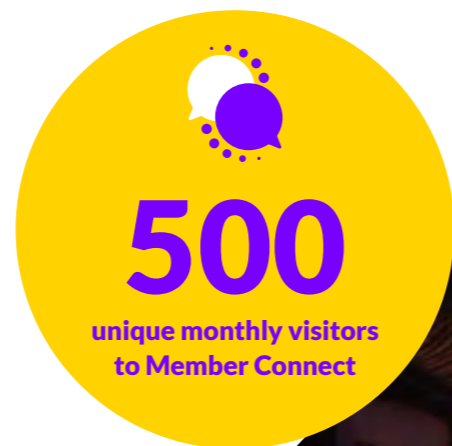
The event was our biggest yet, with more than 350 in-person attendees and more than 200 virtual attendees across the two days. A total of 171 NHS Charities Together members were represented – 76% of the overall membership.



Our support to members

In 2024:

- More than 500 NHS charity people connected through 21 special interest and regional groups.
- We held two Charity Leaders events, in Manchester in February and in London in October, bringing together representatives from more than 150 charities.
- Members were supported to build their skills through 22 virtual webinars on topics including governance, fundraising, insight and evaluation, and grant funding.
- In July we launched our Diploma in Fundraising one-year course with Corndel, which was taken by learners from 28 charities.
- Our online member platform Member Connect received more than 500 unique monthly visitors and nearly every member charity visits every quarter.
- We raised the profile of the work of NHS charities at high-profile events like NHS ConfedExpo and the NHS Providers Annual Conference.



"I just wanted to say a HUGE congratulations to you and the wider team for an AMAZING conference... Content was excellent, and the atmosphere was great. It really did feel like one big family!"

National conference attendee

"NHS Charities Together offers excellent support, advice, workshops and networking that is invaluable to us as an NHS charity."

NHS Charities Together member

Thank YOU for your **support**

We are grateful for every penny donated or raised for NHS Charities Together in 2024, and would like to thank every one of our supporters. Whether you made a donation or fundraised by putting on your running shoes, baking apron or quizmaster's hat, you helped to make a huge difference for the NHS. **Thank you.**

Our sincere gratitude to those people who felt moved to leave a forever thank you with a gift in their will, including Mr R Bowley, Mr T Williams, Mrs S Honey, Mr P Bodsworth, Mrs W Hudson, Mr G Adair, Ms D Mosley, Ms D Sutton, Mr R Kell, Mr P Shortiss, Miss S Bright, Mr T Howe, Ms C Edwards and Mr A Fawcett.

In 2024, we deeply appreciated the support of founding members of The Bevan Circle, a like-minded group of donors who made a very generous commitment to enhancing experiences for patients and their families, enabling NHS staff to have wraparound support, and funding innovative approaches to tackling health inequalities in our communities.



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our corporate partners, whose generosity has helped us to make an impact for NHS patients, staff and wider communities.

We are proud of our partnerships with companies including Haleon, Amazon UK, Evology Parking, Royal Mint, Jumbo Win, BGC Group and Adam Blanshay Productions, and all their customers who gave us their support.

A huge thank you to Clinical Partners, Simplyhealth, Wesleyan and Jean Wilkinson Charitable Trust for their extraordinary gifts.

Finally, a special mention to Hubbub Foundation and Starbucks and The Royal Foundation, partners in supporting our programmes to achieve our vision of a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.



“As I think back, I don't think about the money raised, the medals won, the world records or the massive endurance challenges that have dominated my calendar and my thoughts. I think about the fact that every time I pushed myself to the limit, I found out I was capable of more than I ever thought possible.”

Jackie Scully, fundraiser



Jackie Scully has been raising money over the last 10 years for several charities, following her breast cancer diagnosis. **In this time, she has raised an incredible £158,000, some of which will support NHS patients, staff and communities.** No challenge is too big for Jackie, from a Guinness World Record-breaking 29-hour static cycling class to trekking 24 peaks in 48 hours. In September, Jackie was deservedly named one of ITV News London's finalists in the Regional Fundraiser of the Year category of the Pride of Britain awards.

“We're delighted to be working with NHS Charities Together to help create healthier communities across the UK, delivering on our mission to break down barriers to fitness for all. Our partnership allows us to deliver national impact at a local level.”

Clare Walker, Head of PR and Public Affairs at The Gym Group

In 2023, we embarked on a three-year partnership with The Gym Group with a shared vision of supporting communities to improve their physical health. We've since been working with The Gym Group colleagues up and down the country and in 2024 raised over £100,000. We have also connected gyms with their local NHS charity to support fundraising events on their doorstep and volunteering needs in the community.



£100k
raised by
The Gym Group

Section 03 Our impact together

In 2024, together we continued to make a difference for NHS staff and volunteers, patients and communities.

Through a mix of funding, partnership working and awareness raising, we helped the NHS go on caring despite enormous challenges.

Caring for NHS staff and volunteers

The UK's health and care workforce crisis continued in 2024, with staff shortages and vacancies rising.

Our 2024 YouGov survey showed:

- Three in four NHS staff (76%) said they have experienced a mental health condition in the last year.
- More than half (52%) reported experiencing anxiety and a similar proportion (51%) had struggled with low mood.
- Over two in five respondents (42%) said they'd experienced exhaustion and three in five (60%) said they were worried about their colleagues' mental health.

Through transformational programmes, we have helped relieve some of the pressure on staff and volunteers so they can stay healthy and well and deliver the best care for patients.



£16m
Workforce Wellbeing
programme

A new £16m Workforce Wellbeing programme

In 2024, we built on our evaluation and learning to improve and sustain the wellbeing of the NHS workforce, announcing our £16m Workforce Wellbeing programme in partnership with NHS England. As part of this, we led a period of insight gathering with partners, senior stakeholders and frontline staff to design a programme that will make a meaningful, long-term difference.

The programme includes a grants fund for key projects, sharing of learning and best practice, and creating positive and long-lasting change through awareness raising and influencing. We opened the first grants fund to our members in March 2025, inviting applications for projects that will provide immediate relief for NHS people as well as innovations to transform how staff are supported in the future.



Making a difference to staff wellbeing

In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, we funded thousands of projects to provide extra support to staff, such as psychological support at Liverpool University Hospital Foundation Trust for staff experiencing trauma, burnout and, for some, the physical effects of long-Covid.

Over the course of a year NHS colleagues who had been signed off work received over 2,000 counselling and psychology sessions, helping the majority of them to return to work.

“I have worked in the NHS for over 30 years and found myself in a dark place after experiencing an issue at work. The wellbeing team offered me nine sessions with a psychologist who quite literally saved my life. Because of their support I am now back at work. If I hadn't been offered these sessions my story would have looked very different.”

Anonymous staff participant



Unleashing the power of volunteering

Through our Volunteering for Health programme, volunteers provided vital support to patients, NHS staff and the wider healthcare system. The programme is a partnership between NHS Charities Together, NHS England and CW+, the charity of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, to enable volunteers to play a bigger role in improving the healthcare experience people get and give to others. Volunteering for Health tackles barriers, tests new approaches and develops guidance and best practice that can be used more widely. The programme is funding 15 projects across England until 2027.



Our Greener Communities fund was announced in 2023 and has now supported 17 areas of green space to improve health and wellbeing



“When I came to hospital, I was delusional with paranoid thoughts, and I was very poorly. Grow Your Own kept me out of trouble. Nature for me is an important part of life. Being cooped up all day isn't the best for anyone's mental health.”

Tom, Grow Your Own group participant

Supporting patients

Good ideas need support to get off the ground. By piloting, testing and reviewing new technologies and interventions, we can provide evidence of ways the NHS can transform patient care. By looking at the big picture, we can help ensure the holistic needs of patients, carers and families are met.

Harnessing the health benefits of green spaces

Over the last four years, we have made possible projects to transform the patient experience by making hospitals more welcoming, comfortable and inspiring environments.

Our Greener Communities fund was announced in 2023 and has now supported 17 areas of green space to improve health and wellbeing – made possible thanks to our partnership with Hubbub and proceeds from Starbucks' 5p cup charge. We funded eight projects in 2024 with a total value of £1,090,189, and more projects are planned for 2025. Patients report that the project has improved their wellbeing (100% strongly agree or agree), made them feel more relaxed (97%), and helped them deal with problems (97%).

In 2024, we awarded Leeds Hospitals Charity a grant to revitalise a courtyard area within the Rehabilitation Unit of Chapel Allerton Hospital. This has been used to provide a safe, accessible and flexible space in which patients and staff can reconnect with nature. The hospital's horticultural therapy group has already doubled in size and patients and their loved ones are using the new facility to get relief from intensive recovery and rehabilitation.



Another intervention is the Grow Your Own group at Guild Park, a psychiatric inpatients unit in Preston using food growing to inspire people's recovery. The group was made possible through a £60,000 grant to Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Charity in April 2023, from our Greener Communities fund.

“I come in here when I've got no visitors and see how the little plants are doing. I've never been much of a gardener, but I like to do it now, and I will do when I get home too.”

Anonymous

Supporting the arts to improve health

In another step forward to support patient experience in 2024, we took on the hosting of the National Arts in Hospitals Network. By supporting arts managers working in UK hospitals, giving them space to share best practice, build their knowledge and celebrate success, together we are making an impact on the hospital experience of patients, visitors and staff.

Helping communities to live well

With social inequalities in health and life expectancy increasing, it is vital that communities are supported to stay healthy and well. This can contribute to disease prevention, support equitable health outcomes, and help people with long-term conditions to manage them as effectively as possible.

Our Living Well strategic objective supports initiatives that help communities take care of their health with confidence and remove the barriers that stop this being possible. We want everyone, wherever they are and wherever they live, to be able to make choices that support them to live healthy lives and help others do the same.

Enabling communities to get the help they need in an emergency

In an emergency, every second is vital. With pressures on emergency services at an all-time high, the extra support we provide helps to take pressure off the wider system, ultimately enabling more lives to be saved.

Building on our previous work through the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, in 2024 we were proud to launch our new programme supporting communities to respond to crises and emergencies, reducing pressure on NHS services.

To support this we convened a group of NHS and voluntary partners working across the emergency response sector to identify the gaps and how best the programme can have an impact in the future, informed by a report and roundtable event.

Emerging areas of focus for 2025 include:


- Ensuring equal access to defibrillators across all communities
- Supporting bystander CPR training and support
- Exploring investing in technologies that enable remote access and support for medical professionals in an emergency

During the year, we awarded £426,000 to projects led by ambulance charities, with a focus on community responses to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, and a further £1.4m is expected in 2025.

One recipient of this funding was London Ambulance Service Charitable Fund's London Heart Starters. This campaign will use a data-driven approach to provide access to life-saving equipment and training within 150 priority neighbourhoods across London. The programme has the potential to reduce health inequalities given the targeted nature of the campaign, with objectives to install at least 200 defibrillators over two years, recruit and support 200 public access defibrillator guardians, and train local communities in performing CPR and defibrillation. The campaign also aims to raise £400,000 to support a Defibrillation Officer role, the purchase of 57 public access defibrillators, and translation services in communities where English is a second language.

Tackling health inequalities among children and young people

Our Innovation Challenge fund supports activities that tackle the health and healthcare inequalities faced by children and young people. In 2024 we awarded £324,000, with a further £600,000 in Round One grants awarded in early 2025. In line with what young people have told us about their priorities, round two of the Innovation Challenge will focus on support for children and young people awaiting access to mental health support services.


£426k
awarded to projects led by ambulance charities

People power in action

First responder programme has measurable impact on emergency response

Over the last few years, we have been using funds raised through our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal to support the health and wellbeing of communities and relieve the demand for health services.

In 2021 the South Western Ambulance Charity received a £563,111 grant from NHS Charities Together. This funding was used to enhance the role of community first responders (CFRs) locally and help to buy observation equipment, Raizer lifting chairs and six community responder vehicles (CRVs). A total of 1,400 CFR volunteers benefitted from the project, with 20,611 incidents responded to by a CFR (2023/24), taking pressure off ambulance services and allocating resources efficiently for the benefit of patients.

Since then, the CRVs have been deployed to incidents of cardiac arrest, chest pains, breathing difficulties, unconscious patients, seizures and strokes, and non-injury falls. In 86% of incidents attended to, the CFR was first on scene, and in 14% of cases the ambulance could be stood down, ensuring the best use of emergency services resources. Thanks to these results, the trust has approved a business case for seven more CRVs, which will contribute to more lives being saved.

Section 04 Grant summaries



Summary of grants awarded in 2024



£2.3m

total grant making for the year

Grant making for the year totalled **£2,252,398**, supporting member NHS charities to make a difference for NHS patients, staff and volunteers, and communities.

We sought to follow the principles set out in Our Grants Approach 2024–2028, ensuring our grant making is Impactful, Developmental, Collaborative, Innovative, Inclusive, Co-designed and Transparent. We are continually reviewing, internally and with members, the extent to which we are living up to these principles as together we drive transformation in the sector and empower our members to deliver meaningful change.

In 2024, we awarded £259,224 in awards from our dedicated Covid-19 grant programmes, made possible by the kindness and generosity of the public at the height of the pandemic. This funding is supporting additional work aligned to previously funded projects to tackle the wider determinants of ill health and support the long-term recovery of the NHS.

We made payments during the year from previously awarded grants and had grant management responsibilities for more than 450 previous awards. Our responsibilities included discussions and negotiations with recipients, considering and agreeing adaptations, managing payment schedules, and receiving monitoring data and reports.



We awarded a further £2million through:

Greener Communities (Round 2)
£1,090,189

Our Greener Communities fund helps improve health and wellbeing for NHS patients, staff and communities through the power of green spaces.

Development Grants
£153,000

Our Development Grants programme supports capacity building across our member charities, helping them become stronger and more robust, and improving their ability to deliver for the future. In 2024 our funding gave targeted support to the development of NHS charities in Northern Ireland.

Community Resilience
£426,000

The Community Resilience project focuses on supporting life-saving community first responder (CFR) volunteers and the public's ability to respond when someone has an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, to help save lives and take pressure off the health system.

Innovation Challenge
£324,000

Grant funding through our Innovation Challenge fund is a catalyst for innovative ideas to tackle some of the long-standing problems faced by the NHS. The initial rounds of the programme focus on tackling health and healthcare inequalities affecting children and young people.





Regional grant summaries

East of England	£11,000
London	£435,000
Midlands	£187,400
North East England and Yorkshire	£173,000
North West England	£74,020
Northern Ireland	£180,000
Scotland	£460,855
South East England	£116,400
South West	£583,928
Wales	£30,795
Grand total	£2,252,398

Programme grant summaries

Community Resilience	£426,000
Development	£153,000
Greener Communities	£1,090,189
Innovation Challenge	£324,000
Stage 2	£102,109
Stage 3	£157,100
Grand total	£2,252,398

The impact of Covid-19 Urgent Appeal funding

Supporting long-term recovery

We continue to track the progress of, and the impact made by, the grants awarded from our Covid-19 grant programmes as they move towards completion.

As of the end of 2024, all but £7m of the £162m raised in the appeal has been allocated to make an impact for NHS patients, staff and communities across the UK. We will continue to allocate the remaining funds to make the biggest difference possible to address the ongoing needs in the NHS, in-keeping with our strategic impact areas.

A full evaluation into the impact of the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal is ongoing, but in 2023 we were able to review some of the initial impact of our Stage 1 funding across our three key areas.*

- 4,241 individual projects funded
- Nearly one million NHS staff supported – two thirds of the workforce
- Over half a million patients helped
- 15,000 volunteers supported
- Nearly 70,000 members of local communities reached

Initial research into the other stages of our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal funding shows that nearly 70% of recipients will be continuing with a project or elements of a project and 96% believe there will be a lasting impact. We will be publishing a full impact report for the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal in 2026.

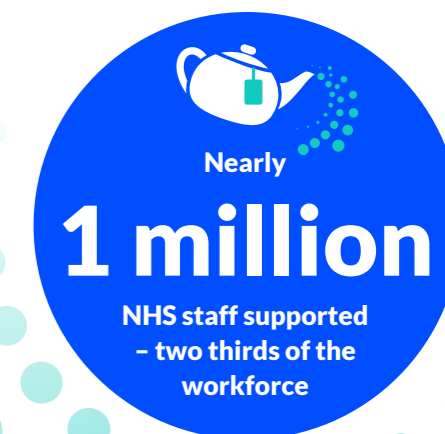
*Source: AWRC interim report and Covid-19 Urgent Appeal progress report

Workforce Wellbeing

What impact did funding have?

NHS Charities Together funded thousands of projects focused on improving personal health and wellbeing, providing safe and relaxing recovery spaces, positively impacting mental health and burnout, and enabling staff to cope better. Example projects include:

- A staff psychological support service through North Bristol NHS Charitable Funds, to tackle burnout and health concerns, was expanded for all staff but particularly those from minority ethnic groups and junior doctors. A clinical psychologist, psychology assistant and coordination support assistant were employed to deliver one-to-one support (face-to-face or telephone), signpost staff to appropriate wellbeing resources, and roll out the 'Start Well, End Well' approach for managers to check in with their staff before, during and after their shifts. This resulted in a 7% increase in minority ethnic groups referrals and improvements in psychological distress (60%).
- A Staff Wellbeing Hub through the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity was created as part of Project Wingman, which aims to support the wellbeing of healthcare staff through safe relaxing spaces. The hub has received an average staff rating of 4.8 out of 5. "This is such a great space for staff to come and switch off!"





4,241
individual projects supported

Living Well

What impact did funding have?

Projects focused on developing community-based opportunities to deal with the mental health crisis, creating community health and wellbeing resources for enhancing social and physical activity engagement, and addressing issues related to health inequalities. Example projects include:

- Bridging the Gap Together was an initiative supported by Alder Hey Children's Charity that was co-created by service users with long-term conditions and stakeholders to improve access to treatment for long-term health conditions. The project involved three activity strands: Personal Care Planning, Peer Support Networks, and Community Activity Programmes. It provided 26 support groups, benefiting 560 people, and 17 activities, benefiting more than 1,000 people. Participants had improved wellbeing (23–41%), resilience (15–22%), and community connections (100%). Through Personal Care Planning, the needs of individuals experiencing long-term health conditions are assessed during their onboarding to support the unique tailoring of their care. Service users receive wellbeing and check-in calls and access to peer support networks. And Community Action Programmes provide people with community-based activities and volunteering opportunities to encourage them to reconnect with their local community.

- The South Notts Befriending Service, through Nottingham University Hospitals Charity, aimed to connect volunteer befrienders with people with significant loneliness, complex health and social care needs, or mental and physical ill health. The service allows isolated individuals to engage in social and recreational activities alongside a befriender. All clients reported an increased awareness of available support, and 100% of volunteers felt more involved in a meaningful activity.
- To improve the Self-Management of Inflammatory Rheumatic Disease, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston Charity co-designed an app with patients, clinicians, musculoskeletal programme leads, university researchers and a technology company called Living With. "So much clear, useful information that's easy to find and appropriate. Great access to hospital contact information and support groups."



"By using the treadmill, the patient achieved his goal in three weeks."

Patient Experience

What impact did funding have?

NHS Charities Together funded projects that improved patient care, with a focus on wellbeing and distraction, and providing the technology to allow virtual visits. Example projects include:

- iPads for Patient Communication, through which St George's Hospital Charity purchased iPads to support patients communicating with friends and family who were unable to visit due to Covid-19 restrictions. This brought people closer together at some of the hardest moments. "Seeing my uncle and speaking to him brought us some relief during a terrible time. Without the use of the iPad, we wouldn't have had the opportunity to say goodbye." In total, 147 iPads were provided.
- Hospital At Home, which saw Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity support end-of-life patients, firstly by facilitating fast-track discharge from hospital to their home, and secondly by removing delays in creating an NHS care package when a patient's condition deteriorates. Out of 345 patients, 72% were seen on the same day, with 100% dying in their preferred place, better for patients and their loved ones and also making estimated cost savings of at least £400,000 per year based on 1,962 bed days saved.
- Brighter Futures – Great Western Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund used funding to purchase a rehabilitation treadmill to support patients. Staff and patients using the treadmill reported an improved attitude and motivation towards rehabilitation. "By using the treadmill, the patient achieved his goal in three weeks. Without the rehabilitation treadmill, the therapists estimate it would have taken four or five weeks just to get him walking."

To read more about the impact of your support of the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, read our progress report at nhscharitiestogether.co.uk



Section 05 Looking forward

In 2025...

The NHS and its people continue to need the support of NHS charities more than ever.

With more people growing older and needing care for long-term conditions, there is enormous pressure on our health services. Waiting lists remain long and emergency response times are greater than ever.

Across the country, access to services is inconsistent and so are long-term health outcomes. Unsurprisingly, healthcare staff are at breaking point.

We believe that by working together strategically, we can help to address these challenges to bring about a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

In 2025, we will be developing our new strategy towards achieving this vision, and will continue to play an active role in the consultation on the 10-year health plan for the NHS in England. We believe our ability to bring together corporate, philanthropic and voluntary partners, and our national reach through the network of NHS charities can help achieve the shifts outlined in the plan – from hospital to community, treatment to prevention, and analogue to digital.

Throughout the year, we will be continuing to drive impact through transformational programmes. This includes issuing the first grants as part of our Workforce Wellbeing programme in partnership with NHS England.

In addition, we will fund the ongoing delivery of our programme saving lives in an emergency by providing training and equipment for community first responder volunteers.

As this Annual Report shows, NHS Charities Together and the NHS charity sector are making a difference to people's health and wellbeing every day. Thanks to the generous support of thousands of people and organisations across the UK, we are generating much-needed extra income for the NHS and helping to take pressure off the system through prevention, volunteering, workforce support, and improved patient experience.

We believe we have even more to offer. Working with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS trusts and health boards, and partners across the UK, we can unleash the full potential of NHS charities.



Thank you for your big-hearted support as we continue to create better healthcare for everyone.



Section 06 Financial statements 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 20 November 2019 (registered number 12325259), and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 25 November 2019 (registered charity number 1186569). From 25 January 2021 the Charity has also been registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scottish charity number SC050716).

The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association which define the objects and powers of the Company.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Limited (registered in England and Wales number 12608754), which generates commercial income from trading relationships. The financial results of ANC Trading Ltd have been consolidated with those of the Charity and are shown separately in Note 27.

Fundraising

We are grateful for the fundraising support we receive from all quarters – individuals, community groups, companies, legacies. Where appropriate we enter into a formal legal agreement to regulate fundraising on our behalf by others and to ensure they comply with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice. In particular, we require our supporters to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from any unreasonable intrusion into their privacy or any undue pressure to donate.

In 2024 our income from fundraising activity (donations, legacies and a proportion of trading income) was just over £4.5m (2023: £6.3m). While a reduction in income

is disappointing and reflects the challenges of generating income in the current climate, it is also a result of still being a very new fundraising charity where timing of income remains unpredictable. We continue to review our different types of fundraising to identify those methods that work best for us and will have the greatest chance of long-term success. In 2024 our expenditure on generating funds was £2.1m (2023: £1.9m) representing an investment in fundraising equivalent to 47% (2023: 30%). This in-year ratio is higher than our long-term target of 35% and reflects the need to invest when starting new fundraising activities in anticipation of future income being received.

Objects

The Objects of the Charity are, for the public benefit:

- the advancement of health, and, in particular but without limitation, the promotion of the effective working of NHS charities;
- the advancement and promotion of knowledge and education in relation to NHS charities and their purposes, including by engaging in and supporting research (and the dissemination of the useful results); and
- the furtherance by any other means of the charitable purposes of all or any NHS charities generally.

Activities for the public benefit

As discussed elsewhere in this report, our strategy is to work together with members, uniting for better healthcare, for everyone, with a focus on three areas of change:

- Transforming patient experience and outcomes
- Supporting workforce wellbeing through caring for NHS staff and volunteers
- Supporting people to live well, through preventing ill health and holistic management of long-term conditions

We are the national charity supporting the NHS and the health of the nation with four enablers of change:

- Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise
- Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice
- Leading innovative and transformational programmes
- Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation

Examples of our work across these areas and enablers of change are given in this report.

Grant making

One way we enable change for patients, NHS staff and communities is to make grants. The value of new grants made in 2024 was £2.3m (2023: £1.6m), which was expected as the award of grants from our Covid programmes drew to an end. However, our grant making doesn't end with the

award of new grants. We continued to manage more than 450 active grants during 2024 (2023: 540).

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Between them, our member charities hold more than £4bn in assets and generate an annual income of more than £600m. NHS charities play a significant role in supporting the NHS. The additional funds they produce allow them to invest in new ways of working, innovations and projects that help deliver improvements and enhancements to the NHS for the benefit of the public.

NHS Charities Together supports member charities to reach their individual goals, to grow and learn together, and to deliver programmes that support the NHS workforce, help people to live well, and transform patient experience and outcomes.

Our position as a national charity also enables us to play a distinct role in the delivery of programmes and activities that impact on the outcomes that are important to all of us, regardless of our background or personal circumstances.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who have served during the year are set out on page 58. Up to 12 Trustees are elected by members and a further three Trustees can be co-opted by the other Trustees.

A majority of Trustees is required to be senior officers, senior employees or trustees of a member, or members of the board or senior officers or senior employees of the corporate trustee of a member. They must each come from a separate member (but they are not representatives of that member).

The Trustees review the composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board, and consider succession planning. Where required, an open recruitment process is conducted following which new Trustees are recommended to members for election.

When recruiting new Trustees, the Charity aims to attract a diverse range of candidates who have the skills it needs. We value the benefits of having Trustees with different backgrounds, expertise and experience. Ultimately, though, Trustee appointments are based on merit in the context of ensuring that we have an appropriate balance of skills and experience. A Trustee's term of office is three years, with a normal maximum for any Trustee of three terms.

All new Trustees undertake an induction programme, which includes an overview of the Charity's strategy,

aims and objectives. The role and duties of the Trustees, company and charity law and governance, and financial and risk management are also covered. Trustees meet with the Chief Executive, members of the Senior Leadership Team and other relevant parties. Additional training is arranged as required for individual Trustees or for the Board as a whole.

Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits from the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed, and trustee indemnity insurance is purchased. Details are set out in Notes 12 and 26 to the accounts.

Committees

The Trustees have created a number of specialist Committees with delegated authority to focus on specific areas and provide assurance to the Board. The number and nature of Committees is kept under review as the needs of the organisation evolve, but during 2024 the following Committees met:

- Finance Committee
- Impact Committee
- People Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Risk & Audit Committee

Committees are chaired by a Trustee with at least two other Trustees as regular members. Members of the management team and other expert advisors join meetings as required.

Management

The Board is ultimately responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the Charity and for the protection of its assets. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive, Ellie Orton OBE, and the Executive Directors, who comprise the Senior Leadership Team.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team at the date of this report or who served during the year are shown on page 58. Remuneration of the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team is set by the Trustees' Remuneration Committee and is benchmarked against comparable roles in other charities.

Risk

Identifying and managing the possible and probable risks that the Charity may face is a key part of effective governance and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risk. Specifically, the Board determines the risk appetite and sets the culture of risk management

within the Charity and monitors the management of important risks facing the Charity.

The Charity has a Risk & Audit Committee with delegated authority from the Board to maintain the risk register and report to them on internal controls and alert them to any emerging issues. It ensures that risks are appropriately owned and that risk owners are actively managing their risks with the appropriate controls in place and working effectively.

The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the identification and assessment of major risks. They ensure that controls are implemented and provide regular reports to the Board and Committees on the status of risks and their controls. They are responsible for encouraging good risk management practices and a positive attitude towards the control of risk among all staff.

Staff of the Charity are responsible for controlling risk when carrying out their duties, for following policies and procedures set by the Board designed to mitigate risk, and for identifying new and emerging risks to the Charity.

Risks that have been identified are recorded on a Risk Register along with an assessment of their severity and a record of controls and mitigating actions.

The most significant risks facing the Charity reflect the challenges of achieving a diverse and sustainable income sufficient to address its ongoing needs; the need to update and enhance systems and processes to support its continued growth; the challenges of maintaining secure and effective business continuity with a disbursed workforce; and the realities of operating in a sector with a very high public profile.

In response to these risks, the Charity has implemented new systems and processes and invested to grow and diversify its sustainable income. We have a new business continuity plan and we seek to ensure through our communications strategy that the value of NHS charities' contribution to the NHS is understood by the general public.

Reserves

The Trustees believe it is prudent to hold a level of free reserves to enable them to take advantage of change and opportunity as it presents itself and to set aside sufficient free reserves to allow the fundraising, support and governance operations of the Charity to continue for one year. This will allow the Charity to respond in a considered way to an adverse change in circumstances, giving time to enable emerging circumstances to be assessed and appropriate plans developed and implemented, without requiring a crisis response.

At 31 December 2024 there were free reserves of £5.8m (2023: £5.4m). A further £32m (2023: £35m) is either designated or restricted for planned future charitable activities.

Free reserves have therefore grown further during the year towards the Trustees' estimate of £6m as the target for sufficient free reserves to cover at least 12 months' running costs.

Staff mental health and wellbeing

NHS Charities Together believes its people are its best asset, and we are committed to supporting and improving staff mental health and wellbeing. We have a people strategy in place to support staff in their roles and we are accredited as a disability confident employer and a mindful employer.

In May 2025, we joined CCLA Investment Management's Global Investor Coalition on Workplace Mental Health. The coalition aims to promote and protect wellbeing in the workplace by encouraging companies to recognise the business risks and opportunities associated with mental health, and supporting engagement with the CCLA Corporate Mental Health Benchmarks.

Our internal staff wellbeing strategy includes our commitment to:

- collaborative and supportive values and culture
- flexible work life philosophy
- weekly wellbeing time
- annual mental health training for line managers
- staff network of mental health first aiders
- investment in staff training and development
- two volunteer days
- additional employee benefits including employee assistance programme
- annual staff survey

Trustee duties

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, among other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term

We are a forward-looking organisation seeking a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone. All decisions are taken with that long-term vision in mind and seek to maximise our impact in transforming patient experience and outcomes, supporting workforce wellbeing, and supporting people to live well.

The interests of the Charity's employees

Our employees are vital to the Charity's success. We work hard to ensure staff are supported in their roles as we aim towards our goal of being the best place to work.

The need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

We have a small number of suppliers and work to ensure good relationships with them, while also reviewing arrangements to ensure that the combination of cost and service delivers best value. We work with members to ensure the services we provide meet their needs and are of a high quality. We collect formal and informal feedback after all our events so that we can learn and improve how we do things.

The impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment

Our charitable work aims to benefit the community, and we plan our programmes with community benefit in mind. We are committed to environmental sustainability, and this informs our ongoing strategy and programme design.

The desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

Our reputation and public trust in NHS Charities Together is fundamental to our future success. Our organisational values and behaviours are at the heart of our planning and decision making, including our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion across all aspects of the charity.

The need to act fairly between members of the Charity

We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation that is relevant and accessible for all NHS charities. Our services and programmes are designed to ensure all members can benefit, regardless of their size or structure.

Statement of Trustee responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charitable Group 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 Statement of Recommended Practice;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charitable Company at any time and provide financial statements that comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and the Group and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware;
- the Trustees have taken all the 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.

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

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Trustees approve and present this Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the consolidated financial statements.



P S Phippen
Chair

Date: 23 June 2025

Consolidated financial statements

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Association of NHS Charities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Association of NHS Charities (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of the Group's 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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.

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 course of 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 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 an Auditor's report 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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, the Charity's members as a body and the Charity's Trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew Morris FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of
Dains Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Birmingham

Date: 23 June 2025

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	As restated Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	2,394,848	1,471,366	3,866,214	5,393,572
Charitable activities	4	900,205	-	900,205	611,150
Other trading activities	5	424,550	-	424,550	958,775
Investments	6	2,276,416	-	2,276,416	2,551,797
Total income		5,996,019	1,471,366	7,467,385	9,515,294
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	2,138,943	-	2,138,943	1,943,328
Charitable activities	8,9	6,310,822	1,914,430	8,225,252	22,288,773
Total expenditure		8,449,765	1,914,430	10,364,195	24,232,101
Net expenditure		(2,453,746)	(443,064)	(2,896,810)	(14,716,807)
Transfers between funds	20	21,847	(21,847)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,431,899)	(464,911)	(2,896,810)	(14,716,807)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	20	38,003,515	2,616,830	40,620,345	55,337,152
Net movement in funds		(2,431,899)	(464,911)	(2,896,810)	(14,716,807)
Total funds carried forward	20	35,571,616	2,151,919	37,723,535	40,620,345

The notes on pages 43 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	57,736	53,176
Current assets			
Debtors	16	741,785	3,481,935
Investments	17	41,406,060	47,592,053
Cash at bank and in hand		641,227	1,369,710
		42,789,072	52,443,698
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(4,985,677)	(9,912,654)
Net current assets		37,803,395	42,531,044
Total assets less current liabilities		37,861,131	42,584,220
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(137,596)	(1,963,875)
Total net assets		37,723,535	40,620,345
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	20	2,151,919	2,616,830
Unrestricted funds	20	35,571,616	38,003,515
Total funds		37,723,535	40,620,345

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



P S Phippen
Chair

Date: 23 June 2025

The notes on pages 43 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

Charity balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	57,736	53,176
Investments	15	1	1
		57,737	53,177
Current assets			
Debtors	16	663,071	3,372,445
Investments	17	41,406,060	47,592,053
Cash at bank and in hand		631,287	974,614
		42,700,418	51,939,112
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(4,936,950)	(9,653,934)
Net current assets		37,763,468	42,285,178
Total assets less current liabilities		37,821,205	42,338,355
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(137,596)	(1,963,875)
Total net assets		37,683,609	40,374,480
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	20	2,151,919	2,616,830
Unrestricted funds	20	35,531,690	37,757,650
Total funds		37,683,609	40,374,480

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £(2,690,871) (2023 - £(14,835,665)).

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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P S Phippen
Chair

Date: 23 June 2025

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Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	22	(9,144,546)	(22,074,385)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest on investments and deposits		2,276,416	2,551,797
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(46,346)	(19,995)
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,230,070	2,531,802
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(6,914,476)	(19,542,583)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		48,961,763	68,504,346
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23	42,047,287	48,961,763

The notes on pages 43 to 58 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended
31 December 2024

1. General information

Association of NHS Charities (operating as NHS Charities Together) is a private charitable company registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered numbers and address are given on the Reference and Administrative Details page. The activities of the Charity are set out in detail in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Association of NHS Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The organisation holds liquid funds sufficient to support its cash flow requirements over the foreseeable future under all scenarios. Therefore, the Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Members' liability

Each member of the Charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

2.4 Income

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

Legacy income

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, notification has been received, and where they can be valued. Residuary legacies with a life interest are only valued where legal title has passed to the Charity.

Donation income

General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income, and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Consolidated statement of financial activities when entitled, receipt is probable, and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. No account is taken of monies or other assets in the hands of volunteer fundraisers until such monies are banked or the charity has been notified of the funds collected.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as income in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Donated services and facilities are valued and included as income and expenditure, at the price the Charity estimates it would have paid in the open market for an equivalent service or facility that it would have purchased.

Grant income

Grant income is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised in the year to which it relates.

Income from trading activities

Income from trading activities is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless it relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Income received in respect of raffles and lotteries is recognised when the draw is made. Income received in advance for future raffle and lottery draws is deferred until the draw takes place.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.

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.

2.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs. Support costs are allocated between activities on a staff headcount basis.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made, except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Redundancy and termination payments are recognised when there is a demonstrable commitment on an individual or group basis that cannot be realistically withdrawn.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity benefits from business rates relief and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates. The subsidiary undertaking does not pay direct tax because its policy is to Gift Aid taxable profits to the Charity.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Items of equipment, motor vehicles and property are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Leasehold improvements are capitalised where the cost exceeds £10,000.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment – 33% straight-line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

2.8 Investments

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

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at their transaction price less any allowance for doubtful debts.

2.10 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.

2.11 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 Charity 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.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group has applied the provisions of FRS 102, Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues'. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Charity initially recognises a financial asset or a financial liability at transaction price – for debtors and other creditors this is the settlement amount. Grant commitments over one year are discounted to reflect present value.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

Any transfers between funds and any allocations to and from designated funds are approved by Trustees. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	1,739,941	1,471,366	3,211,307
Legacies	654,907	-	654,907
	2,394,848	1,471,366	3,866,214

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	1,823,937	2,894,812	4,718,749
Legacies	170,403	-	170,403
Sponsorship and grants	44,420	460,000	504,420
	2,038,760	3,354,812	5,393,572

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Membership subscriptions	553,525	553,525
Programme income	346,680	346,680
	900,205	900,205

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Membership subscriptions	585,000	-	585,000
Programme income	-	26,150	26,150
	585,000	26,150	611,150

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising – corporate partnerships	149,835	149,835	809,056
Fundraising – mass events	142,856	142,856	96,516
Sponsorship	52,260	52,260	29,320
Sector event income	79,599	79,599	23,883
	424,550	424,550	958,775

The income in 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest on investments and deposits	2,276,416	2,276,416	2,551,797

The income in 2023 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

7. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Direct costs			
Fundraising activities	1,963,322	1,963,322	1,674,230
Support costs			
Business services	55,015	55,015	102,800
People / HR	56,030	56,030	57,995
Finance	34,225	34,225	50,701
IT	30,351	30,351	57,602
	2,138,943	2,138,943	1,943,328

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,225,897	-	116,127	1,342,024
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	373,409	-	37,550	410,959
Leading transformational programmes	2,814,066	2,252,398	394,904	5,461,368
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	814,099	-	196,802	1,010,901
	5,227,471	2,252,398	745,383	8,225,252

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities continued

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,446,169	-	48,927	1,495,096
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	694,293	-	110,085	804,378
Leading transformational programmes	3,066,597	15,987,460	270,576	19,324,633
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	535,717	-	128,949	664,666
	5,742,776	15,987,460	558,537	22,288,773

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Governance	100,354	55,558
Business services	202,063	175,677
People / HR	205,790	142,221
Finance	125,703	86,644
IT	111,473	98,437
	745,383	558,537

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted expenditure 2024 £	Restricted expenditure 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,342,024	-	1,342,024
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	410,959	-	410,959
Leading transformational programmes	3,546,938	1,914,430	5,461,368
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	1,284,028	-	1,284,028
	6,583,949	1,914,430	8,498,379

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities continued

	Unrestricted expenditure 2023 £	Restricted expenditure 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,495,096	-	1,495,096
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	804,378	-	804,378
Leading transformational programmes	17,510,501	1,814,132	19,324,633
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	664,666	-	664,666
	20,474,641	1,814,132	22,288,773

10. Analysis of grants

	Grants awarded 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants to members	2,252,398	2,252,398

	Grants awarded 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants to members	15,987,460	15,987,460

Grants are made to member NHS charities. An analysis of all grants awarded by region is given below:

Region	2024 £	2023 £
East of England	11,000	965,627
London	435,000	1,569,004
Midlands	187,400	1,766,530
National	-	112,077
North East England and Yorkshire	173,000	2,242,059
North West England	74,020	3,049,556
South East England	116,400	1,041,420
South West	583,928	1,244,844
Northern Ireland	180,000	649,173
Scotland	460,855	980,869
Wales	30,795	2,366,301
	2,252,398	15,987,460

A full breakdown of grants is available direct from the Charity and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

11. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Wages and salaries	3,393,811	2,752,227
Social security costs	371,624	299,357
Pension costs	338,911	271,750
	4,104,346	3,323,334

The average number of persons employed by the Group during the year was as follows:

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 No.
Staff	74	62

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 No.
In the band £60,001 – £70,000	4	4
In the band £70,001 – £80,000	2	1
In the band £80,001 – £90,000	1	1
In the band £90,001 – £100,000	1	2
In the band £100,001 – £110,000	2	2
In the band £120,001 – £130,000	1	-

The Charity considers that its key management personnel comprises the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Leadership Team. The total employment costs of the key management personnel were £606,101 (2023 – £600,064).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 – £Nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, travel expenses totalling £6,022 were reimbursed to 10 Trustees (2023 – £879 to 7 Trustees).

13. Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditor's remuneration – Charity	19,215	17,875
Auditor's remuneration – Trading subsidiary	4,435	4,125
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	41,786	44,703

14. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Charity

	Office equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	190,139
Additions	46,346
Disposals	(47,800)
At 31 December 2024	188,685
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	136,963
Charge for the year	41,786
On disposals	(47,800)
At 31 December 2024	130,949
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	57,736
At 31 December 2023	53,176

15. Fixed asset investments

Charity

	Investment in subsidiary company £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	1
At 31 December 2024	1

Details of the subsidiary undertaking are given in note 27.

16. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade debtors	26,721	2,906,763	2,721	2,853,987
Other debtors	430,596	464,621	375,882	409,907
Prepayments and accrued income	284,468	110,551	284,468	108,551
	741,785	3,481,935	663,071	3,372,445

17. Current asset investments

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Short-term investments and deposits	41,406,060	47,592,053	41,406,060	47,592,053

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade payables	247,689	9,839	247,689	9,839
Grants awarded not yet paid	4,229,128	9,164,813	4,229,128	9,045,465
Other taxation and social security	156,029	121,220	113,973	86,848
Other creditors	-	30,351	-	30,351
Accruals and deferred income	352,831	586,431	346,160	481,431
	4,985,677	9,912,654	4,936,950	9,653,934

Included in the above is deferred income as follows:

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2024	168,500	685,000	68,500	585,000
Resources deferred during the year	148,060	68,500	148,060	68,500
Amounts released from previous periods	(168,500)	(585,000)	(68,500)	(585,000)
	148,060	168,500	148,060	68,500

The Group holds deferred income in respect of contracts being delivered in 2025.

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Grants awarded not yet paid	£137,596	1,963,875	137,596	1,963,875

20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal	13,449,597	-	(412,209)	(6,052,000)	6,985,388
Covid Funds Programme Management	4,196,931	-	(1,885,252)	-	2,311,679
Income Generation Investment	4,313,343	-	(278,557)	-	4,034,786
Investment Fund for Sustainability	5,061,938	-	-	-	5,061,938
Staff Wellbeing	87,538	-	(56,413)	5,964,462	5,995,587
Innovation Challenge	2,950,000	333,677	(675,124)	-	2,608,553
Covid Remembrance	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
Volunteering in Health	-	346,680	(295,184)	-	51,496
Impact for Health	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
	32,559,347	930,357	(3,602,739)	(87,538)	29,799,427
General funds					
General funds	5,444,168	5,065,662	(4,847,026)	109,385	5,772,189
Total unrestricted funds	38,003,515	5,996,019	(8,449,765)	21,847	35,571,616
Restricted funds					
Greener Communities	59,517	1,139,691	(1,177,361)	(21,847)	-
Community Resilience	2,536,923	304,000	(716,121)	-	2,124,802
National Arts in Hospitals Network	20,390	27,675	(20,948)	-	27,117
Total restricted funds	2,616,830	1,471,366	(1,914,430)	(21,847)	2,151,919
Total funds	40,620,345	7,467,385	(10,364,195)	-	37,723,535

20. Statement of funds continued

Statement of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal	33,756,395	-	(14,806,798)	(5,500,000)	13,449,597
Covid Funds Programme Management	6,809,219	-	(2,612,288)	-	4,196,931
Income Generation Investment	4,313,343	-	-	-	4,313,343
Investment Fund for Sustainability	5,061,938	-	-	-	5,061,938
Staff Wellbeing	87,538	-	-	-	87,538
Joy to the Wards Appeal	7,102	-	(7,102)	-	-
Innovation Challenge	-	-	-	2,950,000	2,950,000
Covid Remembrance	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
	50,035,535	-	(17,426,188)	(50,000)	32,559,347
General funds					
General funds	4,301,617	6,134,332	(4,991,781)	-	5,444,168
Total unrestricted funds	54,337,152	6,134,332	(22,417,969)	(50,000)	38,003,515
Restricted funds					
Greener Communities	1,000,000	294,812	(1,235,295)	-	59,517
Community Resilience	-	2,600,000	(63,077)	-	2,536,923
National Arts in Hospitals Network	-	460,000	(489,610)	50,000	20,390
Volunteering in Health	-	26,150	(26,150)	-	-
Total restricted funds	1,000,000	3,380,962	(1,814,132)	50,000	2,616,830
Total of funds	55,337,152	9,515,294	(24,232,101)	-	40,620,345

20. Statement of funds continued

Purpose of funds

Designated funds

Covid-19 Urgent Appeal – These funds will continue to be used to help provide extra support to NHS staff, volunteers and patients beyond the immediate crisis, and to support long-term recovery of the NHS.

Covid Funds Programme Management – This reserve is designated to fund the necessary management of the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal funds, to ensure the correct governance is in place and to maximise the impact of the appeal.

Income Generation Investment – As a charity that is relatively new to fundraising we must prioritise securing a varied and sustainable source of income for our charity. It is essential that we invest in fundraising initiatives that will build our income generation capacity for the future, ensuring that we are well-equipped to support our mission over the long term.

Investment fund for sustainability – This fund is designated to enable the development of NHS Charities Together across all areas, to ensure that the organisation is sustainable and in a position to maximise the legacy of the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, with continued impact for members and beneficiaries in the long term.

Staff Wellbeing – This fund is designated for the use of improving the wellbeing of NHS staff.

Innovation Challenge – This fund has been designated by the Trustees to establish an Innovation Challenge. Health and healthcare inequality can have a major impact on people's quality of life and long-term health and place extra pressures on health and care services. In particular, our health during childhood can define health in later life, so, while the consequences may not be felt immediately, tackling health and healthcare inequalities now will help build a healthier future for all. The Innovation Challenge aims to address some of these inequalities, with an initial focus on breaking down barriers for children and young people.

Covid Remembrance – This fund has been designated by the Trustees from the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal funds for the purposes of remembering the lives lost, the ongoing impact on families and communities around the UK and to mark the contribution made by NHS staff throughout the Covid pandemic. We have been leading moments of remembrance on the anniversary of the onset of the pandemic and we are exploring with stakeholders the best way to allocate funds to enable reflection and a positive lasting legacy from the pandemic.

NHS Workforce – This fund has been designated by the Trustees to support measures aimed at improving the wellbeing of NHS staff, given ongoing pressures and needs facing the healthcare workforce. It will be supporting the Workforce Wellbeing programme launching in 2025.

Impact for Health – This fund has been created following a generous donation from Simply Health to support across all of our impact areas, including NHS workforce wellbeing, improving patient experience and helping communities to live well.

Volunteering in Health – This is a £10m programme that is being delivered through a partnership between NHS Charities Together, NHS England and CW+. Building on the recommendations of the NHS Volunteering Taskforce, it is delivering grant funding and tailored support to 15 local systems in England. The programme will speed up change by helping to break down barriers to volunteering, test new volunteering infrastructure models, and develop guidance and best practice for all systems. It aims to influence the policy environment and increase our understanding of the impact of volunteers and volunteering across the NHS, alongside the potential role of NHS charities in helping the NHS to deliver the best care.

Restricted funds

Greener Communities – Represents grant funding from Hubbub Foundation UK to be distributed to the Charity's members and community partners in support of projects that use the health benefits of green spaces to improve the health and wellbeing of NHS staff, patients and communities.

Community Resilience – Represents funds held for the purpose of building community resilience and reducing out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, including investing in life-saving equipment and technology, training and recruitment of community first responder volunteers and ensuring communities have the skills and training to respond.

National Arts in Hospitals Network – The National Arts in Hospitals Network supports all arts managers working in UK hospitals, working to ensure that every patient, visitor and staff member can benefit from impactful art interventions that support their recovery and wellbeing. The network provides a place to share best practice, build knowledge and evidence, and celebrate success. NHS Charities Together hosts and contributes to the network in order to maximise its potential and impact.

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds – current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	57,736	-	57,736
Current assets	40,637,153	2,151,919	42,789,072
Creditors due within one year	(4,985,677)	-	(4,985,677)
Creditors due in more than one year	(137,596)	-	(137,596)
Total	35,571,616	2,151,919	37,723,535

Analysis of net assets between funds – prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	53,176	-	53,176
Current assets	49,826,868	2,616,830	52,443,698
Creditors due within one year	(9,912,654)	-	(9,912,654)
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,963,875)	-	(1,963,875)
Total	38,003,515	2,616,830	40,620,345

22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(2,896,810)	(14,716,807)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	41,786	44,703
Interest on investments and deposits	(2,276,416)	(2,551,797)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,740,150	(1,478,188)
Decrease in creditors	(6,753,256)	(3,372,296)
Net cash used in operating activities	(9,144,546)	(22,074,385)

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	641,227	1,369,710
Short-term investments and deposits	41,406,060	47,592,053
Total cash and cash equivalents	42,047,287	48,961,763

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,369,710	(728,483)	641,227
Short-term investments and deposits	47,592,053	(6,185,993)	41,406,060
	48,961,763	(6,914,476)	42,047,287

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Not later than 1 year	1,668	2,224	1,668	2,224
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	278	1,946	278	1,946
	1,946	4,170	1,946	4,170

26. Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity received a distribution of £245,865 (2023 – £127,007) in the form of a Gift Aided donation from ANC Trading Limited, its subsidiary undertaking. No loan or trade balances were owing from the subsidiary at the balance sheet date (2023 – £Nil owing from the subsidiary).

A majority of Trustees also held a post with a member charity that was eligible for and received member services and grants during the year. All member charities were allocated grant funds on an equitable basis and no part of any grants paid to a member charity directly benefited any Trustee.

The Charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance (£5 million cover) as part of a broader management liability package.

27. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity, with the same registered address, due to the Charity's 100% holding of its ordinary share capital:

Name	Company number	Principal activity
ANC Trading Limited	12608754	Raising funds for NHS Charities Together by facilitating commercial fundraising activities

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Surplus for the year £	Net assets £
ANC Trading Limited	201,875	(161,949)	39,926	39,927

The above results are included in the consolidation.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	S L Armstrong* (appointed 25 September 2024) S Brampton* (appointed 25 September 2024) C R Burghes MBE A Chohan* (resigned 7 February 2024) J Clarke* (appointed 25 September 2024) T H Diggle, Joint Deputy Chair J H Ferguson* N Gilham* (appointed 25 September 2024) C Harrison* (appointed 25 September 2024) I F Lush OBE*, Chair (resigned 18 September 2024) J E Mee D J Mortimer (resigned 6 June 2024) P S Phippen, Chair (appointed 25 September 2024) K-U Rehman* (appointed 25 September 2024) J Revill (appointed 25 September 2024) A Singh K L Thomson*, Joint Deputy Chair A Tiernan*
Company registered number	12325259
Charity registered numbers	1186569 and SC050716
Registered office	Suite 68 Lake View House, Wilton Drive, Warwick CV34 6RG
Chief Executive Officer	E S Orton OBE
Senior Leadership Team	S Campion (Director of External Affairs & Communications) C Easton (Director of Strategy & Impact) L McCathie (Director of Fundraising) C Clements (Chief Operating Officer) Start date September 2024 S Reynolds (Business Services Director)
Independent auditor	Dains Audit Limited, 2 Chamberlain Square Paradise, Birmingham B3 3AX
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors	Withers LLP, 16 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7EG
Investment manager	CCLA Investment Management Ltd, One Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB

* Member Trustee for all or part of the financial year ended 31 December 2024





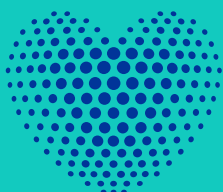
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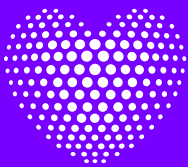
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Accounts



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Message from our Chair

Ian Lush, OBE



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I'm delighted to share our annual report and accounts for 2023.

For NHS Charities Together, the year was about defining our ongoing purpose as a charity, beyond Covid, to ensure a long-lasting legacy from the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal.

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After consulting with members, we were pleased to launch our new strategy 'Achieving our potential together', outlining our plans to grow the impact of the NHS charity sector for NHS staff, volunteers, patients and communities.

We are striving for the best possible healthcare for those who need it. With the challenges facing healthcare still growing, the extra support we can provide as an organisation and as an NHS charity sector has never been more vital.

Our income across the year was over £10 million. We were excited to launch new transformational programmes like Greener Communities, in partnership with Starbucks and Hubbub, resulting in an investment of over £1.2 million to improve health through green spaces.

In addition, we distributed a further £14.8 million from our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal. Our progress report, published in May, showed that the first phase of the appeal supported more than 4,000 projects and reached more than 1.6 million people, with over 90% reporting a long-lasting impact.

And, of course, the year was about achieving our potential together as a sector. We continued to issue development grants to members and delivered informative webinars attended by more than 1,000 members. There were many networking and training opportunities, including 20 ongoing special interest groups and our second national conference.

This was a poignant year for me, as I decided to stand down as Chair of Trustees of NHS Charities Together after four years. It has been an absolute privilege to lead the organisation through this time of transformation and to see the NHS charity sector evolve.

I'm proud that our sector has grown, in size and strength, and that we give more than £1.2 million every day to the NHS. Once a new Chair is in post, I will continue to be a trustee as well as an advocate for the potential of our sector.

As ever, none of what you read about in these pages would be possible without our incredible supporters. I am hugely grateful to you all. I would like to thank our healthcare and charity partners for your collaboration, my fellow voluntary trustees who give their time so willingly to govern and guide, and the NHS Charities Together staff – a committed team that continues to be ambitious to achieve our objectives.

Finally, I want to thank the member NHS charities based in every trust and health board around the UK. Whether you are a lone fundraiser or a large charity, in a community, mental health, acute or ambulance trust, in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or England, the work you do is valued and really makes a difference.

Thank you.



75 years of love and charity Here for the next 75

I'd like to add my welcome to Ian's and start by thanking him for being an incredibly supportive Chair over the last four years. He has guided us through the most extraordinary transformation following the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal and we are hugely grateful for his contribution. We are recruiting a new Chair who will be announced later in 2024.

In 2023, we marked 75 years of the NHS with activities, campaigns and events that put NHS charities on the map, from a Rankin photography exhibition, 'Love and charity: 75 years of charitable giving in the NHS', to being charity partner for a moving event at Westminster Abbey where I shared a message of support from NHS charities to more than 2,000 NHS staff in attendance.

A personal highlight for me was welcoming our Royal Patrons TRHs The Prince and Princess of Wales to a special NHS Big Tea at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, in a beautiful garden created by the NHS charity there. We were joined by incredible NHS staff and patients and NHS charity members who demonstrated all that makes the NHS so great.

But while it's right to reflect, look back and celebrate, we also need to consider the very real challenges facing the NHS in the present. Our research shows the increasing pressure on the workforce and the difficulty people across the UK are facing in accessing the healthcare they need.

That's why in 2023 we refreshed our vision, mission and strategy. As the national charity for the NHS, representing the network of NHS charities based in every trust and health board across the UK, we can help tackle the biggest healthcare issues. We can provide extra support to the workforce, be there for patients during treatment, and break down health inequalities in communities so that everyone gets the healthcare they deserve.

In the upcoming year, we will work with partners to develop transformational programmes, fund volunteering projects, address health inequalities among young people, and invest in lifesaving community first responder volunteers. As an organisation that is relatively new to fundraising, an aspect of our work that was kickstarted by the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, we need to invest in the future to establish sustainable income streams. In this way, we can ensure the Covid appeal has a legacy and make an ongoing impact for NHS charity members. This focus on investing for sustainability and impact is reflected in our new strategy.

What's for sure is that NHS charities have been there for the NHS for 75 years and we intend to be there for the next 75 too. The extra support we provide together is more vital than ever.



Highlights of the year



Heidi Thomas, OBE shared a specially written dedication thanking NHS staff for 75 years of care at our remembrance service.



This year's highlights

In 2023, you helped us do so much to be there for incredible NHS people when they needed us most and improve care for patients and communities.

#WithAllOurHearts

In March, we launched our second #WithAllOurHearts campaign to raise awareness of the need to support NHS staff under enormous pressure carrying out their lifesaving work. Workers across the NHS shared their stories of delivering healthcare services in challenging conditions. And we showed the difference supporting NHS charities can make to the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers giving 100% for us every day.

Jack is the Operations Manager for Community First Responders at South Central Ambulance Service. He is one of the staff members who shared their story as part of the #WithAllOurHearts campaign.



Remembrance service

On the eve of the third anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring a global Covid-19 pandemic, Friday 10th March 2023, we hosted a live-broadcast remembrance service. The event included a minute's silence at 12 noon, to honour 75 years of service and sacrifice by the health and care workforce. We were proud to be joined by staff and senior representatives from across the NHS, including the Chief Nursing Officer for England, Dame Ruth May, DBE, who said:

"This year, as we mark the 75th anniversary of the NHS, I'm grateful to have the chance to say thank you and acknowledge the contribution of every incredible colleague who has helped make the NHS what it is."

The Big Step

Strictly Come Dancing alumnus Dr Ranj Singh encouraged the nation to get moving as part of The Big Step, a new fundraiser to make us healthier and improve NHS services. Hundreds of you joined TV presenter Gaby Roslin to fundraise with your feet, by walking either 5,000 or 10,000 steps every day throughout April and May, raising thousands of pounds for the NHS.

Greener Communities

We were delighted to allocate over £1.1 million to create and improve health through green spaces across the UK, through a new Greener Communities Fund in partnership with environmental charity Hubbub and funded by the Starbucks 5p cup charge. Grants of between £29,000 and £200,000 were awarded to nine NHS charities for up to two years, to fund projects with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the public, including NHS staff. We can't wait to see them bloom!

TV presenter Gaby Roslin joined hundreds of fundraisers as part of The Big Step.



£16 million in grants to members

In total, we allocated an incredible £16 million in grants to members in 2023, every penny of which will mobilise the collective power of NHS charities and the nation to help the health service go further for patients, staff, volunteers and communities. This massive amount of support was made possible by your kind donations. Thank you.

Member conference

In May, we hosted our second national conference for members, under the theme of Achieving Our Potential Together. Representatives from members across the UK came together to learn, share and grow. It was wonderful to see you all again and be inspired by your individual and collective efforts. (See page 16 for more.)

Covid appeal progress

To help show the impact of generous donations to our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, we launched our progress report. This showed that the first phase of the appeal supported more than 4,000 projects and reached more than 1.6 million people at the height of the pandemic, with over 90% of NHS charity respondents reporting a long-lasting impact. (Read more about the Covid-19 Urgent Appeal on page 19.)



Highlights of the year

A Special Big Tea

2023 was a very important year for the NHS, as it turned 75 on 5th July. You helped us mark this milestone with celebrations across the UK, a highlight of which was our Special Big Tea. At this event, attended by our Royal Patrons Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales, we showcased the vital role charitable giving has played in the NHS throughout its history, its impact today, and how it will shape the health service's future.

Our Royal Patrons personally passed on their gratitude to health workers and patients, including Aneira Thomas, the first baby born on the NHS, research pioneers, and those on the frontline tackling Covid-19. They concluded their visit with a video message for the entire NHS:

“Wishing everyone a very happy 75th birthday for the NHS. Thank you so much for all you do.”



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Adults reached by our Unexpected Things TV campaign

Did you see us on TV?

In June, we launched a new TV campaign, Unexpected Things, to raise awareness of NHS Charities Together and what we do, and to complement all the activity taking place for the 75th birthday of the NHS in July. The campaign reached more than 16 million adults in the UK, showing them we're here to provide the unexpected things that mean so much to NHS staff, patients and their families, from technology that keeps patients and their loved ones connected, to mental health support in the workplace.

Our National Health Stories

We were delighted to work with the National Arts in Hospitals Network to support this collaboration between 19 hospital trusts, thousands of NHS staff in hospitals across England, and a stellar creative team led by Kwame Kwei-Armah. A six-month programme of creative activity with NHS staff explored, shared and reflected upon what being part of the organisation means to them, culminating in live performances both in trusts and at a special one-off show at Aviva Studios in Manchester in November.

Your Forever Thank You

In 2023, we launched our first legacy campaign on behalf of the NHS charity sector, Your Forever Thank You. We helped people find the NHS charities they would like to support and provided free guidance on leaving a gift in your will. As a result of this campaign, we hope many more people will consider leaving a gift that will help the NHS thrive so that everyone can have better health and care.

See our legacy advert here:



9-year-old Harry Byrne won the Young Hero award for his incredible fundraising efforts. Photo Credit: 'The Sun'

Who Cares Wins

Once again, we were the proud charity partner for Channel 4 and The Sun's Who Cares Wins Awards, celebrating remarkable people who have gone above and beyond to care for others. Hosted by Davina McCall, the event honoured the outstanding individuals that keep our health service running – from cleaners and porters, to nurses, doctors, paramedics and mental health professionals.

One of the many winners was 9-year-old Harry Byrne, who won the Young Hero award after raising more than £90,000 for the hospices and charities that looked after his baby brother, Reuben, who was born with a complex genetic syndrome and tragically died in his sleep in December 2021. Harry said:

“I couldn't believe it when Mum said I was nominated. I don't do anything special – Reuben and Olivia [Harry's sister, who also passed away] are the heroes, not me.”

Thanking our partners

On Wednesday 29th November, we brought some of you together to celebrate all that had been achieved in the 75th anniversary year of the NHS, thank you for your significant support to date, and share an insight into our future ambitions. The event was hosted by our Chief Executive, Ellie Orton, OBE, who was joined by a retired midwife who had dedicated over 25 years to the NHS, and trustee Antony Tiernan, who together said a big thank you and highlighted the importance and impact of your charitable support. To close the evening, we were thrilled to be joined by The Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Choir.

Omaze-ing support

In November, we launched our partnership with Omaze and their Million Pound House Draw to help fund a new lifesaving programme in partnership with ambulance charities across the UK. We were overwhelmed by the response to this competition, which raised a record-breaking £2.6 million!

Festive Thank You

In December, with the generous support of Starbucks, we worked with Global Radio to say a Festive Thank You to some remarkable NHS staff who have done so much to care for their patients and each other. This deserving bunch included people providing mental health support to their colleagues, volunteering for support groups for children with long-term illnesses, and improving access to healthcare within the community. The moments were broadcast on Heart Breakfast with Jamie Theakston and Amanda Holden, on JK and Kelly Brook's Heart show, and on Angie Greaves' Smooth Radio show on 13th December.

The Festive Thank You also gave us the opportunity to share stories from Tomos, a community first responder, and Steph, an intensive care nurse, about how NHS Charities Together supports their work. Thank you to Starbucks for sponsoring this campaign.



Juwairiya, an NHS community outreach worker from Gloucester – a role funded by NHS Charities Together through Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospital Charity – was surprised on Smooth Radio by host Angie Greaves with a holiday of a lifetime to Oman.

Highlights of the year

In 2023, the NHS celebrated a big birthday, turning 75 on 5th July. Throughout the year, we marked this milestone by paying tribute to the health service and the people who make it so special, and shining a light on the vital role charitable giving has played throughout its history – funding ground-breaking innovations and research, providing life-changing patient support, and helping staff and services through the pandemic. NHS charities really have been here for it all.

**Happy
Birthday
NHS!**



Ahead of the anniversary, actor, comedian, presenter and writer Sir Michael Palin and England footballer Jordan Henderson, MBE, were some of the famous faces appearing alongside NHS staff, patients and volunteers in a collaboration with photographer Rankin to celebrate 75 years of NHS charities.

The Love And Charity: A History Of Giving In The NHS exhibition, at Saatchi Gallery in London over the summer, celebrated the vital role charities have played throughout health service history, and how their contribution has helped make the NHS what it is today.

The portraits included NHS staff, patients, volunteers and high-profile supporters from every nation and region of the UK, each with their own powerful personal connection to the impact and influence of NHS charities. Sir Michael Palin commented:

“I was born a little bit before the NHS started, but throughout my life it’s been an enormous support for me and my family. You take it a bit for granted so I think it’s good sometimes to remember it needs help. And I think the more people who can help out the better, because so many people have benefitted.”

Celebrities Stephen Fry and Mel Giedroyc called on the public to host an NHS Big Tea event ahead of the NHS’s 75th anniversary to raise funds for NHS charities. Stephen Fry said:

“The NHS is a real national treasure – and one that truly deserves celebrating. We owe so much to our NHS, which still faces untold challenges in the wake of the pandemic, and the NHS Big Tea is the perfect chance to give something back.”

The NHS Big Tea went on to raise £174,544 in 2023, contributing to the long-term recovery of the health service following Covid-19 and projects supporting the workforce and improving care for patients and communities.



Highlights of the year

On the NHS's birthday, our Royal Patrons Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales surprised NHS staff and patients from across the UK with a very special NHS Big Tea party. They even arrived early to help lay the tables, put finishing touches on a birthday cake, and debate the age-old question: jam or cream first?

The event, held in the wellbeing garden of St Thomas' Hospital in London, an initiative funded by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, was attended by members of the workforce and patients representing the myriad achievements of the NHS and NHS charities over the last 75 years.

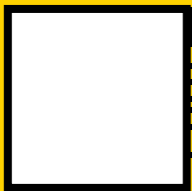
Their Royal Highnesses discussed current challenges and thanked staff for the crucial work they continue to do.

Alongside this activity, Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were joined by 1,500 health service staff, politicians and supporters at a special ceremony in Westminster Abbey, where our CEO, Ellie Orton, shared a message of gratitude to our incredible NHS and highlighted the role of NHS charities in supporting its workforce.

A very special Big Tea



Watch our Big Tea video here:



We asked people across the country to mark the NHS's big day by joining the NHS1000miles challenge. Those taking part walked, ran, swam or cycled (or a combination) 1,000 miles over the year – an average of 2.74 miles a day.

Participants kept a record of their weekly miles and shared their progress on X (formerly known as Twitter) on Sunday nights at 7.30pm, using the hashtag #NHS1000miles.

Highlights of the year

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our supporters. We are so grateful for every pound and penny you have given or raised for NHS Charities Together. Whether you donated, set up a regular gift, held a cake sale or did a sponsored abseil, you made a huge difference. Thank you.

Our sincere gratitude to those people who felt moved to leave a Forever Thank You with a gift in their will, including J Foy, D Karia, P Bodsworth and A Pentazi, and to those who have pledged a gift for the future. We are eternally thankful.

We would like to recognise Starbucks for continuing to partner with us in 2023. Thanks to their support we have been able to continue creating green spaces that boost communities' health and wellbeing up and down the country. What's more, their support enabled us to run a national radio campaign in December, raising awareness of the charity and recognising some inspirational NHS workers.

We would also like to say thank you for the extraordinary support we have received this year from Haleon, Morrisons, the Barratt Foundation, Amazon, Emma Bridgewater, and The Gym Group.

Thank
YOU for
everything
you do!



"I wanted to do something special for the NHS and it was a great opportunity to chat with my neighbours and bring us all together."

Dave was born just a few weeks after the NHS was founded and is grateful for all the health service has given his loved ones since, from helping his mother live into her 90s, to supporting his wife through her MS diagnosis. To show his appreciation, he took part in this year's NHS Big Tea alongside his neighbours, and everyone got involved.

"When I decided I wanted to do an event in Robbie's memory, the NHS was the only choice. After four heart surgeries and various other adventures, the NHS will always be a huge part of my life, and I feel incredibly proud to represent them."

Tom and Robbie had been best friends for over 20 years when Robbie passed away very suddenly. Having both been born with serious heart conditions, the NHS became a huge part of their lives as they spent numerous occasions in hospital. Tom decided to sign up for the Richmond Park 10k in memory of his friend and to raise funds for NHS Charities Together.



"As a family we are very much indebted to the NHS, and as a way of thanking them I decided to do some fundraising with my border collie Ted."

Pat walked from London to Brighton with his four-legged companion Ted to raise funds for NHS Charities Together and show his gratitude for the care both his daughters have received. After lots of training, they made the 60-mile journey in two days and celebrated their accomplishment with an ice cream and treats on Brighton beach.



In November, we launched our partnership with Omaze and their Million Pound House Draw to give one lucky person the chance of winning a stunning Chelsea townhouse worth an incredible £5 million, along with £100,000 in cash.

Thanks to the enthusiastic response from our supporters and the Omaze community, the draw raised a record-breaking £2.6 million! The seven-figure donation will fund a new lifesaving programme in partnership with ambulance charities across the UK, helping to improve survival rates for people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

What's more, the winner of the £5 million house, Oceanne, is studying to fulfil her dream of becoming a paediatric nurse in the NHS! We're so grateful to Omaze for their generous support.

Our strategy

In 2023, we refreshed our vision, mission and strategy to better support the NHS and everyone who uses it, today and into the future.

As the national charity for the NHS, representing the network of NHS charities based in every trust and health board across the UK, we can help tackle the biggest challenges facing healthcare. We can do this by providing extra support to the workforce, supporting patients so no one feels alone during treatment, and tackling unfair health inequalities so everyone gets the healthcare they deserve.

Our refreshed strategy focuses on three objectives:

- transforming patient experience and outcomes
- supporting workforce wellbeing through caring for NHS staff and volunteers
- supporting people to live well, through preventing ill health and holistic management of long-term conditions

Four enablers will help us achieve these outcomes:

- evolving our role as a centre of knowledge, insight and expertise – building our collective capability
- delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice
- leading innovative and transformational programmes
- being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation

In the upcoming year (2024), we're delighted to be working with partners on transformative programmes including Volunteering for Health – to share best practice in volunteering, Innovation Challenge – to fund innovations tackling health inequalities among young people, and Community Resilience – to fund training and equipment for lifesaving community first responder volunteers and community CPR. (See page 34 for more.)



Achieving
our potential
together

Our vision

A future with a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

Our mission

We mobilise the collective power of NHS charities and the nation to help the NHS go further for patients, staff and communities – ensuring extra support goes where it's most needed and enabling the NHS to advance in a rapidly changing world.

Make a difference:

We remain focused on making a positive difference for members and the NHS, based on evidence and insights on what works the best.

Compassionate:

We care about people and treat everyone with equity, kindness, respect, empathy, and support; we put heart into all we do and how we care for the NHS.

Our impact values

Authentic:

We are open, honest and act with integrity in all that we do.

Transformative:

We actively champion innovation and transformational leadership, and we advocate for change, bringing supportive challenge to ourselves and others.

Inclusive:

We build inclusive relationships with diverse stakeholders, sharing our time, knowledge and skills to create partnerships that support each other, members and the NHS.

Pioneering:

We dare to be different and are constantly curious, asking questions to uncover what needs to be done so that we can have most impact.

Our strategy

More value for members

A key part of our new strategy is maximising our impact as a membership organisation. Over the summer, we worked with more than 50 NHS charities to coproduce our refreshed member offer and confirm member fees for 2024.

We believe the fees for 2024 represent excellent value for members. We also listened to feedback and changed our membership year so that it now runs from April to March, meaning members get an extra three months free in 2024.

Our member offer has evolved and expanded over recent years, and now supports NHS charities across areas including governance and financial management, fundraising, reporting, and charity best practice. We also help raise awareness of issues affecting the sector.

The products, services and support available to members now include:

Peer support groups

There are now 20 peer support groups – 13 regional groups and seven special interest groups, including a new Corporate Fundraising Networking Group. Through more than 100 member-led peer support meetings in 2023, including seven Group Chairs meetings, we connected more than 500 members.



1,000

People attended our webinars

Webinars

In 2023, more than 1,000 people attended 20 webinars, in which we shared best practice on governance, fundraising, insight and evaluation, and grant funding.

Training

Through our Advancement Resources partnership, we showcased three different training events over 2023, involving 13 members and 17 participants across a three-part series.

Member Connect

In 2023, Member Connect, our members-only online community, regularly received more than 500 unique monthly visitors. Throughout the year, we saw 643 new topics created, more than 2,400 replies and 183 new contributors

And a diverse programme of events and activities throughout the year.

Member conference

In May, our second annual member conference took place in Birmingham, bringing together representatives from member charities across the UK, to connect, learn and grow – under the theme of Achieving Our Potential Together. This year, 300 delegates attended in-person and more than 100 joined online, representing 68% of all member charities.

“The networking and learning potential of the conference is more relevant than any other event in the sector. Having it as part of the member offer is a game-changer for us.”

“The conference is an annual highlight, and one of the largest opportunities to meet and network with colleagues from across the NHS charity network.”

“It felt like I was in the room, and I found myself clapping along.”

Other member events and conferences


In addition to our online training and events programme, we hosted two charity leaders' events in 2023, attracting more than 100 attendees. The first, in March, focused on engaging and developing the new strategy, with a special guest presentation from Dr Neil Churchill, OBE, Director for Experience, Participation and Equalities for NHS England. The second, in September, focused on The Power Of Partnerships, bringing together people from charities and trusts.

“Great event and excellent to listen to ‘real world’ examples of charities and how we can help provide support to each other.”

In October, alongside our partner HFMA, we helped deliver the first in-person NHS Charitable Funds Finance and Governance Conference since the pandemic, which took place at HFMA headquarters in London.

“I have attended the Charitable Fund events for many years and I feel this was one of the best for content and presentations.”

NHS Charities Together member offer

Network	Academy	Events	Strategic partnerships	Movements
				
Communications and peer support	Tailored, targeted learning and development	Events, webinars, workshops and conferencing	Influencing opportunities	NHS Charities Collective
Improving and evolving Member Connect	Toolkits – bespoke member resources	Peer support meetings	National fundraising campaigns	Social movement, shared action
Tailored member communications	Responsive, impactful training webinars, tailored to cohorts	Coproduction and collaboration opportunities	Grants opportunities	NHS Charities Together connections, expertise and visits
	Specific monitoring support (Funder Plus Support)	National conference and charity leaders' events	Corporate partnership opportunities	

Grants and impact

In 2023, you helped us support more than 230 NHS charities across the UK. Here's how you were there for NHS patients, staff, volunteers and communities.

Grants and impact




230
Charities supported

Covid-19 appeal three years on



On 23rd March 2020, the day we went into national lockdown, NHS Charities Together launched our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal. The heartfelt support from the public was overwhelming. The appeal went on to raise £162 million to support patients, hospital staff and volunteers at the frontline of the crisis.

Thousands of people got behind the NHS to fundraise during lockdown, by supporting our One Million Claps campaign or raising funds in their own unique ways, from walking and running to sky diving, dancing and baking. There were also more than 50 music singles and high-profile celebrity support.

Phased roll out

We quickly put in place the right governance to get donations to where they were most needed, designing the grant roll out in three phases to support urgent needs, community support and long-term recovery. This has enabled NHS charities across the UK to use the money effectively to support the most pressing and ongoing needs.


4,241
Individual projects supported

Responding to the emergency

Through the Urgent and Emergency Grants programme – the first phase of funding – we supported more than 4,241 individual projects. These included improving mental health and wellbeing (3,690 individual projects); equity, diversity and inclusion (289); and quality of life for those with long-term health conditions (101).

The funding was used for spaces (20%) including temporary and permanent rest and wellbeing spaces, equipment (20%), programmes and services (17%), digital resources (13%), education or training (12%), other wellbeing initiatives (9%), and social prescribing (3%).

Grants and impact

Strengthening communities

The second phase of our grants programme focused on community partnerships. We have worked with member charities to fund more than 325 community projects, helping to tackle the wider determinants of ill health and prevent activity in the health system, taking pressure off the health service.

Working with the voluntary and community sector, we have funded groups and projects addressing isolation and loneliness, improving fitness and wellbeing, and more. We have also funded community partnership projects supporting patients and staff disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and addressing health inequalities.

Enabling long-term recovery

The final phase of our grants programme focuses on long-term recovery, allocated to NHS charities delivering projects to support the long-term health and recovery of NHS staff and volunteers, patients and communities impacted by Covid-19.

The difference we've made, so far...

While many projects are ongoing, the results so far show the huge impact the appeal made during a time of immense challenge for the NHS.

Initial evaluation of the appeal shows:

- Nearly 1 million NHS staff have benefited from extra support including counselling and rest areas.
- Approximately 600,000 patients have been helped to access care or had support to reduce isolation.
- Nearly £7 million has been invested in training and equipment for thousands of lifesaving community first responder volunteers.



- At least 4,241 individual projects have been funded through the first phase of the Urgent and Emergency Grants programme.
- More than 350 community projects have been funded to tackle health inequalities and prevent ill health in the community.

Over 90% of NHS charity respondents reported that projects funded through Urgent and Emergency Grants had made a lasting impact. 75% said projects have continued (either in full or in part) beyond the funding period – with some now using later funding for long-term recovery. Immense challenges for the NHS continue. A new YouGov survey of 1,078 NHS staff, commissioned by NHS Charities Together, reveals a staggering 96% of staff responding feel that pressure is growing on NHS services and 95% feel the pressures on the NHS will continue for years after the pandemic. Nearly three quarters (74%) say the pressures feel as high as when Covid-19 cases were at their peak. And 83% believe it will take many years for staff and volunteers to recover from the pandemic.

In 2023, we continued to distribute appeal funds, with member charities receiving £14,806,481 of the money donated by our supporters and investing it where it will make a real difference.

We will continue to award the remaining £13 million from the appeal during 2024, to make the biggest possible impact for NHS patients, staff, volunteers and communities.

To find out more about the impact of your support of the Covid-19 appeal so far, read our progress report on our website.



Summary of grants awarded in 2023



In 2023, we continued making grants to member NHS charities to make a difference for NHS patients, staff, volunteers and communities.

This year, we distributed more donations from our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal and from other fundraising to NHS charities, awarding £16 million in grants, on top of the £109 million granted between 2020 and 2022.

Green spaces for health and wellbeing

In April, in partnership with the environmental charity Hubbub, and thanks to funding from Starbucks, we awarded nearly £1.2 million to ten members across the UK through the first round of our Greener Communities fund to help improve health and wellbeing for NHS staff, patients and communities through the power of green spaces.

Nine grants of between £29,000 and £200,000 were awarded to NHS charities to fund projects with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the public, including NHS staff.

The projects are now up and running, creating or improving green community spaces for hospital patients and visitors, people living in urban communities, and other community groups.

Recovery Grants

We awarded £6.7 million in Stage 3 Covid-19 Recovery Grants, which are funding vital work that supports the long-term health and recovery of NHS staff, volunteers, patients and communities impacted by Covid-19.

Community Partnership Grants

We awarded £3.2 million in Stage 2 Community Partnership Grants, supporting partnership working between NHS charities and community organisations that will improve health outcomes for communities adversely affected by Covid-19. This funding will have a direct positive impact on the NHS. We also awarded £500,000 in grants to ambulance charities as part of our Ambulance Programme.

Development Grants

We awarded more than £4.3 million from our Development Grants programme to support capacity building across member charities, helping them become stronger and more robust, and improving their ability to deliver for the future.

Our membership covers the NHS charities for health boards, hospitals, and ambulance, community and mental health trusts, which means we reach staff, patients and volunteers in every part of the UK.

Grants and impact

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust	£214,100	£140,098	£247,000	£30,000	£631,198
Aintree University Hospital Charitable Fund (merged with Liverpool University Hospitals Charitable Fund)	£35,000	£-	£-	£-	£35,000
Airedale Hospital & Community Charity	£161,600	£-	£82,317	£30,000	£273,917
Alder Hey Children's Charity	£140,100	£1,275,265	£134,716	£86,958	£1,637,039
Aneurin Bevan Health Charity	£235,100	£-	£313,000	£319,751	£867,851
Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals Charitable Fund	£165,100	£101,500	£35,000	£-	£301,600
Association of Ambulance Chief Executives	£-	£-	£-	£63,077	£63,077
Awyr Las (Blue Sky) Charity (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board)	£266,600	£49,000	£111,115	£684,146	£1,110,861
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Endowment Fund	£463,600	£175,788	£5,000	£-	£644,388
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust Charity Fund	£188,100	£154,000	£5,317	£30,000	£377,417
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust Charity	£111,600	£50,000	£56,620	£-	£218,220
Barnsley Hospital Charity	£165,100	£-	£93,317	£30,000	£288,417
Barts Charity	£294,600	£363,000	£5,000	£-	£662,600
Bay Hospitals Charity (Cumbria)	£186,100	£-	£189,000	£-	£375,100
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charity (Luton and Dunstable)	£247,600	£636,662	£5,000	£59,424	£948,686
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£184,100	£-	£483,632	£176,018	£843,750
Berkshire Health Charitable Fund	£168,600	£-	£104,000	£-	£272,600
Better Lives Charity (Bradford District)	£158,100	£77,000	£5,317	£30,000	£270,417
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT General Charity	£282,100	£-	£103,056	£30,000	£415,156
Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity	£181,100	£132,000	£35,317	£200,000	£548,417
Black Country Healthcare Charity Fund	£165,100	£-	£5,000	£118,000	£288,100
Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals)	£186,100	£-	£170,000	£30,000	£386,100
Bolton NHS Charitable Fund	£184,600	£143,000	£5,317	£30,000	£362,917
Bradford Hospitals Charity	£182,600	£-	£5,000	£173,000	£360,600
Brighter Futures (Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund)	£218,900	£-	£140,390	£30,000	£389,290
Brighterway (Southern Health Charity)	£179,100	£-	£5,000	£29,221	£213,321
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£196,600	£196,956	£35,000	£1,044	£429,600
Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity	£462,100	£489,513	£5,573	£30,000	£987,186
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£182,600	£1,020,817	£9,338	£30,000	£1,242,755
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity	£179,100	£-	£148,000	£30,000	£357,100
Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£159,600
Cardiff and Vale Health Charity	£245,600	£415,796	£126,409	£285,728	£1,073,533
Caring Minds (Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS FT Charity)	£168,600	£-	£5,000	£129,000	£302,600
Central and North West London NHS FT Charitable Fund	£207,100	£107,661	£62,441	£84,898	£462,100
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charity	£165,100	£74,320	£5,000	£-	£244,420
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS FT General Fund	£126,482	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£181,482
Chesterfield Royal Hospital Charity	£167,100	£-	£5,000	£118,000	£290,100
Childrens Hospital Charity, The (Sheffield)	£137,100	£77,000	£5,000	£29,505	£248,605
Christie Charitable Fund, The (Manchester)	£163,600	£77,000	£5,000	£30,000	£275,600
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, The	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£30,000	£215,600
Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Charity	£207,100	£710,086	£34,526	£183,000	£1,134,712

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600	£-	£5,000	£107,000	£273,600
Countess of Chester Charity, The	£227,467	£40,133	£5,000	£30,000	£302,600
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT Charity	£356,600	£-	£5,000	£30,000	£391,600
Croydon Health Services Charitable Fund	£165,100	£88,000	£5,000	£29,711	£287,811
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear FT Charity	£186,100	£-	£5,000	£184,000	£375,100
CW+ Charity (Chelsea and Westminster)	£182,600	£1,304,983	£104,144	£165,795	£1,757,522
Cwm Taf Morgannwg NHS General Charitable Fund	£171,100	£-	£5,000	£473,386	£649,486
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Charitable Fund-Valley Hospital	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£30,000	£273,600
Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity	£216,600	£246,145	£5,000	£39,855	£507,600
Derbyshire Community Health Services Charitable Trust, The	£189,600	£490,086	£5,000	£195,000	£879,686
Devon Partnership NHS Trust Special Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£30,000	£273,600
Difference, The (Borders Health Board Endowment Funds)	£61,600	£181,008	£5,000	£30,000	£277,608
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£188,600	£-	£5,000	£184,000	£377,600
Dorset County Hospital Charity	£158,100	£35,643	£359,099	£64,020	£616,862
Dorset HealthCare Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£179,100	£105,746	£5,000	£67,254	£357,100
Dudley Group NHS FT Charity	£172,100	£121,000	£102,364	£30,000	£425,464
Dumfries & Galloway Health Board Endowment Fund	£263,569	£82,969	£5,000	£30,000	£381,538
East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals Charity	£324,100	£-	£63,369	£29,918	£417,387
East Cheshire NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£158,100	£-	£5,000	£89,700	£252,800
East Kent Hospitals Charity	£203,600	£220,000	£5,000	£30,000	£458,600
East Midlands Ambulance Service Trust Charity	£165,100	£511,715	£5,000	£-	£681,815
East of England Ambulance Service Charity	£75,600	£558,689	£121,624	£151,000	£906,913
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£189,600	£165,000	£5,000	£30,000	£389,600
ELFT Charity (East London NHS Foundation Trust)	£-	£-	£5,000	£132,000	£137,000
ELHT&Me (East Lancashire)	£200,100	£209,000	£35,000	£-	£444,100
Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£179,100	£-	£5,000	£-	£184,100
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£172,100	£42,000	£5,000	£68,000	£287,100
EyUp! (South West Yorkshire)	£168,600	£98,967	£5,317	£30,000	£302,884
Fife Health Charity	£152,100	£312,332	£5,000	£108,000	£577,432
Forth Valley Giving	£136,100	£-	£229,318	£105,689	£471,107
Frimley Health Charity	£640,956	£178,213	£35,000	£-	£854,169
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£282,100	£-	£5,000	£30,000	£317,100
George Eliot Hospital Charity	£154,600	£-	£35,000	£55,000	£244,600
Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust Charities	£172,100	£99,000	£5,000	£104,390	£380,490
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust General Charitable Fund	£380,100	£441,077	£5,317	£-	£826,494
Golden Jubilee National Hospital (Scotland)	£101,100	£-	£5,000	£-	£106,100
Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity	£232,100	£50,000	£5,317	£30,000	£317,417
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT Charitable Fund	£75,600	£50,000	£5,000	£121,000	£251,600
Guy's and St Thomas' Charity	£641,100	£931,163	£5,317	£-	£1,577,580
Hampshire Hospitals Charity	£182,600	£-	£159,000	£-	£341,600
Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity	£172,100	£110,000	£5,000	£-	£287,100

Grants and impact

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Head to Toe (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust)	£168,600	£47,800	£5,000	£81,175	£302,575
Headlight (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Charitable Fund)	£168,600	£-	£104,000	£30,000	£302,600
Heads On (Sussex Partnership Charity)	£172,100	£833,147	£83,953	£61,047	£1,150,247
Health Stars (Humber)	£158,100	£-	£71,000	£30,000	£259,100
Health Tree Foundation (Northern Lincolnshire & Goole)	£182,600	£205,375	£623,630	£35,115	£1,046,720
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Charity	£65,100	£50,000	£5,000	£67,520	£187,620
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£506,260	£406,000	£5,000	£96,040	£1,013,300
Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£61,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£116,600
Highland Health Board Endowment Funds	£107,100	£50,000	£5,000	£417,828	£579,928
Hillingdon Hospitals Charity	£161,600	£-	£80,600	£30,000	£272,200
Homerton Hospital Charitable Fund	£165,100	£771,173	£301,999	£30,000	£1,268,272
Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£97,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£152,600
Hywel Dda Health Charity	£244,600	£279,500	£118,985	£30,000	£673,085
Imperial Health Charity	£503,600	£-	£5,317	£30,000	£538,917
Isle of Wight NHS Charitable Funds	£61,600	£50,000	£35,000	£-	£146,600
James Paget University Hospitals Charitable Fund	£161,600	£77,000	£5,317	£-	£243,917
Kent Community Health Charity (I Care)	£72,100	£50,000	£5,000	£110,000	£237,100
Kettering General Hospital Charity Fund (merged with Northamptonshire Health Charity)	£170,600	£99,000	£-	£-	£269,600
King's College Hospital Charity	£224,600	£286,000	£105,000	£30,000	£645,600
Kingston Hospital Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£28,600	£272,200
Lanarkshire Health Board Endowment Funds	£231,600	£321,006	£313,000	£-	£865,606
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£183,006	£-	£159,000	£60,000	£402,006
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity	£394,600	£75,052	£762,406	£30,000	£1,262,058
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£108,100	£66,000	£5,000	£-	£179,100
Leeds Community Healthcare Charitable Trust and Related Charities	£161,600	£76,727	£5,000	£30,000	£273,327
Leeds Hospitals Charity (Leeds Cares)	£670,100	£1,274,224	£35,000	£-	£1,979,324
Leicester Hospitals Charity	£251,100	£893,595	£5,000	£30,000	£1,179,695
Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£186,100	£154,000	£5,000	£30,000	£375,100
Lincolnshire Community Health NHS Charity	£168,600	£31,187	£315,400	£130,473	£645,660
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity	£195,100	£-	£35,000	£-	£230,100
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Charitable Fund	£228,100	£297,000	£5,000	£29,400	£559,500
Liverpool Women's Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£12,980	£30,000	£238,080
London Ambulance Service Charity	£179,100	£895,551	£167,000	£-	£1,241,651
London North West Healthcare Charitable Fund	£196,600	£-	£154,442	£30,000	£381,042
Love Your Hospital (Western Sussex Hospitals Charity)	£189,600	£165,000	£5,000	£-	£359,600
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Charitable Fund	£182,600	£-	£5,000	£173,000	£360,600
Manchester University NHS FT Charity	£298,100	£528,000	£105,243	£30,000	£961,343
Maudsley Charity	£172,100	£-	£5,000	£151,000	£328,100
Medway Hospital Charity, The	£168,600	£181,696	£806,959	£30,000	£1,187,255
Mersey Care Charity	£89,600	£50,000	£5,000	£252,999	£397,599

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Charity (Southend)	£280,600	£918,103	£5,000	£30,000	£1,233,703
Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charitable Fund	£172,100	£-	£5,000	£140,000	£317,100
Milton Keynes Hospital Charity	£167,100	£90,430	£35,317	£70	£292,917
Moorfields Eye Charity	£154,600	£-	£152,595	£30,000	£337,195
MY Hospitals Charity (Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund)	£200,100	£200,500	£5,000	£30,000	£435,600
My WiSH Charity (West Suffolk)	£168,600	£66,000	£38,000	£30,000	£302,600
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity	£583,100	£1,567,845	£5,000	£30,430	£2,186,375
NHS Blood and Transplant Charitable Fund	£179,100	£61,000	£5,000	£49,000	£294,100
NHS Grampian Endowment Fund	£238,600	£597,043	£5,000	£117,240	£957,883
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Endowments (Greater Glasgow Health Board Endowment Funds)	£417,100	£875,432	£81,372	£-	£1,373,904
NHS Lothian Charity	£1,028,700	£158,926	£135,000	£-	£1,322,626
Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals Charity	£394,600	£490,086	£5,000	£30,000	£919,686
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£118,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£173,600
Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£154,600	£55,000	£5,000	£29,000	£243,600
North Cumbria University Hospitals Charitable Fund	£182,600	£-	£153,032	£5,968	£341,600
North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund	£158,100	£-	£256,245	£45,749	£460,094
North East London Community Healthcare Charity (Health Way Foundation)	£179,100	£-	£5,000	£173,000	£357,100
North Middlesex Hospital General Charitable Fund	£238,600	£-	£5,000	£30,000	£273,600
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation General Charitable Fund	£175,600	£-	£5,000	£300,700	£481,300
North West Ambulance Service Charitable Fund	£132,600	£687,083	£5,000	£234,995	£1,059,678
North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS FT Charitable Funds (merged with Mersey Care Charity)	£179,100	£-	£-	£-	£179,100
Northamptonshire Health Charity	£203,600	£552,060	£5,000	£30,000	£790,660
NorthCare Charity (formerly Pennine Acute Hospitals Charity)	£214,100	£-	£205,000	£30,000	£449,100
Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600	£-	£-	£77,000	£238,600
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	£147,600	£300,340	£269,000	£-	£716,940
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Charity	£47,600	£50,000	£194,370	£33,000	£324,970
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (Bright Northumbria)	£196,600	£197,280	£5,000	£30,000	£428,880
Nottingham Hospitals Charity	£249,100	£840,071	£67,024	£30,000	£1,186,195
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Funds	£100,100	£-	£5,000	£-	£105,100
Orkney Health Board Endowment Funds	£44,100	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£99,100
Oxford Health Charity	£175,600	£132,000	£5,000	£30,000	£342,600
Oxford Hospitals Charity	£224,600	£150,188	£140,812	£29,300	£544,900
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£65,100	£50,000	£5,000	£99,000	£219,100
Pennine Care Charitable Foundation	£165,100	£-	£93,000	£30,000	£288,100
Peterborough and Stamford Umbrella Charitable Fund (North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust)	£134,600	£50,000	£159,000	£30,000	£373,600
Plymouth Hospitals Charity	£196,600	£782,903	£5,000	£32,608	£1,017,111
Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund (merged with University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity)	£267,600	£-	£-	£-	£267,600
Portsmouth Hospitals Charity	£189,600	£175,645	£5,000	£30,159	£400,404
Powys Teaching Health Board Charity	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£30,000	£189,600

Grants and impact

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Princess Alexandra Hospital Charity, The (Essex)	£165,100	£-	£5,000	£88,000	£258,100
Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn Charitable Fund, The	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£-	£243,600
Queen Victoria Hospital Charity	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£30,000	£215,600
Raise (West Hertfordshire Hospital Charity)	£172,100	£121,000	£5,000	£30,000	£328,100
Raising Health (Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Charity)	£175,600	£121,000	£5,000	£30,000	£331,600
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Charity	£101,100	£50,000	£68,317	£74,000	£293,417
Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity, The	£168,600	£-	£114,039	£30,000	£312,639
Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600	£-	£5,000	£77,000	£243,600
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£175,600	£132,000	£5,000	£29,600	£342,200
Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals Charity	£165,100	£-	£93,000	£30,000	£288,100
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity	£129,100	£192,787	£35,000	£294,582	£651,469
Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust General Charity	£200,100	£-	£263,000	£-	£463,100
Royal Free Charity	£423,600	£735,129	£5,000	£30,000	£1,193,729
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, The	£264,100	£-	£81,371	£30,000	£375,471
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£5,000	£30,000	£230,100
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£180,600	£-	£5,000	£30,000	£215,600
Royal Papworth Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£5,317	£-	£200,417
Royal Surrey County Hospital Charity	£118,600	£640,822	£5,000	£30,000	£794,422
Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust Charitable Funds, The	£175,600	£111,097	£405,980	£80,000	£772,677
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity	£203,600	£-	£225,000	£30,000	£458,600
Salford Royal NHS FT General Charitable Funds	£210,600	£-	£273,000	£-	£483,600
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Charity	£521,325	£462,223	£109,777	£29,966	£1,123,291
SASH Charity (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Charity)	£172,100	£-	£115,000	£30,000	£317,100
SaTH (Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital) Charity	£182,600	£388,043	£91,648	£30,000	£692,291
Scottish Ambulance Service Charity	£75,600	£50,000	£551,300	£-	£676,900
Sheffield Hospitals Charity	£683,100	£735,129	£35,000	£63,086	£1,516,315
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity	£75,600	£50,000	£5,000	£63,293	£193,893
Shetland Health Board Endowment Funds	£94,100	£-	£5,000	£-	£99,100
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£51,100	£50,000	£5,000	£44,000	£150,100
Solent NHS Charity	£111,600	£50,000	£5,000	£118,000	£284,600
Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£203,600	£198,000	£5,000	£30,000	£436,600
South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charity	£165,100	£410,911	£104,000	£30,000	£710,011
South East Coast Ambulance Service Charity	£115,100	£50,000	£596,283	£-	£761,383
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£160,600	£170,016	£236,000	£-	£566,616
South Staffordshire Community & Mental Health Charitable Funds	£96,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£151,600
South Tees Hospitals Charity	£409,100	£-	£5,000	£27,000	£441,100
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£200,100	£-	£5,000	£-	£205,100
South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£85,000	£244,600
South Western Ambulance Service Charity	£168,600	£662,111	£5,000	£30,000	£865,711
Southampton Hospital Charity	£221,100	£1,204,256	£5,000	£39,916	£1,470,272
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£164,100	£-	£148,000	£439,386	£751,486

Charity Name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Grants awarded 2023	Total awarded
Southmead Hospital Charity (North Bristol NHS Trust Charitable Funds)	£200,100	£136,965	£68,535	£30,000	£435,600
Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£-	£243,600
St George's Hospital Charity	£200,100	£1,031,147	£5,317	£30,000	£1,266,564
Stars Appeal (Salisbury District Hospital Charitable Fund)	£165,100	£-	£5,000	£117,990	£288,090
Stockport NHS Charity	£125,600	£121,000	£5,000	£1,372,241	£1,623,841
Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS FT General Purposes Charity	£108,100	£50,000	£5,000	£96,000	£259,100
Sussex Community NHS Charity	£172,100	£-	£126,000	£24,133	£322,233
Swansea Bay Health Charity	£233,600	£466,212	£26,614	£30,000	£756,426
SWFT Charity (South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Charity)	£174,100	£110,000	£5,000	£-	£289,100
Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS FT Charitable Fund	£68,600	£50,000	£5,000	£93,380	£216,980
Tavistock and Portman Charity	£94,100	£50,000	£5,000	£52,000	£201,100
Tayside Health Fund	£131,600	£292,028	£121,780	£172,112	£717,520
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust General Charitable Fund	£136,100	£50,000	£5,000	£165,000	£356,100
Three Wishes Charity (Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh)	£132,600	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£187,600
Torbay and South Devon NHS Charitable Fund	£186,100	£-	£159,000	£30,000	£375,100
UHCW Charity (University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire)	£756,990	£212,825	£5,317	£51,871	£1,027,003
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£193,100	£176,000	£5,000	£30,000	£404,100
University College London Hospitals Charity	£345,444	£-	£166,546	£-	£511,990
University Hospitals Birmingham Charity	£286,100	£1,110,112	£5,000	£30,000	£1,431,212
University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity	£282,100	£-	£5,000	£30,000	£317,100
University Hospitals of North Midlands Charity (UHNM)	£458,100	£44,000	£503,172	£11,142	£1,016,414
Velindre University NHS Trust Charity	£97,600	£-	£5,000	£110,000	£212,600
Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal	£35,000	£-	£-	£-	£35,000
Walton Centre Charity, The	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£28,883	£214,483
Warrington and Halton Hospitals Charity	£170,600	£-	£104,000	£30,000	£304,600
Well Wishers Charity (Walsall Healthcare)	£168,600	£-	£104,000	£-	£272,600
Welsh Ambulance Service Charity	£115,100	£-	£34,981	£403,290	£553,371
West London NHS Charitable Fund	£165,100	£-	£5,000	£118,000	£288,100
West Midlands Ambulance Service Charity	£182,600	£709,486	£42,918	£-	£935,004
Western Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£114,100	£63,117	£388,404	£769	£566,390
Western Isles Health Board Endowment Funds	£44,100	£50,000	£5,000	£-	£99,100
Weston Health NHS Trust Charitable Funds (merged with Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity)	£101,100	£-	£-	£-	£101,100
Whiston and St Helens Hospitals' Charity	£132,600	£2,500	£5,000	£180,000	£320,100
Whittington Hospital Charitable Funds, The	£267,600	£-	£35,000	£-	£302,600
WISHH (The Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Health Charity)	£200,100	£-	£5,317	£222,000	£427,417
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity	£182,600	£83,500	£5,000	£92,000	£363,100
WUTH Charity (Wirral University Teaching Hospital Charity)	£182,600	£143,000	£5,000	£30,000	£360,600
Wye Valley NHS Umbrella Charity	£161,600	£428,659	£28,000	£17,410	£635,669
Yeovil Hospital Charity	£154,600	£-	£354,052	£30,000	£538,652
York & Scarborough Hospitals Charity (York Teaching Hospitals)	£200,100	£-	£5,000	£228,000	£433,100
Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charities	£175,600	£555,404	£5,000	£111,506	£847,510

Grants and impact

The UK is facing a health and care workforce crisis, with unprecedented staff shortages and vacancies. Huge numbers of nurses and doctors report planning to leave their professions. Burnout is affecting not only staff wellbeing, but the quality of patient care.

In 2023, grants from our Stage 3 Covid-19 Recovery programme enabled members to address the stress experienced by NHS staff and volunteers, and support positive mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing.



NHS Charities Together grants have been funding projects to support the mental health of NHS staff and patients, such as Open Minds in North London. This initiative, made possible thanks to your generous donations, uses creative workshops to help people who are struggling.

Martin is a psychologist at North London Mental Health Partnership. A few years ago, he found himself experiencing depressive episodes that left him feeling empty and worthless. He was eventually diagnosed with depression and started medication. A few years later he took part in the Open Minds project.

“As a psychologist, you tend to feel like you can’t have your own struggles with mental health as it’s your role to support others in crisis.”



Martin, psychologist at North London Mental Health Partnership. Funded by Barnet Enfield & Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

Caring for NHS staff and volunteers



In 2023, 50 NHS staff members took the Reset Health programme at Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, which aims to empower people to make choices that lead to healthier lifestyles and reduce the risk of disease, including the reversal of diabetes and weight loss.

Not only do staff feel the benefits to both their physical and mental health, but a better cared-for workforce is able to push patient care even further.

“Prior to joining Reset, I was struggling majorly with my health and had gained a lot of weight. It has been the best thing to happen to me and I am now 18 months in and mentor other colleagues. ...having that support from the hospital has just made a big difference and really has changed my life!”

Bronwyn. Funded by Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, using NHS Charities Together grants.

New technologies and interventions can transform patient care, but the NHS struggles to effectively adopt innovation at scale. Without evidence, ideas that could save and change lives never get off the ground. Under pressure, the holistic needs of patients, carers and families can be overlooked.

In 2023, grants from our Stage 3 Covid-19 Recovery programme enabled members to improve the experience of patients and service users, and their carers and families, when accessing NHS care. This included the whole of the ‘patient journey’ and beyond, from initial access, through treatment, to discharge and rehabilitation.



Your support has funded NHS staff roles that are transforming the patient experience.

Annie is the Blossom Coordinator at Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, a role made possible thanks to funding we awarded to Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charity. She looks after the volunteers who support the project, which provides companionship to patients who are at the end of life. This is especially important for those without loved ones nearby, or in some cases without any family at all.

“Despite having no family, the patient didn’t die on their own, which is the aim of the project.”



Annie, Blossom Coordinator at Bedfordshire Hospitals. Funded by Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

Supporting patients



Alero with a young patient.

With your help, we have supported patients by funding additional equipment, technology and services that improve care and change lives.

Thanks to your donations, we awarded a grant to Valley Hospital Charity to enhance the care and support received by children with sickle cell disease at Darent Valley Hospital. The funding has been used to buy Chromebooks to prevent children from falling behind on schoolwork, equipment for a new day care unit, and treatment chairs to make their visits to hospital more comfortable and efficient.

“It’s a disease that can’t be cured but for me, as a nurse, if I can make you smile when you’re in pain then half of my job is done.”

Alero, Paediatric Haemoglobinopathy Clinical Nurse Specialist at Darent Valley Hospital. Funded by Valley Hospital Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

Grants and impact

Research shows that social factors can be more important than healthcare or lifestyle choices in influencing our health. Inequalities in life expectancy and in years spent in ill health are increasing. Around 70% of health and social care funding is spent on supporting people with long-term conditions.

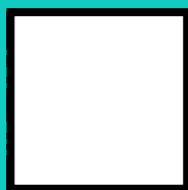
In 2023, grants from our Stage 2 Community Partnerships programme enabled members to improve health outcomes in communities adversely affected by Covid-19, through new and exciting partnerships between NHS charities and community organisations.



Funding from our Community Partnerships programme has helped University Hospitals of North Midlands Charity support Places of Welcome sessions in Stoke on Trent.

These community drop-in sessions are run by volunteers and provide people of all ages who may be feeling isolated and lonely with a safe space to meet new people and build their confidence. These spaces can vary from churches to community centres, football clubs to theatres.

See the Places of Welcome video here:



Helping communities to live well



Your support has made it possible for North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust to recruit a Positive Action Lead, educating people from ethnic minority communities in the region about the support available to them.

Loveness runs workshops on emergency and interpreting services, skills such as first aid and CPR, and how to apply for jobs within the NHS or become a community ambassador.

“I knew I wanted to do a job that really gives back to the community. The most rewarding aspect of my role is hearing others’ stories and sharing lived experiences.”

Loveness, Positive Action Lead. Funded by North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, using NHS Charities Together grants.



Loveness, Positive Action Lead at North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

NHS Charities Together-funded projects that encourage men to talk openly about their mental health are helping to take pressure off stretched NHS services.

Our grants have helped Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Charity set up Pit Stop, which is run by MensCraft, making an enormous difference to people who have experienced depression and anxiety.

“It’s a lifesaver. I can’t praise this group enough. It’s given me a purpose. We’re all for each other... one big happy family. It makes me feel a lot better to what I did.”

Keith, member of Pit Stop. Funded by Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

See the Pit Stop video here:



Looking ahead

Everyone should have access to the best possible healthcare, and those who care for us should be supported too. But right now, this isn't happening. The NHS is under more pressure than ever.

Creating better healthcare for everyone in 2024



An ageing and growing population, with increasingly complex healthcare needs, is putting more strain on already stretched services. Many people are unable to access the care they need, and the wait for hospital treatment is at a record high.

Increasing health inequalities are affecting the health of our nation. Overburdened local services are leaving people in deprived areas and communities living with poor physical and mental health for longer.

And NHS staff and volunteers are feeling the effects of these challenges, being faced with them on the frontline of the health service day after day. More and more are burnt out, and many are considering leaving the profession they have worked so hard for.

As the national charity for the NHS, representing the network of NHS charities based in every trust and health board across the UK, we are uniquely placed to help take some of the pressure off our health service and improve healthcare experiences for patients, staff and volunteers.

Our progress report, published in 2023, demonstrates how much we have achieved since 2020. But there is still so much work to be done.

Implementing our new strategy

In 2023, we launched our new strategy, 'Achieving our potential together', setting our strategic priorities to transform patient experiences and outcomes, support workforce wellbeing, and help communities to live well.

In line with this new strategy, in 2024 we will:

1. develop our role as a centre of knowledge, insight and expertise, with evaluation, learning and impact being a major priority within the organisation.
2. engage our audiences with brand communications and fundraising opportunities, and work with member and national campaigns, to raise the profile of the sector and make a bigger difference.
3. commit to being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation, investing in and testing new income streams that will enable us to ensure we have a long-term impact on the health and wellbeing of people across the UK.
4. continue to develop and deliver innovative and transformational programmes to drive change in these areas. This will include grants programmes, policy development, evaluation and learning, sector development, communications and campaigns, and partnership working.

In early 2024, we publish our Grants Approach 2024-2028, which sets out how we do this, describing the principles we will follow as a grant-maker and our commitments relating to grant funding.

Specific impact programmes for 2024 include:

Innovation Challenge

We want to highlight the role that the network of NHS charities can play in delivering healthcare innovations, with their ability to be agile and invest in and test new ideas. Grant funding will be part of a wider programme of work aiming to highlight and scale-up innovative approaches across the UK. This new programme will be a catalyst for innovative ideas to tackle some of the long-standing problems faced by the NHS. The initial rounds of the programme will focus on tackling health and healthcare inequalities affecting children and young people, helping them have the healthy future they deserve.

Volunteering for Health

Volunteering for Health is a £10 million programme being delivered through a partnership between NHS Charities Together, NHS England and CW+, the charity of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Over the next three years, the programme will speed up change by helping to break down barriers to volunteering, test new volunteering infrastructure models, and develop guidance and best practice for all systems. It aims to influence the policy environment and increase our understanding of the impact of volunteers and volunteering across the NHS, alongside the potential role of NHS charities in helping the NHS to deliver the best care.

Community Resilience

In partnership with the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives and NHS Ambulance Charities, the Community Resilience project will focus on continued support for lifesaving community first responder volunteers, who are often the first to arrive in an emergency. It will also support community access to defibrillation and raise public awareness of how to respond when someone has an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, including use of AEDs (automated external defibrillators). And it will explore wider approaches to community interventions that reduce the need for an ambulance. Our aim is to help people stay well, to take pressure off the wider health system, and, ultimately, to help save lives in an emergency.

Greener Communities

We've been able to fund eight projects in the second round of the Greener Communities Fund, with over £1 million awarded to members in early 2024. We are hoping to secure funding so that members will be able to apply for further grants from a third round of the programme, later in the year.



Financial statements

Financial statements 2023



Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 20 November 2019 (registered number 12325259), and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 25 November 2019 (registered charity number 1186569). From 25 January 2021 the Charity has also been registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scottish charity number SC050716).

The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association which define the objects and powers of the Company.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Limited (registered in England and Wales number 12608754), which generates commercial income from trading relationships. The financial results of ANC Trading Ltd have been consolidated with those of the Charity and are shown separately in Note 29.

Fundraising

We are grateful for the fundraising support we receive from all quarters – individuals, community groups, companies, legacies. Where appropriate we enter into a formal legal agreement to regulate fundraising on our behalf by others and to ensure they comply with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice. In particular we require our supporters to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from any unreasonable intrusion into their privacy or any undue pressure to donate.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and have committed to follow the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. During the year, we received no complaints about our fundraising.

Objects

The Objects of the Charity are, for the public benefit:

- a. the advancement of health, and, in particular but without limitation, the promotion of the effective working of NHS Charities;
- b. the advancement and promotion of knowledge and education in relation to NHS Charities and their purposes, including by engaging in and supporting research (and the dissemination of the useful results); and
- c. the furtherance by any other means of the charitable purposes of all or any NHS Charities generally.

Activities for the public benefit

As discussed elsewhere in this Report, our new Strategy is to work together with Members to enhance the impact of our network with a focus on three areas of change:

- Transforming patient experience and outcomes
- Supporting workforce wellbeing through caring for NHS staff and volunteers
- Supporting people to live well, through preventing ill health and holistic management of long-term conditions

As the national charity, caring for the NHS and uniting for better healthcare for everyone, we specifically focus on four enablers of change:

- Evolving our role as a centre of knowledge, insight and expertise
- Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice
- Leading innovative and transformational programmes
- Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation

Grant making

One way we enable change for patients, NHS staff and communities is to make grants to Member Charities to support the areas where they work. Examples of support given during 2023 appear elsewhere in this Report.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Between them, our Member Charities hold more than £4 billion in assets and generate an annual income of more than £500 million. These charities play a significant role in supporting the NHS, and the additional funds they produce allow them to invest in new ways of working, innovations, and projects that help to deliver improvements and enhancements to the NHS for the benefit of the public.

NHS Charities Together supports its Member Charities to reach their individual goals, to grow and learn together and to deliver programmes that support the NHS workforce, help people to live well and transform patient experience and outcomes.

Our position as a national charity also enables us to play a distinct role in the delivery of programmes and activities that impact on the outcomes that are important to all of us, regardless of our background or personal circumstances.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who have served during the year are set out on page 65. Up to 12 Trustees are elected by Members and a further three Trustees can be co-opted by the other Trustees.

A majority of Trustees is required to be senior officers, senior employees or trustees of a Member, or members of the board or senior officers or senior employees of the corporate trustee of a Member. They must each come from a separate Member (but they are not representatives of that Member).

A Nominations Committee of the Trustees reviews the composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board, and considers succession planning. Following an open recruitment process, Trustees are recommended to Members for election.

When recruiting new Trustees, the Charity aims to attract a diverse range of candidates who have the skills it needs. We value the benefits of having Trustees with different backgrounds, expertise and experience. Ultimately, though, Trustee appointments are based on merit in the context of ensuring that we have an appropriate balance of skills and experience. A Trustee's term of office is three years, with a normal maximum for any Trustee of three terms.

All new Trustees undertake an induction programme, which includes an overview of the Charity's strategy, aims and objectives. The role and duties of the Trustees, company and charity law and governance, and financial and risk management are also covered. Trustees meet with the Chief Executive, members of the Senior Leadership Team and other relevant parties. Additional training is arranged as required for individual Trustees or for the Board as a whole.

Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits from the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed, and trustee indemnity insurance is purchased. Details are set out in Notes 12 and 28 to the accounts.

Committees

The Trustees commissioned a Governance Review in 2022 and have implemented its recommendations during 2023. One of the key recommendations was to enhance Board effectiveness by the use of specialist Trustee Committees with delegated authority to focus on specific areas and provide assurance to the Board.

The number and nature of Committees is kept under review as the needs of the organisation evolve, but during 2023 the following Committees met:

- Finance Committee
- Impact Committee (formerly Grants Committee)
- People Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Risk & Audit Committee

Committees are chaired by a Trustee with at least two other Trustees as regular members. Members of the management team and other expert advisors join meetings as required.

Management

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the Charity and for the protection of its assets. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive, Ellie Orton, and the Executive Directors, who comprise the Senior Leadership Team.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team at the date of this Report or who served during the year are shown on page 65. Remuneration of the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team is set by the Trustees' Remuneration Committee and is informed by market rates.

Risk

Identifying and managing the possible and probable risks that the Charity may face is a key part of effective governance and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risk. Specifically, the Trustee Board determines the risk appetite and sets the culture of risk management within the Charity and monitors the management of important risks facing the Charity.

The Charity has an Risk & Audit Committee with delegated authority from the Trustees to maintain the risk register and report to them on internal controls and alert them to any emerging issues. It ensures that risks are appropriately owned and that risk owners are actively managing their risks with the appropriate controls in place and working effectively.

The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the identification and assessment of major risks. They ensure that controls are implemented and provide regular reports to the Board and Committees on the status of risks and their controls. They are responsible for encouraging good risk management practices and a positive attitude towards the control of risk among all staff.

Staff of the Charity are responsible for controlling risk when carrying out their duties, for following policies and procedures set by the Trustee Board designed to mitigate risk, and for identifying new and emerging risks to the Charity.

Risks that have been identified are recorded on a Risk Register along with an assessment of their severity and a record of controls and mitigating actions.

The most significant risks facing the Charity reflect the challenges of achieving a diverse and sustainable income sufficient to address its ongoing needs; the need to update and enhance systems and processes to support its continued growth; and the challenges of maintaining secure and effective business continuity with a disbursed workforce.

In response to these risks, the Charity has continued to invest in staff and systems during 2023 and has worked to grow its income whilst managing core expenditure. As we implement our Strategy in 2024 and beyond we will be developing new partnerships and ways of working to diversify our income and maximise the impact we can achieve.

Reserves

The Trustees believe it is prudent to hold a level of free reserves to enable them to take advantage of change and opportunity as it presents itself and to set aside sufficient free reserves to allow the fundraising, support and governance operations of the Charity to continue for one year. This will allow the Charity to respond in a considered way to an adverse change in circumstances, giving sufficient time to enable emerging circumstances to be assessed and appropriate plans developed and implemented, without requiring a crisis response.

At 31 December 2023 there were free reserves of £5.4 million (2022: £4.3 million). A further £35.2 million (2022: £51 million) is either designated or restricted for planned future charitable activities.

Free reserves have therefore grown during the year and are close to the Trustees' estimate of £6 million as the target for sufficient free reserves to cover at least 12 months' running costs.

Trustee duties

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term

We are a forward-looking organisation seeking a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

All decisions are taken with that long-term vision in mind and seek to maximise our impact in transforming patient experience and outcomes; supporting workforce wellbeing; and supporting people to live well.

The interests of the Charity's employees

Our employees are vital to the Charity's success. We are a small but growing team, and we have been working hard to ensure staff are supported in their roles, as we aim towards our goal of being the best place to work.

The need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

We have a small number of suppliers and work to ensure good relationships with them, while also reviewing arrangements to ensure that the combination of cost and service delivers best value. We work with our Members to ensure the services we provide meet their needs and are of a high quality. We collect formal and informal feedback after all our events so that we can learn and improve how we do things.

The impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment

Our charitable work aims to benefit the community and we plan our programmes with community benefit in mind. We are committed to environmental sustainability and this informs our ongoing strategy and programme design.

The desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

Our reputation and public trust in NHS Charities Together is fundamental to our future success. Our organisational values and behaviours are at the heart of our planning and decision making, including our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion across all aspects of the charity.

The need to act fairly between members of the Charity

We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation that is relevant and accessible for all NHS Charities. Our services and programmes are designed to ensure all Members are able to benefit, regardless of their size or structure.

Statement of Trustee responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charitable Group 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 Statement of Recommended Practice.

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charitable Company at any time and provide financial statements which comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and the Group, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware.
- the Trustees have taken all the 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.

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

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Trustees approve and present this Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the Consolidated Financial Statements.


I F Lush OBE
Trustee

Date: 31 July 2024



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Association of NHS Charities

Opinion

- We have audited the financial statements of Association of NHS Charities (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the Group's 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 or the parent charitable company'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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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.

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 course of 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 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 an Auditor's report 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged

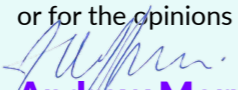
- with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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, the Charity's members, as a body, and the Charity's Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Andrew Morris FCA
(Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Dains Audit Limited
 Statutory Auditor
 Chartered Accountants

Birmingham
 Date: 31 July 2024

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Consolidated statement of financial activities
(incorporating income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	As restated Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	2,038,760	3,354,812	5,393,572	5,135,003
Charitable activities	4	585,000	26,150	611,150	585,000
Other trading activities	5	958,775	-	958,775	301,938
Investments	6	2,551,797	-	2,551,797	970,678
Total income		6,134,332	3,380,962	9,515,294	6,992,619
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	1,943,328	-	1,943,328	2,119,150
Charitable activities	8	20,474,641	1,814,132	22,288,773	20,608,068
Total expenditure		22,417,969	1,814,132	24,232,101	22,727,218
Net expenditure		(16,283,637)	1,566,830	(14,716,807)	(15,734,599)
Transfers between funds	20	(50,000)	50,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,333,637)	1,616,830	(14,716,807)	(15,734,599)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	20	54,337,152	1,000,000	55,337,152	71,071,751
Net movement in funds		(16,333,637)	1,616,830	(14,716,807)	(15,734,599)
Total funds carried forward	20	38,003,515	2,616,830	40,620,345	55,337,152

The notes on pages 47 to 65 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated balance sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	53,176	77,884
Current assets			
Debtor	16	3,481,935	2,003,747
Investments	17	47,592,053	67,204,083
Cash at bank and in hand		1,369,710	1,300,263
		52,443,698	70,508,093
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(9,912,654)	(12,100,969)
Net current assets		42,531,044	58,407,124
Total assets less current liabilities		42,584,220	58,485,008
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(1,963,875)	(3,147,856)
Total net assets		40,620,345	55,337,152
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	20	2,616,830	1,000,000
Unrestricted funds	20	38,003,515	54,337,152
Total funds		40,620,345	55,337,152

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


I F Lush OBE
Trustee

Date: 31 July 2024

The notes on pages 47 to 65 form part of these financial statements.

Charity balance sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	53,176	77,884
Investments	15	1	1
		53,177	77,885
Current assets			
Debtors	16	3,372,445	1,862,927
Investments	17	47,592,053	67,204,083
Cash at bank and in hand		974,614	1,185,304
		51,939,112	70,252,314
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(9,653,934)	(11,972,198)
Net current assets		42,285,178	58,280,116
Total assets less current liabilities		42,338,355	58,358,001
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(1,963,875)	(3,147,856)
Total net assets		40,374,480	55,210,145
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		2,616,830	1,000,000
Unrestricted funds		37,757,650	54,210,145
Total funds		40,374,480	55,210,145

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £(14,835,665) (2022 – £(15,571,151)).

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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I F Lush OBE
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The notes on pages 47 to 65 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	23	(22,074,385)	(17,953,246)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest on investments and deposits		2,551,797	970,678
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(19,995)	(58,399)
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,531,802	912,279
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		68,504,346	85,545,313
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24	48,961,763	68,504,346

The notes on pages 47 to 65 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended
31 December 2023

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The organisation holds liquid funds sufficient to support its cash flow requirements over the foreseeable future under all scenarios. Therefore, the Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Members' liability

Each Member of the Charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity in the event of it being wound up while they are a Member, or within one year after they cease to be a Member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a Member.

2.4 Income

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

Legacy income

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, notification has been received, and where they can be valued. Residuary legacies with a life interest are only valued where legal title has passed to the Charity.

1. General information

Association of NHS Charities (operating as NHS Charities Together) is a private charitable company registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered numbers and address are given on the Reference and Administrative Details page. The activities of the Charity are set out in detail in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Association of NHS Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Donation income

General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income, and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Consolidated statement of financial activities when entitled, receipt is probable, and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. No account is taken of monies or other assets in the hands of volunteer fundraisers until such monies are banked or the Charity has been notified of the funds collected.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as income in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Donated services and facilities are valued and included as income and expenditure, at the price the Charity estimates it would have paid in the open market for an equivalent service or facility that it would have purchased.

Grant income

Grant income is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised in the year to which it relates.

Income from trading activities

Income from trading activities is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless it relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Income received in respect of raffles and lotteries is recognised when the draw is made. Income received in advance for future raffle and lottery draws is deferred until the draw takes place.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.

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.

2.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs. Support costs are allocated between activities on a staff headcount basis.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made, except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Redundancy and termination payments are recognised when there is a demonstrable commitment on an individual or group basis that cannot be realistically withdrawn.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity benefits from business rates relief and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates. The subsidiary undertaking does not pay direct tax because its policy is to Gift Aid taxable profits to the Charity.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Items of equipment, motor vehicles and property are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Leasehold improvements are capitalised where the cost exceeds £10,000.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment – 33% straight-line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

2.8 Investments

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

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at their transaction price less any allowance for doubtful debts.

2.10 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.

2.11 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 Charity 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.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group has applied the provisions of FRS 102, Section 11, 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12, 'Other Financial Instruments Issues'. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Charity initially recognises a financial asset or a financial liability at transaction price – for debtors and other creditors this is the settlement amount. Grant commitments over one year are discounted to reflect present value.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

Any transfers between funds and any allocations to and from designated funds are approved by Trustees. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	1,823,937	2,894,812	4,718,749
Legacies	170,403	-	170,403
Sponsorship and grants	44,420	460,000	504,420
	2,038,760	3,354,812	5,393,572

	As restated Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2022 £
Donations	3,097,377	1,000,000	4,097,377
Legacies	406,552	-	406,552
Sponsorship and grants	2,000	629,074	631,074
	3,505,929	1,629,074	5,135,003

Prior year restatement

Income from mass participation fundraising events is now reported within 'Income from other trading activities', resulting in a prior year reclassification of £96,516.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Membership subscriptions	585,000	-	585,000
Programme income	-	26,150	26,150
	585,000	26,150	611,150

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022
Membership subscriptions	585,000	585,000

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	As restated Total funds 2022
Fundraising – Corporate partnerships	809,056	809,056	174,486
Fundraising – Mass events	96,516	96,516	96,516
Sponsorship	29,320	29,320	-
Sector event income	23,883	23,883	30,936
	958,775	958,775	301,938

The income in 2022 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
Interest on investments and deposits	2,551,797	2,551,797	970,678

The income in 2022 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

7. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	As restated Total funds 2022
Direct costs			
Fundraising activities	1,674,230	1,674,230	1,773,335
Support costs			
Business services	102,800	102,800	104,302
People/HR	57,995	57,995	94,493
Finance	50,701	50,701	89,171
IT	57,602	57,602	57,849
	1,943,328	1,943,328	2,119,150

The expenditure in 2022 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

Prior year restatement

Following the launch of the organisation's Strategy in 2023, a new model of reporting expenditure has been developed, aligned to the Group's strategic enablers and charitable activities. The prior year restatement is limited to the classification of expenditure and has not impacted upon the Group's total expenditure.

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,446,169	-	48,927	1,495,096
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	694,293	-	110,085	804,378
Leading transformational programmes	3,066,597	15,987,460	270,576	19,324,633
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	535,717	-	128,949	664,666
	5,742,776	15,987,460	558,537	22,288,773
	As restated Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	As restated Grant funding of activities 2022 £	As restated Support costs 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2022 £
Developing the sector, through evolving our role as a centre of knowledge and expertise	1,090,904	-	62,876	1,153,780
Delivering and facilitating approaches to grow impact and voice	115,507	-	94,313	209,820
Leading transformational programmes	1,766,551	16,826,888	225,136	18,818,575
Being a sustainable and purpose-led organisation	292,466	-	133,427	425,893
	3,265,428	16,826,888	515,752	20,608,068
			Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Governance			55,558	54,832
Business Services			175,677	126,179
People/HR			142,221	156,884
Finance			86,644	107,874
IT			98,437	69,983
			558,537	515,752

Included in Leading transformational programmes expenditure is total restricted expenditure of £1,814,132 (2022 - £1,919,148). See note 9 for breakdown of costs by programme.

Prior year restatement

Following the launch of the organisation's Strategy in 2023, a new model of reporting expenditure has been developed, aligned to the Group's strategic enablers and charitable activities. The prior year restatement is limited to the classification of expenditure and has not impacted upon the Group's total expenditure.

9. Analysis of transformational programmes

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal Grants	2,216,213	14,806,798	209,418	17,232,429
Greener Communities	92,475	1,117,585	24,463	1,234,523
National Arts in Health Network	489,610	-	-	489,610
Transformational programme development	268,299	63,077	36,695	368,071
	3,066,597	15,987,460	270,576	19,324,633
	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal Grants	1,610,864	15,666,109	209,418	17,486,391
Transformational programme development	68,228	-	15,718	83,946
Volunteer Future Fund	87,459	1,160,779	-	1,248,238
	1,766,551	16,826,888	225,136	18,818,575

10. Analysis of grants

	Grants awarded 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants to Members	15,987,460	15,987,460
	Grants awarded 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants to Members	16,826,888	16,826,888

Grants are made to Member NHS Charities. An analysis of all grants awarded by region is given below:

Region	2023 £	2022 £
East of England	965,627	774,470
London	1,569,004	1,667,343
Midlands	1,766,530	1,931,311
National	112,077	5,000
North East England and Yorkshire	2,242,059	1,722,531
North West England	3,049,556	2,368,662
South East England	1,041,420	2,465,345
South West	1,244,844	1,944,946
Northern Ireland	649,173	1,719,406
Scotland	980,869	1,481,770
Wales	2,366,301	746,104
	15,987,460	16,826,888

A full breakdown of grants is available direct from the Charity and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk.

11. Staff costs

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Wages and salaries	2,752,227	2,062,589
Social security costs	299,357	234,352
Pension costs	271,750	204,582
	3,323,334	2,501,523

The average number of persons employed by the Group during the year was as follows:

	Group 2023 No.	Group 2022 No.
Staff	62	48

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2023 No.	Group 2022 No.
In the band £60,001–£70,000	4	1
In the band £70,001–£80,000	1	-
In the band £80,001–£90,000	1	1
In the band £90,001–£100,000	2	2
In the band £100,001–£110,000	2	1

The Charity considers that its key management personnel comprises the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Leadership Team. The total employment costs of the key management personnel were £600,064 (2022 – £552,637).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 – £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, travel expenses totalling £879 were reimbursed to 7 Trustees (2022 – £1,791 to 7 Trustees).

13. Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration – Charity	17,875	16,250
Auditor's remuneration – Trading subsidiary	4,125	3,750
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	44,703	38,827

14. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Charity	Office equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	173,331
Additions	19,995
Disposals	(3,187)
At 31 December 2023	190,139
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	95,447
Charge for the year	44,703
On disposals	(3,187)
At 31 December 2023	136,963
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	53,176
At 31 December 2022	77,884

15. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Investment in subsidiary company £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	1
At 31 December 2023	1

Details of the subsidiary undertaking are given in note 29.

16. Debtors

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Trade debtors	2,906,763	227,951	2,853,987	96,964
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	-	39,939
Other debtors	464,621	1,600,097	409,907	1,550,325
Prepayments and accrued income	110,551	175,699	108,551	175,699
	3,481,935	2,003,747	3,372,445	1,862,927

17. Current asset investments

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Short-term investments and deposits	47,592,053	67,204,083	47,592,053	67,204,083

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Trade payables	9,839	188,286	9,839	188,286
Grants awarded not yet paid	9,164,813	11,095,676	9,045,465	11,095,676
Other taxation and social security	121,220	95,800	86,848	72,030
Other creditors	30,351	1,780	30,351	1,780
Accruals and deferred income	586,431	719,427	481,431	614,426
	9,912,654	12,100,969	9,653,934	11,972,198

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2023	685,000	-	585,000	-
Resources deferred during the year	68,500	685,000	68,500	585,000
Amounts released from previous periods	(585,000)	-	(585,000)	-
	168,500	685,000	68,500	585,000

The Charity holds deferred income in respect of fundraising events scheduled to take place in 2024 and funded salaries for 2024. The Group's deferred income also includes deferred event sponsorship income where the event is scheduled for 2024.

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Grants awarded not yet paid	1,963,875	3,147,856	1,963,875	3,147,856

20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal	33,756,395	-	(14,806,798)	(5,500,000)	13,449,597
Charity Reserve	16,184,500	-	(2,612,288)	-	13,572,212
Staff Wellbeing	87,538	-	-	-	87,538
Joy to the Wards Appeal	7,102	-	(7,102)	-	-
Innovation Challenge	-	-	-	2,950,000	2,950,000
Covid Remembrance	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
	50,035,535	-	(17,426,188)	(50,000)	32,559,347
General funds					
General funds	4,301,617	6,134,332	(4,991,781)	-	5,444,168
Total unrestricted funds	54,337,152	6,134,332	(22,417,969)	(50,000)	38,003,515
Restricted funds					
Greener Communities	1,000,000	294,812	(1,235,295)	-	59,517
Community Resilience	-	2,600,000	(63,077)	-	2,536,923
National Arts in Hospitals					
Network	-	460,000	(489,610)	50,000	20,390
Volunteering in Health	-	26,150	(26,150)	-	-
	1,000,000	3,380,962	(1,814,132)	50,000	2,616,830
Total of funds	55,337,152	9,515,294	(24,232,101)	-	40,620,345

20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal	50,287,243	-	(15,746,348)	(784,500)	33,756,395
Charity Reserve	15,400,000	-	-	784,500	16,184,500
Staff Wellbeing	77,000	10,538	-	-	87,538
Joy to the Wards Appeal	-	14,710	(7,608)	-	7,102
	65,764,243	25,248	(15,753,956)	-	50,035,535
General funds					
General funds	4,641,508	5,338,297	(5,054,114)	(624,074)	4,301,617
Total unrestricted funds	70,405,751	5,363,545	(20,808,070)	(624,074)	54,337,152
Restricted funds					
NHS Staff Mental Health	666,000	-	(666,000)	-	-
Volunteering Futures Fund	-	624,074	(1,248,148)	624,074	-
Greener Communities	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Amazon – Defibrillators	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	666,000	1,629,074	(1,919,148)	624,074	1,000,000
Total of funds	71,071,751	6,992,619	(22,727,218)	-	55,337,152

Purpose of funds

Designated funds

Covid-19 Urgent Appeal – These funds will continue to fund grants to help NHS Charities provide extra support to NHS staff, volunteers and patients throughout the crisis and beyond, from meeting immediate and urgent needs to supporting long-term recovery of the NHS.

The Charity Reserve – A designated fund representing 10% of the net Covid appeal proceeds, held in reserve in line with guidance from the Charity Commission in 2020. The reserve is designated to fund the governance of the Covid funds, to ensure the correct governance is in place and to maximise the impact of the appeal against objectives. The fund is also designated to enable the development and growth of NHS Charities Together, to ensure the organisation is sustainable and in a position to maximise the legacy of the Covid appeal, with continued impact for Members and beneficiaries in the long term.

Staff Wellbeing – This fund is designated for the use of improving the wellbeing of NHS staff.

Innovation Challenge – This fund has been designated by the Trustees from the Covid appeal funds to underwrite the costs of creating and launching the Innovation Challenge. Health and healthcare inequality can have a major impact on people's quality of life and long-term health and place extra pressures on health and care services. In particular, our health during childhood can define health in later life, so, while the consequences may not be felt immediately, tackling health and healthcare inequalities now will help build a healthier future for all. The Innovation Challenge aims to address some of these inequalities, with an initial focus on breaking down barriers for children and young people.

COVID Remembrance – This fund has been designated by the Trustees from the Covid appeal funds for the purposes of remembering the lives lost and sacrifices made by NHS staff throughout the Covid pandemic.

Restricted funds

NHS Staff Mental Health – Represents funds that have been applied specifically to projects supporting the mental health of NHS staff.

Volunteering Futures Fund – Represents grant funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport to support a specific project aimed at helping people who typically experience barriers to volunteering. The project has been match funded by the Charity using its general funds.

Greener Communities Fund – Represents grant funding from Hubbub Foundation UK to be distributed to the Charity's Members and community partners in support of projects that use the health benefits of green spaces to improve the health and wellbeing of NHS staff, patients and communities.

Community Resilience – Represents funds held for the purpose of building community resilience and reducing out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, including investing in lifesaving equipment and technology, training and recruitment of lifesaving community first responder volunteers, and ensuring communities have the skills and training to respond.

National Arts in Hospitals Network – The National Arts in Hospitals Network supports all arts managers working in UK hospitals, to ensure every patient, visitor and staff member can benefit from impactful art interventions that support their recovery and wellbeing. The network provides a place to share best practice, build knowledge and evidence, and celebrate success. NHS Charities Together hosts and contributes to the network in order to maximise its potential and impact.

Volunteering in Health – A £10 million programme that is being delivered through a partnership between NHS Charities Together, NHS England and CW+. Building on the recommendations of the NHS Volunteering Taskforce, it will deliver grant funding and tailored support to around 15 local systems in England. The programme will speed up change by helping to break down barriers to volunteering, test new volunteering infrastructure models, and develop guidance and best practice for all systems. It aims to influence the policy environment and increase our understanding of the impact of volunteers and volunteering across the NHS, alongside the potential role of NHS Charities in helping the NHS to deliver the best care.

21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds	50,035,535	-	(17,426,188)	(50,000)	32,559,347
General funds	4,301,617	6,134,332	(4,991,781)	-	5,444,168
Restricted funds	1,000,000	3,380,962	(1,814,132)	50,000	2,616,830
	55,337,152	9,515,294	(24,232,101)	-	40,620,345

Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds	65,764,243	25,248	(15,753,956)	-	50,035,535
General funds	4,641,508	5,338,297	(5,054,114)	(624,074)	4,301,617
Restricted funds	666,000	1,629,074	(1,919,148)	624,074	1,000,000
	71,071,751	6,992,619	(22,727,218)	-	55,337,152

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds – current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	53,176	-	53,176
Current assets	49,826,868	2,616,830	52,443,698
Creditors due within one year	(9,912,654)	-	(9,912,654)
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,963,875)	-	(1,963,875)
Total	38,003,515	2,616,830	40,620,345

Analysis of net assets between funds – prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	77,884	-	77,884
Current assets	69,508,093	1,000,000	70,508,093
Creditors due within one year	(12,100,969)	-	(12,100,969)
Creditors due in more than one year	(3,147,856)	-	(3,147,856)
Total	54,337,152	1,000,000	55,337,152

23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per statement of financial activities)	(14,716,807)	(15,734,599)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	44,703	38,827
Interest on investments and deposits	(2,551,797)	(970,678)
Increase in debtors	(1,478,188)	(1,194,389)
Decrease in creditors	(3,372,296)	(92,407)
Net cash used in operating activities	(22,074,385)	(17,953,246)

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,369,710	1,300,263
Short-term investments and deposits	47,592,053	67,204,083
Total cash and cash equivalents	48,961,763	68,504,346

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,300,263	69,447	1,369,710
Short-term investments and deposits	67,204,083	(19,612,030)	47,592,053
	68,504,346	(19,542,583)	48,961,763

26. Grant commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had committed to further grant awards to its Members totalling £Nil (2022 – £1,288,046).

27. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2023, the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Not later than 1 year	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,946	4,170	1,946	4,170
	4,170	6,394	4,170	6,394

28. Related party transactions

At the balance sheet date, an outstanding loan balance of £Nil (2022 – £14,757) was owing from ANC Trading Limited, the Charity's subsidiary undertaking. The interest charged on the loan is 2% above the Bank of England base rate. No trade balances were owing from the subsidiary at the balance sheet date (2022 – £25,182 owing from the subsidiary).

A majority of Trustees also held a post with a Member Charity that was eligible for and received Member services and grants during the year. All Member Charities were allocated grant funds on an equitable basis and no part of any grants paid to a Member Charities directly benefited any Trustee.

The Charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance (£5 million cover) as part of a broader management liability package at a cost of £11,788 (2022 – £10,080).

29. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity, with the same registered address, due to the Charity's 100% holding of its ordinary share capital:

Name	Company number	Principal activity
ANC Trading Limited	12608754	Raising funds for NHS Charities Together by facilitating commercial fundraising activities.

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Surplus for the year £	Net assets £
ANC Trading Limited	838,866	(593,001)	245,865	245,866

The above results are included in the consolidation.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees	C R Burghes, MBE T H Diggle – Joint Deputy Chair* J H Ferguson* I F Lush, OBE – Chair* J E Mee D J Mortimer A Singh K L Thomson – Joint Deputy Chair* A Tiernan* G Morgan, DBE (resigned 15 February 2023) W K Brooks (resigned 31 March 2023)* K Syrad (resigned 11 September 2023)* A Chohan* (resigned 7 February 2024)
Company registered number	12325259
Charity registered numbers	1186569 and SC050716
Registered office	Suite 68 Lake View House, Wilton Drive, Warwick CV34 6RG
Chief Executive Officer	E S Orton, OBE
Senior Leadership Team	S Champion (Director of External Affairs & Communications) C Easton (Director of Strategy & Impact) L McCathie (Director of Fundraising) G Morgan (Director of Finance & Operations) S Reynolds (Business Services Director)
Independent auditor	Dains Audit Limited, 15 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2BH
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Solicitors	Withers LLP, 16 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7EG
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*Member Trustee for full or part of the financial year ended 31 December 2023

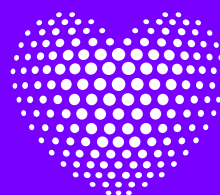


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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR
IAN LUSH, OBE



Supporting the NHS through adversity

Welcome to our annual report for 2022, which saw the network of NHS charities grow stronger to help the NHS go further.



£16.8m

Awarded through the network of NHS charities

It has once again been a year of immense pressure on the NHS. Despite the challenges, we have continued to support our health service and the people who use it by distributing a further £16.8 million from our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal to support staff, patients and communities.

One of my personal highlights was meeting members in person for the first time since the pandemic at our inaugural member conference for NHS charities. The theme was 'going from strength to strength together' and it was wonderful to feel the positive energy in the room from the **network of more than 230 charities** who want to make a difference for the NHS and everyone who uses it.

All year, we have focused on strengthening the NHS charity sector, through initiatives such as our self-assessment tool which has allowed members to better understand where they need to develop and apply for grants to support them in these areas.

Supporting the inspiring people who work and volunteer for the health service, and have given so much, has also been a central part of our work. Together we have supported projects ranging from promoting physical exercise and improving mental health in the community to technology that helps patients access appointments remotely.

In addition, we have continued funding lifesaving Community First Responders, volunteers who are the first to arrive in an emergency.

New for this year was a fund in partnership with DCMS to support those from disadvantaged backgrounds to volunteer with the NHS. Volunteers play a vital role in providing extra support to improve services for patients and to

help take pressures off the rest of the system. Ultimately, we hope this and other programmes like it will encourage careers in the NHS, helping to tackle shortfalls in recruitment, and leading to an even more diverse workforce.

Like many charities, the ongoing cost of living crisis had an impact on our income for the year, but the team defied the odds to bring in a healthy **£6.99 million**. We have responded internally to this challenge by putting in place a strategy that will enable us to weather the storm and create sustainable income streams, so that we can have the most impact long term for the NHS charity sector.

My thanks, as always, to the Board of Trustees, who volunteer their time to keep us on track. We are in gratitude to our specialist Grants Advisory & Review Panel, who gave their time and expertise during assessment of the Urgent Covid-19 Appeal applications, and who stood down this year as the appeal comes to an end.

And, of course, thank you to the staff at NHS Charities Together who work hard to achieve so much, to our valued partners and supporters, and to the member NHS charities who continue to make such a powerful impact for NHS staff and patients, **donating over £1 million a day to provide extra support to the health system.**

The environment is challenging but that doesn't stop us continuing to grow as a sector, at a time when we are needed most. More than ever, we must work together as a collective to realise our potential in 2023. I look forward to working with you in the 75th year of the NHS as we celebrate the incredible achievements of our health service and the vital role NHS charities continue to play in it.



United in the face of extraordinary challenges

As the nation slowly recovers from the pandemic, the NHS continues to feel its devastating impact. Lengthy waiting lists due to Covid-19 backlogs, coupled with an increasingly aging population in need of healthcare, have left services and staff at breaking point. We ended the year with staff across the NHS resorting to strike action.

In this extremely difficult economic climate, with resources squeezed across all services, the need to support the NHS has never been so clear.

At the same time, our potential as a sector has never been so great. Now, more than ever, it is vital for the health service and the voluntary and community sector to work hand in hand to achieve our shared goals.

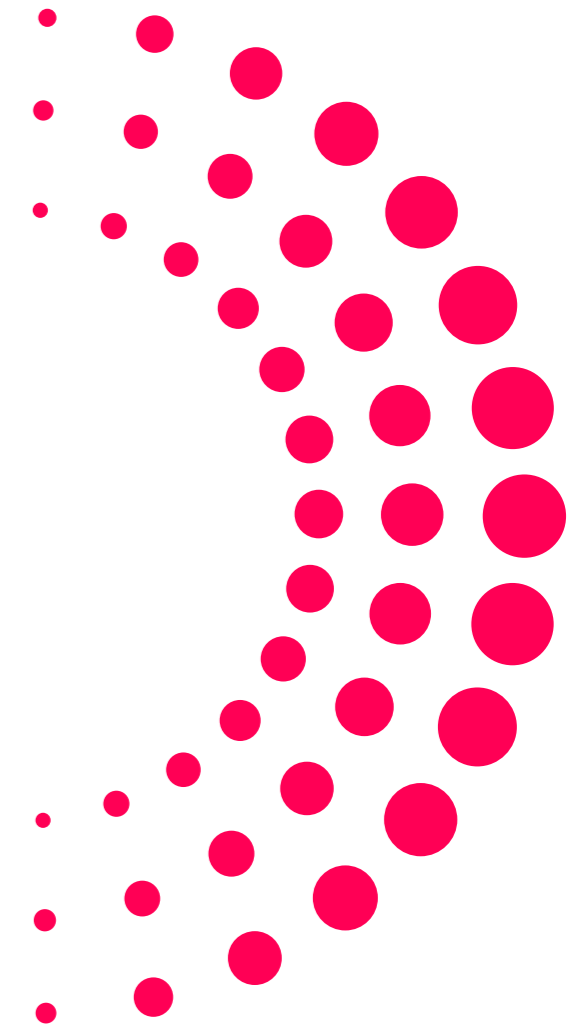
As Ian has outlined, over the last year, NHS Charities Together and the NHS charity network has reached every corner of the UK and supported so many aspects of the health system.

A healthy and strong workforce is crucial for the NHS to deliver high standards of care now and in the future. That's why, as part of our role as a national charity, the workforce has continued to be an important strand of our work.

And as well as continuing to fund projects that provide essential mental health support, we have raised awareness of the challenges faced by NHS staff, through our With All Our Hearts campaign, and on the second anniversary of the start of the pandemic, we recognised the service and sacrifice of the entire healthcare workforce and reflected on the immeasurable impact on us all.

In January, I was delighted to join our Joint Royal Patrons TRH The Prince and Princess of Wales when they went to see the impact of NHS charity funding on health workers, which gave a huge boost to staff morale. And in February it was an honour to join our ambassador Jordan Henderson when he visited staff and volunteers at Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

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NHS charities have a huge role to play in supporting our health and care system. Together, we have funded projects that transform the patient experience and help people stay well for longer and recover faster, at home and in the community.

Over the coming year, we will be focused on unleashing our huge potential as a sector. We already achieve so much as a collective of over 230 NHS charities, but imagine what more we could do, together. As the national membership organisation for NHS charities, we are uniquely placed to help the NHS charity sector create a future with a thriving NHS and better healthcare for everyone. Together, we can be true strategic partners for the NHS and the trusts we support.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the member charities we partner with for all you do – the scale of the healthcare challenge is so vast that your contribution is absolutely essential and massively appreciated.

And to the many thousands of people who continue to make the work we do possible – the supporters who feel inspired to give, the fundraisers who walk, cycle and run for us, the companies and charitable trusts and foundations who partner with us, and especially those who choose to remember NHS Charities Together in their will – THANK YOU. You help the NHS go further for all of us.

Highlights of the year

You did so much to help our wonderful NHS go further for staff, patients and communities this year. Here's a snapshot of what you made possible.

January

In their role as Joint Royal Patrons for NHS Charities Together, TRH The Prince and Princess of Wales visit Clitheroe Community Hospital, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, to hear how our grant to the hospital charity ELHT&Me has helped support exhausted NHS staff. Thanks to the incredible public response to our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal, we were able to allocate over £300,000 to a range of staff wellbeing projects, including a new therapy puppy called Alfie, whose name was revealed during the special Royal visit!



February



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The results of our survey of more than 1,000 NHS workers show that two-thirds (67%) feel 'the public has forgotten NHS staff', despite services being busier than during the Covid peak. In response, we launch our With All Our Hearts campaign, asking the British public to get behind the NHS once again.

Together with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), we develop a programme to improve access to volunteering for young people from under-represented groups, including communities facing socio-economic disadvantages, people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, and disabled young people.

Our charity ambassador England football star Jordan Henderson spends a day meeting staff and volunteers at Yorkshire Ambulance Service, where money he helped raise is funding vital equipment, mental health support for staff and training for hundreds of volunteers, as the service battles its toughest winter ever. Jordan says:

"The pressures facing the NHS right now are really challenging, and ambulance services are feeling the brunt of it. Everyone has been working so hard to respond but it's been tough, and we've got to keep showing our love for staff."

March

We show the impact our £150 million Urgent Covid-19 Appeal has made, two years on. We announce that working with the network of more than 230 NHS charities we have allocated £143 million across the UK, making a vital difference to NHS staff, patients and communities during the most challenging time in NHS history. This incredible achievement was made possible by the heartfelt donations from people and organisations across the UK.

On the second anniversary of the World Health Organization declaring Covid-19 a global pandemic, we hold a live-broadcast remembrance service – including a minute's silence at 11am – to reflect on the sacrifices of health and social care staff during this time, and the impact the pandemic has had on us all. The service is streamed live on Facebook and YouTube, with hundreds of NHS staff and members of the public tuning in to take part.



Photo credit: Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

April

Burnley Football Club Captain Ben Mee spends a day meeting staff at Royal Bolton Hospital, where money raised by Premier League footballers for NHS Charities Together through the #PlayersTogether initiative is making a huge difference to staff, patients and volunteers. Speaking about the visit, Ben says:

"It's clear to see that for staff the pandemic has been relentless, and they continue to work under high levels of pressure whilst only just beginning to process the trauma they've been through. We have to care for them like they care for us and continue to support them for the long term."

May

Our latest research reveals an estimated 60,000 NHS workers could be living with post-traumatic stress as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nine in 10 NHS staff (89%) said it will take many years for them to recover from the pandemic.

The network of more than 230 NHS charities gather at our inaugural national member conference for NHS charities, marking the first in-person meeting of the network since unprecedented support was shown by the public during the Covid-19 pandemic. Around 250 delegates from across the UK attend the conference in person, with more joining virtually. Keynote speakers include Dr Neil Churchill OBE, Director for Experience, Participation and Equalities at NHS England and NHS Improvement, who says:

"This conference provides an excellent opportunity for UK charities to share ideas and inspire each other so their work gets the spotlight it deserves."

June

We are delighted to be able to invite NHS staff across the UK, including representatives from member NHS charities, to the wonderful Platinum Party at the Palace. The event marks Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee and is a chance to say thank you to some of those who have supported patients, staff and volunteers through the most challenging time in health service history.

July

Thousands of people across the UK hold NHS Big Tea celebrations to mark the NHS's 74th birthday and acknowledge the NHS staff at the heart of the health service, and the vital role volunteers play in supporting it day in and day out.

NHS England Chief Executive Amanda Pritchard meets staff and patients at Charing Cross Hospital as part of the NHS Big Tea celebrations. She says:

“The NHS Big Tea is our chance to say a big, heartfelt thank you, and support the incredible NHS charities all over the UK who play an important role in supporting staff and patients alike. The pandemic has been one of the greatest challenges the NHS has faced and staff have really appreciated the unstinting support of our amazing volunteers and of course the public.”

Strictly and Love Island sensations AJ and Curtis Pritchard, along with AJ's fellow dancer Abbie Quinnen, surprise NHS staff and patients around London with tea, treats and even an impromptu dance class, as part of the NHS's birthday celebrations. AJ says:



Photo credit: David Parry

“The NHS is incredible but it's been a tough few years and they need our support now more than ever. Funds raised from the NHS Big Tea help NHS charities continue to do their vital work, and Curtis and I are so happy to help shine a spotlight on the amazing contribution they make to the NHS.”

August

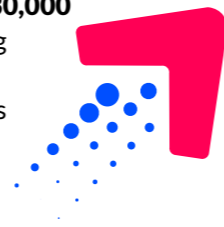
We share how Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity is using NHS Charities Together funds to support an innovative programme for young people presenting with mental illnesses in Birmingham. The project focuses on support provided by peer support workers who are aged between 16 and 24 years old and come from the same communities and backgrounds as the people they are supporting. Crucially, they all have lived experiences of mental illness, which will help them to support others with their medical recovery, as well as assist them with their own.

September

The ERP Today Awards and Fundraiser welcomes more than 3,000 people to Royal Ascot, including 1,200 local NHS staff.

The event raises over £130,000

to help us continue funding life-changing projects that support NHS staff, patients and their families.



October

We report on the impact made by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity's BAME Community Engagement Advisor, Tahliah, a role made possible by a grant from NHS Charities Together. In 18 months Tahliah has provided colleagues from ethnic minority backgrounds with dedicated first line support, safe spaces and communication channels, and set up Race Equality Network (REN) meetings to discuss how to make the trust a better place to work.



Photo credit: Simon Jones – Commissioned by The Sun

November

We launch our winter appeal 'Have Their Backs', as research shows three in 10 NHS staff (30%) have taken time off work for their mental health. In our survey of more than 1,000 NHS workers, 83% said challenges facing the NHS in the winter ahead felt 'overwhelming'.

We are once again the proud charity partner for The Sun newspaper's Who Cares Wins Awards, televised nationally on Channel 4, to celebrate the UK's incredible health and care workers. Hosted by Davina McCall, the event honours dedicated doctors, nurses, teams and carers from all over the UK, and is attended by VIPs including the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. One of the many deserving winners is the remarkable Dr Freda Newlands who wins the Best Doctor award – an emergency medicine specialist who recently bravely spent two months in Ukraine treating victims of the war.

December

We are honoured to invite some of our special young supporters to attend the Together at Christmas carol concert, hosted by our Royal Patron HRH The Princess of Wales, along with some very special guests. These VIPs include nine-year-old Aimee who wrote and illustrated an e-book called 'The Very Hungry Honey Bee' and donated proceeds from its sales to NHS Charities Together; seven-year-old Jack who completed a marathon in one weekend, raising over £3,500; and nine-year-old Isaac who cycled the distance of the English Channel by riding three miles every evening after school to raise funds.

We highlight the hospitals and ambulance, mental health and community health service staff going above and beyond at Christmas to make it a special time of year for everyone they care for. Dr Luke Simonds (he/him), the LGBTQ+ Network Chair at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which is supported by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity, tells us how the trust celebrates Christmas and about the support its staff and patients receive from the charity:

“At Christmas time, the trust creates a nice atmosphere for patients and those visiting. Charitable funds help to enhance the brilliant care that's given by the NHS... It's a great way for local communities to support their own hospitals either to say thank you for the care they have received, or their loved ones have received.”





OUR VISION IS:

Helping the NHS tackle today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

OUR MISSION IS:

With our NHS charity members, we are here for the people of the NHS – staff, patients and their families – as a catalyst and convenor of ideas, programmes and partnerships that help the NHS recover from the impact of Covid-19, reduce health inequalities and help to save lives.



Our vision, mission and strategic objectives

In 2023 we will be refreshing our vision, mission and strategic objectives to better reflect our role and ambition as an organisation. Here is a reminder of the strategic objectives we were working towards in 2022.

1 TO CHAMPION, influence and invest in NHS strategies that improve the health and wellness of NHS people, staff and volunteers, and reduce health inequalities in the workforce



2 TO EMPOWER the NHS charity sector to be high performing, effective and impactful



3 TO BE A CATALYST and convenor of partnerships between the NHS, NHS charities and the wider voluntary health sector to advance great ideas that prevent ill health and improve long-term health conditions for patients and families



4 TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING of and increase charitable giving in the NHS and demonstrate the difference this makes



5 TO BE A FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE, responsive, and well-governed organisation that values and develops our staff, actively practising the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion



Building our strength as a sector

With a network of more than 230 NHS charities across the UK, we support hospitals and mental health, ambulance and community services to help the NHS go further for staff and patients.

This year, we have continued to focus on enabling our members to be the best they can be, building our strength as a sector.

PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

We now have 20 peer support groups – 14 regional groups and six special interest groups (including a new finance and governance group).

Through more than 100 member peer support meetings in 2022, we connected more than 500 members, meeting either monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly, and discussing challenges, sharing resources and co-collaborating on new solutions. Members have been eager to help each other, going out of their way to lend support.

WEBINARS

In 2022, we organised 21 webinars reaching more than 1,200 live attendees. We shared best practice on topics including governance, fundraising, insight and evaluation, and grant funding.

“Very clear and informative webinar.”

“Good theory as well as clear examples of putting that theory into practice.”

“Hearing from professionals first hand [was useful] and having the opportunity to ask questions.”

TRAINING AND MENTORING

Through our Advancement Resources partnership, we showcased four different training events over 2022 involving 23 members – 19 participants across a three-part series and four attendees for a fourth session.

“We learned that it is about recognising that giving can be a vital part of patients’ and families’ healing.”

Clinical Nurse Specialist, Addenbrooke’s Hospital

Fourteen members took part in a mentoring pilot pairing programme, with regular check ins throughout 2022. Everyone involved confirmed it had been a valuable experience.

“I was so pleased to be a part of the pilot programme and give something back to other members. It was fantastic to observe my mentee gradually building their confidence over time.”

Johnny Shah, mentor

“Having someone to reach out to who was so knowledgeable about NHS charities and how they operate has been so useful.”

Sophie Burt, mentee



500



Unique monthly visitors to our Member Connect online community

MEMBER CONNECT

In 2022, Member Connect, our member-only online community regularly received more than 500 unique monthly visitors. Every day, members asked questions, shared resources and recommended contacts. Each quarter, we welcomed at least one member from all the member charities and around 88% returned every month.

This year, we had our first meeting with key Member Connect contributors, receiving valuable feedback on how to improve the community. We are now starting to implement their ideas and requests.

DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME

In April, we launched the Development Grants programme to build members’ capacity, help them become stronger and more robust, and improve their ability to deliver, both during and beyond the Covid-19 crisis.

We developed a self-assessment tool that allowed members to better understand the areas where they need development and apply for grants of up to £30,000 to support projects that focus on these (for example, governance; operations; systems; culture; communications, branding and marketing; fundraising; influencing; and learning and evaluation). By the end of the year, we had approved over £1.8 million in grant applications.



£1.8m

Development Grant applications approved

Together at our first national member conference

In 2022, we brought members from across the UK together for our inaugural national member conference. This flagship event was the first meeting of NHS charities in-person and online since the tremendous efforts of the sector to support the NHS during the Covid-19 outbreak.

The theme for the two-day event was 'Going from strength to strength together', and the aim was to learn, grow and celebrate as a network.

Highlights included:

- Keynote speeches from influential people from across the charity and health sectors, including Dr Neil Churchill, OBE (Director for Experience, Participation and Equalities at NHS England and NHS Improvement)
- A panel discussion on the power of collective brands with Sophie Corlett (Director of External Relations, Mind) and Steven Hill (Chief Executive Officer, Coventry & Warwickshire Mind)
- Collaborative workshops to educate and inspire NHS charities, on topics such as finance and governance, digital marketing, grant making, and impact and evaluation

- A speech from comedian, author of 'This Is Going to Hurt' and former doctor, Adam Kay, who brought laughter to the event with stories of his time as a junior doctor while conveying the importance of looking after NHS staff
- Our 'Wall of Achievements' which showcased more than 50 NHS charity success stories in 2021, covering the whole of the UK
- Inviting all participants and speakers to make a pledge for the future, which we displayed on our giant heart



PARTICIPANTS VALUED:



“Meeting others and the session on embedding the charity within the trust.”

“Meeting new people and making new friends.”

“Coming together, sharing, and feeling others enthusiasm and passion.”

Summary of grants awarded in 2022

In 2022, we continued to support NHS patients, staff and communities by making grants to member NHS charities.

HOW OUR GRANTS HAVE HELPED

Our membership covers 100% of the NHS charities for health boards, hospitals, and ambulance, community and mental health trusts, which means we reach staff, patients and volunteers in every part of the UK.

In 2022, we continued to distribute donations from our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal and from other fundraising to NHS charities, awarding £16.8 million in grants, on top of the £92 million granted in 2020 and 2021.

As the focus of the NHS changed in 2022, from the urgent Covid-19 response to service recovery, our grant programme moved to:

- Community Partnership Grants**
 - working with member charities to fund community organisations and help to tackle the wider determinants of ill health and prevent hospital admission, taking pressure off the health service.
- Recovery Grants**
 - to support the longer-term recovery of the NHS.

We backed youth volunteering projects with our £1.2 million Volunteering Futures Fund supported with matched funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Fourteen of our members were successful in receiving funds under this competitive grants programme.

Looking forward to 2023, we carried out an Expression of Interest exercise in late 2022 to test the appetite for a new fund to support projects that create or improve green spaces across the UK to benefit the health and wellbeing of NHS patients, staff and local communities. Expressions of interest exceeded our initial allocation of funding many times over. We will be making the first grants for community growing projects, gardens, tree planting and other schemes in early 2023.

Table 1: Total grants awarded to NHS charities in each region and nation

NHS region	Grants awarded 2020 £	Grants awarded 2021 £	Grants awarded 2022 £	Total grants awarded £
East of England	4,305,860	4,682,954	774,470	9,763,284
London	7,047,644	7,320,127	1,667,343	16,035,114
Midlands	7,201,115	8,023,207	1,931,311	17,155,632
National	176,100	62,500	5,000	243,600
North East England and Yorkshire	7,433,700	5,298,951	1,722,531	14,455,182
North West England	5,544,855	4,045,533	2,368,662	11,959,050
South East England	5,383,856	6,272,651	2,465,345	14,121,852
South West	4,686,100	3,333,342	1,944,946	9,964,388
Northern Ireland	806,100	589,473	1,719,406	3,114,979
Scotland	3,590,669	3,196,532	1,481,770	8,268,971
Wales	1,713,900	1,260,508	746,104	3,720,512
	47,889,899	44,085,778	16,826,888	108,802,564

Table 2: Grants awarded by grant programme

Grant programme	Total grants awarded 2022 £
Ambulance	1,595,822
Development Grant	1,829,485
Emergency	7,980
Joy to the Wards	7,608
Community Partnerships	5,303,758
NHS recovery	6,921,455
Volunteer Futures Fund	1,160,779
	16,826,887

Table 3: List of grants awarded by charity

Charity name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Total awarded
Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust	£214,100	£140,098	£247,000	£601,198
Aintree University Hospital Charitable Fund (merged with R Charity)	£35,000			£35,000
Airedale Hospital & Community Charity	£161,600		£82,317	£243,917
Alder Hey Children's Charity	£140,100	£1,275,265	£134,716	£1,550,081
Aneurin Bevan Health Charity	£235,100		£313,000	£548,100
Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals Charitable Fund	£165,100	£101,500	£35,000	£301,600
Awyr Las (Blue Sky) Charity (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board)	£266,600	£49,000	£111,115	£426,715
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Endowment Fund	£463,600	£175,788	£5,000	£644,388
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust Charity Fund	£188,100	£154,000	£5,317	£347,417
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust Charity	£111,600	£50,000	£56,620	£218,220
Barnsley Hospital Charity	£165,100		£93,317	£258,417
Barts Charity	£294,600	£363,000	£5,000	£662,600
Bay Hospitals Charity (Cumbria)	£186,100		£189,000	£375,100
Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Fund (previously Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends)	£56,000			£56,000
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charity (Luton and Dunstable)	£191,600	£636,662	£5,000	£833,262
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£184,100		£483,632	£667,732
Berkshire Health Charitable Fund	£168,600		£104,000	£272,600
Better Lives Charity (Bradford District)	£158,100	£77,000	£5,317	£240,417
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT General Charity	£282,100		£103,056	£385,156
Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity	£181,100	£132,000	£35,317	£348,417
Black Country Healthcare Charity Fund	£165,100		£5,000	£170,100
Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals)	£186,100		£170,000	£356,100
Bolton NHS Charitable Fund	£184,600	£143,000	£5,317	£332,917
Bradford Hospitals Charity	£182,600		£5,000	£187,600
Brighter Futures (Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund)	£218,900		£140,390	£359,290
Brighterway (Southern Health Charity)	£179,100		£5,000	£184,100
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£196,600	£196,956	£35,000	£428,556
Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity	£462,100	£489,513	£5,573	£957,186
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£182,600	£1,020,817	£9,338	£1,212,755
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity	£179,100		£148,000	£327,100
Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£159,600
Cardiff & Vale Health Charity	£245,600	£415,796	£126,409	£787,805
Caring Minds (Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS FT Charity)	£168,600		£5,000	£173,600
Central and North West London NHS FT Charitable Fund	£207,100	£107,661	£62,441	£377,202
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charity	£165,100	£74,320	£5,000	£244,420
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS FT General Fund	£126,482	£50,000	£5,000	£181,482
Chesterfield Royal Hospital Charity	£167,100		£5,000	£172,100
Childrens Hospital Charity, The (Sheffield)	£137,100	£77,000	£5,000	£219,100
Christie Charitable Fund, The (Manchester)	£163,600	£77,000	£5,000	£245,600
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, The	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£185,600
Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Charity	£207,100	£710,086	£34,526	£951,712
Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600		£5,000	£166,600
Countess of Chester Charity, The	£227,467	£40,133	£5,000	£272,600
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT Charity	£356,600		£5,000	£361,600
Croydon Health Services Charitable Fund	£165,100	£88,000	£5,000	£258,100
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear FT Charity	£186,100		£5,000	£191,100
CW+ Charity (Chelsea and Westminster)	£182,600	£1,304,983	£104,144	£1,591,727
Cwm Taf Morgannwg NHS General Charitable Fund	£171,100		£5,000	£176,100
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Charitable Fund-Valley Hospital	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£243,600
Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity	£216,600	£246,145	£5,000	£467,745
Derbyshire Community Health Services Charitable Trust, The	£189,600	£490,086	£5,000	£684,686
Devon Partnership NHS Trust Special Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£243,600
Difference, The (Borders Health Board Endowment Funds)	£61,600	£181,008	£5,000	£247,608
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£188,600		£5,000	£193,600
Dorset County Hospital Charity	£158,100	£35,643	£359,099	£552,842
Dorset HealthCare Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£179,100	£105,746	£5,000	£289,846
Dudley Group NHS FT Charity	£172,100	£121,000	£102,364	£395,464
Dumfries & Galloway Health Board Endowment Fund	£263,569	£82,969	£5,000	£351,538
East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals Charity	£324,100		£63,369	£387,469
East Cheshire NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£158,100		£5,000	£163,100
East Kent Hospitals Charity	£203,600	£220,000	£5,000	£428,600

Charity name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Total awarded
East Midlands Ambulance Service Trust Charity	£165,100	£511,715	£5,000	£681,815
East of England Ambulance Service Charity	£75,600	£558,689	£121,624	£755,913
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£189,600	£165,000	£5,000	£359,600
ELFT Charity (East London NHS Foundation Trust)			£5,000	£5,000
ELHT&Me (East Lancashire)	£200,100	£209,000	£35,000	£444,100
Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£179,100		£5,000	£184,100
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£172,100	£42,000	£5,000	£219,100
EyUp! (South West Yorkshire)	£168,600	£98,967	£5,317	£272,884
Fife Health Charity	£152,100	£312,332	£5,000	£469,432
Forth Valley Giving	£136,100		£229,318	£365,418
Frimley Health Charity	£640,956	£178,213	£35,000	£854,169
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£282,100		£5,000	£287,100
George Eliot Hospital Charity	£154,600		£35,000	£189,600
Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust Charities	£172,100	£99,000	£5,000	£276,100
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust General Charitable Fund	£380,100	£441,077	£5,317	£826,494
Golden Jubilee National Hospital (Scotland)	£101,100		£5,000	£106,100
Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity	£232,100	£50,000	£5,317	£287,417
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT Charitable Fund	£75,600	£50,000	£5,000	£130,600
Guy's and St Thomas' Charity	£641,100	£931,163	£5,317	£1,577,580
Hampshire Hospitals Charity	£182,600		£159,000	£341,600
Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity	£172,100	£110,000	£5,000	£287,100
Head to Toe (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust)	£168,600	£47,800	£5,000	£221,400
Headlight (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Charitable Fund)	£168,600		£104,000	£272,600
Heads On (Sussex Partnership Charity)	£172,100	£833,147	£83,953	£1,089,200
Health Stars (Humber)	£158,100		£71,000	£229,100
Health Tree Foundation (Northern Lincolnshire & Goole)	£182,600	£205,375	£623,630	£1,011,605
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Charity	£65,100	£50,000	£5,000	£120,100
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£506,260	£406,000	£5,000	£917,260
Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£61,600	£50,000	£5,000	£116,600
Highland Health Board Endowment Funds	£107,100	£50,000	£5,000	£162,100
Hillingdon Hospitals Charity	£161,600		£80,600	£242,200
Homerton Hospital Charitable Fund	£165,100	£771,173	£301,999	£1,238,272
Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£97,600	£50,000	£5,000	£152,600
Hywel Dda Health Charity	£244,600	£279,500	£118,985	£643,085
Imperial Health Charity	£503,600		£5,317	£508,917
Isle of Wight NHS Charitable Funds	£61,600	£50,000	£35,000	£146,600
James Paget University Hospitals Charitable Fund	£161,600	£77,000	£5,317	£243,917
Kent Community Health Charity (I Care)	£72,100	£50,000	£5,000	£127,100
Kettering General Hospital Charity Fund	£170,600	£99,000		£269,600
King's College Hospital Charity	£224,600	£286,000	£105,000	£615,600
Kingston Hospital Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£243,600
Lanarkshire Health Board Endowment Funds	£231,600	£321,006	£313,000	£865,606
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£183,006		£159,000	£342,006
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity	£394,600	£75,052	£762,406	£1,232,058
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£108,100	£66,000	£5,000	£179,100
Leeds Community Healthcare Charitable Trust and Related Charities	£161,600	£76,727	£5,000	£243,327
Leeds Hospitals Charity (Leeds Cares)	£670,100	£1,274,224	£35,000	£1,979,324
Leicester Hospitals Charity	£251,100	£893,595	£5,000	£1,149,695
Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£186,100	£154,000	£5,000	£345,100
Lincolnshire Community Health NHS Charity	£168,600	£31,187	£315,400	£515,187
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity	£195,100		£35,000	£230,100
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Charitable Fund	£228,100	£297,000	£5,000	£530,100
Liverpool Women's Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£12,980	£208,080
London Ambulance Service Charity	£179,100	£895,551	£167,000	£1,241,651
London North West Healthcare Charitable Fund	£196,600		£154,442	£351,042
Love Your Hospital (Western Sussex Hospitals Charity)	£189,600	£165,000	£5,000	£359,600
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Charitable Fund	£182,600		£5,000	£187,600
Manchester University NHS FT Charity	£298,100	£528,000	£105,243	£931,343
Maudsley Charity	£172,100		£5,000	£177,100
Medway Hospital Charity, The	£168,600	£181,696	£806,959	£1,157,255
Mersey Care Charity	£89,600	£50,000	£5,000	£144,600

Charity name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Total awarded
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Charity (Southend)	£280,600	£918,103	£5,000	£1,203,703
Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charitable Fund	£172,100		£5,000	£177,100
Milton Keynes Hospital Charity	£167,100	£90,430	£35,317	£292,847
Moorfields Eye Charity	£154,600		£152,595	£307,195
MY Hospitals Charity (Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund)	£200,100	£200,500	£5,000	£405,600
My WISH Charity (West Suffolk)	£168,600	£66,000	£38,000	£272,600
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity	£583,100	£1,567,845	£5,000	£2,155,945
NHS Blood and Transplant Charitable Fund	£179,100	£61,000	£5,000	£245,100
NHS Grampian Endowment Fund	£238,600	£597,043	£5,000	£840,643
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Endowments (Greater Glasgow Health Board Endowment Funds)	£417,100	£875,432	£81,372	£1,373,904
NHS Lothian Charity	£1,028,700	£158,926	£135,000	£1,322,626
Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals Charity	£394,600	£490,086	£5,000	£889,686
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£118,600	£50,000	£5,000	£173,600
Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£154,600	£55,000	£5,000	£214,600
North Cumbria University Hospitals Charitable Fund	£182,600		£153,032	£335,632
North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund	£158,100		£256,245	£414,345
North East London Community Healthcare Charity (Health Way Foundation)	£179,100		£5,000	£184,100
North Middlesex Hospital General Charitable Fund	£238,600		£5,000	£243,600
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation General Charitable Fund	£175,600		£5,000	£180,600
North West Ambulance Service Charitable Fund	£132,600	£687,083	£5,000	£824,683
North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS FT Charitable Funds	£179,100			£179,100
Northamptonshire Health Charity	£203,600	£552,060	£5,000	£760,660
NorthCare Charity (formerly Pennine Acute Hospitals Charity)	£214,100		£205,000	£419,100
Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600			£161,600
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	£147,600	£300,340	£269,000	£716,940
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Charity	£47,600	£50,000	£194,370	£291,970
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (Bright Northumbria)	£196,600	£197,280	£5,000	£398,880
Nottingham Hospitals Charity	£249,100	£840,071	£67,024	£1,156,195
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Funds	£100,100		£5,000	£105,100
Orkney Health Board Endowment Funds	£44,100	£50,000	£5,000	£99,100
Oxford Health Charity	£175,600	£132,000	£5,000	£312,600
Oxford Hospitals Charity	£224,600	£150,188	£140,812	£515,600
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£65,100	£50,000	£5,000	£120,100
Pennine Care Charitable Foundation	£165,100		£93,000	£258,100
Peterborough and Stamford Umbrella Charitable Fund (North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust)	£134,600	£50,000	£159,000	£343,600
Plymouth Hospitals Charity	£196,600	£782,903	£5,000	£984,503
Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£267,600			£267,600
Portsmouth Hospitals Charity	£189,600	£175,645	£5,000	£370,245
Powys Teaching Health Board Charity	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£159,600
Princess Alexandra Hospital Charity, The (Essex)	£165,100		£5,000	£170,100
Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn Charitable Fund, The	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£243,600
Queen Victoria Hospital Charity	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£185,600
Raise (West Hertfordshire Hospital Charity)	£172,100	£121,000	£5,000	£298,100
Raising Health (Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Charity)	£175,600	£121,000	£5,000	£301,600
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Charity	£101,100	£50,000	£68,317	£219,417
Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity, The	£168,600		£114,039	£282,639
Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	£161,600		£5,000	£166,600
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£175,600	£132,000	£5,000	£312,600
Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals Charity	£165,100		£93,000	£258,100
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity	£129,100	£192,787	£35,000	£356,887
Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust General Charity	£200,100		£263,000	£463,100
Royal Free Charity	£423,600	£735,129	£5,000	£1,163,729
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, The	£264,100		£81,371	£345,471
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£5,000	£200,100
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charity	£180,600		£5,000	£185,600
Royal Papworth Hospital Charity	£151,100	£44,000	£5,317	£200,417
Royal Surrey County Hospital Charity	£118,600	£640,822	£5,000	£764,422
Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust Charitable Funds, The	£175,600	£111,097	£405,980	£692,677
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity	£203,600		£225,000	£428,600
Salford Royal NHS FT General Charitable Funds	£210,600		£273,000	£483,600
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Charity	£521,325	£462,223	£109,777	£1,093,325

Charity name	Grants awarded 2020	Grants awarded 2021	Grants awarded 2022	Total awarded
SASH Charity (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Charity)	£172,100		£115,000	£287,100
SaTH (Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital) Charity	£182,600	£388,043	£91,648	£662,291
Scottish Ambulance Service Charity	£75,600	£50,000	£551,300	£676,900
Sheffield Hospitals Charity	£683,100	£735,129	£35,000	£1,453,229
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity	£75,600	£50,000	£5,000	£130,600
Shetland Health Board Endowment Funds	£94,100		£5,000	£99,100
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£51,100	£50,000	£5,000	£106,100
Solent NHS Charity	£111,600	£50,000	£5,000	£166,600
Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£203,600	£198,000	£5,000	£406,600
South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charity	£165,100	£410,911	£104,000	£680,011
South East Coast Ambulance Service Charity	£115,100	£50,000	£596,283	£761,383
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£160,600	£170,016	£236,000	£566,616
South Staffordshire Community & Mental Health Charitable Funds	£96,600	£50,000	£5,000	£151,600
South Tees Hospitals Charity	£409,100		£5,000	£414,100
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	£200,100		£5,000	£205,100
South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£104,600	£50,000	£5,000	£159,600
South Western Ambulance Service Charity	£168,600	£662,111	£5,000	£835,711
Southampton Hospital Charity	£221,100	£1,204,256	£5,000	£1,430,356
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£164,100		£148,000	£312,100
Southmead Hospital Charity (North Bristol NHS Trust Charitable Funds)	£200,100	£136,965	£68,535	£405,600
Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity	£161,600	£77,000	£5,000	£243,600
St George's Hospital Charity	£200,100	£1,031,147	£5,317	£1,236,564
Stars Appeal (Salisbury District Hospital Charitable Fund)	£165,100		£5,000	£170,100
Stockport NHS Charity	£125,600	£121,000	£5,000	£251,600
Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS FT General Purposes Charity	£108,100	£50,000	£5,000	£163,100
Sussex Community NHS Charity	£172,100		£126,000	£298,100
Swansea Bay Health Charity	£233,600	£466,212	£26,614	£726,426
SWFT Charity (South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Charity)	£174,100	£110,000	£5,000	£289,100
Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS FT Charitable Fund	£68,600	£50,000	£5,000	£123,600
Tavistock Clinic Foundation	£94,100	£50,000	£5,000	£149,100
Tayside Health Fund	£131,600	£292,028	£121,780	£545,408
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust General Charitable Fund	£136,100	£50,000	£5,000	£191,100
Three Wishes Charity (Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh)	£132,600	£50,000	£5,000	£187,600
Torbay and South Devon NHS Charitable Fund	£186,100		£159,000	£345,100
UHCW Charity (University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire)	£756,990	£212,825	£5,317	£975,132
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund	£193,100	£176,000	£5,000	£374,100
University College London Hospitals Charity	£345,444		£166,546	£511,990
University Hospitals Birmingham Charity	£286,100	£1,110,112	£5,000	£1,401,212
University Hospitals Dorset - Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust CF	£282,100		£5,000	£287,100
University Hospitals of North Midlands Charity (UHNM)	£458,100	£44,000	£503,172	£1,005,272
Velindre University NHS Trust Charity	£97,600		£5,000	£102,600
Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal	£35,000			£35,000
Walton Centre Charity, The	£147,600	£33,000	£5,000	£185,600
Warrington and Halton Hospitals Charity	£170,600		£104,000	£274,600
Well Wishers Charity (Walsall Healthcare)	£168,600		£104,000	£272,600
Welsh Ambulance Service Charity	£115,100		£34,981	£150,081
West London NHS Charitable Fund	£165,100		£5,000	£170,100
West Midlands Ambulance Service Charity	£182,600	£709,486	£42,918	£935,004
Western Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	£114,100	£63,117	£388,404	£565,621
Western Isles Health Board Endowment Funds	£44,100	£50,000	£5,000	£99,100
Weston Health NHS Trust Charitable Funds (merged with Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity)	£101,100			£101,100
Whiston and St Helens Hospitals' Charity	£132,600	£2,500	£5,000	£140,100
Whittington Hospital Charitable Funds, The	£267,600		£35,000	£302,600
WISHH (The Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Health Charity)	£200,100		£5,317	£205,417
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity	£182,600	£83,500	£5,000	£271,100
WUTH Charity (Wirral University Teaching Hospital Charity)	£182,600	£143,000	£5,000	£330,600
Wye Valley NHS Umbrella Charity	£161,600	£428,659	£28,000	£618,259
Yeovil Hospital Charity	£154,600		£354,052	£508,652
York & Scarborough Hospitals Charity (York Teaching Hospitals)	£200,100		£5,000	£205,100
Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charities	£175,600	£555,404	£5,000	£736,004

What we've achieved together

This year, once again, your support helped us be there for the NHS. Working with more than 230 NHS charities across the UK, we provided the extra support needed by NHS patients, staff and communities.





“It was difficult seeing clinical colleagues going through what they were. As an administrative person in the NHS, I felt there was only so much I could do. Volunteering for the TRiM project was a way of giving something back. As soon as I heard about it, I jumped at the opportunity.

“The first time I met a colleague, I was worried whether I would be able to help, and especially as it was someone I knew. She had a lot of guilt and blamed herself for things like staff not having enough PPE. We talked about how she felt and helped her process her emotions to prevent them from escalating to something more serious.

“She felt better at the end. She is now championing health and wellbeing for her team and has joined the healthy network, getting access to resource groups for staff on her team. It is so rewarding to support colleagues and to see such positive results.”

Paula Brennan, Volunteer TRiM Practitioner and Patient Experience Manager at County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

Caring for NHS staff

In 2022, NHS staff continued to care for us despite relentless pressure from the disruption and delays to services caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. An online survey in October found that in addition to anxiety, just under half of NHS staff had experienced physical exhaustion (49%) and a quarter reported depression (24%).

Around half (48%) of NHS staff said they would benefit from psychological support or counselling services, and one in five (20%) requested intensive therapy for trauma support. This highlighted the urgent need to continue supporting staff wellbeing.

Through ongoing grants from our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal and Development Grants to build the capacity of NHS charities to support trusts, your donations enabled us to fund vital projects for staff. These ranged from places to rest during busy shifts to counselling and peer-to-peer support.

We were so proud to be shortlisted in the 2022 HSJ Partnership Awards in recognition of the impact of our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal in enabling staff to continue their vital work during one of the most challenging times in NHS history.

HELPING NHS STAFF PROCESS TRAUMA

Money raised through our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal enabled County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Charity to fund the TRiM project. This is an intervention to prevent NHS staff experiencing extreme trauma and PTSD because of what they have experienced through the pandemic. Through the project, 53 staff volunteers have been trained to provide peer support and intervene to stop mental health issues escalating.

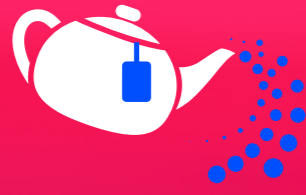
The ongoing project has been a big success and is now attracting more volunteers who want to support their colleagues.

HONOURING THE SERVICE OF HEALTH AND CARE STAFF

Throughout the year, we raised awareness of the ongoing sacrifice of NHS staff. We launched our With All Our Hearts campaign in response to our research finding that 67% of NHS staff felt 'like the public has forgotten [them]', held a live-broadcast remembrance service on the second anniversary of the Covid-19 global pandemic being declared, and brought together thousands of people across the UK to hold NHS Big Tea celebrations.

“I am eternally grateful and proud of our health and social care workforce... It is so important that we get together and reflect on the impact Covid-19 has had on everyone.”

Ruth May, NHS England's Chief Nursing Officer, speaking at our remembrance service.



“We greatly appreciate the work you do and really look forward to weekly sessions where we can meet people, chat and have fun. This makes a difference to our lives.”

Participant in the Sporting Memories project.
Funded by Swansea Bay Health Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.



**WHAT WE HAVE
ACHIEVED TOGETHER**

Supporting patients and the wider community

Your support in 2022 made it possible for us to help the NHS go further for patients in the face of unprecedented challenges. And together, we have provided vital support for community groups, relieving the pressure on the health service by tackling the wider determinants of ill health.

NHS Charities Together funding has enabled hospitals and healthcare facilities across the UK to make improvements that benefit the wellbeing of staff, patients and visitors. With our support, QVH Charity was able to help Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead provide dedicated support to patients on their cancer journey, by bringing an additional clinical psychologist on board. Feedback from these patients has shown that the service is making a big impact on their lives.

“In here, I feel safe. I trust the people here. I found I’ve got a new community, so in many ways, it’s a bit like being with family. I feel very happy here and my confidence has changed tremendously.”

Participant in the Grow Well Project. Funded by Cardiff & Vale Health Charity, the South West (SW) Cardiff Primary Care cluster and Grow Cardiff, using NHS Charities Together grants.

“[The psychologist] managed to help me see things differently. I don’t know how she did it, but gradually I could start to look at myself again.”

Olivia, patient at Queen Victoria Hospital. Funded by QVH Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

Outside of the hospital environment, we have invested in community projects such as therapeutic growing spaces and sports clubs that support the health and wellbeing of local people experiencing poor mental or physical health. Through community partnerships like these, we are helping to improve the health and wellbeing of those living with long-term health conditions.

Driving innovation

This year, we have supported innovative projects that put the NHS at the forefront of health and care. Through testing and implementing new technologies and approaches, NHS staff and volunteers are better able to keep up with the changing needs and preferences of patients.

Since the pandemic changed the way we live and work overnight, we've helped NHS services continue to adapt, making better use of technology to get things done. When Cardiff & Vale Recovery & Wellbeing College unexpectedly had to move most of its free health and wellbeing courses online due to Covid-19, this created some barriers for those less comfortable with going digital. We helped Cardiff & Vale Health Charity to recruit a Digital Inclusion Lead to support both students and staff through this transition.

“We decided it would be wonderful to train students with experience of accessing services online to be digital peers to support others. The funding has been an enormous help to everything from improving how our students can register all the way to helping them access our courses – having the time and space to do that.”

Georgia Howard, Digital Inclusion Lead at Cardiff & Vale Recovery & Wellbeing College. Funded by Cardiff & Vale Health Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

We have also helped NHS trusts pilot innovations in the way they approach health and care issues. Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity is using NHS Charities Together funds to support an innovative programme for young people presenting with mental illnesses.

The project focuses on training peer support workers who are aged between 16 and 24 years old, come from the same backgrounds as the people they are supporting, and, crucially, have lived experiences of mental illness. Sadly, with the pandemic having had such a negative impact on the mental health of young people across the UK, this support is needed more than ever.

“We're incredibly grateful to NHS Charities Together and the public for helping to fund our new peer support worker programme. We are focused, more than ever, on providing long-term support, through this new model, to young people struggling with their mental health.”

Elaine Kirwan, Director of Nursing (Mental Health Services) at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.





“An estimated 60,000 NHS workers could be living with post-traumatic stress because of the pandemic, while nine in 10 staff (89%) say it will take many years for them to recover.”

NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER RESEARCH

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

Today, we are needed more than ever

The NHS was founded in 1948 on three simple principles: that it meets the needs of everyone; that it be free at the point of delivery; and that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay. While these founding principles endure, the NHS is now experiencing the most challenging time in its 75-year history.

Today's NHS faces the demands of an aging population, increasing numbers of people living with long-term conditions, and widening health inequalities – all having been made worse by Covid-19. Added to this is the context in which the NHS must recover from the pandemic. An economic crisis and a turbulent political landscape have placed an even bigger burden on our cherished health service.

PATIENT CARE IS NEAR CRISIS.

Health inequalities across the UK already mean people living in the poorest areas will on average live with more diagnosed illnesses, and die over 10 years earlier, than those in wealthier areas. Patients are facing the worst backlog to treatment in the history of the NHS, with a record 7 million people waiting for treatment in England alone. And Covid-19 has contributed to a sharp rise in mental health needs at a time when services have been severely disrupted.

THE WORKFORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PATIENT CARE IS IN CRISIS.

NHS staff are already under burn-out levels of pressure. Our own research shows that an estimated 60,000 NHS workers could be living with post-traumatic stress because of the pandemic, while nine in 10 staff (89%) say it will take many years for them to recover.

With a vacancy level of over 100,000 and an estimated extra 475,000 staff needed in the next decade, it is critical that NHS staff are supported, if they are to provide the best possible care for patients, now and in the future.

WE STAND WITH OVER 230 MEMBER CHARITIES TO HELP NHS STAFF AND PATIENTS THRIVE.

Charities have supported the NHS throughout its history – funding research, supporting the patient experience, and enabling the latest advancements in health care. It is not the job of the charity sector to address day-to-day funding needs, but we have a vital role to play in creating healthy communities, accelerating ideas into practice, and helping the NHS thrive.

As the national charity caring for the NHS and the member body representing all NHS charities, we are uniquely placed to reach the 1.5 million patients that are seen by the NHS every day, and to support and influence its governing bodies. We can make an impact by ensuring donations go where they are most needed and by influencing policy and practice nationally.

Looking ahead

In 2023 we will be refreshing our strategy – aligning with member NHS charities to help us achieve our collective potential. As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to develop our approach to reflect the current challenges affecting the NHS, the people who use it, and the people who work for it.

Together with the membership and national partners, we will work towards:

AN IMPACTFUL SECTOR

We will continue to work across the membership to maximise our individual and collective potential, being a valuable strategic partner both locally and nationally, and having the greatest possible impact on patients, communities and the workforce.

HELPING THE NHS BE THE BEST IT CAN BE

Millions of people benefit from our amazing NHS every year, but there is always more we can do to improve patient outcomes and experience. Working with members, we will help the NHS go further. Our investment doesn't replace government funding, but instead builds on it, supporting a wide range of projects that go above and beyond the day-to-day running of the NHS.

INVESTMENT THAT DELIVERS IMPACT

On the back of our fundraising and national partnerships we will direct investment with a laser focus on impact for patients, the public and the workforce. Our approach will be founded in driving innovation, working with partners to spread and scale-up brilliant things, and acting as a catalyst for change. This investment will be underpinned by evaluation, evidence, insight and collaborative learning.

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES CAPITALISING ON OUR UNIQUE STRENGTHS

Our collective ability to reach into all parts of the NHS positions us uniquely to collaborate around national programmes that drive change around our strategic areas of focus.

A VOICE FOR THE NHS CHARITY SECTOR

A key part of our strategic approach will be working with the membership to have one strong voice. Ensuring we listen to the full range of members, we will work with our national partners to help shape strategic partnerships, influence national policy, and position the NHS charity sector as a vital part of health and care.



All because of you

Everything we've done to help the NHS go further this year is thanks to you. Heartfelt donations from our supporters and partners have made a massive impact on hardworking NHS staff, volunteers and the patients in their care. **Thank you.**

We simply couldn't do what we do without you.

We have continued to be overwhelmed by our brave, creative and caring fundraisers and the generous support they have received from the public. Thank you to:

- Deeya, a nurse at Colchester General Hospital, who raised £800 before making her epic climb up Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain.
- The 4Cs, who have been gathering at their village hall in North Shropshire every month for Coffee, Cake, Chat and Charity. Altogether, they raised a tasty £2,907.
- Rae, who with the help of the NHS bounced back from a paralysing cycling accident and went on to raise more than £3,045 through numerous 5k and 10k races, a 100-mile bike ride, several half marathons and the London Marathon.
- Emily Saville, who despite having long Covid completed laps of her garden with a walking aid. She smashed her initial £100 fundraising target by raising £10,500!
- David Woods, whose fundraising total grew to a towering £20,000 from his charity plant stall.
- All the supporters who stepped up to the challenge of 10,000 steps a day in August to raise a combined £21,074.

A big thanks to the thousands of you that took part in the NHS Big Tea in July to celebrate the 74th birthday of the NHS, and raise money for NHS charities across the UK.

Our sincere gratitude to those people who felt moved to leave a forever thank you in their Will – including Mr Hamer, B Moorshead, Mrs Gregory, D Westwood and Mrs Entwistle. We are eternally grateful.

We deeply appreciate the individuals, charitable trusts and foundations and corporate supporters who stood alongside us this year and continue to support our work – from multinational companies to independent stores to family foundations. We cannot thank you enough for your support through donations, employee fundraising, selling products or donating a percentage of product sales us.

First to be applauded is our partnership with Starbucks, who have continued to support NHS staff through the 'free tall beverage' and 'gifts that give back' campaigns, along with other fundraising and thank you initiatives. Together, we're working with NHS charities across the UK to strengthen local connections and make a real difference in communities.



“We are proud of our ongoing partnership with NHS Charities Together and look forward to delivering more work together that ensures we continue to support the local communities we serve.”

Alex Rayner, General Manager, Starbucks UK

We are grateful to healthcare company Haleon who donated a percentage of product sales from their Winter Health campaign, helping to tackle the increasing winter pressures that NHS staff are under. This campaign empowers people to take charge of their own health with self-care guidance that can help prevent ill health and products to treat ailments that do not require NHS intervention.

Thank you to Morrisons, who were once again the headline sponsor of our flagship event, the NHS Big Tea. Morrisons allowed NHS charities to fundraise in store, making a positive impact in the community.

PG Tips proudly supported the NHS Big Tea as a sponsor and donated 5p from every product sold in Morrisons' 'Every Pack Gives Back' promotion. Thank you!

We are grateful for the support Amazon provided in 2022. We were delighted to send a big cheer of support to a group of employees on a fundraising ride from Manchester to London.

We continue to be thankful for our partnership with the media platform ERP Today, who this year raised over £130,000 at their ERP Awards and Fundraiser.

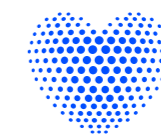
MORE THANKS TO:

- Marks and Spencer who continued to donate for every customer that selected NHS Charities Together as their Sparks charity, donating over £50,000 to date.
- Central Tickets who set up a dedicated 'Tickets for Medics' site offering NHS workers discounted tickets to live shows, donating over £4,000 so far.

- Great British Card Company who donated 10% of sales from the 'A Million Little Things' range. Over the last three years they have donated more than £19,000.
- Florette who raised over £30,000 from the sale of their Rainbow Crunchy Salad.
- Above Board Distribution, who gave 100% of the profits from their Care4Life album featuring tracks donated by UK dance artists, totalling almost £20,000.
- Circus Ginnett for raising almost £7,000 by donating £1 from every ticket sold on the opening night at each of their venues.
- Cyber security company Fortinet, who fined staff according to a set of 10 commandments and took on challenges including skydiving and walking from Reading to London, raising over £45,000.
- The Women of the Year awards, who presented the Women of Achievement award to the women of the NHS and raised £10,000 for us through their event to promote positive female role models.

Once again, we save a **special thank you** for the member charities we partnered with this year, based in hospitals and ambulance, mental health and community health trusts and health boards across the UK. We are honoured to work alongside you as you help NHS staff and volunteers carry out their essential work and transform the lives of the patients they care for. Words aren't enough.

We look forward to working with the network of NHS charities, our supporters, fundraisers and partners to keep helping our incredible NHS be the best it can be.



Want to know more about how you can work with us to help the NHS go further? Get in touch at info@anhsc.org.uk

Financial statements



Structure, governance and management

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 20 November 2019 (registered number 12325259), and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 25 November 2019 (registered charity number 1186569). From 25 January 2021 the Charity has also been registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scottish Charity number SC050716).

The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association which define the objects and powers of the Company.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Limited (registered in England and Wales number 12608754), which generates commercial income from trading relationships. The financial results of ANC Trading Ltd have been consolidated with those of the Charity and are shown separately in Note 29.

FUNDRAISING

We are grateful for the fundraising support we receive from all quarters – individuals, community groups, companies, legacies. Where appropriate we enter into a formal legal agreement to regulate fundraising on our behalf by others and to ensure they comply with the Fundraising Regulator’s Code of Practice. In particular we require our supporters to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from any unreasonable intrusion into their privacy or any undue pressure to donate.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and have committed to follow the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. During the year we received no complaints about our fundraising.

OBJECTS

The Objects of the Charity are, for the public benefit:

- the advancement of health, and, in particular but without limitation, the promotion of the effective working of NHS Charities;
- the advancement and promotion of knowledge and education in relation to NHS Charities and their purposes, including by engaging in and supporting research (and the dissemination of the useful results); and
- the furtherance by any other means of the charitable purposes of all or any NHS Charities generally.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Grant making

The Charity raises funds which it grants to Member Charities to support NHS patients, NHS staff, and the health of the communities in which Members work. Examples of support given during 2022 appear elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Trustees were supported in their grant awarding by NHS Charity Member Peer Reviewers and also the Grants Advisory & Review Panel (GAARP).

This independent group provided:

- subject matter expertise in the governance and administration of best practice grant schemes
- expert and external grant decision-making recommendations
- specific expertise around evidence-based needs, trends and structures to support the delivery of the vision and mission of NHS Charities Together and meet the needs of our Members and their associated NHS Trusts through appropriate grant making
- independent thinking, challenge and assurance in the grant making of NHS Charities Together

Trustees wish to record their thanks to the GAARP members for their considerable contribution to the Community Partnership Grants programme.

Member services and support

The Charity provides a range of services aimed at helping Member Charities operate most effectively and to the highest standards.

Membership gives access to:

- conferences and events
- lobbying/representation
- networking and support
- news and information
- nationwide campaigns

Member services included face to face meetings as well as regular news bulletins, webinar events, and access to our digital community for Members.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Between them, our Member Charities hold more than £3 billion in assets and generate an annual income of more than £500 million. These charities play a significant role in supporting the NHS, and the additional funds they produce allow them to invest in new ways of working, innovations, projects and interventions that help to deliver improvements and enhancements to the NHS for the benefit of the public.

NHS Charities Together is here to support NHS charities to reach their individual goals, to grow and learn together and deliver benefits for patients, communities and the workforce.

Our position as a national charity also enables us to play a distinct role in the delivery of programmes and activities that impact on the outcomes that are important to all of us, regardless of our background or personal circumstances.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who have served during the year are set out on page 64. Up to 12 Trustees are elected by Members and a further

three Trustees can be coopted by the other Trustees. A majority of Trustees is required to be senior officers, senior employees or trustees of a Member, or members of the board or senior officers or senior employees of the corporate trustee of a Member. They must each come from a separate Member (but they are not representatives of that Member).

A Nominations Committee of the Trustees reviews the composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board, and considers succession planning. Following an open recruitment process, Trustees are recommended to Members for election.

When recruiting new Trustees, the Charity aims to attract a diverse range of candidates who have the skills it needs. We value the benefits of having Trustees with different backgrounds, expertise and experience. Ultimately, though, Trustee appointments are based on merit in the context of ensuring that we have an appropriate balance of skills and experience. A Trustee’s term of office is three years, with a normal maximum for any Trustee of three terms.

All new Trustees undertake an induction programme, which includes an overview of the Charity’s strategy, aims and objectives. The role and duties of the Trustees, company and charity law and governance, and financial and risk management are also covered. Trustees meet with the Chief Executive, members of the Senior Leadership Team and other relevant parties. Additional training is arranged as required for individual Trustees or for the Board as a whole.

Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits from the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed, and Trustee Indemnity Insurance is purchased. Details are set out in Note 28 to the accounts.

MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the Charity and for the protection of its assets. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive, Ellie Orton, and the Executive Directors who comprise the Senior Leadership Team.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team at the date of this Report or who served during the year are shown on page 64. Remuneration of the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team is set by the Trustees’ Remuneration Committee and is informed by market rates.

RISK

Identifying and managing the possible and probable risks that the Charity may face is a key part of effective governance and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risk. Specifically, the Trustee Board determines the risk appetite and sets the culture of risk management within the Charity and monitors the management of important risks facing the Charity.

The Charity has an Audit & Risk Committee with delegated authority from the Trustees to maintain the risk register and report to them on internal controls and alert them to any emerging issues. It ensures that risks are appropriately owned and that risk owners are actively managing their risks with the appropriate controls in place and working effectively.

The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the identification and assessment of major risks. They ensure that controls are implemented and provide regular reports to the Board and Committees on the status of risks and their controls. They are responsible for encouraging good risk management practices and a positive attitude towards the control of risk among all staff.

Staff of the Charity are responsible for controlling risk when carrying out their duties, for following policies and procedures set by the Trustee Board designed to mitigate risk, and for identifying new and emerging risks to the Charity.

Risks that have been identified are recorded on a Risk Register along with an assessment of their severity and a record of controls and mitigating actions.

The most significant risks facing the Charity result from the rapid growth in income, members and staff. There is also the risk that the Charity may not achieve a diverse and sustainable income sufficient to address its needs.

In response to these risks, the Charity has continued to invest in staff and systems during 2022 and it continues to explore new funding opportunities and partnerships.

RESERVES

Funds totalling £51.0 million (2021: £66.4 million) are either designated or restricted for the Covid-19 appeal and other charitable programmes.

As at 31 December 2022, the Charity had unrestricted free reserves of £4.3 million (2021: £4.6 million). This is in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy to have sufficient free reserves to cover at least 12 months' running costs.

TRUSTEE DUTIES

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term

We are a forward-looking organisation seeking a thriving NHS and the best possible healthcare for everyone.

All decisions are taken with that long-term vision in mind and seek to maximise our impact in transforming patient experience and outcomes; supporting workforce wellbeing; and supporting people to live well.

The interests of the Charity's employees

Our employees are vital to the Charity's success. We are a small but growing team, and we have been working hard to ensure staff are supported in their roles, as we aim towards our goal of being the best place to work.

The need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

We have a small number of suppliers and work to ensure good relationships with them, while also reviewing arrangements to ensure that the combination of cost and service delivers best value. We work with our Members to ensure the services we provide meet their needs and are of a high quality. We collect formal and informal feedback after all our events so that we can learn and improve how we do things.

The impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment

Our charitable work aims to benefit the community and we plan our grant making with community benefit in mind. We are committed to environmental sustainability and plan to carry out more work in this area in 2023.

The desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

Our reputation and public trust in NHS Charities Together is fundamental to our future success. Our organisational values and behaviours are at the heart of our planning and decision making.

The need to act fairly between members of the Charity

We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation that is relevant and accessible for all NHS Charities. Our services and grant making are designed to ensure all Members are able to benefit, regardless of their size or structure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charitable Group 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 Statement of Recommended Practice.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charitable Company at any time and provide financial statements which comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and the Group, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware.
- the Trustees have taken all the 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.

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

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Trustees approve and present this Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the Consolidated Financial Statements.



IAN LUSH OBE

Chair

18 August 2023

Consolidated financial statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF NHS CHARITIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Association of NHS Charities (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the Group's 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit

of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 or the parent charitable company'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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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. 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 course of 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 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 an Auditor's report 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk

increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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/auditors-responsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Other matter

The financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 were audited by Mazars LLP who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on 24 August 2022.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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, the Charity's members as a body and the Charity's Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



ANDREW MORRIS FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham
18 August 2023

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	3,602,445	1,629,074	5,231,519	11,300,827
Charitable activities	4	585,000	-	585,000	360,375
Other trading activities	5	205,422	-	205,422	156,984
Investments	6	970,678	-	970,678	79,307
Total income		5,363,545	1,629,074	6,992,619	11,897,493
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	2,412,470	-	2,412,470	1,594,661
Charitable activities:	8	-	-	-	-
Membership services		2,258,952	-	2,258,952	1,547,348
Grants to members		16,136,648	1,919,148	18,055,796	44,508,778
Total expenditure		20,808,070	1,919,148	22,727,218	47,650,787
Net expenditure		(15,444,525)	(290,074)	(15,734,599)	(35,753,294)
Transfers between funds	20	(624,074)	624,074	-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,068,599)	334,000	(15,734,599)	(35,753,294)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	20	70,405,751	666,000	71,071,751	106,825,045
Net movement in funds		(16,068,599)	334,000	(15,734,599)	(35,753,294)
Total funds carried forward	20	54,337,152	1,000,000	55,337,152	71,071,751

The notes on pages 47 to 63 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	14	77,884	58,312
Current assets:			
Debtors	16	2,003,747	809,358
Investments	17	67,204,083	83,243,374
Cash at bank and in hand		1,300,263	2,301,939
		70,508,093	86,354,671
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(12,100,969)	(13,151,232)
Net current assets		58,407,124	73,203,439
Total assets less current liabilities		58,485,008	73,261,751
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(3,147,856)	(2,190,000)
Total net assets		55,337,152	71,071,751
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	20	1,000,000	666,000
Unrestricted funds	20	54,337,152	70,405,751
Total funds		55,337,152	71,071,751

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



IAN LUSH OBE

Chair

18 August 2023

The notes on pages 47 to 63 form part of these financial statements.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	14	77,884	58,312
Investments	15	1	1
		77,885	58,313
Current assets:			
Debtors	16	1,862,927	741,932
Investments	17	67,204,083	83,243,374
Cash at bank and in hand		1,185,304	2,253,744
		70,252,314	86,239,050
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(11,972,198)	(13,180,845)
Net current assets		58,280,116	73,058,205
Total assets less current liabilities		58,358,001	73,116,518
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(3,147,856)	(2,190,000)
Total net assets		55,210,145	70,926,518
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		1,000,000	666,000
Unrestricted funds		54,210,145	70,260,518
Total funds		55,210,145	70,926,518

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £(15,716,373) (2021 – £(35,898,516)).

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	23	(17,953,246)	(8,376,062)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		970,678	79,307
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(58,399)	(56,932)
Net cash provided by investing activities		912,279	22,375
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(17,040,967)	(8,353,687)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		85,545,313	93,899,000
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24	68,504,346	85,545,313

The notes on pages 47 to 63 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Association of NHS Charities (operating as NHS Charities Together) is a private charitable company registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered numbers and address are given on the Reference and Administrative Details page. The activities of the Charity are set out in detail in the Trustees' Report.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Association of NHS Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The organisation holds liquid funds sufficient to support its cash flow requirements over the foreseeable future under all scenarios. Therefore, the Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Members' liability

Each member of the Charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

2.4 Income

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

Legacy income

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, notification has been received, and where they can be valued. Residuary legacies with a life interest are only valued where legal title has passed to the Charity.

Donation income

General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income, and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Consolidated statement of financial activities when entitled, receipt is probable, and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. No account is taken of monies or other assets in the hands of volunteer fundraisers until such monies are banked or the charity has been notified of the funds collected.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as income in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Donated services and facilities are valued and included as income and expenditure, at the price the Charity estimates it would have paid in the open market for an equivalent service or facility that it would have purchased.

Grant income

Grant income is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised in the year to which it relates.

Income from trading activities

Income from trading activities is credited to the Statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless it relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Income received in respect of raffles and lotteries is recognised when the draw is made. Income received in advance for future raffle and lottery draws is deferred until the draw takes place.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.

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.

2.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made, except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Redundancy and termination payments are recognised when there is a demonstrable commitment on an individual or group basis that cannot be realistically withdrawn.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity benefits from business rates relief and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates. The subsidiary undertaking does not pay direct tax because its policy is to Gift Aid taxable profits to the Charity.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Items of equipment, motor vehicles and property are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Leasehold improvements are capitalised where the cost exceeds £10,000.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment – 25% straight-line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

2.8 Investments

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

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at their transaction price less any allowance for doubtful debts.

2.10 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.

2.11 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 Charity 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.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group has applied the provisions of FRS 102, Section 11, 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12, 'Other Financial Instruments Issues'. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Charity initially recognises a financial asset or a financial liability at transaction price – for debtors and other creditors this is the settlement amount. Grant commitments over one year are discounted to reflect present value.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

Any transfers between funds and any allocations to and from designated funds are approved by Trustees. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds.

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	3,193,893	1,000,000	4,193,893
Legacies	406,552	-	406,552
Sponsorship and grants	2,000	629,074	631,074
Total	3,602,445	1,629,074	5,231,519

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	11,285,623	11,285,623
Sponsorship and grants	15,204	15,204
Total	11,300,827	11,300,827

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Membership subscriptions	585,000	585,000	360,375

The income in 2021 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from fundraising events			
Event income	30,936	30,936	4,050

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from non-charitable trading activities			
Trading subsidiary income	174,486	174,486	152,934

The income in 2021 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest on investments and deposits	970,678	970,678	79,307

The income in 2021 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

7. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs including agency and recruitment	980,023	980,023	527,933
Online donation fees	38,877	38,877	85,826
Fundraising expenses	16,798	16,798	20,632
Advertising and marketing	703,635	703,635	818,810
IT costs	33,335	33,335	25,952
Event costs	26,531	26,531	-
Legacy and in memory development	245,738	245,738	-
Subscriptions and memberships	98,525	98,525	-
Professional and legal fees	77,043	77,043	-
Operational cost allocation	144,486	144,486	107,796
Total	2,364,991	2,364,991	1,586,949

The expenditure in 2021 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Trading subsidiary expenditure	47,479	47,479	7,712

The expenditure in 2021 related wholly to unrestricted funds.

8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Membership services	2,258,952	-	2,258,952
Grants to members	16,136,648	1,919,148	18,055,796
Total	18,395,600	1,919,148	20,314,748

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Membership services	1,547,348	-	1,547,348
Grants to members	41,174,778	3,334,000	44,508,778
Total	42,722,126	3,334,000	46,056,126

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Membership services	2,204,632	-	54,320	2,258,952
Grants to members	-	18,055,796	-	18,055,796
Total	2,204,632	18,055,796	54,320	20,314,748

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Membership services	1,467,685	-	79,663	1,547,348
Grants to members	-	44,508,778	-	44,508,778
Total	1,467,685	44,508,778	79,663	46,056,126

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs including agency, consultancy and professional	1,033,915	646,292
Professional and legal fees	112,766	343,778
Staff training and development	43,038	29,880
Travel and subsistence	21,520	7,832
Recruitment expenses	78,401	63,115
Website	16,439	23,573
IT equipment, telephones and support	72,028	30,822
Printing, postage and stationery	64,485	14,959
Office costs	53,271	27,494
Other overheads	8,983	10,482
Advertising and marketing	466,335	251,766
Conference and event costs	219,393	-
Depreciation	14,058	17,692
Total	2,204,632	1,467,685

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Governance	36,518	60,011
Insurance	17,802	19,652
Total	54,320	79,663

10. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants awarded 2022 £	Grant-making costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants to members	16,826,888	1,228,908	18,055,796

	Grants awarded 2021 £	Grant-making costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants to members	44,085,778	423,000	44,508,778

Grants are made to Member NHS Charities. An analysis of all grants awarded by region is given below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Region		
East of England	774,470	4,682,954
London	1,667,343	7,320,127
Midlands	1,931,311	8,023,207
National	5,000	62,500
North East England and Yorkshire	1,722,531	5,298,951
North West England	2,368,662	4,045,533
South East England	2,465,345	6,272,651
South West	1,944,946	3,333,342
Northern Ireland	1,719,406	589,473
Scotland	1,481,770	3,196,532
Wales	746,104	1,260,508
Total	16,826,888	44,085,778

A full breakdown of grants is available direct from the Charity and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

11. STAFF

Total staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	2,062,589	1,134,843
Social security costs	234,352	117,909
Pension costs	204,582	109,704
Total	2,501,523	1,362,456

Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	Group 2022 No.	Group 2021 No.
Staff	48	27

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2022 No.	Group 2021 No.
In the band £60,001 – £70,000	1	-
In the band £80,001 – £90,000	1	3
In the band £90,001 – £100,000	2	1
In the band £100,001 – £110,000	1	-

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Leadership Team. The total employment costs of the key management personnel were £552,637 (2021 – £451,023).

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, travel expenses totalling £1,791 were reimbursed to seven Trustees (2021 – £281 to two Trustees).

13. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

The net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Auditor's remuneration – Charity	16,250	26,000
Auditor's remuneration – Trading subsidiary	3,750	5,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	38,827	42,620

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group and Charity

	Office equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	114,932
Additions	58,399
At 31 December 2022	173,331
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	56,620
Charge for the year	38,827
At 31 December 2022	95,447
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	77,884
At 31 December 2021	58,312

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Charity

	Investments in subsidiary company £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1
At 31 December 2022	1

Details of the subsidiary undertaking are given in Note 29.

16. DEBTORS

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Trade debtors	227,951	276,806	96,964	196,806
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	39,939	14,256
Other debtors	1,600,097	432,913	1,550,325	431,231
Prepayments and accrued income	175,699	99,639	175,699	99,639
Total	2,003,747	809,358	1,862,927	741,932

17. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Short-term investments and deposits	67,204,083	83,243,374	67,204,083	83,243,374

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Trade payables	188,286	72,236	188,286	72,236
Grants awarded not yet paid	11,095,676	13,019,000	11,095,676	13,019,000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	-	41,106
Other taxation and social security	95,800	6,493	72,030	-
Other creditors	1,780	16,897	1,780	16,897
Accruals and deferred income	719,427	36,606	614,426	31,606
Total	12,100,969	13,151,232	11,972,198	13,180,845

Deferred income

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Resources deferred during the year	685,000	-	585,000	-

The charity has deferred £585,000 in respect of 2023 membership income. The group's deferred income also includes deferred event sponsorship income of £100,000, where the event is scheduled for 2023.

19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Grants awarded not yet paid	3,147,856	2,190,000	3,147,856	2,190,000

20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Statement of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Covid Appeal	50,287,243	-	(15,746,348)	(784,500)	33,756,395
Charity Reserve	15,400,000	-	-	784,500	16,184,500
Staff Wellbeing	77,000	10,538	-	-	87,538
Joy to the Wards appeal	-	14,710	(7,608)	-	7,102
	65,764,243	25,248	(15,753,956)	-	50,035,535
General funds					
General funds	4,641,508	5,338,297	(5,054,114)	(624,074)	4,301,617
Total unrestricted funds	70,405,751	5,363,545	(20,808,070)	(624,074)	54,337,152
Restricted funds					
NHS Staff Mental Health	666,000	-	(666,000)	-	-
Volunteering Futures Fund	-	624,074	(1,248,148)	624,074	-
Greener Communities Fund	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Amazon – Defibrillators	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	666,000	1,629,074	(1,919,148)	624,074	1,000,000
Total of funds	71,071,751	6,992,619	(22,727,218)	-	55,337,152

Statement of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Covid Appeal	86,517,000	4,945,221	(41,174,978)	50,287,243
Charity Reserve	15,400,000	-	-	15,400,000
Staff Wellbeing	-	77,000	-	77,000
	101,917,000	5,022,221	(41,174,978)	65,764,243
General funds				
General funds	908,000	6,875,751	(3,142,243)	4,641,508
Total unrestricted funds	102,825,000	11,897,972	(44,317,221)	70,405,751
Restricted funds				
NHS Staff Mental Health	4,000,000	-	(3,334,000)	666,000
Total of funds	106,825,000	11,897,972	(47,651,221)	71,071,751

Designated funds

Covid Appeal – Represents the balance of undistributed Covid appeal donations at year end. These funds will continue to fund grants to help NHS Charities in supporting NHS staff, volunteers and patients in ways above and beyond what NHS funding can ordinarily provide, from meeting immediate and urgent needs to supporting long-term recovery from the impact of the crisis.

The Charity Reserve is a designated fund representing 10% of the net Covid appeal proceeds, held in reserve in line with guidance from the Charity Commission in 2020. The reserve is designated to fund the governance of the Covid funds, to ensure the correct governance is in place and to maximise the impact of the appeal against objectives. The fund is also designated to enable the development and growth of NHS Charities Together, to ensure the organisation is sustainable and in a position to maximise the legacy of the Covid appeal, with continued impact for members and beneficiaries in the long term.

Restricted funds

NHS Staff Mental Health – Represents funds that have been applied specifically to projects supporting the mental health of NHS staff.

Volunteering Futures Fund – Represents grant funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport to support a specific project aimed at helping people who typically experience barriers to volunteering. The project has been match funded by the Charity using its general funds.

Greener Communities Fund – Represents grant funding from Hubbub Foundation UK to be distributed to the Charity's members and community partners in support of projects that improve the health and wellbeing of the public, including NHS staff.

21. SUMMARY OF FUNDS

Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds	65,764,243	25,248	(15,753,956)	-	50,035,535
General funds	4,641,508	5,338,297	(5,054,114)	(624,074)	4,301,617
Restricted funds	666,000	1,629,074	(1,919,148)	624,074	1,000,000
Total	71,071,751	6,992,619	(22,727,218)	-	55,337,152

Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Designated funds	101,917,000	5,022,221	(41,174,978)	65,764,243
General funds	908,000	6,875,751	(3,142,243)	4,641,508
Restricted funds	4,000,000	-	(3,334,000)	666,000
Total	106,825,000	11,897,972	(47,651,221)	71,071,751

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Analysis of net assets between funds – current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	77,884	-	77,884
Current assets	69,508,093	1,000,000	70,508,093
Creditors due within one year	(12,100,969)	-	(12,100,969)
Creditors due in more than one year	(3,147,856)	-	(3,147,856)
Total	54,337,152	1,000,000	55,337,152

Analysis of net assets between funds – prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	58,312	-	58,312
Current assets	85,688,671	666,000	86,354,671
Creditors due within one year	(13,151,232)	-	(13,151,232)
Creditors due in more than one year	(2,190,000)	-	(2,190,000)
Total	70,405,751	666,000	71,071,751

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(15,734,599)	(35,753,294)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	38,827	42,620
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(970,678)	(79,307)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,194,389)	12,263,154
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(92,407)	15,150,765
Net cash used in operating activities	(17,953,246)	(8,376,062)

24. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,300,263	2,301,939
Short-term investments and deposits	67,204,083	83,243,374
Total cash and cash equivalents	68,504,346	85,545,313

25. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,301,939	(1,001,676)	1,300,263
Short-term investments and deposits	83,243,374	(16,039,291)	67,204,083
	85,545,313	(17,040,967)	68,504,346

26. GRANT COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date, the Group had committed to further grant awards to its members totalling £1,288,046 (2021 – £Nil), however the awards had not yet been formally communicated to the member charities and therefore could not be recorded as liabilities on the Group's balance sheet.

27. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2022 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Not later than 1 year	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	4,170	6,394	4,170	6,394
	6,394	8,618	6,394	8,618

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

At the balance sheet date, an outstanding loan balance of £14,757 (2021 – £14,256) was owing from ANC Trading Limited, the Charity's subsidiary undertaking. The interest charged on the loan is 2% above bank base rate.

A further £25,182 of trade balances were owing from the subsidiary at the balance sheet date (2021 – £41,106 owed to the subsidiary). No interest is charged or earned on these balances.

A majority of Trustees also held a post with a member charity that was eligible for and received member services and grants during the year. All member charities were allocated grant funds on an equitable basis and no part of any grants paid to a member charity directly benefited any Trustee.

The Charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance (£5 million cover) as part of a broader management liability package at a cost of £10,080 (2021 – £16,750).

In accordance with our Constitution and recognised charity good practice, Trustees are required to declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest before discussion takes place and unless specifically invited to take part by the remaining Trustees (for example to add any clarification or special insight they may have) then they withdraw from the discussion and any subsequent votes.

In particular, where Trustees are connected to any applicant for grant funding they do not receive papers for any meeting convened to adjudicate on the application or minutes recording the discussions and decisions about that application.

29. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity, with the same registered address, due to the Charity's 100% holding of its ordinary share capital:

Name	Company number	Principal activity
ANC Trading Limited	12608754	Raising funds for NHS Charities Together by facilitating commercial fundraising activities.

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Surplus for the year £	Net assets £
ANC Trading Limited	174,486	(47,479)	127,007	127,008

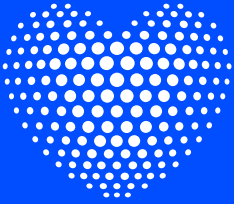
The above results are included in the consolidation.

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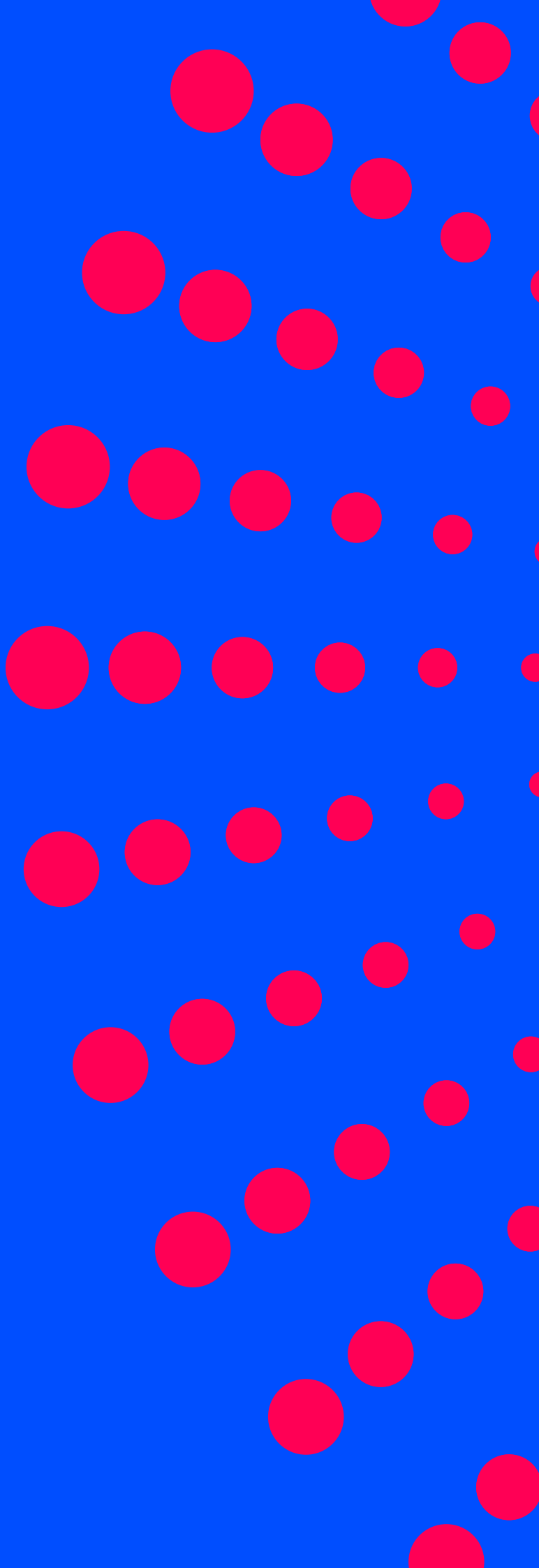
Charity name	Association of NHS Charities	Registered name
	NHS Charities Together	Known as/Trading name
Trustees	Keith Brooks	Northamptonshire Health Charity
	Chris Burghes MBE	
	Amerjit Chohan	St Georges Hospital Charity
	Tim Diggle	Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity
	Jane Ferguson	NHS Lothian Charity
	Ian Lush OBE (Chair)	Imperial Health Charity
	Jayne Mee	University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
	Dame Gill Morgan	Gloucestershire ICS
	Daniel Mortimer	
	Amarjit Singh	
	Kiki Syrad	Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity
	Kirsty Thomson	Awyr Las
	Antony Tiernan	London Ambulance Service Charity
Resigned		31 March 2023
Resigned		15 Feb 2023
Chief Executive Officer	Ellie Orton OBE	
Senior Leadership Team		
Director of External Affairs & Communications	Sarah Champion	
Director of Strategy & Impact	Chris Easton	
Director of Fundraising	Louise McCathie	
Director of Finance & Operations	Gemma Morgan	
Business Services Director	Stuart Reynolds	

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Company number	12325259

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GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, TOGETHER

Welcome to our annual report for 2021, marking yet another extraordinary year for the NHS and the network of NHS charities.

Throughout the year we have continued to represent **100%** of the NHS charity sector which has gone from strength to strength, spending over one million pounds a day together to help the NHS go further at the most challenging of times.

Following the success of NHS Charities Together's record breaking Covid appeal we have continued to get donations to where they are needed most, funding projects to support staff, patients and volunteers in every Trust and Health Board in all corners of the UK. Thanks to generous donations to the Covid appeal, we awarded a further **£44 million** through the network of NHS charities during the year.

A new strand to our work has included **seven million pounds** made available to the ambulance service, to fund training and equipment for community first responder volunteers, who are often the first to arrive in an emergency. This has supported the wider health service and helped to save lives.



£44m

Awarded through the network
of NHS charities

325

Community organisations funded
through our stage 2 grants

In particular, we have funded **325 community projects** through our community partnership grants, with lead member NHS charities acting as a convenor with the local voluntary sector and helping to tackle the wider determinants of ill health like isolation, loneliness and poor mental health. Other projects have included bereavement support for patients and investment in Long Covid research.

And we have continued to be there for the **NHS workforce**, funding rest spaces, infrastructure and mental health interventions to support a workforce facing exhaustion and burnout, having given so much to care for us all over the last two years.

There have been other incredible highlights, like the **NHS Big Tea at Buckingham Palace** hosted by our Royal Patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge, to thank NHS staff for their ongoing sacrifices.

And the public has continued to be there too. In our first year of fundraising outside of the Covid appeal our small team worked hard to generate a further **£11 million** which will support our ongoing strategic goals to support the NHS through the challenges it may face and to make the most of opportunities for innovation and

improvement.

As always my thanks goes to the **dedicated team** of staff at NHS Charities Together who moved us forward over the last year, to the member NHS charities who achieved so much for patients and staff in their areas, to the supporters and partners who make our work possible and to my fellow Trustees who volunteer their time to ensure robust governance of the organisation. I would also like to give particular thanks to the members of the Grants Advisory and Review Panel who have volunteered generously of their time and expertise to provide external and independent scrutiny of our community partnership grants.

None of the achievements of the last year would be possible without this collective working across every part of the UK. I firmly believe that the 'together' in our name is where our strength lies - I am proud to be part of it and look forward to growing stronger together over the coming year.



“What’s clear is that the NHS and workforce will continue to face the pressures brought by Covid-19 and, what’s more, that those challenges that existed before the pandemic haven’t gone away.”



BEYOND COVID: THE NHS NEEDS US MORE THAN EVER

It's been another whirlwind year for NHS Charities Together – as for every other organisation working in health and social care in these challenging times.

There has been so much hard work from NHS charities across the UK and within the NHS Charities Together team, and so much incredible support from our partners and thousands of supporters.

Together we have demonstrated a solid ongoing bedrock of support for the NHS and its workforce, showing longevity way beyond the incredible outpouring during the peak of the pandemic and our record breaking Covid appeal. We were proud to award a further £44 million in grants during 2021 to reach NHS trusts and health boards across the UK and to support patients, staff and volunteers.

Following our transformation in 2020, when we were thrust into the limelight thanks to generous support from the public, we have continued to reflect and consult with the NHS charity network and stakeholders to understand our future strategy and how best we can help the NHS go further for years to come.

What's clear is that the NHS and workforce will continue to face the pressures brought by Covid-19 and, what's more, that those challenges

that existed before the pandemic haven't gone away - from an aging population, increasing long term conditions and now, inevitably, waiting lists that are longer than ever.

And sadly, with even more economic and political turmoil being experienced across the globe, every challenge for the NHS is being exacerbated. The key strands of our strategy are around facilitating NHS charities to grow in strength, to provide ongoing support for the NHS workforce and to help prevent ill health for patients and communities working with the wider voluntary sector.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our collective achievement over the last year. We look forward to working with member NHS charities and partners across the sector for the coming year as we take forward our strategy. Our message to NHS Trusts and Health Boards is that NHS charities can be true strategic partners to help you through the challenging times ahead. Our message to the NHS workforce and to our supporters is that we will continue to be there whatever it takes.



ABOUT US

NHS Charities Together is the national, independent charity caring for the NHS, providing the extra support that's needed to care for staff, patients and improve health in our communities.

Working with a network of over 230 NHS charities across the UK representing hospitals, ambulance trusts, mental health trusts and community health services - we ensure that money raised reaches the people that need support most, in every part of the country.

We also help strengthen the NHS charity sector, providing support for member charities through nationwide fundraising, networking opportunities, and training, as well as showcasing nationally the role of the NHS charity sector.

Together, we all play a part in supporting our NHS to go further, now and for generations to come.

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Charities make up our network





£1m

**Amount given by NHS
charities every day**

ABOUT THE NHS CHARITY MEMBERSHIP

People have been donating money to health services since well before the NHS was created. The 230 plus member charities of NHS Charities Together are based in hospitals, ambulance trusts, mental health trusts, community health trusts and health boards across the UK.

These charities give more than one million pounds everyday to the NHS so that people can stay well for longer and get better faster. Most of them focus on helping our health services to do more. From supporting research and innovations, to brightening up hospital environments, and donating state-of-the-art technologies and equipment, the charities raise funds and mobilise volunteers, touching lives and making a huge difference to millions of people when they are at their most vulnerable. During the Covid-19 pandemic this focus has shifted to supporting immediate practical and emotional needs of staff and patients and helping to take pressure off an overstretched health service.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In another challenging year, our supporters helped the NHS provide the extra support that made all the difference. Here are some of the incredible things you made possible.

JANUARY



Photo credit: Gareth Jones

We kicked off the year by **making Liverpool Football Club Captain Jordan Henderson our official Charity Champion**, recognising his outstanding work bringing footballers together for the NHS as part of #PlayersTogether.

Jordan said: **"I'll do what I can to shine a light on the amazing work NHS charities do to support the NHS."**



We were delighted that **NHS Charities Together's Chair Ian Lush**, who is also Chief Executive of Imperial Health Charity, was **awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list for charitable services to the NHS.**



FEBRUARY

In February, **we paid tribute to the truly inspirational Captain Sir Tom Moore** following the sad news of his death. As we remembered this extraordinary man, we celebrated how the £39 million he raised and the countless donations he inspired were having an impact for NHS patients and staff.

MARCH



As spring sprung, we announced **£7 million of support for ambulance Community First Responders** and other volunteers to ease the pressure on overstretched ambulance crews. Later in the month, staff from eight NHS

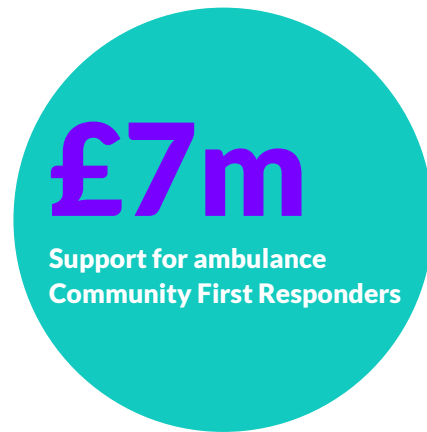
trusts were amazed to receive a phone call from our Royal Patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge to hear about projects funded by NHS charities across the UK.

Dr Dan Menzies, a Respiratory Medicine Consultant in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, said: **“It was great to see first-hand the enthusiasm and interest that HRH The Duke of Cambridge has in the impact of NHS Charities Together and the wellbeing of patients and NHS staff.”**

MAY

The NHS hit the stage, as pop stars **Rag’n’Bone Man and P!nk** joined the Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Choir at the BRIT Awards to **perform their single ‘Anywhere Away From Here’ in support of NHS Charities Together** and the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Charity.

Also in May, our joint Royal Patrons Their Royal Highnesses **The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge hosted staff from the NHS** in Scotland at a unique drive-in cinema screening of Disney’s Cruella at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The deserving guests were nominated by member charities and their associated Health Boards in recognition of their incredible efforts through this challenging period.



APRIL

We wasted no time in launching our **‘Be There for Them’ appeal**, as the scale of the impact of the pandemic on the **mental health of NHS staff** was revealed. We were all shocked to hear over half the staff surveyed reported that their mental health had declined, with anxiety and depression widespread. Your generous donations allowed us to continue to support wellbeing programmes and facilities, from rest spaces to counselling sessions, for the NHS workforce making enormous sacrifices to care for us.



JUNE

The England men's football team and some of the nation's most well-known celebrities raised a 'Big Mug of Thanks' for everything NHS staff had done through a tough winter and over the pandemic.

Our CEO, Ellie Orton, was delighted to be awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to the NHS during Covid-19. She accepted the Honour on behalf of our staff, trustees and partners who worked so tirelessly to get donations straight to the frontline of the NHS. Our Charity Champion, Jordan Henderson, was also awarded an MBE in recognition of his support of the NHS with #PlayersTogether.

We proudly announced another **£4.8 million** for NHS charities across the UK from our Covid appeal, to fund more than 85 projects supporting NHS staff and communities.

£4.8m

for 85 projects in June



AUGUST



Things got creative in the summer holidays, with the launch of **Gratitude in Art, a free-**

to-visit installation bringing together 51 human form sculptures into a beautiful and thought-provoking scene, in support of NHS Charities Together. The unique sculptures were lovingly decorated by artists and sponsored by businesses to acknowledge our key workers during this extraordinary moment in time, while raising vital funds.

JULY

As the sun shone, thousands of people across the UK signed up to host tea parties – in person and virtually – as part of the **NHS Big Tea to support NHS staff and celebrate the NHS's 73rd birthday**. We were delighted to work with NHS charities to arrange tea parties in hospitals, schools, care homes and businesses. **And a tea party like no other was hosted by our Joint Royal Patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge at Buckingham Palace** to thank NHS staff across the UK for their incredible contributions.



Our Joint Royal Patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge meets NHS staff at the NHS Big Tea at Buckingham Palace, joined by our chief executive Ellie Orton

We continued to tackle the hidden health impacts of the pandemic, with **projects to address isolation and loneliness**. These included helping community charities continue their vital work supporting vulnerable individuals and at-risk groups, to ease pressures on the NHS, improve access to quality care, and reduce health inequalities.

SEPTEMBER

We embraced the opportunity to dress up in our smartest attire for The Sun's **Who Cares Wins Awards**, in partnership with Channel 4. We were delighted to be the official charity partner for the event, which was attended by our Joint Royal Patron The Duke of Cambridge, and which celebrated the incredible achievements of the NHS workforce. The nominees and their families joined celebrity and VIP guests at London's Roundhouse for an unforgettable evening celebrating the people who have got us through one of the most difficult periods in living memory.

During September we also launched our **new five year strategy for 2022 to 2026**, outlining our vision and strategic goals to help the NHS charity sector go further for staff, patients and communities.

OCTOBER



Your donations to our **Covid-19 Urgent Appeal** helped the NHS prepare for another challenging winter. We announced a further **£5.7 million to support Covid recovery and community partnership projects** bringing genuine change for people across the UK.

Our latest research showed **eight in 10 NHS staff surveyed believe increasing pressures on NHS services are as concerning as the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic**. To highlight these challenges and show how your donations were helping staff, patients and volunteers to access extra support we launched our emotionally charged film 'Every NHS Moment'.

NOVEMBER

To see first-hand how money raised through **#PlayersTogether** was already making a difference to local communities, **Jordan Henderson spent a day visiting staff at Liverpool University Hospitals**. Jordan said: "It's reassuring to see some of the workforce getting proper support, but we can't get complacent – and must continue to care for them like they care for us."

In partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), we proudly **launched a £1.1 million fund** to make NHS volunteering opportunities accessible to a more diverse range of young people, including those facing socio-economic disadvantages, people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, and young people with disabilities.

ICU nurse Kate Lynes discussed the challenges facing NHS staff with our charity champion Jordan Henderson.



Photo credit: Gareth Jones

£5.7m

additional support
announced in October



Photo credit: Damien McFadden

DECEMBER

We launched an appeal to our supporters highlighting the ongoing challenges facing NHS staff, and partnered with *The Sun* on our **'Joy to the Ward' Christmas Appeal**, to highlight the vital work NHS charities do to help children and young people.

We were delighted to share a special festive thank you message with NHS staff on behalf of our Joint Royal Patrons.

During the message they said, **"The dedication and commitment of all NHS staff has been awe-inspiring... You have cared for incredibly sick patients and their families, in circumstances made all the more challenging by this virus, and your unending compassion has meant so much in the darkest moments."**

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge



OUR STRATEGY

During 2021, following widespread consultation with member NHS charities and stakeholders across the sector, we were pleased to announce our five-year strategy for 2022-2026, outlining five main objectives.





**Our vision:
Helping the NHS
tackle today's
challenges and
tomorrow's
opportunities.**

OUR VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Our vision is: Helping the NHS tackle today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Our mission is: With our NHS charity members, we are here for the people of the NHS – staff, patients and their families – as a catalyst and convenor of ideas, programmes and partnerships that help the NHS recover from the impact of Covid-19, reduce health inequalities and help to save lives.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE HAVE FIVE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1 To champion, influence and invest in NHS strategies that improve the health and wellness of NHS people, staff and volunteers, and reduce health inequalities in the workforce



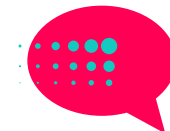
2 To empower the NHS charity sector to be high performing, effective and impactful



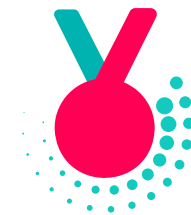
3 To be a catalyst and convenor of partnerships between the NHS, NHS charities and the wider voluntary health sector to advance great ideas that prevent ill health and improve long-term health conditions for patients and families



4 To promote understanding of and increase charitable giving in the NHS and demonstrate the difference this makes



5 To be a financially sustainable, responsive, and well governed organisation that values and develops our staff, actively practising the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion



OUR NETWORK GROWS STRONGER

In 2021, the network of more than 230 NHS charities came together with more passion and energy than ever, to help the NHS go further during a time of extreme pressure on services.

Thanks to the engagement of members across the country, we went from strength to strength in 2021, with more best practice sharing, collaboration, and opportunities to have a collective voice than ever before.

Across all the nations of the UK, together we proudly supported 100% of the eligible hospital, mental health, ambulance and community health services.

OUR AMBITIOUS GOAL

The 230 plus NHS charities together give £1 million every day to help the NHS go further, making the network one of the biggest voluntary health funders.

Our new five-year strategy includes our ambition to help to continue to grow as an NHS charity sector.

We will achieve this by continuing to develop our membership offer, launching our membership charter, creating opportunities for fundraising, networking and best practice sharing, and providing training, advice and advocacy support.

We also help to raise the profile of NHS charities on the national stage, through national campaigns and influencing stakeholders.

By continuing to listen to and support members, we will keep collaborating for even bigger impact. Our aim is to ensure that NHS charities are recognised as a key strategic partner and to develop NHS charities' resilience and fitness for the future.

For more on our future strategy see pages 34 to 35.

A SUMMARY OF OUR WORK WITH NHS CHARITIES THIS YEAR

With the ongoing restrictions, much of the network support in 2021 took place online, through webinars and virtual meetings, with face-to-face events and training happening where possible.

An amazing 1,532 members and external professionals attended our 20 webinars on subjects including charity governance and legacy, Facebook and corporate fundraising. Overall 95% rated the experience 'good' or 'excellent'.

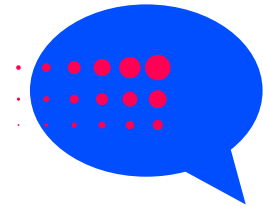
We provided regular peer-to-peer support through 14 regional groups and four special interest groups. In this way we connected hundreds of charity NHS staff who met regularly to discuss challenges, share resources and collaborate on new solutions.

And in April we launched a new digital community 'Member Connect', an online service enabling members to share resources and recommendations and offer each other support. By the end of year, the service had been used by 92% of member organisations.

During the year we delivered training in a range of topics to facilitate working effectively within the NHS, in fundraising, governance and mentoring.

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“The Engaging with Clinicians course was well structured and expertly delivered... I learnt a lot... It was great to learn from others and to see how they have implemented their learning by continuing to share after the course.”

Sofia Sheikh, Raise, West Hertfordshire Hospitals Charity

SHOWCASING THE WORK OF NHS CHARITIES

In 2021, we stepped up our role in helping to increase understanding about NHS charities and our collective impact. This included promoting our work with stakeholders in government and the NHS, and organising national campaigns to showcase the work of member NHS charities through national media and other channels.

We were honoured to be able to work with our Joint Royal Patrons TRHs The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to arrange visits and events involving more than 50 member charities and associated NHS trusts.

And we were proud to coordinate the biggest NHS Big Tea yet, a fundraising campaign, which engaged member charities and thousands of supporters across the nations in raising over half a million pounds in extra funds for the NHS workforce.

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED IN 2021

In March 2020 we launched our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal. The appeal went on to raise £157 million to support patients, NHS staff and volunteers at the frontline of the coronavirus crisis.

Our membership covers 100% of the NHS charities for health boards, hospitals, and ambulance, community and mental health trusts, which means donations to the appeal have been able to reach staff, patients and volunteers in every part of the UK.

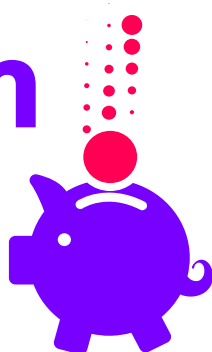
By the end of 2021 we had made available a total of £128 million and awarded a total of £92 million to member charities from the Covid appeal. We continued to distribute donations from the appeal to NHS charities, awarding a further £44 million in grants during 2021 on top of the £48 million granted in 2020.

Grants were awarded with a shift in focus from urgent and emergency response to supporting community projects and helping with the longer-term recovery of the NHS.

As part of our grants programme we have worked with member charities to fund more than 325 community projects, helping to tackle the wider determinants of ill health and prevent hospital admission, taking pressure off the wider health service.

£128m

from Covid appeal made
available by the end of 2021



HOW OUR GRANTS HAVE HELPED

Ongoing support for the NHS workforce continued to be an important strand of our grant giving, with a focus on meeting people's practical needs, and providing wellbeing spaces and therapies to support their mental health.

A new aspect of our work involved funding for training and recruiting an army of Community First Responder volunteers to support the ambulance service, plus specialist equipment to save lives in an emergency.

For patients, we continued to help address isolation, provide bereavement support, fund specialist equipment, and to use technology to improve access to services. Other projects focused on improving hospital discharge so that patients can return home quickly. And grants were used to invest in innovations and research, like new treatments for Long Covid.

Working with the wider voluntary sector, we funded groups and projects tackling isolation and loneliness, and to improve fitness and general wellbeing. We also funded projects with a focus on supporting those patients and staff disproportionately affected by Covid and tackling health inequalities.



“For patients, we continued to help address isolation, provide bereavement support, fund specialist equipment, and to use technology to improve access to services.”

£44m

awarded to member charities during 2021

Table 1: Total grants awarded to NHS charities in each region and nation

NHS Region	Grants Awarded 2020 £	Grants Awarded 2021 £	Total Grants Awarded £
East of England	4,305,860	4,682,954	8,988,814
London	7,047,644	7,320,127	14,367,771
Midlands	7,201,115	8,023,207	15,224,322
National	176,100	62,500	238,600
North East England and Yorkshire	7,433,700	5,298,951	12,732,651
North West England	5,544,855	4,045,533	9,590,388
South East England	5,383,856	6,272,651	11,656,507
South West	4,686,100	3,333,342	8,019,442
Northern Ireland	806,100	589,473	1,395,573
Scotland	3,590,669	3,196,532	6,787,201
Wales	1,713,900	1,260,508	2,974,408
	47,889,899	44,085,778	91,975,677

Table 2: Grants awarded by grant programme

Grant Programme	Grants Awarded 2020 £	Grants Awarded 2021 £	Total Grants Awarded £
Covid urgent and emergency grants	39,745,788	2,117,000	41,862,788
Community partnership grants	1,415,700	22,424,795	23,840,495
Recovery grants	6,176,511	14,916,615	21,093,126
Ambulance grants	-	4,604,868	4,604,868
Other grants	551,900	22,500	574,400
	47,889,899	44,085,778	91,975,677

Table 3: List of grants awarded by charity

Charity Name	Grants Awarded 2020 £	Grants Awarded 2021 £	Total Awarded £
Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity Bristol	462,100	489,513	951,613
Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust	214,100	140,098	354,198
Aintree University Hospital Charitable Fund (merged with R Charity)	35,000	-	35,000
Airedale Hospital & Community Charity	161,600	-	161,600
Alder Hey Children's Charity	140,100	1,275,265	1,415,365
Aneurin Bevan Health Charity	235,100	-	235,100
Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' NHS Charitable Fund	165,100	101,500	266,600
Awyr Las (Blue Sky) Charity (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board)	266,600	49,000	315,600
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Endowment	463,600	175,788	639,388
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust Charity Fund	188,100	154,000	342,100
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust Charity	111,600	50,000	161,600
Barnsley Hospital Charity	165,100	-	165,100
Barts Charity	294,600	363,000	657,600
Bay Hospitals Charity (Cumbria)	186,100	-	186,100
Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Fund (previously Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends)	56,000	-	56,000
NI Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	184,100	-	184,100
Berkshire Health Charitable Fund Buckinghamshire	168,600	-	168,600
Better Lives Charity (Bradford District)	158,100	77,000	235,100
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT General Charity	282,100	-	282,100
Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity	181,100	132,000	313,100
Black Country Healthcare Charity Fund	165,100	-	165,100
Blue Skies Hospitals Fund (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals)	186,100	-	186,100
Bolton NHS Charitable Fund	184,600	143,000	327,600
Bournemouth Hospital Charity	282,100	-	282,100
Bradford Hospitals' Charity	182,600	-	182,600
Brighter Futures (Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund)	218,900	-	218,900
Brighterway (Southern Health Charity)	179,100	-	179,100
BSUH Charity (Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Charity)	196,600	196,956	393,556
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	182,600	1,020,817	1,203,417
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity	179,100	-	179,100
Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust Charitable Fund	104,600	50,000	154,600
Cardiff and Vale Health Charity	245,600	415,796	661,396
Caring Minds (Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS FT Charity)	168,600	-	168,600
Central and North West London NHS FT Charitable Fund	207,100	107,661	314,761
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charity	165,100	74,320	239,420
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS FT General Fund	126,482	50,000	176,482
Chesterfield Royal Hospital Charity	167,100	-	167,100
Childrens Hospital Charity, The (Sheffield)	137,100	77,000	214,100
Christie Charitable Fund, The (Manchester)	163,600	77,000	240,600
Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, The	147,600	33,000	180,600
Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Charity	207,100	710,086	917,186
Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	161,600	-	161,600
Countess of Chester Charity, The	227,467	40,133	267,600
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT Charity	356,600	-	356,600
Croydon Health Services Charitable Fund	165,100	88,000	253,100
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear FT Charity	186,100	-	186,100
CW+ Charity (Chelsea and Westminster)	182,600	1,304,983	1,487,583
Cwm Taf Morgannwg NHS General Charitable Fund	171,100	-	171,100
Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity	216,600	246,145	462,745
Derbyshire Community Health Services Charitable Trust, The	189,600	490,086	679,686
Devon Partnership NHS Trust Special Charity	161,600	77,000	238,600
Difference, The (Borders Health Board Endowment Funds)	61,600	181,008	242,608
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	188,600	-	188,600
Dorset County Hospital Charity	158,100	35,643	193,743
Dorset HealthCare Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	179,100	105,746	284,846
Dudley Group NHS FT Charity	172,100	121,000	293,100
Dumfries & Galloway Health Board Endowment Fund	263,569	82,969	346,538
East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals Charity	324,100	-	324,100
East Cheshire NHS Trust Charitable Fund	158,100	-	158,100
East Kent Hospitals Charit	203,600	220,000	423,600
East Midlands Ambulance Service Trust Charity	165,100	511,715	676,815

Charity Name	Grants Awarded 2020 £	Grants Awarded 2021 £	Total Awarded £
East of England Ambulance Service Charity	75,600	558,689	634,289
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	189,600	165,000	354,600
Edinburgh & Lothians Health Foundation	1,028,700	158,926	1,187,626
ELHT&Me (East Lancashire)	200,100	209,000	409,100
Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust Charitable Fund	179,100	-	179,100
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	172,100	42,000	214,100
EyUp! (South West Yorkshire)	168,600	98,967	267,567
Fife Health Charity	152,100	312,332	464,432
Forever Friends Appeal (Royal United Hospitals Bath), The	175,600	111,097	286,697
Forth Valley Giving	136,100	-	136,100
Frimley Health Charity	640,956	178,213	819,169
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund (QE Charity)	282,100	-	282,100
George Eliot Hospital Charity	154,600	-	154,600
Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust Charities	172,100	99,000	271,100
Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity	232,100	50,000	282,100
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT Charitable Fund	75,600	50,000	125,600
Guy's and St Thomas' Charity	641,100	931,163	1,572,263
Hampshire Hospitals Charity	182,600	-	182,600
Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity	172,100	110,000	282,100
Head to Toe (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust)	168,600	47,800	216,400
Headlight (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Charitable Fund)	168,600	-	168,600
Heads On (Sussex Partnership Charity)	172,100	833,147	1,005,247
Health Stars (Humber)	158,100	-	158,100
Health Tree Foundation (Northern Lincolnshire & Goole)	182,600	205,375	387,975
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Charitable Fund	506,260	406,000	912,260
Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	61,600	50,000	111,600
Highland Health Board Endowment Funds	107,100	50,000	157,100
Hillingdon Hospitals Charity	161,600	-	161,600
Homerton Hospital Charitable Fund	165,100	771,173	936,273
Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	97,600	50,000	147,600
Hywel Dda Health Charities	244,600	279,500	524,100
Imperial Health Charity	503,600	-	503,600
Isle of Wight NHS Charitable Funds	61,600	50,000	111,600
James Paget University Hospitals Charitable Fund	161,600	77,000	238,600
Kent Community Health Charity (I Care)	72,100	50,000	122,100
Kettering General Hospital Charity Fund	170,600	99,000	269,600
King's College Hospital Charity	224,600	286,000	510,600
Kingston Hospital Charity	161,600	77,000	238,600
Lanarkshire Health Board Endowment Funds	231,600	321,006	552,606
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Charity	183,006	-	183,006
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity	394,600	75,052	469,652
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	108,100	66,000	174,100
Leeds Community Healthcare Charitable Trust and Related Charities	161,600	76,727	238,327
Leeds Hospitals Charity (Leeds Cares)	670,100	1,274,224	1,944,324
Leicester Hospitals Charity Leicester	251,100	893,595	1,144,695
Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Charitable Fund	186,100	154,000	340,100
Lincolnshire Community Health NHS Charity	168,600	31,187	199,787
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity	195,100	-	195,100
Liverpool Women's Hospital Charity	151,100	44,000	195,100
London Ambulance Service Charity	179,100	895,551	1,074,651
London North West Healthcare Charitable Fund	196,600	-	196,600
Love Your Hospital (Western Sussex Hospitals Charity)	189,600	165,000	354,600
Luton and Dunstable Hospital Charitable Fund (merged to become Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Charitable Fund)	191,600	636,662	828,262
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Charitable Fund	182,600	-	182,600
Manchester University NHS FT Charity	298,100	528,000	826,100
Maudsley Charity	172,100	-	172,100
MCH Charity (Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity)	172,100	-	172,100
Medway Hospital Charity, The	168,600	181,696	350,296
Mersey Care Charity	89,600	50,000	139,600
Mid Essex Hospitals Charity (merged with Mid and South Essex)	280,600	918,103	1,198,703

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Milton Keynes Hospital Charity	167,100	90,430	257,530
Moorfields Eye Charity	154,600	-	154,600
MY Hospitals Charity (Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund)	200,100	200,500	400,600
My WiSH Charity (West Suffolk)	168,600	66,000	234,600
National Waiting Times Centre Board Endowment Fund (Scotland)	101,100	-	101,100
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity	583,100	1,567,845	2,150,945
NHS Blood and Transplant Charitable Fund	179,100	61,000	240,100
NHS Grampian Endowment Fund	238,600	597,043	835,643
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Endowments (Greater Glasgow Health Board Endowment Funds)	417,100	875,432	1,292,532
Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals Charity	394,600	490,086	884,686
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	118,600	50,000	168,600
Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust Charitable Fund	154,600	55,000	209,600
North Cumbria University Hospitals Charitable Fund	182,600	-	182,600
North East Ambulance Service Trust Fund	158,100	-	158,100
North East London Community Healthcare Charity (Health Way Foundation)	179,100	-	179,100
North Middlesex Hospital General Charitable Fund	238,600	-	238,600
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation General Charitable Fund	175,600	-	175,600
North West Ambulance Service Charitable Fund	132,600	687,083	819,683
North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS FT Charitable Funds	179,100	-	179,100
Northamptonshire Health Charity	203,600	552,060	755,660
NorthCare Charity (formerly Pennine Acute Hospitals Charity)	214,100	-	214,100
Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	161,600	-	161,600
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	147,600	300,340	447,940
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Charity	47,600	50,000	97,600
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust Charity (Bright Northumbria)	196,600	197,280	393,880
Nottingham Hospitals Charity	249,100	840,071	1,089,171
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Funds	100,100	-	100,100
Orkney Health Board Endowment Funds	44,100	50,000	94,100
Our Charity (Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity)	380,100	441,077	821,177
Oxford Health Charity	175,600	132,000	307,600
Oxford Hospitals Charity	224,600	150,188	374,788
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	65,100	50,000	115,100
Pennine Care Charitable Foundation	165,100	-	165,100
Peterborough and Stamford Umbrella Charitable Fund (North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust)	134,600	50,000	184,600
Plymouth Hospitals Charity	196,600	782,903	979,503
Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	267,600	-	267,600
Portsmouth Hospitals Charity	189,600	175,645	365,245
Powys Teaching Health Board Charity	104,600	50,000	154,600
Princess Alexandra Hospital Charity, The (Essex)	165,100	-	165,100
Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn Charitable Fund, The	161,600	77,000	238,600
Queen Victoria Hospital Charity	147,600	33,000	180,600
R Charity (Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust Charity)	228,100	297,000	525,100
Raise (West Hertfordshire Hospital Charity)	172,100	121,000	293,100
Raising Health (Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Charity)	175,600	121,000	296,600
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Charity	101,100	50,000	151,100
Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity, The	168,600	-	168,600
Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund	161,600	-	161,600
Royal Berks Charity	175,600	132,000	307,600
Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals Charity	165,100	-	165,100
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity	129,100	192,787	321,887
Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust General Charity	200,100	-	200,100
Royal Free Charity	423,600	735,129	1,158,729
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, The	264,100	-	264,100
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity, The (RNOH)	151,100	44,000	195,100
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital Charitable Fund, The	180,600	-	180,600
Royal Papworth Hospital Charity	151,100	44,000	195,100
Royal Surrey County Hospital Charity	118,600	640,822	759,422
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity	203,600	-	203,600
Salford Royal NHS FT General Charitable Funds	210,600	-	210,600
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Charity	521,325	462,223	983,548
SASH Charity (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Charity)	172,100	-	172,100

Charity Name	Grants Awarded 2020 £	Grants Awarded 2021 £	Total Awarded £
SaTH (Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital) Charity	182,600	388,043	570,643
Scottish Ambulance Service Charity	75,600	50,000	125,600
Sheffield Hospitals Charity	683,100	735,129	1,418,229
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity	75,600	50,000	125,600
Shetland Endowment Fund	94,100	-	94,100
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	51,100	50,000	101,100
Solent NHS Charity	111,600	50,000	161,600
Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	203,600	198,000	401,600
South Central Ambulance Charity	165,100	410,911	576,011
South East Coast Ambulance Service Charity	115,100	50,000	165,100
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	160,600	170,016	330,616
South Staffordshire Community & Mental Health Charitable Funds	96,600	50,000	146,600
South Tees Hospitals Charity	409,100	-	409,100
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds	200,100	-	200,100
South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust Charitable Fund	104,600	50,000	154,600
South Western Ambulance Service Charity	168,600	662,111	830,711
Southampton Hospital Charity	221,100	1,204,256	1,425,356
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	164,100	-	164,100
Southmead Hospital Charity (North Bristol NHS Trust Charitable Funds)	200,100	136,965	337,065
Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity	161,600	77,000	238,600
St George's Hospital Charity	200,100	1,031,147	1,231,247
Stars Appeal (Salisbury District Hospital Charitable Fund)	165,100	-	165,100
Stockport NHS Charity	125,600	121,000	246,600
Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS FT General Purposes Charity	108,100	50,000	158,100
Sussex Community NHS Charity	172,100	-	172,100
Swansea Bay Health Charity	233,600	466,212	699,812
SWFT Charity (South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Charity)	174,100	110,000	284,100
Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS FT Charitable Fund	68,600	50,000	118,600
Tavistock Clinic Foundation	94,100	50,000	144,100
Tayside NHS Board Endowment Funds	131,600	292,028	423,628
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust General Charitable Fund	136,100	50,000	186,100
Three Wishes Charity (Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh)	132,600	50,000	182,600
Torbay and South Devon NHS Charitable Fund Devon	186,100	-	186,100
UHCW Charity (University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire)	756,990	212,825	969,815
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund	193,100	176,000	369,100
University College London Hospitals Charity	345,444	-	345,444
University Hospitals Birmingham Charity	286,100	1,110,112	1,396,212
University Hospitals of North Midlands Charity (UHNM)	458,100	44,000	502,100
Valley Hospital Charity (Dartford and Gravesham)	161,600	77,000	238,600
Velindre University NHS Trust Charity	97,600	-	97,600
Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal	35,000	-	35,000
Walton Centre Charity, The	147,600	33,000	180,600
Warrington and Halton Hospitals Charity	170,600	-	170,600
Well Wishers Charity (Walsall Healthcare)	168,600	-	168,600
Welsh Ambulance Service Charity	115,100	-	115,100
West London NHS Charitable Fund	165,100	-	165,100
West Midlands Ambulance Service Charity	182,600	709,486	892,086
Western Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Fund	114,100	63,117	177,217
Western Isles Health Board Endowment Funds	44,100	50,000	94,100
Weston Health NHS Trust Charitable Funds (merged with Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity)	101,100	-	101,100
Whiston and St Helens Hospitals' Charity	132,600	2,500	135,100
Whittington Hospital Charitable Funds, The	267,600	-	267,600
WISHH (The Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Health Charity)	200,100	-	200,100
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity Herefordshire and Worcestershire	182,600	83,500	266,100
Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Charitable Funds and Other Related Charities	65,100	50,000	115,100
WUTH Charity (Wirral University Teaching Hospital Charity)	182,600	143,000	325,600
Wye Valley NHS Umbrella Charity	161,600	428,659	590,259
Yeovil Hospital Charity	154,600	-	154,600
York & Scarborough Hospitals Charity (York Teaching Hospitals)	200,100	-	200,100
Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust Charities	175,600	555,404	731,004





WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

During 2021, our supporters helped us be there for every NHS moment, providing the extra support needed to care for staff, patients and communities. Here are some of the life-changing things we achieved together in 2021, working with more than 230 NHS charities across the UK. We are currently carrying out an evaluation of the Covid appeal so that we can share more detail on its impact in future.

CARING FOR NHS STAFF

NHS staff are dealing with relentless pressure on services. Our recent YouGov research shows that over 55% of staff surveyed have experienced a mental health toll from the pandemic, with many reporting depression, anxiety or even post-traumatic stress.

At the same time, as normal services resume there are huge backlogs and clinics are busier than ever.

In 2021, generous support for our 'Be There for Them' campaign helped NHS staff face the triple challenge of dealing with the continuing impact of Covid-19, tackling the backlog of patients who desperately need treatment for other conditions, and making sure their own mental health isn't a casualty of the crisis.

COUNSELLING AND PEER TO PEER SUPPORT FOR THE WORKFORCE

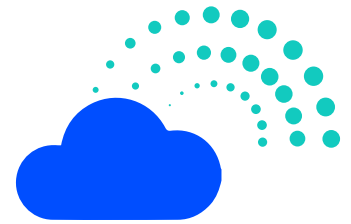
Over the last two years, donations enabled us to fund more than 400 projects for staff, including counselling services, peer-to-peer support, and helplines to help look after their mental health.

REST AREAS AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT

We also provided practical support, like access to improved indoor rest areas and green spaces, to enable staff to have a break during long and busy shifts, supporting them to continue their vital life-saving work.

SUPPORT FOR STAFF DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY COVID

In addition, we distributed grants to support staff, volunteers and patients who are being disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis, such as patients and staff from ethnic minorities and high-risk groups like those living with disabilities.



We have funded

400

projects for staff

“We have run a number of reflective spaces for staff to talk about how they feel and one key theme that has come through is guilt. These feelings of guilt are linked to ‘moral distress’, which can have a significant impact on overall mental health.”

Teresa Jennings, Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Occupational Health at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by NHS charity Bright Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.



“I feel really privileged to be working with this group and helping them through a co-production process to get this important project off the ground. We are really appreciative of the funding we’ve received as we can now ensure that the voices from our ethnic minority service users can be heard and, importantly, we can pay for their time.”

Anna-Marie Jones, Research & Development Improvement Manager, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by Sussex mental health charity, Heads On, using NHS Charities Together grants.



“Dealing with the emotional burden has been incredibly challenging, and the impact on staff is going to last well into the future. Luckily our hospital has been fantastic, and thanks to a grant from NHS Charities Together was able to go above and beyond with support. But we need the support offered in previous waves to continue – both to help us cope with these new pressures and maintain our mental health long-term.”

Dr Shaun Thein, Clinical Research Fellow and Specialist Respiratory Registrar, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

**Over
55%**

of NHS staff say they have experienced a mental health toll from the pandemic



IMPROVING SERVICES FOR PATIENTS

Thanks to support in 2021, we were able to help extremely sick patients who were anxious and isolated, as tens of thousands more people tragically lost their lives to Covid-19.

FUNDING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Generous donations were invested in specialist equipment and ways to improve treatments for Covid-19. For example, we were able to fund the development of a new tool that enables patients to access key health information digitally, research into the impact of Long Covid, and sharing best practice in Covid-19 treatment to improve outcomes for patients.

“Funding from NHS Charities Together has enabled us to fund My Journey, a new tool that makes patient information available digitally. We’ve covered topics like autism, mental health and diabetes management through podcasts, videos and webinar recordings – enabling patients to access key information at a time and in a way that suits them.

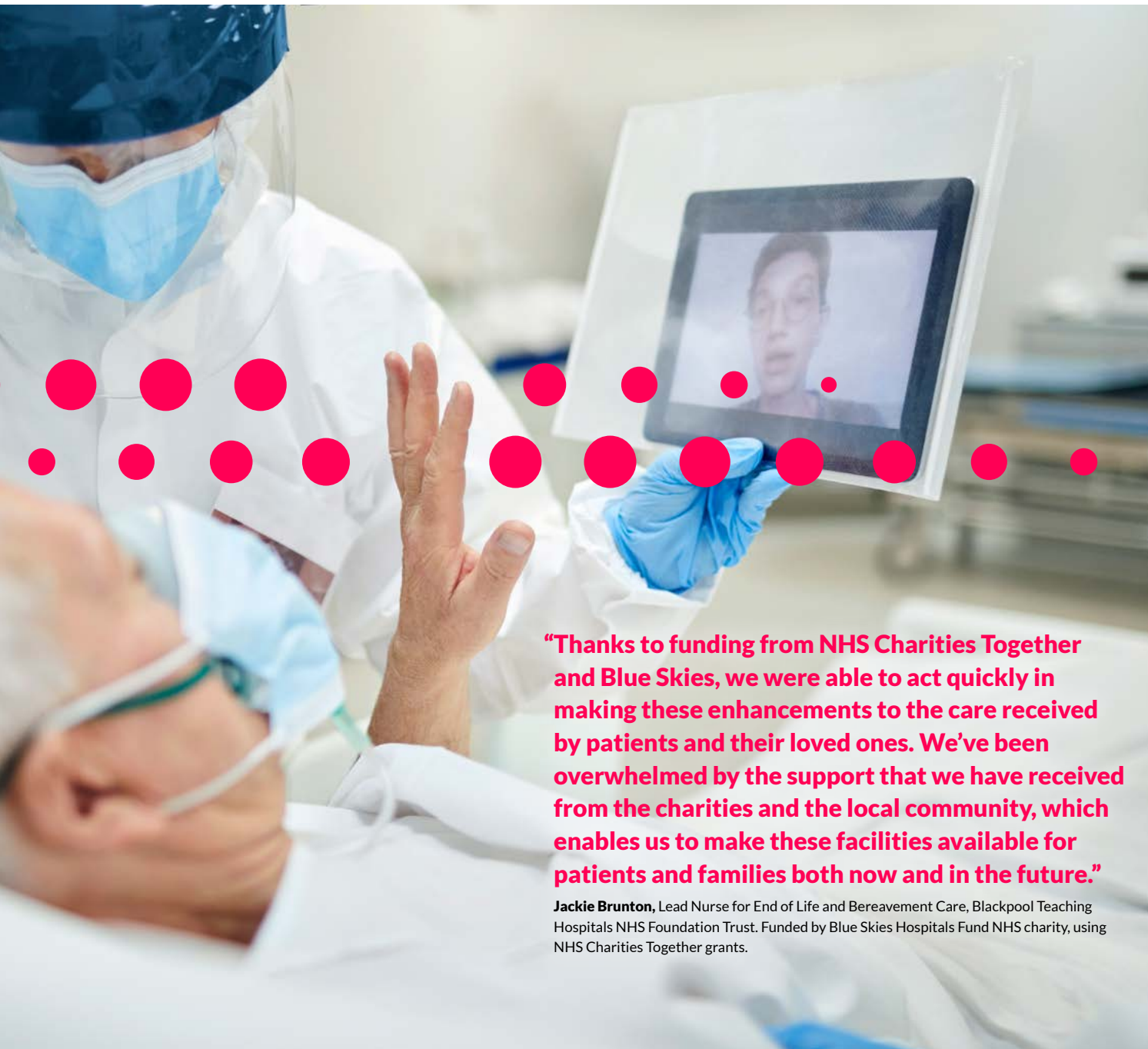
Other benefits include a reduction in waiting lists, plus freeing up staff time to further improve services. Feedback shows that users of these services have benefitted greatly.”

Spokesperson for Northern Health and Social Care Trust. Funded by NHS Charities Together grants.

“We are incredibly grateful to NHS Charities Together for funding this important rehabilitation programme at QEH, which is tailored to patients and staff living with Long Covid or who have chronic stable heart failure that has worsened due to pandemic-induced self-isolation and shielding. The benefit of heart failure rehabilitation is well-documented and this programme will make a positive difference to the lives of hundreds of patients and staff at QEH.”

Dr Rudolf Duehmke, Consultant Cardiologist and lead of the Long Covid research project, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King’s Lynn NHS Foundation Trust (QEH). Funded by The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King’s Lynn Charitable Fund, using NHS Charities Together grants.





“Thanks to funding from NHS Charities Together and Blue Skies, we were able to act quickly in making these enhancements to the care received by patients and their loved ones. We’ve been overwhelmed by the support that we have received from the charities and the local community, which enables us to make these facilities available for patients and families both now and in the future.”

Jackie Brunton, Lead Nurse for End of Life and Bereavement Care, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by Blue Skies Hospitals Fund NHS charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

CONNECTING FAMILIES AND PROVIDING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

We kept patients connected with family members, sometimes giving them one last chance to say goodbye, by funding digital equipment like tablets to enable virtual visiting. We also provided bereavement support for families who have lost loved ones to help them through the most difficult of times.

**£2.1
million**

**in Covid emergency grants
awarded in 2021**

TACKLING THE WIDER DETERMINANTS OF ILL HEALTH

Your support has made it possible for us to invest in more than 325 community partnership projects to give extra support to the NHS.

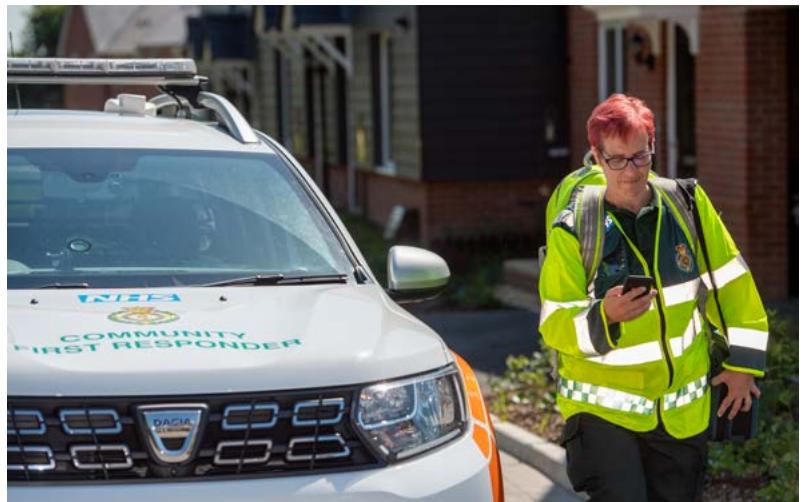
Covid-19 has not only had a huge impact on the mental health of NHS staff and patients but that of the entire country. And many long-term conditions have been worsened by the pandemic too.

We aim to help take pressure off the health service by tackling the wider determinants of ill health. Through our partners, your donations have helped fund community volunteers and projects, addressing the isolation and rising mental health problems experienced by people of all ages.

FUNDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SAVE LIVES

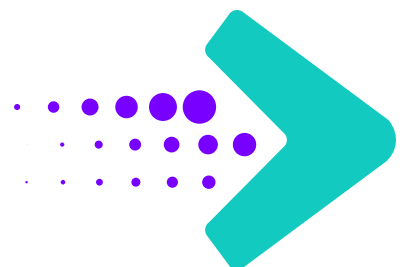
We were delighted to make seven million pounds available to the ambulance service to provide training for existing Community First Responders and other volunteers and to recruit 60,000 more, who will work with ambulance crews across the UK to help ease the unprecedented pressure on the service.

Alongside training, we improved community access to defibrillators, provided dedicated first responder groups cars, and supplied vital equipment. This extra support will help reduce hospital admissions by giving a fast response from a member of the public with lifesaving skills and equipment, and could be the difference between life and death for patients.



£7m

for recruitment and training
of Community First Responders
and volunteers



“Thanks to support from the public and NHS Charities Together, we are able to go the extra mile for our exceptional staff, volunteer heroes and communities, delivering tangible benefit across the South West of England. The projects funded allow us to focus on early intervention and prevention meaning we will save many more lives as a result.”

Zoe Larter, Head of Charity, South Western Ambulance Charity. Funded by South Western Ambulance Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.

TACKLING ISOLATION AND IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH

The health impacts of isolation and loneliness rose rapidly, which is why your donations were used to create patient hubs and other community projects tackling isolation and the wider mental health impacts of the pandemic.

“Funding from NHS Charities Together will make such a difference to help reduce feelings of isolation in our local community. Expanding the South Notts Befriending Service will have a hugely positive impact on some of the most vulnerable people in our local community at a time when they need it most. We will continue to support communities, during the pandemic and beyond.”

Barbara Cathcart, Chief Executive, Nottingham Hospitals Charity. Funded by the Nottingham Hospitals Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.



**£22
million**

awarded to support
community partnerships

“South London Listens enabled us to hear from almost 6,000 people who have been most affected by the pandemic and find tangible solutions to build stronger, mentally healthier communities for the future together. This innovative programme will see us work hand in hand with our communities to support people’s mental health to prevent people across South London from becoming unwell.”

Ranjeet Kaile, Director of Communications, Stakeholder Engagement and Public Affairs, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by Maudsley Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants.



LOOKING FORWARD

With your support we can continue to be there for exhausted NHS staff to help them through the hardest moments. We can continue to push patient care further to transform lives and to support community volunteers making all the difference in emergency situations.



THE NHS CAN'T FACE EVERY CHALLENGE ALONE

Sadly the pressures on our NHS and its staff are relentless. The pandemic has exacerbated every challenge for our health service and reminded us just how much we rely on it.

More staff than ever are facing burnout. And our communities have more elderly people and long-term conditions to care for, with increasing numbers across all ages waiting for treatment.

NHS resources have their limits which is why the extra support provided by NHS Charities Together will continue to be so important now and in the long term.

HELPING PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST

During 2021 we continued to fundraise, raising a total of £11 million during the financial year. These generous donations will fund projects that meet our ongoing strategic objectives around supporting the workforce and patients and creating an impactful NHS charity sector, to help the NHS recover from the most difficult time in its history.

- The challenges that faced the NHS before the pandemic are still there, and we need to help the NHS care for a nation growing older than ever and living with an increasing number of long-term conditions.
- We need to continue to be there for the NHS as it deals with future pandemic peaks.
- And we need to help address the wider health impacts from the pandemic, helping to tackle a rise in mental health problems in the community and the huge backlog in people needing treatment, an inevitable legacy from a health service that has needed to focus on beating Covid-19 over the last two years.

BEING THERE FOR THE NHS WORKFORCE

While staff are understandably proud of what NHS people across the country have achieved in incredibly challenging times, our latest research shows eight in 10 NHS staff surveyed (81%) believe increasing pressures on NHS services are as concerning as the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, with 96% agreeing they will continue for years.

Their concerns include clinics being overwhelmed due to a backlog of patients and large waiting lists, the increase in patient ill health due to some conditions not being treated during the pandemic, increasing numbers of older people and the growing impact of winter pressures such as respiratory illnesses.

Over half report a mental health impact from caring for sick patients, with many reporting exhaustion and burnout.

While the impact on the mental health of NHS staff since the pandemic looks set to continue, two thirds of staff (66%) have thankfully now been able to access support from their place of work, in part due to your generous donations.





Together we can help the NHS go further, providing the extra support that makes all the difference.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

- The network of NHS charities can care for the NHS staff who care for us with practical and emotional support, through counselling, helplines and a place to rest during a busy shift.
- We can also help care for patients through innovative ideas and projects that prevent ill health, enable them to wait well, have the best possible hospital experience and get home as quickly as possible after treatment.

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OUR FUTURE STRATEGY

During 2022 we will be taking forward each of our five strategic objectives.

EMPOWERING THE NHS CHARITY SECTOR

We will be delivering our member training and support strategy and continuing to consult closely with member NHS charities to expand our member offer and reach our collective fundraising goals that help the NHS go further. This will include our inaugural member conference in 2022 as well as launching a development grant to support member charities, additional mentoring support and creating our member charter.

SUPPORTING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

A large focus of our work will be as a champion of support for staff and volunteers within the NHS, through both grant funding and leading advocacy campaigns. We will be evaluating the grants we have already funded and gathering data to understand where we can have most impact in future. We will also be continuing to invest in training and equipment for volunteers, rest spaces and mental health support for the workforce, as well as raising awareness of the ongoing sacrifices of the health and care workforce through campaigns and events.

PREVENTING ILL HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CONDITIONS

We will be continuing to award community grants helping to tackle ill health and long-term conditions for patients, families and communities. Our priority this year is to evaluate the UK wide stage 2 community partnership grants to understand where we are achieving greatest impact for patients, families and communities. This will help inform our ongoing strategy and how best we can maximise our impact in tackling health inequalities in future, working with the member NHS charities and wider charity networks in each area.

RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING

We will continue to raise awareness of what NHS charities do and the important needs we are meeting to help the NHS go further, building engagement with our collective brand and fundraising through campaigns, mass participation events and partnerships with corporates and supporters.

BUILDING OUR ORGANISATION

Having undergone an incredible transformation over the last two years, we will be continuing to develop as an organisation, ensuring we continue to strengthen our governance, systems and processes so that we can have the most impact for the NHS and be a great place to work for our team.

[See page 13 for the full list of our strategic objectives.](#)



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ALL BECAUSE OF YOU

The support of incredible donors, supporters and partners is the reason we've been able to help the NHS go further this year. Generous donations have made all the difference to the health and wellbeing of people working day and night for the NHS and everyone they have cared for. **Thank you.**

We are so grateful for the donations from everyone who has raised vital funds this year – from walking and running, to cycling and skipping, gaming and head-shaving – there's been no limit to the determination and creativity!

Huge thanks to everyone who donated to our '**Be There for Them**' appeal to support the mental health and wellbeing of the NHS workforce across the UK. You helped provide counselling, helplines and wellbeing rooms where staff could take a desperately needed break.



More than 5,000 people signed up to host a tea party – either virtually or in person – to celebrate the NHS's 73rd birthday and support our health service. We would like to thank our partners who helped make the **NHS Big Tea** the biggest ever: in particular, **Morrisons**, our headline sponsor, and their community champions who fundraised in store; **Alpro**, who match-funded all text donations; **Arla**, who donated 5p from every bottle sold in Morrisons; and **Flowercard** who gifted £5 from every teacup arrangement sold. And a special mention

to our Joint Royal Patron **HRH The Duke of Cambridge**, who hosted an exclusive royal NHS Big Tea for NHS staff at Buckingham Palace.

Our appreciation to those of you who were inspired to donate by our two outdoor art installations – **Standing with Giants** by artist **Dan Barton**, consisting of 300 hand-painted, life-size frontline workers as a tribute to the NHS staff who lost their lives in the fight against Covid-19; and **Gratitude**, a public art installation delivered by **Wild in Art**, featuring 51 human sculptures to pay tribute to the courage and dedication of NHS staff and key workers during the pandemic. We are so grateful to the artists who lent us their talents, the businesses who sponsored a sculpture, and the people who bid in the auction to give a sculpture a home.

Massive thanks to all of you who took part in the **3,000 Skips** challenge in October, raising an incredible £92,000. We even saw group challenges like **Simply Gym Cardiff Bay**, who asked gym-goers to collectively skip 100,000 jumps for the NHS!

£92,000

Raised from the 3,000 skips challenge
in October





5,000

people signed up to host a tea party to celebrate the NHS's 73rd birthday



We are so grateful to the contribution of our supporters who made a regular donation month after month. Knowing we have funding we can rely on to care for the NHS at this crucial time makes a huge difference.

Sincere thanks to former doctor **Adam Kay** for kindly donating the profits from his book *Dear NHS: 100 Stories* to say thank you and to all those who contributed and told their personal stories.

And our heartfelt gratitude to everyone at our corporate partners, including: **De Vere Hotels** for their continuing support and for donating 10% from every booking made directly with one of their hotels; **TMB Art Metal**, for creating such beautiful Thank You Pins designed around the hands of six members of NHS staff; **Amazon UK Services Ltd** for their tremendous ongoing support of NHS Charities Together and member charities across the country; **Arriva UK Bus**, for raising over £260,000 from their exact fare scheme and **Stagecoach** for donating over £150,000 by saving excess change during lockdown.

We were overwhelmed by the generous support we received from our retail partners and their customers who raised funds in so many ways, including: **thortful** who donated money from selling their cards and Mother's Day rainbow bouquet and through their 'Thank You' promotion; **M&S** for adding NHS Charities Together to their Sparks programme; **Holland and Barrett** who gave their customers the option to make a top-up 50p donation online or in store; **Tesco**, for selling a range of products that included a T-shirt and mugs, raising over

£200,000; **Kurt Geiger** who featured NHS Heroes in their People Empowered campaign, with 100% of profits donated from their blue heart shoes and bag; **GlaxoSmithKline** for their support through their Winter Health campaign; and **David Austin Roses** for raising £30,000 from their rose release for 2021 – 'Nye Bevan', named after the founder of the NHS.

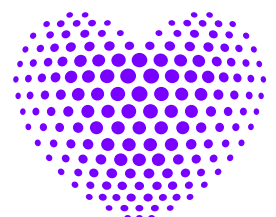
We would like to send our appreciation to all the businesses who kindly supported us during the festive season, in particular our friends at **Starbucks** who raised funds from the sale of their colour-changing cups and provided free coffee to NHS workers. And not forgetting **John Lewis and Partners** for their continued support and for adding some festive cheer by selling their Christmas products in aid of NHS Charities Together.

And, finally, a special shout out to the **member charities** we partnered with this year, based in hospitals, ambulance trusts, mental health trusts, community health trusts and health boards across the UK. Your compassion and hard work in 2021 changed the lives of NHS staff and volunteers on the frontline and the patients they cared for when they most needed support. We are so proud to work with you and contribute to your incredible achievements. We couldn't do it without you.

THANK YOU!

Writer and comedian **Adam Kay** kindly donated proceeds from his book '*Dear NHS: 100 Stories*'

Photo credit: Charlie Clift





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Gratitude
Hugs and Kisses
 9740

Gratitude is a powerful emotion that can improve your health and well-being. It can help you to appreciate the good things in your life and to focus on the positive. Gratitude can also help you to build stronger relationships with others and to feel more connected to the world around you.

Gratitude is a simple yet powerful practice that can be done every day. It can be as simple as saying "thank you" for the things you are grateful for, or it can be a more formal practice of writing a gratitude journal. Whatever you choose, the important thing is to take the time to appreciate the good things in your life.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 20 November 2019 (registered number 12325259), and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 25 November 2019 (registered charity number 1186569). From 25 January 2021 the Charity has also been registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scottish Charity number SC050716).

The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association which define the objects and powers of the Company.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Limited (registered in England and Wales number 12608754), which generates commercial income from the Charity's brand. The financial results of ANC Trading Ltd have been consolidated with those of the Charity and are shown separately in note 15.

FUNDRAISING

During the Covid-19 appeal we were fortunate to receive fundraising support from all quarters – individuals, companies, professional fundraisers. Where appropriate we entered into formal legal agreements to regulate fundraising on our behalf by others and to ensure they complied with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice. In particular we required our supporters to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from any unreasonable intrusion into their privacy or any undue pressure to donate.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and have committed to follow the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. During the year we received no complaints about our fundraising.

OBJECTS

The Objects of the Charity are, for the public benefit:

- a. the advancement of health, and, in particular but without limitation, the promotion of the effective working of NHS Charities;
- b. the advancement and promotion of knowledge and education in relation to NHS Charities and their purposes, including by engaging in and supporting research (and the dissemination of the useful results); and
- c. the furtherance by any other means of the charitable purposes of all or any NHS Charities generally.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Grant making

The Charity raises funds which it grants to Member Charities to support NHS patients, NHS staff, and the health of the communities in which Members work. Examples of support given during 2021 appear elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Trustees are supported in their grant awarding by NHS Charity Member Peer Reviewers and also the Grants Advisory & Review Panel (GAARP).

This independent group provides:

- subject matter expertise in the governance and administration of best practice grant schemes
- expert and external grant decision-making recommendations
- specific expertise around evidence-based needs, trends and structures to support the delivery of the vision and mission of NHS Charities Together and meet the needs of our Members and their associated NHS Trusts through appropriate grant making
- independent thinking, challenge and assurance in the grant making of NHS Charities Together

Trustees wish to record their thanks to the GAARP members for their considerable contribution to the Community Partnership Grants programme.

Member services and support

The Charity provides a range of services aimed at helping Member Charities operate most effectively and to the highest standards.

Membership gives access to:

- conferences and events
- lobbying/representation
- networking and support
- news and information
- nationwide campaigns

During 2021 face-to-face member events were still not possible. However, online and digital support continued, including regular news bulletins, webinar events, and our a new digital community for Members.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Between them, our Member Charities hold more than £3 billion in assets and generate an annual income of more than £500 million. These charities play a significant role in supporting the NHS, and the additional funds they produce greatly enhance the services and facilities provided by their associated NHS organisations for the benefit of the public.

By sharing information, ideas and best practice the Charity helps its Member Charities with the management of their charitable assets, the maximising of fundraising opportunities, and effective grant making.

The Charity's grants programmes lead to an enhancement in healthcare for NHS patients from all walks of life, regardless of their background or personal circumstances.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who have served during the year are set out on page 61. Up to 12 Trustees are elected by Members and a further three Trustees can be coopted by the other Trustees. A majority of Trustees is required to be senior officers, senior employees or trustees of a Member, or members

of the board or senior officers or senior employees of the corporate trustee of a Member. They must each come from a separate Member (but they are not representatives of that Member).

A Nominations Committee of the Trustees reviews the composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board, and considers succession planning. Following an open recruitment process, Trustees are recommended to Members for election.

When recruiting new Trustees, the Charity aims to attract a diverse range of candidates who have the skills it needs. We value the benefits of having members with different backgrounds, expertise and experience. Ultimately, though, Trustee appointments are based on merit in the context of ensuring that we have an appropriate balance of skills and experience. A Trustee's term of office is three years, with a normal maximum for any Trustee of three terms.

All new Trustees undertake an induction programme, which includes an overview of the Charity's strategy, aims and objectives. The role and duties of the Trustees, company and charity law and governance, and financial and risk management are also covered. Trustees meet with the Chief Executive, members of the Senior Leadership Team and other relevant parties. Additional training is arranged as required for individual Trustees or for the Board as a whole.

Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits from the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed, and Trustee Indemnity Insurance is purchased. Details are set out in note 14 to the accounts.

MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the Charity and for the protection of its assets. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive, Ellie Orton, and the Executive Directors who comprise the Senior Leadership Team.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team at the date of this Report or who served during the year are shown on page 61. Remuneration of the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team is set by the Trustees' Remuneration Committee and is informed by market rates.

RISK

Identifying and managing the possible and probable risks that the Charity may face is a key part of effective governance and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risk. Specifically, the Trustee Board determines the risk appetite and sets the culture of risk management within the Charity and monitors the management of important risks facing the Charity.

The Charity has an Audit & Risk Committee with delegated authority from the Trustees to maintain the risk register and report to them on internal controls and alert them to any emerging issues. It ensures that risks are appropriately owned and that risk owners are actively managing their risks with the appropriate controls in place and working effectively.

The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the identification and assessment of major risks. They ensure that controls are implemented and provide regular reports to the Board and Committees on the status of risks and their controls. They are responsible for encouraging good risk management practices and a positive attitude towards the control of risk among all staff.

Staff of the Charity are responsible for controlling risk when carrying out their duties, for following policies and procedures set by the Trustee Board designed to mitigate risk, and for identifying new and emerging risks to the Charity.

Risks that have been identified are recorded on a Risk Register along with an assessment of their severity and a record of controls and mitigating actions.

The most significant risks facing the Charity result from the rapid growth in income, members and staff. There is also the risk that the Charity may not achieve a diverse and sustainable income sufficient to address its needs.

In response to these risks, the Charity has continued to invest in staff and systems during 2021 and into 2022 and it continues to explore new funding opportunities and partnerships.

Work is taking place during 2022 to evaluate the grants awarded in 2020 and 2021 and to provide the evidence of future need and how best to address it.

RESERVES

Funds totalling £66.4 million (2020: £105.9 million) are either designated or restricted for the Covid-19 appeal. Within that figure Trustees have allocated £36.2 million to existing grant programmes.

A designated fund representing 10% (£15.4 million) of the net Covid appeal proceeds is held to support delivery of the grants programme and to invest in the Charity and its Membership over a three to four year period.

As at 31 December 2021, the Charity had unrestricted reserves of £4.6 million (2020: £908,000). This is sufficient to cover the budgeted annual expenditure of the charity and is in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy to have sufficient free reserves to cover at least 12 months' running costs.

TRUSTEE DUTIES

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term

Our current strategy was developed to enhance the role of charitable giving in the NHS over the long term. All decisions have been taken with this in mind and we have been reviewing our future strategy in the light of the phenomenal success of our Covid-19 appeal.

The interests of the Charity's employees

Our employees are vital to the Charity's success. We are a small but growing team, and we have been working hard to ensure staff are supported in their roles, as we aim towards our goal of being the best place to work.

The need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

We have a small number of suppliers and work to ensure good relationships with them, while also reviewing arrangements to ensure that the combination of cost and service delivers best value. We work with our Members to ensure the services we provide meet their needs and are of a high quality. We collect formal and informal feedback after all our events so that we can learn and improve how we do things.

The impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment

Our charitable work aims to benefit the community and we plan our grant making with community benefit in mind.

The desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

Our reputation and public trust in NHS Charities Together is fundamental to our future success. Our organisational values and behaviours are at the heart of our planning and decision making.

The need to act fairly between members of the Charity

We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation that is relevant and accessible for all NHS Charities. Our services and grant making are designed to ensure all Members are able to benefit, regardless of their size or structure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charitable Group 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 Statement of Recommended Practice.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charitable Company at any time and provide financial statements which comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and the Group, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware.
- the Trustees have taken all the 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.

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

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Trustees approve and present this Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the Consolidated Financial Statements.



IAN LUSH

Chair

24/08/2022

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Association of NHS Charities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Association of NHS Charities (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the period ended 31st December 2021 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charity Balance Sheets, the Group Statement of Cash Flows and 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, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (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 31st December 2021 and of the group's income and expenditure for the period 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the group and the parent 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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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 course of 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 43, 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 group's and the 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 group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 44(1) (C) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

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 an auditor's report 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 the 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. Based on our understanding of the group and the parent charity, and its industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to UK tax legislation, employment regulation, and fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, inappropriately shifting the timing and basis of income recognition, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to fund accounting, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- discussing with the trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of noncompliance throughout our audit; and
- considering the risk of acts by the group and the parent charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management.

As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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 auditor's report.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and 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 members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



IAN HOLDER

(Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of

Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
First Floor, Two Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham, B3 3AX

24/08/2022

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Income and expenditure account

	Note	Unrestricted £000	Restricted £000	Total Group 2021 £000	Total Group 2020 £000
Income					
General donations		-		-	23
Membership subscriptions		360		360	412
Sponsorship and grants		15		15	189
Event income		4		4	5
Fundraising activity	2	11,440		11,440	157,467
Bank interest		79		79	112
Transfer from ANHSC				-	146
Total income		11,898	-	11,898	158,354
Expenditure					
Cost of generating funds	3	1,595		1,595	3,125
Charitable expenditure					
Membership services	4	1,547		1,547	514
Grants to members and cost of making grants	7	41,175	3,334	44,509	47,890
Total expenditure		44,317	3,334	47,651	51,529
Net income/(expenditure) for the period		(32,419)	(3,334)	(35,753)	106,825
Fund balances brought forward		102,825	4,000	106,825	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		70,406	666	71,072	106,825

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEETS

Company number 12325259 (Charity)

	Note	31/12/2021 Charity £000	31/12/2021 Group £000	31/12/2020 Charity £000	31/12/2020 Group £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9	58	58	44	44
Current assets:					
Receivables	10	742	810	12,542	13,073
Short term investments and deposits	11	83,243	83,243	91,819	91,819
Cash at bank and in hand		2,254	2,302	2,071	2,080
Total current assets		86,239	86,355	106,432	106,972
Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within 1 year	12	13,181	13,151	184	191
Net current assets		73,058	73,204	106,248	106,781
Amounts falling due after 1 year	12	2,190	2,190	-	-
Net assets	14	70,926	71,072	106,292	106,825
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		4,497	4,643	375	908
Designated funds		65,763	65,763	101,917	101,917
Restricted funds		666	666	4,000	4,000
		70,926	71,072	106,292	106,825

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf



IAN LUSH

Chair

24/08/2022

The notes on pages 50 to 61 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

		Total funds 2021 £000	Total funds 2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	Table A	(8,376)	93,845
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest		79	112
Proceeds from the sale of investments		0	0
Purchase of investments		0	0
Investment in property and equipment		(57)	(58)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		22	54
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(8,354)	93,899
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		93,899	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of reporting period	Table B	85,545	93,899

Table A: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the period		(35,753)	106,825
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		43	14
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(79)	(112)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors		12,263	(13,073)
Increase in creditors		15,150	191
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(8,376)	93,845

Table B: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand		85,545	93,899
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' and Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, together with the reporting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charitable Company and its wholly owned subsidiary company ANC Trading Limited (company registration number 12608754). Uniform accounting policies are adopted across the Group and inter-company transactions are eliminated on consolidation. The operating results for the subsidiary are provided in note 15.

A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the Charity itself is not presented as allowed by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 5.1 of the SORP 2015. The income of the parent Charity was £11.7 million (2020: £157.8 million) and the expenditure was £47.6 million (2020: £51.5 million). The net deficit of the Charity was £35.9 million (2020: surplus of £106.3 million). The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a Cash Flow Statement under FRS 102 Section 1.12(b). The cash flows of the Charity are included in the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

There are no material judgements or estimates applied in the preparation of these accounts.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The organisation holds liquid funds sufficient to support its cash flow requirements over the foreseeable future under all scenarios. Therefore the Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity benefits from business rates relief and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates. The subsidiary undertaking does not pay direct tax because its policy is to Gift Aid taxable profits to the Charity.

Income

Legacy income

Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, notification has been received and where they can be valued. Residuary legacies with a life interest are only valued where legal title has passed to the Charity.

Donation income

General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income, and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable, and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income received in advance is deferred where appropriate. Gift Aid receivable is included when claimable. No account is taken of monies or other assets in the hands of volunteer fundraisers until such monies are banked or other assets are received. Donated services and facilities are valued and included as income and expenditure, at the price the Charity estimates it would have paid in the open market for an equivalent service or facility that it would have purchased. A valuation of volunteer time and gratuitous gifts given to the Charity is not included in these financial statements.

Grant income

Grant income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised in the year to which it relates.

Income from trading activities

Income from trading activities is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless it relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Income received in respect of raffles and lotteries is recognised when the draw is made. Income received in advance for future raffle and lottery draws is deferred until the draw takes place.

Investment income

Income from investments is recognised when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure on raising income includes the costs incurred in raising legacy income, donation income, grant income, and income from trading activities, including apportioned support costs. Expenditure on charitable activities comprises the costs incurred on charitable activities, including apportioned support costs.

Allocation of expenditure

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity to which the cost relates. Where expenditure contributes to more than one area of activity, the costs are allocated to each of the activities based on estimated staff time.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and with the strategic management of the Charity's activities.

Redundancy and termination payments

Redundancy and termination payments are recognised when there is a demonstrable commitment on an individual or group basis that cannot be realistically withdrawn.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, net of cumulative depreciation and provision for impairment. Depreciation is charged in equal instalments over the life of each tangible asset at the following rates:

- furniture and equipment – 25%
- computer equipment and software – 25%
- leasehold property and leasehold property improvements – over the life of the lease

Items of equipment, motor vehicles and property are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Leasehold improvements are capitalised where the cost exceeds £10,000. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. An impairment review is performed whenever the charity becomes aware that a significant event has occurred. Impairments are recorded in the SOFA as expenditure.

Investments

Listed investments are included on the Balance Sheet at fair value, which is their closing bid price on the current or previous trading day. Unlisted investments are included on the Balance Sheet at their fair value. For unlisted funds, this is based on the Charity's share of the net asset value of the investments using the latest available performance data. Investments in subsidiaries are recorded at cost in the Charity's Balance Sheet.

Realised gains and losses on disposals in the year and unrealised gains and losses on investments at the Balance Sheet date are included in the statement of financial activities for the relevant underlying funds. All investment income is treated as unrestricted.

Current asset investments have a maturity date or expected disposal date of less than one year and are not held for long-term investment purposes.

Programme-related social investments

Programme-related social investments are investments made in order to directly further the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Any financial return obtained is not the primary reason for making the investment. Programme-related social investments are held at cost, adjusted for impairment losses. Impairments in the value of programme-related investments are charged to charitable expenditure. Gains in the value of programme-related investments are credited to investment income.

Where the Charity has a significant interest in a programme related investment, it will be treated as either a joint venture or an associate, dependent on the level of control exerted by the Charity. Joint ventures and associates are included at cost, subsequently adjusted for the Charity's share in the associate's net assets under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements. The annual movement in the value of programme-related investments is shown as a separate category in the investments note.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits with banks, and funds that are readily convertible into cash at, or close to, their carrying values, but not held for investment purposes.

Financial instruments

The Charity has applied the provisions of FRS 102, Section 11, 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12, 'Other Financial Instruments Issues'. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Charity initially recognises a financial asset or a financial liability at transaction price – for debtors and other creditors this is the settlement amount. Grant commitments over one year are discounted to reflect present value.

Stocks and property awaiting sale

Goods purchased for resale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Gifted properties awaiting sale are valued at their fair value, which is their expected sale price, less costs of sale. Properties awaiting sale are valued by an independent valuer who holds a relevant professional qualification and has relevant experience of both the class and location of the asset.

Debtors and creditors

Trade debtors and other receivables are recognised at their transaction price less any allowance for doubtful debts. Liabilities are recognised when, as a result of past events, there is a probable future outflow of resources and the amount can be estimated reliably. Trade creditors and other payables are included at their nominal value.

Grant commitments

Grants are made to organisations in furtherance of the Charity's grants policies. The full value of a charitable grant is recognised in the year in which the commitment is made and shown as a long or short-term creditor as appropriate. The discount applied to grant commitments not yet paid falling due after more than one year to adjust the valuation to its present value is the current base rate. Commitments are recognised on the date the Charity formally notifies the recipient of the award.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Leases

Expenditure on operating leases is charged in the statement of financial activities as incurred.

Fund accounting

Restricted, designated and general funds are separately disclosed. The different funds held are defined as follows:

Restricted funds

These are subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donor or by the nature of the appeal.

Designated funds

These are set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. They would otherwise form part of the general funds.

General funds

These are available to spend at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Charity.

Any transfers between funds and any allocations to and from designated funds are approved by Trustees. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds.

Pensions

The Charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Contributions to the schemes are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they become payable.

2. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Covid-19 Urgent Appeal	5,022	156,914
Other fundraising	6,264	0
Donated merchandise	1	4
ANC Trading Ltd income	153	549
Total	11,440	157,467

3. COST OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2021 £ Support costs	2021 £	2020 £
Seconded, agency and professional staff	527,933	527,933	653,938
Online donation fees	85,826	85,826	1,899,478
Fundraising expenses	20,632	20,632	114,390
Advertising and marketing	818,810	818,810	366,708
Fundraising IT costs	25,952	25,952	13,820
Operational cost allocation	107,796	107,796	30,441
ANC Trading Ltd expenditure	7,712	7,712	15,775
Total	1,594,661	1,594,661	3,094,550

4. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

	2021 £ Support costs	2021 £ Governance Costs see Note 5	2021 £	2020 £ Support costs support	2020 £ Governance Costs see Note 5	2020 £
Staff costs	646,292	9,129	655,421	275,369	14,493	289,862
Seconded, agency and professional	343,778		343,778	37,933		37,933
Website	23,573		23,573	13,499		13,499
Recruitment expenses	63,115		63,115	38,770		38,770
Office costs	27,494		27,494	23,746		23,746
IT equipment, telephones and support	30,822		30,822	18,827		18,827
Printing, postage and stationery	14,959		14,959	5,080		5,080
Audit and banking fees	7,437	50,600	58,037	11,122	30,000	41,122
Travel and subsistence	7,832	282	8,114	4,219	427	4,646
Staff training and development	29,880		29,880	54		54
Other overheads	3,045	19,652	22,697	12,633		12,633
Special projects and membership support	251,766		251,766	50,520		50,520
Depreciation	17,692		17,692	2,675		2,675
ANC Trading Ltd set up fees			-	5,000		5,000
Total	1,467,685	79,663	1,547,348	499,447	44,920	544,367

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	9,129	14,493
Audit fee	50,600	30,000
Trustee expenses	282	427
Insurance	19,652	-
Total	79,663	44,920

During 2021, £282 of expenses were paid to two Trustees (2020 £427 to two Trustees).

We estimate 5% £9,129 (2020 5% £14,493) of support staff costs relate to governance.

6. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The auditor's remuneration of £50,600 relates to the audit fee of £26,000 plus irrecoverable VAT of £5,200 (2020: £25,000, plus £5,000 irrecoverable VAT). £19,400 of audit costs in 2021 related to the 2020 Audit and were additional to the £30,000 accrued in the previous year. A further £5,000 (2020: £5,000) was paid for the audit and preparation of statutory accounts for ANC Trading Ltd.

7. GRANTS TO MEMBERS

Grants are made to Member NHS Charities. An analysis of all grants awarded by region, is given below. The charity incurred grant making costs of £423,000 (2020: nil). A full breakdown of grants is available from the Charity and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

Region:	2021 £	2020 £
East of England	4,682,954	4,305,860
London	7,320,127	7,047,644
Midlands	8,023,207	7,201,115
National	62,500	176,100
North East England and Yorkshire	5,298,951	7,433,700
North West England	4,045,533	5,544,855
South East England	6,272,651	5,383,856
South West	3,333,342	4,686,100
Northern Ireland	589,473	806,100
Scotland	3,196,532	3,590,669
Wales	1,260,508	1,713,900
Total grants awarded	44,085,778	47,889,899

Covid grants have been awarded in four stages:

Stage 1 – Urgent response grants (£42 million allocation; fully distributed):

Following an initial £35,000 support grant paid to all our Members, a further distribution was made based on NHS staff numbers. A final £50,000 was awarded to Members that had additional urgent needs. The full allocation has been distributed.

Stage 2 – Community partnership grants (£33 million allocation; £23.8 million awarded):

These grants are being made through Member Charities but are targeted at supporting the wider NHS and voluntary, community and social care sector in recognition of the impact of Covid-19 on the wider community.

Stage 3 – Recovery grants (£35 million allocation; £21.1 million awarded):

These grants are aimed at projects supporting the long recovery of the NHS.

Ambulance charity funding (£7 million allocated; £4.6 million awarded)

These grants are available to ambulance service charities across the UK to enable them to support areas like Community First Responder and other community focused projects that will result in measurable improvements in health outcomes for communities or services adversely affected by Covid-19.

At year end, application and approval processes were continuing for Stage 2, Stage 3 and Ambulance charity allocations. Further information on our grant programme and full details of grants paid to individual Member Charities can be found elsewhere in this report and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

8. EMPLOYEES

Average number of employees	2021	2020
Direct charitable	27	5

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	1,134,843	244,047
Social security costs	117,909	22,815
Pension	109,704	23,000
Contracted and seconded staff	327,234	498,000
	1,689,690	787,862

There are no contractual termination payments included in the above (2020: £6,449).

The number of employees whose total earnings in the year (excluding employer pension contributions) fell into the bands below were:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
£80,001 - £90,000	3	0
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1

The Chief Executive Officer was the highest paid employee in 2021 and 2020.

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Leadership Team.

The total employment costs of the key management personnel were £451,023 (2020 - £188,000).

Trustees received no remuneration.

9. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Group Plant and machinery £000
Cost	
As at 1 January 2021	58
Additions	57
As at 31 December 2021	115
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2021	14
Charge to 31 December 2021	43
As at 31 December 2021	57
Net book value	
As at 1 January 2021	44
As at 31 December 2021	58

10. RECEIVABLES

	2021 Charity £000	2021 Group £000	2020 Charity £000	2020 Group £000
Trade receivables	197	279	280	825
Other receivables	445	431	12,240	12,226
Prepayments	100	100	22	22
	742	810	12,542	13,073

Other receivables for the Group represent grants and donations notified but not yet received. For the Charity the loan to ANC Trading (£14,256) is included in Other receivables. All receivables were judged to be receivable within one year.

11. SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS AND BANK ACCOUNTS

	2021 Charity £000	2021 Group £000	2020 Charity £000	2020 Group £000
Short term investments and deposits	83,243	83,243	91,819	91,819
Current accounts	2,254	2,302	2,071	2,080
	85,497	85,545	93,890	93,899

12. PAYABLES

	2021 Charity £000	2021 Group £000	2020 Charity £000	2020 Group £000
Payables due within 1 year				
Trade payables	72	72	25	25
Accruals	32	37	56	61
Provision for grants awarded not yet paid	13,019	13,019	-	-
Pension and VAT	17	23	1	3
Intercompany	41	-	-	-
Deferred membership income	-	-	102	102
	13,181	13,151	184	191
Payables due after 1 year				
Provision for grants awarded not yet paid	2,190	2,190	-	-

13. COMMITMENTS

As at 31 December 2021, the Group had annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 Equipment Hire £000	2020 Equipment Hire £000
Within 1 year	2	1
Between 1 and 5 years	9	4

14. ANALYSIS OF MAIN FUNDS AND PURPOSES

	As at 01-Jan-21 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	As at 31-Dec-21 £000
Funds (Group)				
Unrestricted	908	6,876	(3,142)	4,642
Designated – Covid appeal	101,917	4,945	(41,175)	65,687
Designated – staff wellbeing	-	77	-	77
Restricted	4,000	-	(3,334)	666
Total funds	106,825	11,898	(47,651)	71,072
Funds (Charity)				
Unrestricted	375	7,255	(3,134)	4,496
Designated – Covid appeal	101,917	4,945	(41,175)	65,687
Designated – staff wellbeing	-	77	-	77
Restricted	4,000	-	(3,334)	666
Total funds	106,292	12,277	(47,643)	70,926

Designated funds

A designated fund has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees representing the balance of the Covid appeal at year end.

This will continue to fund grants to help NHS Charities support NHS staff, volunteers and patients in ways above and beyond what NHS funding can ordinarily provide, from meeting immediate and urgent needs to supporting long term recovery from the impact of the crisis.

Restricted funds

The balance of £666,000 in Restricted Funds is to be applied specifically to projects supporting NHS staff mental health.

Designated and restricted funds are held as current assets.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 2020 the Charity made a loan of £14,256 to its wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Ltd. The purpose of the loan was to cover legal set up costs and to provide working capital for the company. The interest rate charged on the loan is 2% above bank base rate. No portion of the loan was repaid during the year.

The Trustees were not paid and received no other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary in the year. Two Trustees were reimbursed £281 (2020 Two Trustees - £426) for out-of-pocket travel expenses during the year. No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

A majority of Trustees also held a post with a Member Charity that was eligible for and received member services and grants during the year. All Member Charities were allocated grant funds on an equitable basis and no part of any grants paid to a Member Charity directly benefited any Trustee.

The Charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance (£5 million cover) as part of a broader management liability package at a cost of £16,750 (2020 £15,740).

16. ANC TRADING LTD

The trading results for ANC Trading Ltd are given below:

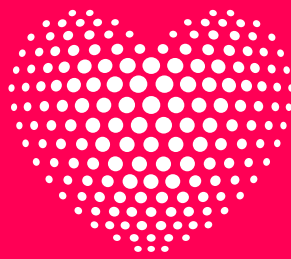
	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Trading income	152,934	548,659
Total income	152,934	548,659
Expenditure		
Professional advice	-	10,481
Operating costs	2,712	294
Audit fee	5,000	5,000
Total expenditure	7,712	15,775
Profit	145,222	532,884
Balance sheet		
Fixed assets	-	0
Current assets	171,222	553,971
Current liabilities	(25,999)	(21,086)
	145,223	532,885
Represented by		
Ordinary shares	1	1
Profit and loss accounts	145,222	532,884
	145,223	532,885

All profits were Gift Aided to the Charity after year end.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Association of NHS Charities	Registered name
	NHS Charities Together	Known as/Trading name
Trustees	Keith Brooks	
	Chris Burghes	
	Amerjit Chohan	
	Tim Diggle	
	Jane Ferguson	
	Ian Lush OBE (Chair)	
	Jayne Mee	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
	Dame Gill Morgan	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
	Daniel Mortimer	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
	Amarjit Singh	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
	Kiki Syrad	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
	Kirsty Thomson	
	Antony Tiernan	Appointed 22 Sept 2021
Chief Executive Officer	Ellie Orton OBE	
Senior Leadership Team		
Director of External Affairs & Communications	Sarah Champion	
Director of Fundraising	Louise McCathie	
Director of Finance & Operations	Gemma Morgan	Appointed 14 Dec 2021
Business Services Director	Stuart Reynolds (Interim)	
Director of Membership & Impact	Richard Scarth	Resigned 30 April 2022
Registered office and principal address	Suite 68, Lake View House, Wilton Drive, Warwick CV34 6RG	
Auditor	Mazars LLP First Floor, Two Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3AX	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box, 250 Delf House, Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT	
Solicitors	Withers LLP 16 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7EG	
Charity number	1186569 (England & Wales) SC050716 (Scotland)	
Company number	12325259	

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

– Ian Lush, OBE



A UNIQUE JOURNEY

Review of the year

It's been an incredibly challenging 18 months for us all and what a journey we have been on as a nation and global community.

Who could have foreseen the situation we have found ourselves in, separated from loved ones and friends, from daily activities and simple things that we previously all took for granted.

We have been on a journey at NHS Charities Together too. The support from the public over the last 18 months has been heartfelt. People have wanted to do their bit to support the NHS to help it cope with this unprecedented moment. As the umbrella organisation representing all NHS charities associated with hospitals, mental health, ambulance and community health services across the UK, we became the focal point for that charitable outpouring of support.

In 2020 we raised a total of

**£150
million**

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Hundreds of thousands of people got behind the NHS, from clapping on doorsteps to donating to our 'One million claps' campaign. The incredible Captain Sir Tom Moore raised nearly £40 million for our Covid appeal, and thousands of other supporters, including six-year-old Frank Mills and three-year-old Daisy Briggs, made personal sacrifices to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds in their own ways – from walking or running to sky diving, dancing or baking. Joe Wicks generously donated proceeds from his amazing efforts to get the nation exercising and Jordan Henderson coordinated Premier League footballers to fundraise for the NHS.

In total we raised an unbelievable £150 million pounds, the vast majority of which has already been allocated the length and breadth of the UK through every one of our 241 member NHS charities, helping patients, staff and volunteers at this incredibly challenging time. Projects funded have included bereavement support for patients, counselling and wellbeing support for staff, research into Long-Covid, projects keeping isolated patients connected with loved ones, specialist equipment, and funding for thousands of emergency response volunteers.

I would like to thank the amazing individual and corporate supporters who enabled this to happen. You have made a huge difference to NHS patients and staff. We couldn't have achieved any of this without the NHS Charities Together team and volunteers who, despite being small in size, rose to the mammoth challenge to harness the moment and establish a grants programme in record time for the benefit of our member charities. Thanks also to my fellow trustees for their role in keeping the organisation on track over the last year. To our member charities we are incredibly grateful for your exceptional contributions over the last year, making all the difference to patients and the staff on the frontline.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming year as we continue to help the NHS go further for its workforce and patients.

Ian Lush, OBE

NHS Charities Together, Chair

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

– Ellie Orton, OBE

OUR FUTURE STRATEGY: WE ARE IN IT FOR THE LONG TERM

It has been an honour and a privilege to lead NHS Charities Together over the last year through these turbulent times. The metamorphosis we have been on is significant and will have a profound impact on our future strategy as an organisation.

Message from our Chief Executive
– Ellie Orton, OBE



Throughout it all the NHS has been the nation's backbone, and NHS staff have been its beating heart. Seeing the stoicism of the NHS workforce, who have carried on providing care whatever it has taken, has been beyond inspiring. The success of the vaccination programme firmly reminds us all of the benefits of our national health service.



In normal times the 241 NHS charities we represent across the UK donate nearly £1 million every day to help the NHS do more than would otherwise be possible.”

We are an independent national charity officially partnered with the NHS. In normal times the 241 NHS charities we represent across the UK donate nearly £1 million every day to help the NHS do more than would otherwise be possible. These funds help the NHS go further - to fund the extras that can't otherwise be covered by the core government budget, from upgraded specialist equipment and state-of-the-art technology and investment in research through to well-being support for staff and patients. During Covid-19, the money we raised nationally has been focused on meeting urgent needs, on supporting staff and patients through Covid, and on the longer-term recovery of the NHS. Again the emphasis has been on going above and beyond what the NHS budget can ordinarily cover.

We are now facing a long period of recovery as a nation and within the health service. Our own recent YouGov research shows that over 55% of staff have experienced a mental health toll from the pandemic, with many reporting depression, anxiety or even post-traumatic stress. At the same time, as normal services resume there are huge areas of backlog and clinics that are busier than ever.

As always our NHS colleagues step up to give all they can in caring for their patients and the health of the nation. The NHS is full of wonderful professional people who display deeply valued characteristics of duty, service and sacrifice. That is why the British people admire and respect them.

At NHS Charities Together we will continue to be there for the NHS and their member charities in the long term. As the umbrella organisation representing all NHS charities we will capitalise on our unique role to act as a bridge between the NHS and the charitable sector, amplifying the impact of charities for the nation's health and helping the NHS to go further for patients. We will help nurture and sustain the NHS by providing additional support to the incredible workforce who have given their all. And we will invest in great ideas to help prevent illness and long-term conditions among people across the UK.

The NHS and its staff have been there for us at the time when we have needed them most. We will continue to be there for them.

Ellie Orton, OBE
NHS Charities Together, Chief Executive

MAKING HISTORY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In the most challenging year yet for the NHS, you helped to achieve so much with our NHS member charities to truly transform lives. Here are some of the things together we made possible.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

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Having been established as an unincorporated charity in 2008, the Association of NHS Charities became incorporated and known as NHS Charities Together, representing our diverse member charities across England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. We continued supporting our members with funding, guidance and events.

NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER

FEB

We were delighted to welcome Lord Nigel Crisp as our patron. Lord Crisp was Chief Executive of the NHS in England from 2000 to 2006 and is now an independent crossbench member of the House of Lords and global health advocate.

MAR

We launched our Urgent Covid-19 Appeal, raising over £15million in the first five days! This was thanks to a £10 million donation from XTX Markets, £5 million from the Rausing family and thousands generously donated by supporters across the UK. The appeal went on to raise £150 million to support patients, hospital staff, and volunteers at the frontline of the coronavirus crisis.



NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER

£150 million

raised in the Covid-19 appeal



£110 million

allocated to our 241 member NHS charities in 2020



£78 million

million

continuing to be distributed for NHS staff, volunteers, patients and communities



£48 million

million

distributed in 2020



£20 million

million

in the first 10 weeks to meet urgent needs

APR



- ▲ Captain Sir Tom broke three world records raising money for charity
- ▲ Liverpool football player, Jordan Henderson
- ▲ 'Run for heroes' campaign

A non-stop month, as you helped raise millions of pounds. Appeal funds begin to get straight to the NHS frontline from 1 April 2020.

Highlights included:

- Our 'One million claps' appeal, supported by ITV, raising more than £1 million in £5 text donations, building on the goodwill of the weekly clap for NHS workers. We shared your thank you messages with staff in hospitals and clinics across the UK.
- Liverpool Football Club captain Jordan Henderson leading all 20 Premier League and national teams to join the Players together campaign.
- The Jockey Club's support for the virtual Grand National, raising more than £2.6 million in total.
- War veteran Captain Sir Tom Moore inspiring the nation by walking laps of his garden for our Covid-19 urgent appeal. He broke three world records as his total rose into the tens of millions of pounds, making fundraising history.
- People across the UK putting their daily exercise towards a good cause through our 'Run for heroes' campaign, donating £5 for every 5km ran, walked and cycled, adding up to an incredible £7 million!

MAY

Thousands of you responded to our call to Get Behind the NHS, helping us reach £100 million income within six weeks of launching our appeal. Six-year-old Frank from Bristol, who has spina bifida, raised more than £280,000 by walking every day in the footsteps of his hero Captain Sir Tom. Ninety-year-old Margaret Payne from Scotland even climbed her stairs to the height of Suilven. M&S launched a sale with a difference – the Rainbow sale. This celebration of the colourful symbol that represented so much for so many raised over £8 million.



- ▲ Frank, aged six from Bristol, following in the footsteps of Captain Sir Tom
- ▲ Margaret Payne from Scotland climbing the height of Suilven on her stairs

JUN

Your support made a real difference as we awarded £20 million in grants to NHS trusts within 10 weeks of launching our Covid-19 urgent appeal, and with the help of our friends at CCLA we were able to get the money to where it was needed. This made hundreds of projects possible across the length and breadth of the UK, including practical and emotional support for staff and support for patients isolated from loved ones.

▼ Lancashire NHS Hero care packs



▼ Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

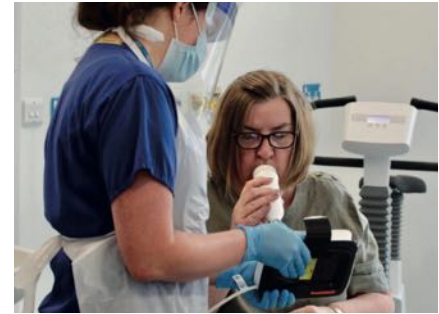
Carer befriending line



AUG

We were proud to partner with the National Academy of Social Prescribing after it was given a £5 million boost by the Department of Health and Social Care to help develop social prescribing projects – social prescribing helps people improve their health and wellbeing by connecting them with services in the community like exercise or other beneficial activities – helping to tackle the long-term effects of Covid-19.

▼ Bristol Long-Covid study



JUL

Ahead of the NHS's birthday, our Covid appeal reached £130 million, thanks to fundraising initiatives including Captain Sir Tom, t-shirts, charity singles, fun runs and much more. We allocated a further £10 million to support people disproportionately affected by Covid-19, including staff from ethnic minorities, hospices, community healthcare and social care. We also led the nations in the Biggest Thank You Ever to the NHS on 5 July



▲ Practical Needs, Imperial Health Charity Awyr Las Wellbeing



SEP

An example of how our funds have had impact. Thanks to a grant of £27,900 from our Covid-19 urgent appeal, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust was able to better support staff who had experienced trauma at work or home during the pandemic. The funding means more staff who need to talk about their experiences can access support from trained colleagues.



▲ Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

OCT



▲ Joe Wicks, MBE for his virtual PE lessons



▲ Olivia Strong, MBE for establishing the 'Run for heroes' campaign

The Queen's Birthday Honours recognised exceptional fundraisers for NHS Charities Together, including Joe Wicks, MBE who donated £580,000 through his virtual PE lessons that kept the nation moving through lockdown, and Olivia Strong, MBE who established the incredible 'Run for heroes' campaign.

NOV

With infection rates increasing and rising numbers of people with Covid being admitted to hospital, our Chief Executive Ellie Orton announced we would step up our support. We made an additional £12 million urgent fund available immediately to all NHS charities in areas dealing with a surge in cases and hospital admissions, so they could decide how to make the biggest difference for staff, volunteers and patients.

£12 million

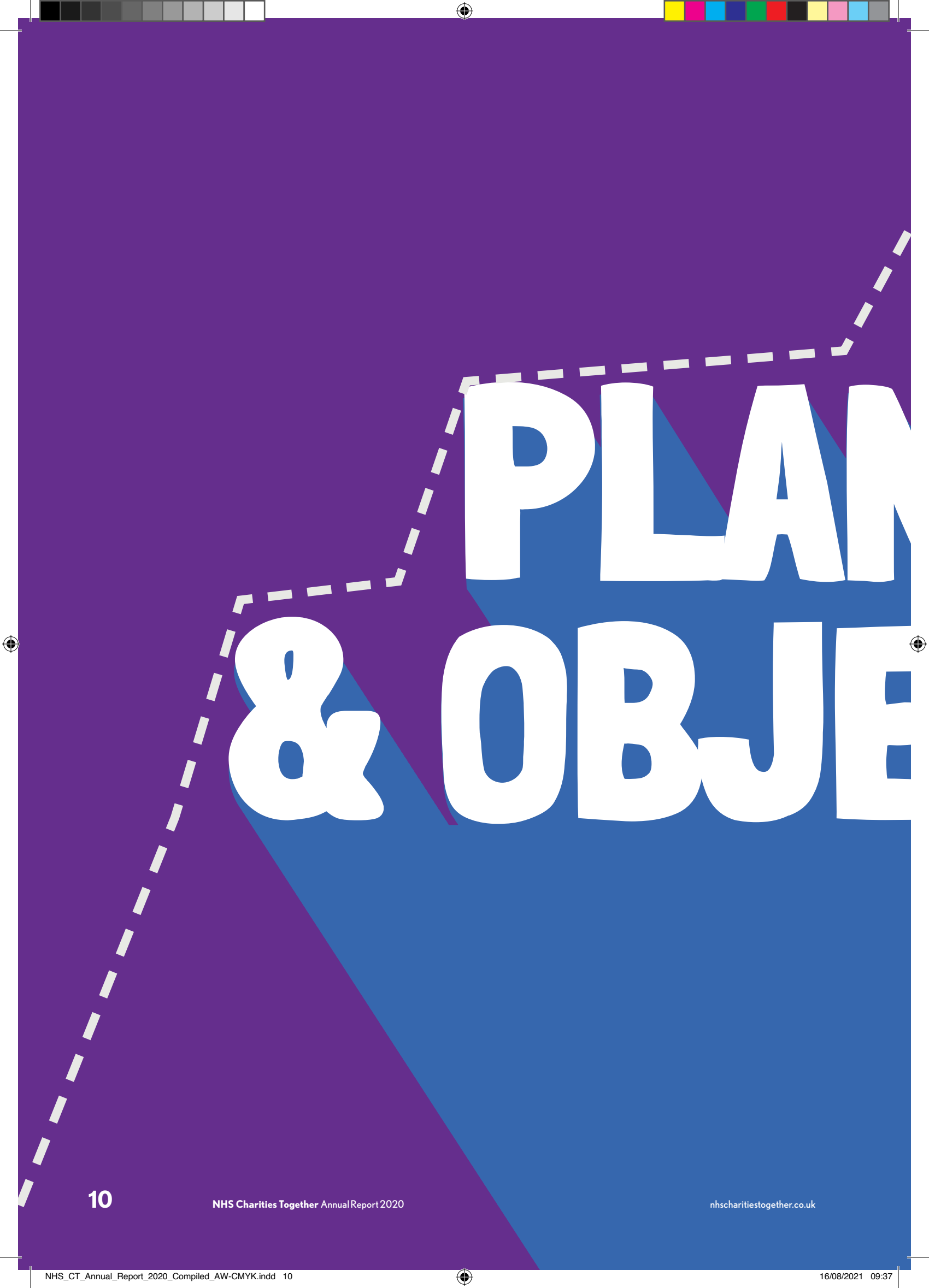
urgent fund made available to help with rising infection cases

DEC

As we celebrated raising £150 million over the year, allocating grants totalling £110 million and distributing £48 million and counting, we were also honoured to be able to announce that Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge had become our Joint Royal Patrons. Their support is helping to inspire the public to do even more for the NHS staff and volunteers who did so much to keep us safe and well this year.



▲ Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge became our Joint Royal Patrons



PLAN & OBJECTIVES



OUR VISIONS, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

STRATEGIC REPORT

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ABOUT US

NHS Charities Together is the independent national charity partner of the NHS, caring for patients, staff and communities. We are made up of every NHS charity across the UK, based within health boards, hospitals, mental health, ambulance and community health services.

The funds raised and wider support provided by NHS Charities Together enable the health service to go above and beyond what would otherwise be possible. Our national reach means that we can ensure funds are spent where they are most needed. Through our member charities, we fund projects that improve services for patients and we help NHS staff and volunteers both practically and emotionally so they can continue their life-saving work.

We also provide support for our member charities through nationwide fundraising and advocacy, advice and guidance, conferences and training opportunities.

ABOUT OUR NHS MEMBER CHARITIES

People have been donating money to health services since well before the NHS was created. The 241 member charities of NHS Charities Together are based in hospitals, ambulance trusts, mental health trusts, community health trusts and health boards across the UK.

These charities give more than £1 million every day to the NHS so that people can stay well for longer and get better faster. Most of them focus on helping our health services to do more. From supporting research and development, to brightening up hospital environments, and donating state-of-the-art technologies and equipment, the charities raise funds and mobilise volunteers, touching lives and making a huge difference to millions of people when they are at their most vulnerable.

During the Covid-19 pandemic this focus has shifted to supporting immediate practical and emotional needs of staff and patients and helping to take pressure off an overstretched health service.



OUR STRATEGY

When we launched our current strategy the world was a very different place, and no one could have anticipated the unprecedented year ahead.

In August 2020, following the advent of Covid-19 and our increased role in supporting NHS charities as a national grant giving organisation in addition to being a membership body, we began revisiting our strategy with our 241 members. Our strategy will evolve to meet our future needs and role as an organisation.

(See page 33 for more on our future strategy.)

OUR VISION

To inspire NHS charities to be the nation's biggest independent supporters of health and wellbeing.

OUR MISSION

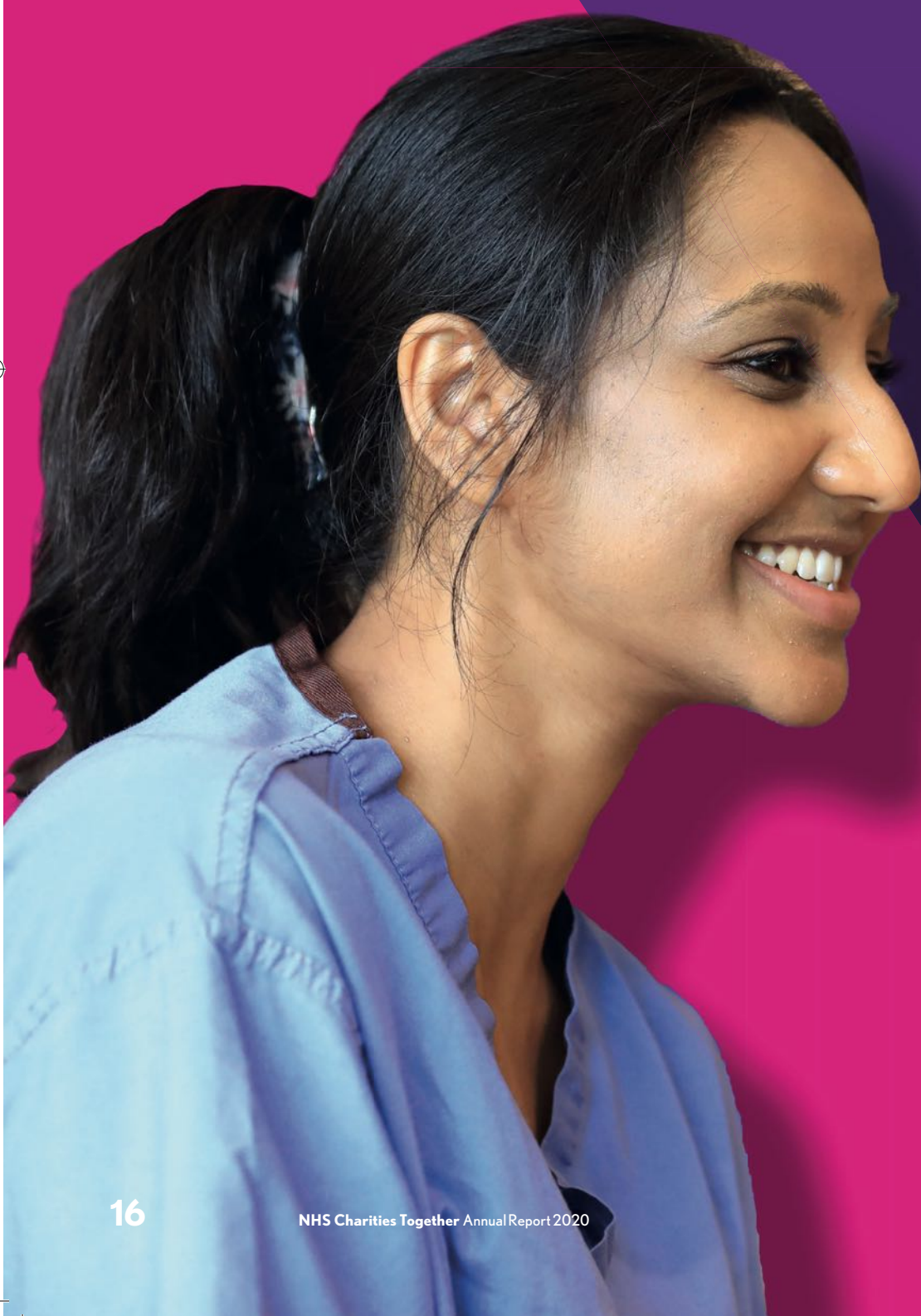
To support NHS charity members to be high-functioning and add real value to their associated NHS trusts and patients, staff and communities, being recognised as a vital strategic partner.

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

See p33 for more on our future strategy.

- Demonstrate the impact of NHS Charities Together and our members
- Be the number one source of support and development for NHS charities, promoting charity best practice, fostering mutual support and discussing matters of mutual interest
- Be the authoritative voice for NHS charities, representing members' views to key stakeholders and, where possible, collaborating with them towards our vision
- Promote the profile of NHS charities nationally
- Ensure NHS Charities Together is a financially sustainable organisation that develops its staff, ensuring we have the right skills and resources to achieve our five-year strategy

OUR ACT



IMPACT CROSS THE UK

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020

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These funds reached all parts of the UK through every one of our 241 member charities (see table opposite).

We rolled out our first ever grants funding programme with urgency to ensure your donations could have an immediate impact, with the first of our grant awards being made from 1 April 2020. We made £42 million available to meet both the immediate need the pandemic brought and ease the pressure of further waves and the inevitable long-term impact of Covid-19. £12 million was held back in case of later waves of Covid and used from November 2020 onwards.

OUR GRANT ROUNDS DURING COVID-19 APPEAL

URGENT AND EMERGENCY FUNDING

£42 million

to meet urgent and immediate needs for NHS patients, staff and volunteers

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING

£33 million

to support those disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and community partnerships to help prevent hospital admissions and take pressure off the wider health system

RECOVERY FUNDING

£35 million

to support the ongoing recovery of the NHS

Summary of grants awarded in 2020

A total of

£48 million

was granted to member charities by the end of 2020

By the end of the year our first rounds of grants were complete, and we had allocated a total of £110 million to our member charities across the UK from all of our grants rounds.

We distributed funding by nation and region, based on factors including the staff headcount of the NHS trust, health board and linked organisations. And we worked closely with our members to understand where their need was greatest.

In September we launched community partnership grants and allocated £33million to support organisations outside of the NHS, helping to take pressure off the health service.

From September we also started to make available funding for the longer-term recovery of the NHS, and allocated £35 million to this area.

In 2021 we continue to distribute the remaining appeal funds through our member charities, making sure the money donated by our supporters has the greatest impact in the areas where it will really make a difference.

Further information on our grants programme and full details of grants paid to individual member charities can be found at: nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

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Funds allocated by region and nation

England		
North East and Yorks	£13,200,000	12%
North West	£13,200,000	12%
East Midlands	£7,700,000	7%
West Midlands	£9,900,000	9%
East of England	£8,800,000	8%
South West	£9,900,000	9%
South East	£13,200,000	12%
London	£15,400,000	14%
Wales	£5,500,000	5%
Scotland	£8,800,000	8%
Northern Ireland	£4,400,000	4%
TOTAL	£110,000,000	

How your money was spent

Theme	Number of trusts/health boards
Creation of outdoor wellbeing space, including remembrance gardens	82
Counselling and psychological support for NHS staff	146
Staff wellbeing programmes	78
Creation of staff rest areas	94
Digital inclusion - e.g. virtual consultations or connecting isolated patients	42
Support for staff disproportionately affected by Covid-19	54
Patient support packs	24
Practical provisions for staff	34
Programmes to prevent isolation	12
Programmes to promote diversity	11
Programmes to address health inequalities	24
Programmes to support volunteers	24



BEING TOGETHER

WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

Here are some of the hundreds of projects, covering the length and breadth of the UK, made possible by funds allocated to our 241 member charities.

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WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

SUPPORTING PATIENTS

**Tragically, nearly
130,000 people
have lost their lives
to Covid-19.**

Together, we have funded bereavement support for families who have lost loved ones, helping them through the most difficult of times.

With no visiting allowed during lockdowns we have helped extremely sick patients cope with the anxiety and isolation due to Covid-19, keeping them connected with family members by funding equipment like iPads to enable virtual visiting.



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The funding has made all the difference to so many patients and staff. It has been so traumatic seeing patients isolated from loved ones during the pandemic. We were able to fund devices that enabled patients to see their loved ones – tragically, sometimes to say goodbye to them - which made all the difference to them at that difficult moment.”

Kate Sinclair, Staff Nurse, ICU at Wrexham Maelor Hospital.
Funded by the North Wales NHS charity, Awyr Las, using NHS Charities Together grants

Isolation is one of the toughest consequences of Covid, with visitor restrictions in place at hospitals and those less seriously ill having to isolate at home. Our grants funded volunteer-led patient support hubs providing help for those fighting Covid alone.

Helping to keep patients without Covid safe and to ease pressure on hospitals has been a vital way that our funds have made a difference.

By providing people with communications technology, we've made it possible for some outpatients to have virtual consultations from home, avoiding an unnecessary trip to hospital during lockdown.

What we've achieved together
– Supporting patients



What we are trying to do is help those who fall into the middle ground of being clinically well enough for discharge but who would benefit from a bit of extra practical and emotional support. That may include food parcels until they are back on their feet, an ear to listen and perhaps help to signpost to well-established community volunteering services that could help with longer-term support. Many patients refer to the service as a 'lifeline to the outside world'."

Emma Squires, Patient Support Hub lead at University Hospital Southampton. Funded by the Southampton Hospital Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants



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Thanks to the donations we've received, we've been able to fund a Covid Medical Fellowship, so a specialist junior doctor can stay abreast of the latest in Covid treatment and share best practice with colleagues. We are incredibly indebted to the support from NHS Charities Together which has enabled us to achieve so much. We have spent wisely."

Dr Dan Menzies, Consultant Chest Physician at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan. Funded by the North Wales NHS charity, Awyr Las, using NHS Charities Together grants

Donations have also funded small but significant items like baby monitors and blood pressure machines to monitor expectant mothers and heart failure patients in their own homes.

Young patients in hospitals have received children's inpatient activity bags and children with diabetes have been given at-home monitoring equipment.

Covid-19 has heightened the need for mental health services. By funding talking therapy we have helped provide early intervention for people experiencing low mood, anxiety and depression.

And ground-breaking research into Long-Covid has been made possible with NHS Charities Together funding. Our grants have made studies into the long-term effects of the virus a reality, helping NHS professionals better understand these.

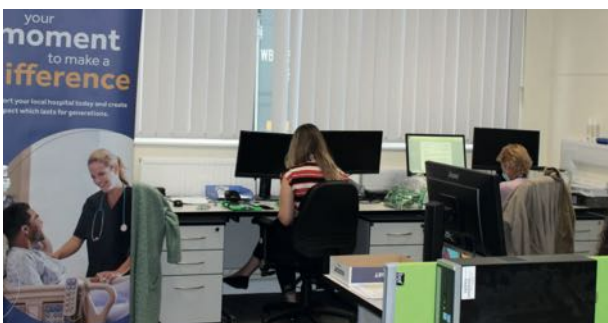


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Currently very little is known about Long-Covid and its long-lasting symptoms. What we do know from our previous studies is that the symptoms people live with every day are wide ranging in both their type and their severity. We're incredibly grateful to NHS Charities Together and Southmead Hospital Charity, whose support means we can now work to understand why this happens and if there are any therapies to help people living with Long-Covid every day."

Dr David Arnold, leading the Long-Covid research study, North Bristol NHS Trust. Funded by the Southmead Hospital Charity, using NHS Charities Together grants



Southampton Patient Support Hub

NHS Charities Together grants have been used to fund more research into the latest developments around Covid treatment to improve outcomes for patients.

SUPPORTING NHS STAFF

NHS staff are facing unprecedented pressures on services and making difficult decisions every day when caring for very ill patients.

In a poll carried out in April 2021, half of healthcare workers said that their mental health had dropped since the virus began taking its toll. And 71% of younger health professionals, who are likely to be inexperienced and early in their careers, said their mental health had deteriorated.

NHS staff say sharing experiences with their peers is one of the most helpful ways to support their health and wellbeing. Trained peer support workers can provide an empathetic and compassionate listening ear, enabling staff to support each other and helping to signpost to other services where more support is needed.

Our funds have been used to invest in counselling services and peer-to-peer support sessions and helplines to help support the mental health of staff.



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Doctors and nurses have been stretched to breaking point. It's been overwhelming in some regards. The wellbeing and support service for staff has enabled clinicians to be looked after and we have all benefitted from that.”

Dr Dan Menzies, Consultant Chest Physician at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan. Funded by the North Wales NHS charity, Awyr Las, using NHS Charities Together grants

What we've achieved together – Supporting NHS staff

Staff say that a space to rest during a busy shift is also critical to enable them to continue with their vital work. NHS Charities Together has been able to fund hundreds of wellbeing and rest spaces across the UK thanks to our Covid-19 appeal.

We have also provided practical support like access to food, drink and rest areas to enable staff to continue with their vital life-saving work.



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The remarkable support from NHS Charities Together and the public has ensured many more of our staff have been able to reach out and access support when they have needed it most. The pandemic has been very difficult and everyone has been affected.”

Dr Sarah Finlay, A&E Lead at St Mary's Hospital. Funded by the Imperial Health Charity in London, using NHS Charities Together grants



NHS staff (Imperial Health Charity)

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Together, we have supported vital partnerships outside hospitals, such as hospices, community healthcare and social care, so patients returning home have access to the care they need to recover.

Mental health support for young people

Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity launched its campaign 'Fight for all the feels' in response to the mental health challenges faced by young people in the city, which have only grown due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Funds from NHS Charities Together kickstarted the campaign and are being used to support an innovative programme for children and young people with mental illnesses in Birmingham. Sadly, with the pandemic having had such a negative impact on the mental health of children and young people across the UK this is needed more than ever.

The project focuses on support provided by peer support workers aged between 16 and 24 years old and who come from the same communities and backgrounds as the people they will support. Crucially all have lived experiences of mental illness, which will help them to support others with their medical recovery, as well as assist them with their own.



The initial funding will help us to start the programme, but our ambition is to increase capacity to help more young people across our city. We're incredibly grateful to NHS Charities Together and the public for helping to fund our new Peer Support Worker programme. We are focused, more than ever, on providing long-term support through this new model, to deal with the lasting effects of Covid-19 on youth mental health."

**Alex Borg, Director of Mental Health Services,
Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust**

What we've achieved together
– Supporting communities



Charlene Sibanda, Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

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In my eyes, my job is a beacon of light for all BAME colleagues across my trust as it conveys the message, ‘We see you, and acknowledge your differences and the needs you have within your work environment as well as your personal lives.’ It also opens a door for non-BAME colleagues to gain awareness of the difficulties that we as BAME staff face on a daily basis in and outside of work, and ultimately have an impact on our health and wellbeing.”

Charlene Sibanda, Health and Wellbeing Practitioner for the Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) workforce, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Funded by the South West Yorkshire Partnership Trust charity, using NHS Charities Together grants



Funding projects in the community helps to take pressure off other parts of the health service

Supporting those disproportionately affected by Covid-19

We have also been working with our members to support staff, volunteers and patients who are being disproportionately affected by the Covid crisis, such as those from ethnic minorities and high-risk groups like those living with disabilities.

As the recent report by Public Health England made starkly clear, people from ethnic minorities backgrounds are being particularly hard hit by Covid-19. NHS England figures in June 2020 showed that hospital deaths per 100,000, British people of a black Caribbean background were three times the equivalent number among the white British population.

NHS Charities Together funds have been used to recruit staff responsible for the health and wellbeing of members of the NHS workforce from ethnic minorities.

What we've achieved together
– Supporting our members

94.2%

of member respondents feel that
our webinars are either good
or excellent

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

The unprecedented challenges of 2020 saw the coming together of a greater number of NHS charities than ever before. One hundred new member organisations joined NHS Charities Together during the year, bringing us to a total of 241.

We're proud that our membership is made up of charities from across all the nations of the UK. We now support 100% of the current eligible hospital, mental health, ambulance and community health services across the country, growing from 60% at the end of 2019.

We began the year with our planned series of face-to-face events and advice, support, networking and advocacy for our existing members. However, the pandemic meant much of our usual membership support and our face-to-face events couldn't take place. We quickly redeployed our resources to support our national appeal and establish our own grants programme, enabling much needed funds to reach our members as quickly as possible.

All the while, we welcomed new charities and continued to support all our members through the most challenging period ever, with a range of events and tools to meet their diverse needs.

Our Webinar Wednesday events proved to be increasingly popular, with more than 500 attendees benefitting from the sessions held from September to December. We're grateful to all our partners and members for their contributions to those events, with the topics covered ranging from charity governance and financial management to fundraising and grants programmes. From September we launched updated communications channels with our membership to keep them updated on the quickly changing external landscape and upcoming grants opportunities.

We held our Annual General Meeting virtually on 16 December and were delighted that it was extremely well attended, with more than 100 member organisations represented.

What we've achieved together
– Supporting our members

98.2%

of respondents are either likely or extremely likely to attend NHS Charities Together member events in future



Being part of the NHS Charities Together family is hugely important for us. The webinars, in particular, have been an incredibly helpful and useful source of information and expert insight, covering a wide range of key topics.”

Mark Jones, Head of Charity, Hampshire Hospitals Charity/ Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



As one of the smallest NHS Charities Together members, the expertise that we can tap into via the webinars is invaluable. It is an hour where I can reconnect with the wider sector and I always come away with new ideas and approaches. I also appreciate that they are available to view as a recording so that I can watch at my convenience. It’s great that NHS Charities Together has found a way to continue sharing info and learning in the sector.”

Dani Norman, Charitable Fund Manager, Yorkshire Ambulance Charity



Acting as the lead charity for a community partnership grant application was one of the best things we have ever done as a charity. This helped us create a fantastic collaboration with other members, partners and non-NHS charities in our region. But most importantly, we have collectively been able to reach beyond our hospital walls, delivering positive outcomes with communities hit the hardest by the pandemic, including children, young people and patients with cancer.”

Johnny Shah, Head of Charity, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust Charity

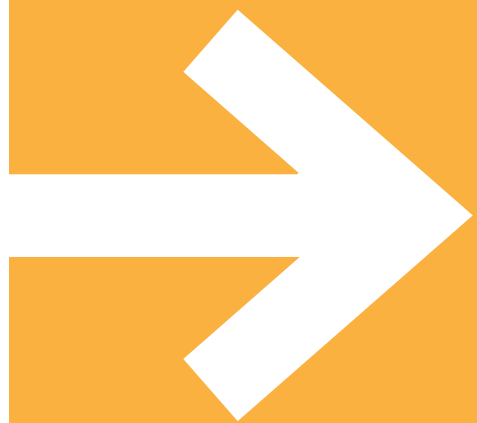
Peer support, through our network of regional and special interest groups, has been both well received and highly valued by our members, and there are now 15 in total. We’re learning from the groups established in 2019 to create and facilitate more groups throughout our entire membership and across all the nations, bringing together the specialists that represent the diverse mix of charities that make up our organisation.

We made great progress in 2020 in getting to know our new members. We look forward to continuing to engage with everyone to grow and develop our member support offer in 2021 and beyond.



WE CONTINUE THERE

MUST HAVE TO BE FOR THEM



LOOKING FORWARD

LOOKING FORWARD

88%

of NHS staff say they feel proud to work for the NHS

Our recent YouGov survey of NHS workers and the public shows how grateful we all are to NHS staff for supporting everyone during the Covid crisis and how proud its staff are of the NHS.

With the impacts of Covid ongoing, a backlog of patients who desperately need treatment, and many NHS workers experiencing mental health difficulties as a result of the pandemic, we are urging the public to continue to 'be there for them'.

86%

of the public agree NHS staff have been there for us during the pandemic

66%

say the hard work of NHS staff during the pandemic makes them proud to be British

The burden on NHS staff is taking its toll. They have been making difficult decisions every day when caring for very ill patients.

- Just over half the NHS staff surveyed reported that their mental health has declined since the start of the pandemic
- Two thirds of these (67%) reported experiencing anxiety and a third (35%) depression

While the NHS has done an amazing job tackling the pandemic, in these unprecedented times there is always more that can be done to give that extra support to those who have cared for us, which is where we come in.

So far, we have allocated over £100 million in a range of projects supporting the mental health of staff, patients and volunteers, from counselling services and helplines for NHS staff to intensive psychological support for post-traumatic stress disorder. Our funding has also supported staff with practical needs like food, drink and a place to rest, enabling them to continue their vital life-saving work.

The evidence shows these projects are already making a huge difference for frontline staff.

The public showed overwhelming support for NHS staff over the last year. We need to continue to be there for them, now and in the longer term, as the NHS recovers from the most challenging time in its history.

Funds raised through our new 'Be there for them' appeal will enable the NHS to go further for its workforce, above and beyond core government funding. Our support will enable the NHS to work in partnership with others to significantly ramp up health and wellbeing programmes and facilities available for NHS staff across the UK.

OUR FUTURE STRATEGY

Following the advent of Covid-19, in August 2020 we began working with our NHS member charities, central NHS bodies and wider stakeholders to establish our vision and strategy for the next five years.

The year 2021 will be one of collation, reflection and transition for NHS Charities Together as we listen and learn from our member charities and partners about how we can have the most impact for the nation's health.

Here is a summary of three emerging areas where we will be focusing our future strategy:

Convener and bridge between NHS and voluntary sector

The government's white paper sets out the future for health and care, enabling greater integration between the NHS and social care partners through integrated care systems.

As the umbrella organisation for all 241 NHS charities we have a unique role to play as a bridge between NHS and the voluntary sector. A key part of our strategy will be to amplify the impact of the charitable health sector, enabling the NHS to go further for patients. We will continue to work with and support our member charities to maximise the impact of NHS charities across the UK.

Providing extra support for the NHS workforce

The NHS will need our support more than ever, as it recovers from the most challenging time in its history. Our own research shows that the NHS workforce has experienced a physical and emotional health toll from caring for high numbers of very sick patients during the pandemic. Working with member charities we will use our funds and maximise our partnerships to give extra support for a healthy and well NHS workforce.

Investing in and scaling up great ideas that will help prevent illness and long-term conditions

Clinics are currently busier than ever, and there is a significant backlog of those people needing treatment, due to the impact of Covid-19. Enabling and scaling up great ideas that will help prevent illness and long-term conditions will form a large part of our work with member charities, as we help the NHS recover from the most challenging time in its history and enable people throughout the UK to thrive.

TO THOSE WE HAVE
MENTIONED AND SO
MANY OTHERS

THANK YOU



THANK YOU

WE WILL FOREVER
BE GRATEFUL.



YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the public, we raised more than **£150 million** through our **Covid-19 urgent appeal**, launched in March.

Throughout 2020, we experienced a huge heartfelt outpouring of support from individuals all over the UK. You raised money in so many creative and inspiring ways, including Covid Cuts, Thank You Flags and Jay's Virtual Pub Quiz.

Of course, we celebrate Captain Sir Tom Moore, whose challenge to walk 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday captivated the public and helped him raise nearly £40 million. Captain Sir Tom inspired so many people to take on their own extraordinary challenges, from running marathons to swimming lakes, giving us all hope.

Just one example is eleven-year-old Imogen Summan who even slept the night in the bath to raise funds for NHS Charities Together!

PE with Joe Wicks became a part of daily life for many families, with 'The Body Coach' providing a 30-minute workout session every weekday for 18 weeks. Joe kept the nation moving through lockdown, raising more than £580,000.

Fitness soon became a theme and 'Run for heroes' surpassed all our expectations. The social media campaign launched by Olivia Strong on 28 March encouraged people to use their daily outdoor exercise allowance to #Run5Donate5Nominate5, raising more than £7 million – incredible.

Back in spring 2020, as we stood on our doorsteps to clap for our heroic NHS staff on the frontline against Covid-19, we launched our 'One million claps' campaign. The support from the public, celebrities, brands and the media was phenomenal. David Walliams recorded our film voiceover. North Face donated unused TV broadcast space. Adverts in the Guardian and Evening Standard were given to us at no cost. And ITV Daytime provided TV coverage. Thousands of you donated and sent supportive messages to local NHS staff.

We are so grateful to all the companies, philanthropists, families and trusts that supported and continue to support NHS Charities Together. Your generous donations and efforts to raise funds and awareness in 2020 were overwhelming.

Looking forward – You made it possible



An enormous thank you to our corporate partners and those individuals who offered support in the very early stages of our Covid-19 urgent appeal, including CCLA who worked with us to set up our grants programme from scratch ensuring appeal funds got straight to the frontline of the NHS within weeks of launching the appeal.

XTX Markets donated a massive £10 million within hours of the campaign launch, getting the appeal off to a flying start. Within the first week, we received the biggest personal donation from an individual family – £5 million from Julia and Hans Rausing. This was soon followed by Hugh Grosvenor, the Duke of Westminster, donating £5 million to NHS Charities Together, specifically to create a 'family fund' that has supported NHS workers and their families.

The response in the weeks to follow was incredible with notable thanks to Aviva for pledging £5 million in support of the welfare and wellbeing of NHS patients, volunteers and employees, as well as Close Brothers who made a £1 million donation in recognition of NHS frontline and support staff.

When televised sporting events were cancelled, BT Sport gave all their customers the option to donate their subscription fees to the appeal which resulted in a generous donation of £1.1 million.

We are grateful to the Virtual Grand National for asking people to donate the bet they would have placed at the annual horse racing

event in Aintree had it gone ahead. Through this and bookmakers donating their profits from losing bets to the appeal, we raised more than £2.6 million.

During the Summer we also received a remarkable £1 million donation from the kind-hearted cast and crew of Talking Heads who waived all their fees for the remake of the series. Thank you to the Premier League and national team football players who through 'Players together' donated funds for our appeal and inspired the public to support us. The Premier League also raised a further £4 million for NHS Charities Together through the BBC's 'Big night in' with Comic Relief.

We would like to give thanks to M&S and customers for generously supporting the Rainbow Sale and more, which raised over £8 million, as well as continuing to support us through the Sparks loyalty scheme.

We would also like to pay tribute to Morrisons, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Tesco, John Lewis, Waitrose, the Co-op and many more supermarkets that provided support in a myriad of ways, from raising donations and giving profits from the sale of products as well as providing support directly to NHS staff.

Finally, a very special thank you must go to all our partners in the retail and hospitality industry who showed phenomenal support to NHS Charities Together and our members, both financially and in kind, during such a challenging time for their own businesses.

A thank you to our members

It goes without saying that we couldn't have done any of this without our incredible NHS charity members located within health boards, hospitals, ambulance, mental health and community services across the UK, who have worked so hard over the last year to support the patients, staff and volunteers on the frontline when they have needed support more than ever. You are amazing, thank you!

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 20 November 2019 (registered number 12325259), and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales on 25 November 2019 (registered charity number 1186569). From 25 January 2021 the Charity has also been registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (Scottish Charity number SC050716).

The incorporated Charity was dormant until 1 January 2020 and therefore this first accounting period covers the 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association which define the objects and powers of the Company.

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Limited (registered in England and Wales number 12608754), which generates commercial income from the Charity's brand. The financial results of ANC Trading Ltd have been consolidated with those of the Charity and are shown separately in note 15.

On 16 December 2020 the unincorporated Association of NHS Charities (registered charity number 1125687) was formally wound up and merged with the Charity. An appropriate entry was entered on the Charity Commission Register of Mergers.

Fundraising

During the Covid-19 appeal we were fortunate to receive fundraising support from all quarters - individuals, companies, professional fundraisers. Where appropriate we entered into formal legal agreements to regulate fundraising on our behalf by others and to ensure they complied with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice. In particular we required our supporters to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from any unreasonable intrusion into their privacy or any undue pressure to donate.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and have committed to follow the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. During the year we received no complaints about our fundraising.

Objects

The Objects of the Charity are, for the public benefit:

- the advancement of health, and, in particular but without limitation, the promotion of the effective working of NHS Charities;
- the advancement and promotion of knowledge and education in relation to NHS Charities and their purposes, including by engaging in and supporting research (and the dissemination of the useful results); and
- the furtherance by any other means of the charitable purposes of all or any NHS Charities generally.

Activities for the public benefit

Grant making

The Charity raises funds which it grants to Member Charities to support NHS patients, NHS staff, and the health of the communities in which Members work. Examples of support given during 2020 appear elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Trustees are supported in their grant awarding by NHS Charity Member Peer Reviewers and also the Grants Advisory & Review Panel (GAARP).

This independent group provides:

- subject matter expertise in the governance and administration of best practice grant schemes
- expert and external grant decision-making recommendations
- specific expertise around evidence-based needs, trends and structures to support the delivery of the vision and mission of NHS Charities Together and meet the needs of our Members and their associated NHS Trusts through appropriate grant making
- independent thinking, challenge and assurance in the grant making of NHS Charities Together

Member services and support

The Charity provides a range of services aimed at helping Member Charities operate most effectively and to the highest standards.

Membership gives access to:

- conferences and events
- lobbying/representation
- networking and support
- news and information
- nationwide campaigns

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, most face-to-face events and activities had to be cancelled. Resources were focused on the Covid urgent appeal and granting funds to Members as quickly and efficiently as possible.

However, online and digital support continued, including regular news bulletins, webinar events, and the creation of a new digital community for Members, launched in 2021.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity

Between them, our Member Charities hold more than £3 billion in assets and generate an annual income of more than £460 million. These charities play a significant role in supporting the NHS, and the additional funds they produce greatly enhance the services and facilities provided by their associated NHS organisations for the benefit of the public.

Financial statements – Structure, governance and management

The Charity helps Member Charities with the management of their charitable assets, the maximising of fundraising opportunities, and effective grant-giving through educational events and the sharing of information, ideas and best practice, as outlined above.

Fundraising for its grants programmes leads to an enhancement in healthcare for NHS patients from all walks of life, regardless of their background or personal circumstances.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who have served during the year are set out on page 57.

Up to 12 Trustees come from Member Charities and are senior officers, senior employees or trustees of a Member, or members of the board or senior officers or senior employees of the corporate trustee of a Member. They must each come from a separate Member (but they are not representatives of that Member). Up to three further Trustees can be appointed without having a connection to a Member Charity.

A Nominations Committee of the Trustees reviews the composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board, and considers succession planning. Following an open recruitment process, Trustees are recommended to Members for election.

When recruiting new Trustees, the Charity aims to attract a diverse range of candidates who have the skills it needs. We value the benefits of having members with different backgrounds, expertise and experience. Ultimately, though, Trustee appointments are based on merit in the context of ensuring that we have an appropriate balance of skills and experience. A Trustee's term of office is three years, with a normal maximum for any Trustee of three terms.

All new Trustees undertake an induction programme, which includes an overview of the Charity's strategy, aims and objectives. The role and duties of the Trustees, company and charity law and governance, and financial and risk management are also covered. Trustees meet with the Chief Executive, members of the Senior Leadership Team and other relevant parties. Additional training is arranged as required for individual Trustees or for the Board as a whole.

Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits from the Charity. Out-of-pocket expenses may be claimed, and Trustee Indemnity Insurance is purchased. Details are set out in note 14 to the accounts.

Management

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the Charity and for the protection of its assets. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Chief Executive, Ellie Orton, and the Executive Directors who comprise the Senior Leadership Team.

The very rapid growth of the Charity during 2020 as a result of the Covid urgent appeal required a significant amount of time from all of the Trustees to support the Chief Executive and ensure systems were in place to manage the organisation. Key posts were covered by interim appointments and the support of individuals and organisations during 2020 is acknowledged here.

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Members of the Senior Leadership Team at the date of this Report or who served during the year are shown on page 57. Remuneration of the Chief Executive and the Senior Leadership Team is set by the Trustees' Remuneration Committee and is informed by market rates.

Risk

Identifying and managing the possible and probable risks that the Charity may face is a key part of effective governance and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risk. Specifically, the Trustee Board determines the risk appetite and sets the culture of risk management within the Charity and monitors the management of important risks facing the Charity.

The Charity has an Audit & Risk Committee with delegated authority from the Trustees to maintain the Risk Register and report to them on internal controls and alert them to any emerging issues. It ensures that risks are appropriately owned and that risk owners are actively managing their risks with the appropriate controls in place and working effectively.

The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the identification and assessment of major risks. They ensure that controls are implemented and provide regular reports to the Board and Committees on the status of risks and their controls. They are responsible for encouraging good risk management practices and a positive attitude towards the control of risk among all staff.

Staff of the Charity are responsible for controlling risk when carrying out their duties, for following policies and procedures set by the Trustee Board designed to mitigate risk, and for identifying new and emerging risks to the Charity.

Risks that have been identified are recorded on a Risk Register along with an assessment of their severity and a record of controls and mitigating actions.

The most significant risks facing the Charity result from the rapid growth in income, members and staff. These risks are compounded by the restrictions on normal working as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In response to these risks, the Charity has established a new structure to receive and evaluate grant applications so that its funds can be deployed where they are needed and without undue delay. It has recruited additional staff and provided IT equipment to support remote working, and used remote meetings technology to maintain contact within and between teams. Member support has been provided by online seminars and a new online community has been developed to ensure Members will have access to the information and networking opportunities they need to support them in the delivery of their charitable objects.

Reserves

Funds totalling £105.9 million (Group: £105.9 million) are either designated or restricted for the Covid-19 appeal. Within that figure Trustees have designated 10% (£15.4 million) of the net Covid appeal proceeds to support delivery of the grants programme and to invest in the Charity and its Membership over a three to four year

period so that they can provide sustainable charitable support for the recovery of the NHS from the effects of Covid-19. Grants from the remaining funds have continued to be awarded during 2021 with an expectation that they will be fully committed within two years of the appeal finishing.

As at 31 December 2020, the Charity had unrestricted reserves of £375,000 (Group unrestricted reserves of £908,000). The core operating costs of the Charity are budgeted at £1.7 million and Group unrestricted reserves are therefore sufficient to cover just over six months' expenditure which is in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy to hold sufficient cash to cover five to six months' running costs.

Work will take place during 2021 to further refine the costs of running the Charity and of providing Member Support and Trustees will review the Reserves Policy again in light of this.

Trustee duties

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term

Our current strategy was developed to enhance the role of charitable giving in the NHS over the long term. All decisions have been taken with this in mind and we have been reviewing our future strategy in the light of the phenomenal success of our Covid-19 appeal.

The interests of the Charity's employees

Our employees are vital to the Charity's success. We are a small but growing team, and we have been working hard to ensure staff are supported in their roles, especially during this unusual period where remote working is the only way we can operate.

The need to foster the Charity's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

We have a small number of suppliers and work to ensure good relationships with them, while also reviewing arrangements to ensure that the combination of cost and service delivers best value. We work with our Members to ensure the services we provide meet their needs and are of a high quality. We collect formal and informal feedback after all our events so that we can learn and improve how we do things.

The impact of the Charity's operations on the community and the environment

Our charitable work aims to benefit the community and we plan our grant making with community benefit in mind.

The desirability of the Charity maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

Our reputation and public trust in NHS Charities Together is fundamental to our future success. Our organisational values and behaviours are at the heart of our planning and decision making.

The need to act fairly as between members of the Charity

We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation which is relevant and accessible for all NHS Charities. Our services and grant making are designed to ensure all Members are able to benefit, regardless of their size or structure.

Statement of Trustee responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charitable Group 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 Statement of Recommended Practice.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charitable Company at any time and provide financial statements which comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and the Group, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware.
- the Trustees have taken all the 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.

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

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Trustees approve and present this Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the Consolidated Financial Statements.



Ian Lush

Chair
30 July 2021

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Independent auditor's report

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Association of NHS Charities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Association of NHS Charities (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the period ended 31st December 2020 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charity Balance Sheets, the Group Statement of Cash Flows and 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, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (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 31st December 2020 and of the group's income and expenditure for the period 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and the parent 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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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 course of 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

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- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 42, 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 group's and the 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 group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 44(1)(C) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

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 an auditor's report 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 the 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. Based on our understanding of the group and the parent charity, and its industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to UK tax legislation, employment regulation, and fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, inappropriately shifting the timing and basis of income recognition, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in

particular in relation to fund accounting, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the group and the parent charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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 auditor's report.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and 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 members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ian Holder

Ian Holder (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
First Floor, Two Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX

11 August 2021

Consolidated statement of financial activities

Income and expenditure account

	Note	Unrestricted £000	Restricted £000	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 £000
Income				
General donations		23	0	23
Membership subscriptions		412	0	412
Sponsorship and grants		189	0	189
Event income		5	0	5
Fundraising activity	2	14,797	9,550	157,467
Bank interest		112	0	112
Transfer from ANHSC		146	0	146
Total income		148,804	9,550	158,354
Expenditure				
Cost of generating funds	3	3,125	0	3,125
Charitable expenditure				
Membership services	4	514	0	514
Grants to members	7	42,340	5,550	47,890
Total expenditure		45,979	5,550	51,529
Net income/(expenditure) for the accounting period		102,825	4,000	106,825
Fund balance brought forward		0	0	0
Fund balance at 31 December 2020		102,825	4,000	106,825

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Consolidated balance sheet

Company number 12325259 (Charity)

	Note	31/12/2020 Group £000	31/12/2020 Charity £000
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	9	44	44
Current assets			
Debtors	10	13,073	12,542
Short term investments and deposits	11	91,819	91,819
Cash at bank and in hand		2,080	2,071
Total current assets		106,972	106,432
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	191	184
Net current assets		106,781	106,248
Total net assets or liabilities		106,825	106,292
The funds of the Charity:			
	13		
Unrestricted funds		908	375
Designated funds		101,917	101,917
Restricted funds		4,000	4,000
		106,825	106,292

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board
and signed on its behalf



Ian Lush
Chair
30 July 2021

The notes on pages 48 to 56 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated cashflow statement

	Note	Total funds 2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		93,845
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest		112
Proceeds from the sale of investments		0
Purchase of investments		0
Investment in property and equipment		(58)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		54
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		93,899
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of reporting period		93,899

Cash flows from operating activities represent operating surplus of £106,825 less debtors of £13,073 and investment income of £112 plus creditors of £191 and depreciation of £14.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' and Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102, together with the reporting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charitable Company and its wholly owned subsidiary company ANC Trading Limited (company registration number 12608754). Uniform accounting policies are adopted across the Group and inter-company transactions are eliminated on consolidation. The operating results for the subsidiary are provided in note 15.

A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the Charity itself is not presented as allowed by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 5.1 of the SORP 2015. The income of the parent Charity was £157.8 million and the expenditure was £51.5 million. The net surplus of the Charity was £106.3 million. The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a Cash Flow Statement under FRS 102 Section 1.12(b). The cash flows of the Charity are included in the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

There are no material judgements or estimates applied in the preparation of these accounts.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The support for the Covid urgent appeal means that the organisation has had to scale up rapidly and holds liquid funds sufficient to support cash flow requirements over the foreseeable future under all scenarios. Therefore the Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity benefits from rates relief and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates. The subsidiary undertaking does not pay direct tax because its policy is to Gift Aid taxable profits to the Charity.

Income

Legacy income

Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted, notification has been received and where they can be valued. Residuary legacies with a life interest are only valued where legal title has passed to the Charity.

Donation income

General donations, donations from fundraising events, corporate and philanthropy income, and direct marketing income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable, and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income received in advance is deferred where appropriate. Gift Aid receivable is included when claimable. No account is taken of monies or other assets in the hands of volunteer fundraisers until such monies are banked or other assets are received. Donated services and facilities are valued and included as income and expenditure, at the price the Charity estimates it would have paid in the open market for an equivalent service or facility that it would have purchased. A valuation of volunteer time and gratuitous gifts given to the Charity is not included in these financial statements.

Grant income

Grant income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised in the year to which it relates.

Income from trading activities

Income from trading activities is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, unless it relates to a specific future period, in which case it is deferred. Income received in respect of raffles and lotteries is recognised when the draw is made. Income received in advance for future raffle and lottery draws is deferred until the draw takes place.

Investment income

Income from investments is recognised when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure on raising income includes the costs incurred in raising legacy income, donation income, grant income, and income from trading activities, including apportioned support costs. Expenditure on charitable activities comprises the costs incurred on charitable activities, including apportioned support costs.

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Allocation of expenditure

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity to which the cost relates. Where expenditure contributes to more than one area of activity, the costs are allocated to each of the activities based on estimated staff time.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and with the strategic management of the Charity's activities.

Redundancy and termination payments

Redundancy and termination payments are recognised when there is a demonstrable commitment on an individual or group basis that cannot be realistically withdrawn.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost, net of cumulative depreciation and provision for impairment. Depreciation is charged in equal instalments over the life of each tangible asset at the following rates:

- furniture and equipment – 25%
- computer equipment and software – 25%
- leasehold property and leasehold property improvements – over the life of the lease

Items of equipment, motor vehicles and property are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Leasehold improvements are capitalised where the cost exceeds £10,000. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. An impairment review is performed whenever the charity becomes aware that a significant event has occurred. Impairments are recorded in the SOFA as expenditure.

Investments

Listed investments are included on the Balance Sheet at fair value, which is their closing bid price on the current or previous trading day. Unlisted investments are included on the Balance Sheet at their fair value. For unlisted funds, this is based on the Charity's share of the net asset value of the investments using the latest available performance data. Investments in subsidiaries are recorded at cost in the Charity's Balance Sheet.

Realised gains and losses on disposals in the year and unrealised gains and losses on investments at the Balance Sheet date are included in the statement of financial activities for the relevant underlying funds. All investment income is treated as unrestricted.

Current asset investments have a maturity date or expected disposal date of less than one year and are not held for long-term investment purposes.

Programme-related social investments

Programme-related social investments are investments made in order to directly further the charitable purposes of the Charity.

Any financial return obtained is not the primary reason for making the investment. Programme-related social investments are held at cost, adjusted for impairment losses. Impairments in the value of programme-related investments are charged to charitable expenditure. Gains in the value of programme-related investments are credited to investment income.

Where the Charity has a significant interest in a programme-related investment, it will be treated as either a joint venture or an associate, dependent on the level of control exerted by the Charity. Joint ventures and associates are included at cost, subsequently adjusted for the Charity's share in the associate's net assets under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements. The annual movement in the value of programme-related investments is shown as a separate category in the investments note.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits with banks, and funds that are readily convertible into cash at, or close to, their carrying values, but not held for investment purposes.

Financial instruments

The Charity has applied the provisions of FRS 102, Section 11, 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12, 'Other Financial Instruments Issues'. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Charity initially recognises a financial asset or a financial liability at transaction price – for debtors and other creditors this is the settlement amount. Grant commitments over one year are discounted to reflect present value.

Stocks and property awaiting sale

Goods purchased for resale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Gifted properties awaiting sale are valued at their fair value, which is their expected sale price, less costs of sale. Properties awaiting sale are valued by an independent valuer who holds a relevant professional qualification and has relevant experience of both the class and location of the asset.

Debtors and creditors

Trade debtors and other receivables are recognised at their transaction price less any allowance for doubtful debts. Liabilities are recognised when, as a result of past events, there is a probable future outflow of resources and the amount can be estimated reliably. Trade creditors and other payables are included at their nominal value.

Grant commitments

Grants are made to organisations in furtherance of the Charity's grants policies. The full value of a charitable grant is recognised in the year in which the commitment is made and shown as a long or short-term creditor as appropriate. The discount applied to grant commitments not yet paid falling due after more than one year to adjust the valuation to its present value is the current base rate. Commitments are recognised on the date the Charity formally notifies the recipient of the award.

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Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Leases

Expenditure on operating leases is charged in the statement of financial activities as incurred. The Group does not hold any assets under leases.

Fund accounting

Restricted, designated and general funds are separately disclosed. The different funds held are defined as follows:

Restricted funds

These are subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donor or by the nature of the appeal.

Designated funds

These are set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. They would otherwise form part of the general funds.

General funds

These are available to spend at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Charity.

Any transfers between funds and any allocations to and from designated funds are approved by Trustees. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds.

Pensions

The Charity contributes to defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Contributions to the schemes are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they become payable.

2. Fundraising activity

	2020 £000
Covid urgent appeal	148,106
Appeal Gift Aid	8,808
Donated merchandise	4
ANC Trading Ltd income	549
Total	157,467

3. Cost of generating funds

	Support costs	Governance costs (Note 5)	2020 £
Seconded, agency and professional staff	653,938	0	653,938
Online donation fees	1,899,478	0	1,899,478
Fundraising expenses	114,390	0	114,390
Advertising and marketing	366,708	0	366,708
Appeal computing equipment	13,820	0	13,820
Operational cost allocation	30,441	30,000	60,441
ANC Trading Ltd expenditure	15,775	0	15,775
Total	3,094,551	30,000	3,124,551

4. Membership services

	Support costs	Governance costs (Note 5)	2020 £
Staff costs	275,369	14,493	289,862
Seconded, consultancy and professional	37,933	0	37,933
Core advertising and marketing	11,125	0	11,125
Website	13,499	0	13,499
Recruitment expenses	38,770	0	38,770
Office costs	23,746	0	23,746
IT equipment, telephones and support	18,827	0	18,827
Printing, postage and stationery	5,080	0	5,080
Audit and banking fees	11,122	0	11,122
Travel and subsistence	4,220	427	4,646
Staff training and development	54	0	54
Other overheads	1,508	0	1,508
Special projects and membership support	50,520	0	50,520
Depreciation	2,675	0	2,675
ANC Trading Ltd set up fees	5,000	0	5,000
Total	499,447	14,920	514,367

5. Governance costs

	2020 £
Staff costs	14,493
Audit fee	30,000
Trustee expenses	427
	44,920

We estimate 5% of support staff costs relate to governance, making a total for governance costs of £14,493.

6. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £30,000 relates to the audit fee of £25,000 plus irrecoverable VAT of £5,000. A further £5,000 was paid for the audit and preparation of statutory accounts for ANC Trading Ltd.

7. Grants to members

Grants are made to Member NHS Charities. An analysis of all grants awarded in the year, by region, is given below. Please note that this table shows grants awarded during 2020. During the same period a total of £110 million was allocated to member charities with the remainder still being distributed during 2021, see table page 19.

A full breakdown of grants is available from the Charity and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

Region	£
Central & East London	2,751,544
East Midlands	2,322,800
East of England	4,470,860
Kent, Surrey, Sussex	3,173,056
Northern Ireland	645,000
North East	2,398,400
North West	5,541,355
North West London	2,284,600
South London	2,096,500
Scotland	3,590,669
South West	4,242,525
Thames Valley	1,256,200
Wales	1,900,000
Wessex	2,152,700
West Midlands	4,493,090
Yorkshire & Humber	4,570,600
Total grants awarded	47,889,899

Grants were awarded in three stages:

Stage 1 – Urgent response grants (£42 million allocation):

Following an initial £35,000 support grant paid to all our Members, a further distribution was made based on NHS staff numbers. A final £50,000 was awarded to Members that had additional urgent needs. The full allocation has been distributed.

Stage 2 – Community partnership grants (£33 million allocation):

These grants are being made through Member Charities but are targeted at supporting the wider NHS and voluntary, community and social care sector in recognition of the impact of Covid-19 on the wider community.

Stage 3 – Recovery grants (£35 million allocation):

These grants are aimed at projects supporting the long recovery of the NHS.

At year end application and approval processes were continuing for the majority of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 allocations.

Further information on our grant programme and full details of grants paid to individual Member Charities can be found elsewhere in this Report and at www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

8. Employees

In addition to the directly employed staff detailed here, we strengthened our team during the pandemic period with volunteers and contracted staff.

Average number of employees	2020
Direct charitable	5.04

Employment costs	£
Wages and salaries	244,047
Social security costs	22,815
Pension	23,000
	289,862

Employment costs above include £6,449 in contractual termination payments to one employee.

Only the Chief Executive Officer received emoluments of more than £60,000 excluding employer's pension costs. Her salary including pension was in the range £90,000 to £100,000.

In addition to direct employment costs, the Charity paid £498,000 for contracted and seconded interim staff during the year.

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Leadership Team. The total employment costs of the key management personnel were £188,000. Trustees received no remuneration.

9. Tangible assets

	Group and Charity Plant and machinery £000
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	0
Additions	58
At 31 December 2020	58
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	0
Charge for the year	14
At 31 December 2020	14
Net book value	
At 1 January 2021	44

10. Debtors

	Group As at 31 December 2020 £000	Charity As at 31 December 2020 £000
Trade debtors	825	280
Other debtors	12,226	12,240
Prepayments	22	22
	13,073	12,542

Other debtors for the Group represent grants and donations notified but not yet received. For the Charity the loan to ANC Trading (£14,256) is included in Other debtors. All debtors were judged to be receivable within one year.

11. Short-term deposits and bank accounts

	Group As at 31 December 2020 £000	Charity As at 31 December 2020 £000
Current accounts	2,080	2,071
Short term investments and deposits	91,819	91,819
	93,899	93,890

12. Creditors

	Group As at 31 December 2020 £000	Charity As at 31 December 2020 £000
Trade creditors	25	25
Accruals	61	56
Other creditors (pension & VAT)	3	1
Deferred membership income	102	102
	191	184

All creditors fall due within one year.

13. Analysis of main funds and purposes

	As at 31 December 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	As at 31 December 2020 £000
Funds (Group)				
Unrestricted	0	1,420	(512)	908
Designated – Covid appeal	0	147,384	(45,467)	101,917
Restricted	0	9,550	(5,550)	4,000
Total funds	0	158,354	(51,529)	106,825

	As at 31 December 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	As at 31 December 2020 £000
Funds (Charity)				
Unrestricted	0	887	(512)	375
Designated – Covid appeal	0	147,368	(45,451)	101,917
Restricted	0	9,550	(5,550)	4,000
Total funds	0	157,805	(51,513)	106,292

Designated funds

A designated fund has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees representing the balance of the Covid appeal at year end. This will continue to fund grants to help NHS Charities support NHS staff, volunteers and patients in ways above and beyond what NHS funding can ordinarily provide, from meeting immediate and urgent needs to supporting long term recovery from the impact of the crisis.

Restricted funds

Two grants to the Covid appeal were made specifically to support projects for staff mental health (£9 million) and two grants were given for distribution to specific member charities (£550,000). These amounts were treated as restricted funds and there is a balance of £4 million for staff mental health carried forward for application in 2021 (included within Other Debtors in the Balance Sheet).

Designated and restricted funds are held as current assets.

14. Related party transactions

During 2020, the Charity made a loan of £14,256 to its wholly owned subsidiary, ANC Trading Ltd. The purpose of the loan was to cover legal set up costs and to provide working capital for the company. The interest rate charged on the loan is 2% above bank base rate. No portion of the loan was repaid during the year.

The Trustees were not paid and received no other benefits from the Charity or its subsidiary in the year. Two Trustees were reimbursed £426.60 for out-of-pocket travel expenses during the year. No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity.

Each Trustee also held a post with a Member Charity which was eligible for and received member services and grants during the year. All Member Charities were allocated grant funds on an equitable basis and no part of any grants paid to a Member Charity directly benefited any Trustee.

The Charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance (£5 million cover) as part of a broader management liability package at a cost of £15,740.

15. ANC Trading Ltd

The trading results for ANC Trading Ltd are given below:

	2020 £
Income	
Trading income	548,659
Total income	548,659
Expenditure	
Professional advice	10,481
Operating costs	294
Audit fee	5,000
Total expenditure	15,775
Profit	532,884

Balance sheet

	2020 £
Fixed assets	0
Current assets	553,971
Current liabilities	(21,086)
	532,885
Represented by	
Ordinary shares	1
Profit and loss accounts	532,884
	532,885

All profits were Gift Aided to the Charity after year end.

16. Prior year comparisons

These are the first financial statements for the Group produced since incorporation of the Charity and its trading subsidiary, so there are no prior year comparisons. Prior to 1 January 2020 the business of the Charity was carried on by an unincorporated association, Association of NHS Charities, registered charity number 1125687. Its financial statements for previous years are available from the Charity.

Legal and administrative information

Charity name	Association of NHS Charities NHS Charities Together	Registered name Known as/Trading name
Trustees	Keith Brooks Chris Burghes Barbara Cathcart Ian Chivers Amerjit Chohan Tim Diggle Jane Ferguson Ian Lush (Chair) Sarah Naismith Jonathan Rennison David Reynolds Kirsty Thomson	Resigned 22 July 2020 Resigned 1 April 2020 Appointed 20 May 2020 Appointed 20 May 2020 Resigned 22 October 2020 Resigned 22 October 2020 Resigned 30 April 2020 Appointed 20 May 2020
Chief Executive Officer	Ellie Orton	
Senior Leadership Team	2020 Director of Fundraising Director of Operations Business Services Director 2021 Director of External Affairs & Communications Director of Fundraising Business Services Director Director of Membership & Impact	Amit Aggarwal (Interim) Seb Hargreaves (Interim) Stuart Reynolds (Interim) Sarah Campion Louise McCathie Stuart Reynolds (Interim) Richard Scarth
Registered office and principal address	Suite 68, Lake View House Wilton Drive Warwick CV34 6RG	
Auditor	Mazars LLP First Floor Two Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3AX	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT	
Solicitors	Withers LLP 16 Old Bailey London EC4M 7EG	
Charity number	1186569 (England & Wales) SC050716 (Scotland)	
Company number	12325259	

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The funds raised and wider support provided by NHS Charities Together enable the health service to go above and beyond what would otherwise be possible. Our national reach means we can ensure funds are spent where they are most needed. Through our member charities, we fund projects that improve services for patients and we help NHS staff and volunteers both practically and emotionally so they can continue their life-saving work.

We also provide support for our member charities through nationwide fundraising and advocacy, advice and guidance, conferences and training opportunities.

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