

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

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**CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

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## **CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives and aims of the charity are to preserve and protect the health of people affected by Cauda Equina Syndrome for the public benefit by:

- (a) providing support, assistance and information directly or indirectly to people affected by Cauda Equina Syndrome;
- (b) furthering and building awareness, education and research in respect of Cauda Equina Syndrome and its treatment and prevention; and
- (c) promoting and influencing effective care, involvement and support for people affected by Cauda Equina Syndrome.

##### **Significant activities**

Cauda Equina Champions Charity is a patient led organisation that aims to raise awareness of Cauda Equina Syndrome, support those living with the condition and provide bespoke, tailor made services for service users and their loved ones.

The main activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes were:

- a) Hosting online and face to face support group meetings nationally. The charity support group now has 5,800 members;
- b) CES Buddy service, helpline and signposting service;
- c) Funded clinical psychology, psychosexual therapy and CBT Therapy for people living with chronic cauda equina syndrome;
- d) Funded wheelchair skills course;
- e) Hosting 4 Regional CES Residential Workshops and social events;
- f) Stakeholder and post operative support service for people with cauda equina syndrome in the new GIRFT National Suspected Cauda Equina Syndrome pathway;
- g) Hosting a National CES Conference at NSIC Stoke Mandeville for medical professional learning;
- h) Delivering patient experience stories and red flag training to 1500 medical students in partnership with medical universities;
- i) Publication of patient support packs;
- j) Delivering the 4th Annual National CES Awareness Day;
- k) Creation and publication of Easy Read CES Red flag information in partnership with People First Keighley and Craven;
- l) Answering over 1000 new enquiries via website and helpline;
- m) Publishing a CES patient story book "The Lost Tribe - Stories from Survivors of Cauda Equina Syndrome";
- n) Development of a patient participation group to represent the lived experience of CES;
- o) Working with NSIC Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire New University and 379 charity members to scope the need for a digital education tool for CES (the CaudaEquina App);
- p) Development of a "CaudaEquina App" to address the needs of patients pre and post surgery, and to educate medical professionals about CES;
- q) Delivery of CES presentations at webinars, conferences and study days nationally.

##### **Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

##### **Volunteers**

The charity relies on volunteers drawn from the ranks of the Trustees and other trusted individuals.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources are donations and corporate partnership fundraising with Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C.

# **CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity holds reserves sufficient for its requirements for the foreseeable future but does not hold excessive reserves.

#### **Going concern**

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

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The Charity was established by constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 10 January 2020.

#### **Related parties**

Cauda Equina Champions Charity is the ultimate parent of Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. (Registered Company Number: 08668763).

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Charity number**

1187294

#### **Principal address**

First Floor  
Britannia House  
The Sidings  
Whalley  
Lancashire  
BB7 9SE

#### **Trustees**

Claire Hannah Thornber  
Steven Smith  
Joanne Hoyle (resigned 24/2/2025)  
Munawar Ahmed Mecci (resigned 24/2/2025)  
Vanessa Bewley-Robinson (appointed 11/1/2024)  
Firas Sarhan (appointed 23/7/2024)

#### **Independent Examiner**

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#### **Bankers**

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**CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Thornber', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Claire Hannah Thornber - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cauda Equina Champions Charity**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cauda Equina Champions Charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



Matthew Johnson FCA

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16 May 2025

**CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		31/12/24 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		38,500	43,500
Other trading activities	2	7,127	18,356
<b>Total</b>		<u>45,627</u>	<u>61,856</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3	50	50
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General		48,708	16,398
<b>Total</b>		<u>48,758</u>	<u>16,448</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		 (3,131)	 45,408
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		266,409	221,001
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u>263,278</u>	 <u>266,409</u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

**CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	31/12/24 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Intangible assets	8	4,800	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	40,700	47,939
Cash at bank		221,678	219,670
		<u>262,378</u>	<u>267,609</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,900)	(1,200)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>258,478</u>	<u>266,409</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		263,278	266,409
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>263,278</u>	<u>266,409</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>263,278</u>	<u>266,409</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>263,278</u>	<u>266,409</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Claire Hannah Thornber - Trustee



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been informed of the donation.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

# CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/12/24	31/12/23
	£	£
Fundraising events	7,127	18,356
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 3. RAISING FUNDS

#### Raising donations and legacies

	31/12/24	31/12/23
	£	£
Subscriptions and registrations	50	50
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 4. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs
		£
General		6,798
		<u>          </u>

### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### 6. EMPLOYEES

There were no employees during the year.

### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund
	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	43,500
Other trading activities	18,356
<b>Total</b>	<u>61,856</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	50
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General	16,398
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,448</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	45,408

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted  
fund  
£

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

221,001

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

266,409

8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Development  
costs  
£

COST

Additions

4,800

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2024

4,800

At 31 December 2023

-

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31/12/24  
£

31/12/23  
£

Other debtors

-

4,439

Prepayments and accrued income

40,700

43,500

40,700

47,939

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31/12/24  
£

31/12/23  
£

Other creditors

2,700

-

Accruals and deferred income

1,200

1,200

3,900

1,200

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	266,409	(3,131)	263,278
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	266,409	(3,131)	263,278

CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	45,627	(48,758)	(3,131)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>45,627</u>	<u>(48,758)</u>	<u>(3,131)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	221,001	45,408	266,409
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>221,001</u>	<u>45,408</u>	<u>266,409</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	61,856	(16,448)	45,408
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>61,856</u>	<u>(16,448)</u>	<u>45,408</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	221,001	42,277	263,278
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>221,001</u>	<u>42,277</u>	<u>263,278</u>

## CAUDA EQUINA CHAMPIONS CHARITY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	107,483	(65,206)	42,277
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>107,483</u>	<u>(65,206)</u>	<u>42,277</u>

#### 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Charity received donations totalling £43,500 from Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. in respect of profits generated during the year ended 31 August 2023.

On 14 May 2025, donations totalling £33,500 were made by Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. in respect of profits generated during the year ended 31 August 2024.

As at 31 December 2024, an amount of £33,500 (2023: £43,500) owing to Cauda Equina Champions Charity is disclosed within Debtors.

In addition, monies were loaned from Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. As at 31 December 2024, an amount of £2,700 owed to Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. is disclosed within Creditors (2023: £4,439 owed from Cauda Equina Syndrome Association C.I.C. within Debtors).