

The Trustees and Chair of Lincolnshire Area Maternity and Birth Support (LAMBS) Charity present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. As a small charity below the Charities audit threshold, this report focuses on the main activities undertaken by the charity.

Charity Details

Charity Name: Lincolnshire Area Maternity and Birth Support (LAMBS)
Address: 62A Mill Lane, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9PD
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Charity Reg. No: 1194960

Our vision

Our Vision	Our vision is to help support families in Lincolnshire by providing practical support to meet immediate needs, helping parents and children seize every opportunity to flourish.
Our Mission Statement	To ensure that children and their families or carers, who are most in need, benefit from the funding we have to offer.
Our Values	Families are at the heart of our work
Our Activities	Provide practical support to meet families immediate practical needs, working with the wider community and organisations.

Review of activities and achievements

During 2024-25 we continued to deliver care packages for parents/ carers/ siblings to aid their wellbeing and comfort whilst having a baby on the neonatal units. These have been very successful on Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas day and so far, we have managed to deliver these to Neonatal units in Boston and Lincoln, with good feedback from families as to their importance during a difficult time. We remain in close contact with the unit management to ensure sufficient number of packs are delivered on each occasion. Any other items required such as toiletries, stationery for sibling groups and extra items for the babies can be requested by the staff at any time.

We will not accept restricted funds based on discrimination towards any characteristic set about within the Equalities Act 2010.

For any business or group that wants to donate we will look at the donor and see if their vision and values are in line with that of our charity and the charity commission.

Running the Organisation

Board of Trustees	
Mrs Claire Gartland	Chair
Mrs Joanna Vickers	Secretary/ Treasurer
Mr John Stacey	Social Media/Marketing
Mrs Amanda Pike	Social media/Marketing

The chair and trustees ensure the smooth running of the charity and the decision-making body for the charity. The chair and Trustees meet four times a year and more meetings can be held as required. Communication with Trustees and Chair is mainly by online contact. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Strategy for 2025

Our strategy in support of our objectives are:

- To work closely with organisations across Lincolnshire to receive funding and provide a rapid response to high priority funding cases that are made through our application process.
- To identify the ongoing needs of our beneficiaries through direct communication with families and organisations.
- To ensure relevant policies and procedures are in place.
- To work to create a volunteer network
- Recruit new trustees
- To diversify our fundraising committees, income streams and supporter base.
- To find innovative ways to secure funding.
- To raise our profile by growing our social media platforms.
- To continue to provide Care packages for families within the Maternity and Neonatal service.
- Each financial year publish an annual report and financial report detailing our income and expenditure.

Policies & Procedures

The Organisation has the following Policies & Procedures in place.

The date following each title is the date of the latest revision.

Bullying & Harassment	01-August 2024 review 2027
Code of Behaviour	01-August 2024 review 2027
Conflicts of Interest	01-August 2024 review 2027
Safeguarding Children & Young People	01-August 2024 review 2027
Supervision and Safe Recruitment of volunteers	01-August 2024 review 2027
Fundraising guidance for volunteers	
Managing complaints	01-August 2024 review 2027

Copies of the above Policies & Procedures are available on request.

Fundraising Strategy/Promoting and Advertising

We aim in 2025 to:

- Select the most effective campaigning activity or combination of campaigning activities to achieve our ends.
- Build partnerships with the public and other organisations.

Partnership Working

The LAMBS Charity works with a wide range of organisations to achieve its aims and objectives.

These include working collaboratively with the Community, NHS professionals, Providers and charities. As well as teaming up with local organisations to maximise the opportunities and impact for children and their families. Working in partnership has strengthened links and has highlighted the charity. However, we still need to progress with local businesses/organisations and community project work.

Volunteers

Volunteer recruitment has dwindled and currently there are only two active volunteers. They are extremely supportive and have been building and delivering the packs for the neonatal units. We would love to recruit further support to enable us to offer more services to families and expand our social media presence.

Financial Report

Income: £971.50

Outgoings: £635.72

Care items: £486.92

Marketing: £148.80

Balance at year end: £1481.06

Any items purchased for packs that have not yet been issued (e.g. where purchased in bulk to reduce costs) are retained at the registered address. These will be used when possible.

Risk Assessment

Strengths Low financial outgoings Experienced Trustees from differing backgrounds with social media experience, life experiences and work experiences.	Weaknesses Limited financial resources at the outset, require more support with additional volunteers and Trustees. Limited time due to additional work and personal commitments.
Opportunities Well established links in the community and with Health Care organisations. Scope for development due to appeal of charity. Scope for schools, organisations, services to adopt charity.	Threats Competition with existing charities. Current financial climate. Retirement of existing Trustees

Claire Gartland - Chair

Jo Vickers - Secretary

Jon Stacey - Marketing

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