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ASBESTOS DISEASE SUPPORT

Annual Report 2023/24



HASAG Asbestos Disease Support

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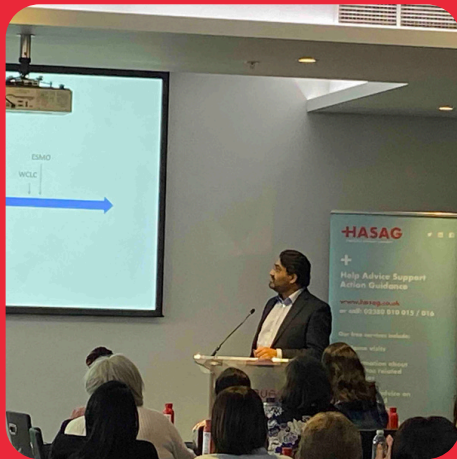
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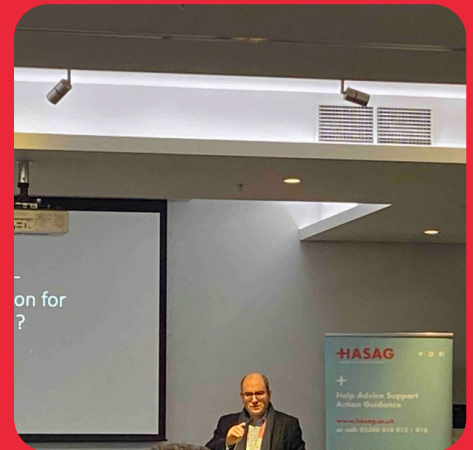
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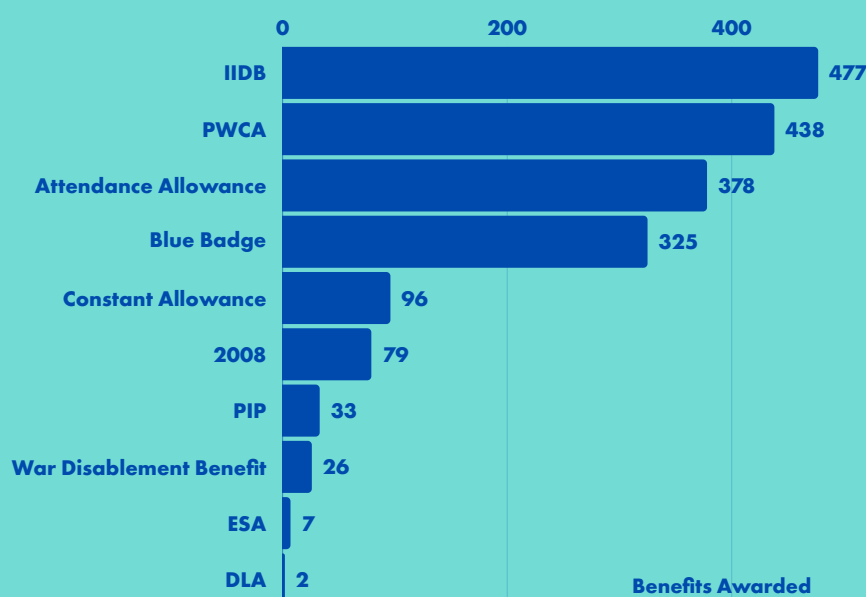
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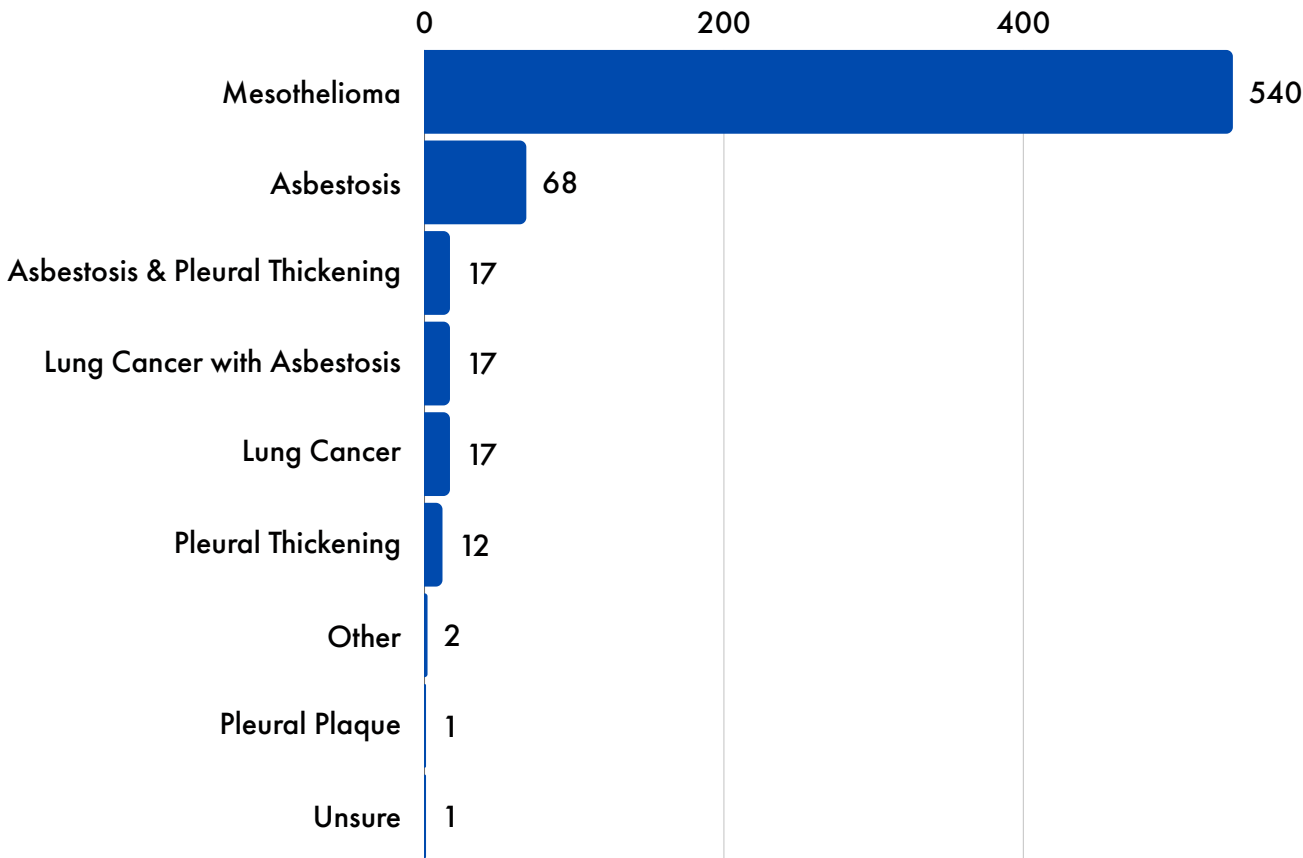
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HASAG Specialist Mesothelioma Nurse

Rachel Thomas



Rachel was appointed as HASAG Community Mesothelioma Nurse Specialist in October 2023.

“My role is very varied and covers the whole pathway from diagnosis to end of life and bereavement care. I have been very privileged to work in collaboration with Lung Cancer CNS’s in hospitals across the South, many Lung Cancer nurses are experiencing great pressures and demands on their time with growing caseloads of patients. Having been a Mesothelioma/Lung Cancer CNS myself for 12 years in the NHS, I completely understand the pressures that they face daily. It has been a privilege in my new role to offer both the nurses and patients support to try and ease the burden for the nurses and assist in the care of mesothelioma patients and I don’t think my new role would have been so successful without the support of the nurses.

One of the things I love about my job is being able to spend quality time with patients and their families to guide them through what a diagnosis of mesothelioma is and the treatments available, most of the time I visit patients at home. This allows conversations to take place in a place where patients have privacy and feel safe, and I have noticed that the questions patients ask and the things they want to know about are very different to the questions that they asked or didn’t ask in a clinical setting.

I have been able to update patients on clinical trials, help them formulate questions to ask their treating oncologist and explain to them why certain decisions are made by oncologists. I also partner with my Mesothelioma UK nurse colleagues in running a number of patient support groups across the South, due to this partnership HASAG is able to ensure patients and their families have access to a specialist nurse at every single support group that they run.

One of the hardest parts of my role has been to witness the lack of support available in the community setting, palliative care teams are under extreme pressures and often are short staffed. This has an impact on how many home visits they can undertake and the availability of beds in local hospices. The palliative care teams are often trying to plug the gap in social care and have limited funding to be able to do this.

As I have worked in hospices and palliative care for many years, I am able to help patients and their families navigate the end-of-life pathway, to help them make plans, know what dying looks like and support the family through this whole process and beyond. In the last 6 months I have had the privilege of caring and supporting patients in their final days and have worked alongside some truly amazing District Nurses.

HASAG are a wonderful team, and I am delighted to be part of a charity that truly cares for the patients and families who are referred to them. They have made me very welcome, and I am very much looking forward to continuing to grow my role and provide first class support to patients and their families who have been affected by a diagnosis of mesothelioma or asbestosis. “

Funding of Mesothelioma Nurses

We continue to fund a number of specialist mesothelioma nurse positions within the NHS through Mesothelioma UK. We are extremely proud of our partnership with Mesothelioma UK. Here are the nurses we funded in this financial year.



Anne Moylan – Portsmouth QA



Sophia Holden – Guys and St Thomas



Helen Wilkes – Southampton General



Catherine Stoten – University College London



Samantha Jayasekara – Broomfield



Lou Gilham – Tunbridge Wells

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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

The principal objects of the charity are the relief of persons who suffer ill-health, injury or become disabled from their exposure to asbestos and their families by the provision of support, advice, and assistance and also by linking with other asbestos support groups throughout the UK and abroad to ensure all those injured by asbestos are offered the support and assistance as required. Fundraising is undertaken for the purposes of mesothelioma research.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

We give advice to anyone diagnosed with asbestos related diseases, advice about welfare claims, how to seek advice for compensation and advice about making civil claims. We act as a support group for victims and carers and highlight the dangers of exposure to asbestos.

Achievements and performance

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Financial review

Incoming resources totalled £704,829 (2023: £1,033,166) and resources expended were £820,313 (2023: £631,009), giving a deficit of £115,484 (2023: surplus of £402,157) for the period and total funds carried forward of £1,109,729 (2023: £1,225,213).

The trustees aim to ensure that sufficient reserves are held for the purpose of ensuring the continuation of the services and activities of the charity during a period of unforeseen difficulty. A proportion of these reserves should be in a readily realisable form. The trustees have determined that this level of 'free' reserves should equate to 9 months' worth of expenditure.

Free reserves are £921,999 at 31 March 2024. These were comprised of unrestricted reserves of £907,741, less funds designated for a specific purpose of £138,717 and less tangible fixed assets of £1,722.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by a trust deed.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Oakley	
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Committee members have been selected from victims of asbestos related disease or have experiences related to the conditions.

Overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the governing document. Day-to-day project activity is managed and carried out by volunteers and paid staff.

Reference and administrative details

The charity number is 1197946 and the business address is First Floor, 1 Talisman Business Centre, Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 7GA.

The charity is the successor to HASAG Asbestos Disease Support (registered charity number 1122105). It was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 16 February 2022, with all the activities, assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity transferred to this Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The trustees intend to cease the activities of the unincorporated charity and remove it from the Register of Charities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



J Oakley

Trustee

Date: 16/11/25

HASAG ASBESTOS DISEASE SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HASAG ASBESTOS DISEASE SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of HASAG Asbestos Disease Support (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Azets Audit Service.

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Dated: *20 January 2025*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	678,420	-	678,420	789,305	241,110	1,030,415
Investments	3	26,409	-	26,409	2,751	-	2,751
Total income		<u>704,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,829</u>	<u>792,056</u>	<u>241,110</u>	<u>1,033,166</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	9,157	1,710	10,867	10,710	-	10,710
Charitable activities	5	667,790	141,656	809,446	597,741	22,558	620,299
Total expenditure		<u>676,947</u>	<u>143,366</u>	<u>820,313</u>	<u>608,451</u>	<u>22,558</u>	<u>631,009</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		27,882	(143,366)	(115,484)	183,605	218,552	402,157
Gross transfers between funds		27,895	(27,895)	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		55,777	(171,261)	(115,484)	183,605	218,552	402,157
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		1,006,661	218,552	1,225,213	823,056	-	823,056
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>1,062,438</u>	<u>47,291</u>	<u>1,109,729</u>	<u>1,006,661</u>	<u>218,552</u>	<u>1,225,213</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

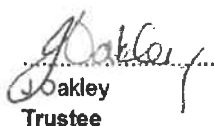
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,722		3,484
Investments	10		180,185		256,020
			<u>181,907</u>		<u>259,504</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	82,689		191,600	
Investments	12	269,549		89,078	
Cash at bank and in hand		596,704		709,692	
		<u>948,942</u>		<u>990,370</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(21,120)		(24,661)	
Net current assets			<u>927,822</u>		<u>965,709</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,109,729</u>		<u>1,225,213</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		47,291		218,552
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	16	138,717		280,157	
General unrestricted funds		923,721		726,504	
			<u>1,062,438</u>		<u>1,006,661</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on16/1/25


J. Oakley
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	19		(33,523)		226,603
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,238)		(449)	
Cash equivalents with maturity of more than three months		(104,636)		(170,663)	
Investment income received		26,409		2,751	
Net cash used in investing activities			(79,465)		(168,361)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(112,988)		58,242
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			709,692		651,450
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			596,704		709,692

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

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 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. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.4 Income

Grants, donations and income from charitable activities are recognised in full in the year in which they are entitled.

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended are included on an accrual basis, inclusive of non-recoverable VAT.

Governance costs comprise all costs of the charity as well as its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs included costs related to the statutory independent examination.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	10% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% Straight line
Computers	33% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Investments relate to cash deposits with a fixed term of at least 12 months.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.10 Current asset investments

Current asset investments relate to cash deposits with a fixed term of more than 3 months but less than 12 months.

1.11 Legacies

Legacies and donations are accounted for when receipt of the income is probable. Wherever possible, donated assets have been included at a reasonable estimate of their value to the Charity.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	665,022	640,662	5,000	645,662
Legacies receivable	13,148	148,393	-	148,393
Grants receivable	250	250	236,110	236,360
	<u>678,420</u>	<u>789,305</u>	<u>241,110</u>	<u>1,030,415</u>
Donations and gifts				
Solicitor panel donations	300,000	360,042	5,000	365,042
Other	365,022	280,620	-	280,620
	<u>665,022</u>	<u>640,662</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>645,662</u>

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3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	26,409	2,751

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	9,157	1,710	10,867	10,710
	<u>9,157</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>10,867</u>	<u>10,710</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	Asbestos Disease Support 2024 £	Asbestos Disease Support 2023 £
Staff costs	411,930	334,408
Depreciation and impairment	3,000	4,805
Educational conferences	2,331	12,636
Rent, rates and room hire	30,088	32,641
Local projects	15,425	11,616
Donations	33,777	27,060
Funding of Meso UK nurses	163,087	88,288
Sundry expenses	4,293	4,774
Travel costs	43,960	44,546
Stationery	9,555	2,583
Postage	1,885	3,896
Subscriptions	2,056	1,564
Equipment	6,778	9,140
Telephone	3,802	6,124
Bank charges	807	827
Accountancy and bookkeeping	7,030	1,872
Legal and professional fees	26,450	25,519
Research	37,192	-
	<u>803,446</u>	<u>612,299</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	6,000	8,000
	<u>809,446</u>	<u>620,299</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	667,790	597,741
Restricted funds	141,656	22,558
	<u>809,446</u>	<u>620,299</u>

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6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Audit fees	-	-	-	-	8,000	8,000
Independent examination fees	-	6,000	6,000	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	6,000	6,000	-	8,000	8,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	328,015	277,621
Social security costs	30,588	32,242
Other pension costs	43,119	24,545
	<u>401,722</u>	<u>334,408</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	18,354	20,366	12,519	51,239
Additions	-	-	1,238	1,238
At 31 March 2024	18,354	20,366	13,757	52,477
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2023	17,434	19,266	11,055	47,755
Depreciation charged in the year	920	930	1,150	3,000
At 31 March 2024	18,354	20,196	12,205	50,755
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	-	170	1,552	1,722
At 31 March 2023	920	1,100	1,464	3,484

10 Fixed asset investments

	Cash in portfolio
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	256,020
Additions	180,185
Reclassification as current asset investments	(256,020)
At 31 March 2024	180,185
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	180,185
At 31 March 2023	256,020

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	200	1,535
Prepayments and accrued income	82,489	190,065
	82,689	191,600

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12 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Unlisted investments	269,549	89,078

Current asset investments relate to cash deposits with a fixed term of more than 3 months but less than 12 months.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	9,672	7,169
Trade creditors	-	10,122
Accruals and deferred income	11,448	7,370
	21,120	24,661

At the year end the charity had signed a Collective Agreement with committed future research expenditure of £150,000. At the year end and up to the date of signing this report there has not yet been any payment against this commitment and so no liability has been included in these accounts.

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £43,119 (2023 - £24,545).

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Counselling	234,000	(15,448)	218,552	(143,366)	(27,895)	47,291

The restricted fund relates to Big Lottery Fund grants specifically for counselling.

£27,895 has been transferred to restricted funds to correct the expenditure incurred for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £			
Mesothelioma Nurses	250,000	86,178	(86,178)	(9,843)	240,157	(141,440)	98,717
Property fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
Research fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
	<u>290,000</u>	<u>86,178</u>	<u>(86,178)</u>	<u>(9,843)</u>	<u>280,157</u>	<u>(141,440)</u>	<u>138,717</u>

The designated fund for Mesothelioma Nurses relates to the partial funding for Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialists for the next two years. The property fund relates to lease and property costs and the research funds are designated for research.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2024 £		Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,722	-	1,722	3,484	-	3,484
Investments	180,185	-	180,185	256,020	-	256,020
Current assets/(liabilities)	880,531	47,291	927,822	747,157	218,552	965,709
	<u>1,062,438</u>	<u>47,291</u>	<u>1,109,729</u>	<u>1,006,661</u>	<u>218,552</u>	<u>1,225,213</u>

18 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>132,129</u>	<u>120,219</u>

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18 Related party transactions

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Transactions with related parties

During the year, close family members to Key Management Personnel received remuneration of £87,250 (2023: £110,613).

19 Cash generated from operations

2024

2023

£

£

(Deficit)/surplus for the year

(115,484)

402,157

Adjustments for:

Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities

(26,409)

(2,751)

Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets

3,000

4,805

Movements in working capital:

Decrease/(increase) in debtors

108,911

(183,023)

(Decrease)/increase in creditors

(3,541)

5,415

Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations

(33,523)

226,603

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.