



**The Dylan Strong Foundation
Trustees' Annual Report
and Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024**

Registered Charity no: 1199242



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Trustees' Report
Year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees have the pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Dylan Strong Foundation
Charity number	1199242
Address	20a Oatfield Road Tadworth KT20 5EP
Trustees	Amanda Baker Daniel Clark Mary-Louise Wright Huw Davies-Evans Fiona Stirling-Aird (appointed 11 October 2023) Jacqui McDermid (appointed 11 September 2024)
Chief Executive	Louise Long
Independent Examiner	Fiona Stancombe FCA 6 Wilton Crescent London SW19 3QZ



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Objectives and activities

Charitable purpose

For the public benefit, the relief of sickness and the promotion of health of children with cancer, in particular but not exclusively by: (1) the provision of information and support services to children with cancer and their families and carers, and (2) raising public awareness in matters relating to childhood cancer.

Main activities of the charity

The charity works with local NHS hospitals in Surrey to provide information and support services to children suffering with cancer and their families as well as raising public awareness in matters relating childhood cancer. The main activities include (1) the provision of care packages to children being treated for cancer during their stay at hospital (particularly during holidays, festive and other occasions at which times the children and families can feel even more vulnerable and isolated.); (2) the provision of healthy snacks and meals in the fridges of parent rooms within the hospitals for parents who feel that they are unable to leave their children during their treatment via periodic deliveries to local hospitals; (3) the provision of healthy meals sent directly to the homes of those families that we support; (4) offering nutrition advice to children with cancer and their families to help during treatment; (5) offering emotional and practical support to help families understand childhood cancer and its treatment.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

During the past year, thanks to the generosity and continued support of our charity community, we have made significant strides in supporting the families and children at Epsom Hospital, Surrey. Throughout the year, we have consistently stocked the parents' room at the hospital with healthy snacks, ensuring that parents and children have access to nutritious options during their time at the hospital.

The feedback we have received from parents and families highlights the positive impact of these contributions, with many expressing appreciation for the convenience and nutritional value of the snacks provided. Parents have commented that the availability of snacks has been a great comfort during difficult times, and



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children have enjoyed the healthy treats. This feedback reinforces the importance of our work and the tangible benefits it is bringing to those we support.

As part of our commitment to bringing joy and comfort to children in hospital during festive periods, we delivered 100 Easter hampers and 100 Christmas presents to children undergoing treatment and their siblings. These seasonal gifts have provided much-needed cheer and support to the young patients and their families during what can be a challenging time.

We are also proud to have contributed to a more welcoming and informative environment at Casey Ward, Epsom Hospital by decorating the walls with child-friendly nutrition advice, making the journey to the ward both pleasant and educational for young patients and their families.

In addition to this, we engaged with over 1,000 schoolchildren, providing educational sessions on the importance of healthy eating and its impact on physical and mental well-being.

Financial review

As at 31 March 2024 the charity had reserves of £25,474 (2023: £36,642) which was made up entirely of cash funds.

Reserves policy

It is the charity's priority to ensure that it remains on a strong financial footing and does not commit funding beyond its financial capabilities. The charity aims to maintain reserves of 6 months expenditure to ensure business continuity in the event of an unexpected drop in income or other unforeseen circumstances.

The amount of reserves as at 31st March 2024 was £25,474 (2023: £36,642). The charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves as at 31st March 2024 to meet the ongoing liabilities of the charity.

No funds were held as custodian trustees on behalf of others (2023: none).



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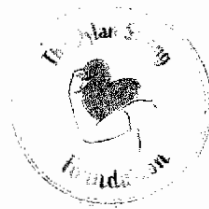
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Structure, Governance and Management

The Dylan Strong Foundation is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered 9th June 2022) whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

There must be at least three charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 12. In accordance with the Constitution, apart from the first trustees (whose terms range from 2 to 4 years), trustees are appointed and re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

The charity has one part-time employee (2023: one).



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Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts
Year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 6 to 8.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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


Fiona Stancombe FCA

15 January 2025



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Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31st March 2024


	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	31/03/2024 Total £	31/03/2023 Total £
Receipts					
Donations		6,883	-	6,883	24,645
Fundraising income		52,492	3,315	55,807	55,281
Interest income		308	-	308	14
Total Receipts		59,683	3,315	62,998	79,940
Payments					
Fundraising costs		25,808	-	25,808	18,525
Charitable activities	1	5,629	13,875	19,504	7,566
Support costs	2	28,854	-	28,854	17,207
Total Payments		60,291	13,875	74,166	43,298
Net of receipts/(payments)		(608)	(10,560)	(11,168)	36,642
Transfers between funds		(10,560)	10,560	-	-
Cash funds last year end		36,642	-	36,642	-
Cash funds this year end		25,474	-	25,474	36,642



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	31/03/2024 Total £	31/03/2023 Total £
Cash funds				
Current accounts	22,389	-	22,389	35,768
Deposit accounts	3,085	-	3,085	874
Total Cash Funds	25,474	-	25,474	36,642

Approved by the Trustees on 20th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

 15/01/2025

Huw Davies-Evans
Treasurer



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Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2024

Note 1			31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Hospital food	4,514	-	4,514	1,729
Care packages	975	-	975	5,568
Workshops	140	-	140	269
Hospital ward mural	-	13,875	13,875	-
Total spend	5,629	13,875	19,504	7,566

Note 2			31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Support costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	23,870	-	23,870	14,417
Marketing & social media	1,050	-	1,050	-
Website	1,050	-	1,050	907
Storage costs	1,553	-	1,553	381
Payment processing charges	382	-	382	793
Other support costs	949	-	949	709
Total spend	28,854	-	28,854	17,207