

Charity registration number: 228149

The Nottingham General Dispensary

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr W J Bendall
	Dr E Brown
	Mr C N Cullen
	Mrs J Ellis
	Mr A Hopwood
	Mrs P Johnston MBE, Chair
	Mrs V Perrin
	Mr A Williams
	C McCormick
	Ms J Urquhart
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Charity Registration Number	228149
Independent Examiner	RWB CA Limited Northgate House North Gate New Basford Nottingham NG7 7BQ

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 of the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The object of the Charity is to apply the income of the charity for the purpose of relieving in cases of need persons resident in the County of Nottinghamshire who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that they have met their objectives of benefitting the public by providing or paying for items, services or facilities which are calculated to alleviate the suffering or assist the recovery of such persons in such cases but are not readily available to them from other sources.

Individuals and organisations who have received grants have commented as follows:

"We are extremely grateful to the Trustees for this generous contribution, which will have a real impact to the lives of those affected by spinal cord injury in Nottingham."

"Without the financial help provided by the Nottingham General Dispensary and other grant giving organisations we would simply not be able to provide the care which our patients so desperately need in the last months of their lives."

"I cannot express how life changing this grant has been."

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The Charity invites applications for funding items and facilities from individuals and organisations (on behalf of individuals) who assist in alleviating the suffering or assist in the recovery of persons in Nottinghamshire with a medical need. Applications by individuals are to be made using the Charity's application form together with supporting medical evidence and details of the cost of the items or facilities needed. Organisations should apply in writing and provide a copy of their annual accounts.

Restrictions:

The Trustees are subject to two restrictions under the Charity Scheme:

In applying the income of the Charity the Trustees:

a) shall not apply any part of the income directly in relief of rates, taxes or other public funds but may apply income in supplementing relief or assistance provided out of public funds.

b) shall not commit themselves to repeat or renew the relief granted on any occasion in any case.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

The Trustees received and considered a significant number of applications during the year. Varying sums were awarded to either cover the cost or contribute to the cost of mobility scooters, respite and convalescent holidays, communication aids, adaptations to homes, stair-lifts and other essential items for the disabled, sick or convalescent.

Financial review

The total income received by the Charity amounted to £38,229. After the deduction of grants amounting to £25,682 and management expenses of £11,519, the Charity's net surplus was £1,028. Therefore, together with the income balance brought forward from the previous year, the Charity's accumulated income fund amounts to £181,216.

The market value of the Charity's investments, including additions and disposals in the year, has reduced in value by 5.14% to £1,388,567.

The objects of the charity were met as applications have continued to be considered in a timely manner to assist applicants.

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to always maintain funds, which provide sufficient funds, to cover management, administration and support costs for one year. The Charity's total financial reserves as at 31 March 2023 are £1,465,726, which represents accumulated income, which may change from time to time.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees have wide investment powers afforded to them by the Trustee Act 2000.

The Charity's investments are now managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited under their Discretionary Management Service. The Trustees believe that it is in the best interests of the Charity that they take advantage of this bespoke service so that the Charity is better placed to sell and purchase investments as soon as they come onto the market and therefore avoid unnecessary delays in stock market trading.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Nottingham General Dispensary is an unincorporated charity governed by a Scheme dated 1 October 1990, although the charity was originally established in 1831 to provide medical aid for the Sick Poor resident in the City and County of Nottingham not receiving parochial relief.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The power to appoint new Trustees vests in the Trustees from time to time appointed, there being a maximum of twelve but no less than eight. The Trustees shall consist of one Nominated Trustee from NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, and not less than six nor more than ten Co-opted Trustees who shall be persons who through residence or occupation or employment or otherwise have special knowledge of Nottinghamshire.

The Trustees keep the skill requirements for the Trustee Body under review and in the event of there being a vacancy for a new trustee, recommendations are received from existing trustees of members of the community with skills and an in-depth knowledge of the medical profession.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Organisational structure

At the time of a Trustees meeting there shall be a quorum when the number of Trustees present is one third of the multiple of three next above the number of Trustees for the time being (the next whole number above one third of the number of Trustees). Matters are determined by the majority of votes of those Trustees present. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote whether or not he has already voted.

The Trustees meet three times a year, and consider applications for grants, review investments and financial reserves.

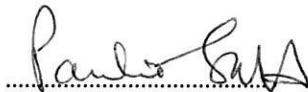
The Trustees were pleased to receive a number of letters of thanks throughout the year expressing the gratitude of so many individuals where the award of funding had made a tremendous difference to them.

The Trustees do not undertake any form of fundraising.

Major risks and management of those risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 21 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs P Johnston MBE
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

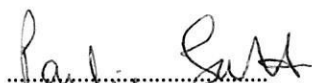
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the Charity on 21 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs P Johnston MBE
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Nottingham General Dispensary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Nottingham General Dispensary for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity trustees of The Nottingham General Dispensary 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 The Nottingham General Dispensary's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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

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 Nottingham General Dispensary 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 accounting 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.


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21 November 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Investment income	2	38,229	-	38,229
Total income		38,229	-	38,229
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3	-	(9,187)	(9,187)
Charitable activities	4	(37,201)	(4,327)	(41,528)
Total expenditure		(37,201)	(13,514)	(50,715)
Gains/losses on investment assets		-	(98,069)	(98,069)
Net income/(expenditure)		1,028	(111,583)	(110,555)
Net movement in funds		1,028	(111,583)	(110,555)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		180,188	1,396,093	1,576,281
Total funds carried forward	14	181,216	1,284,510	1,465,726
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Investment income	2	34,488	-	34,488
Total income		34,488	-	34,488
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		-	(10,149)	(10,149)
Charitable activities		(52,622)	(4,320)	(56,942)
Total expenditure		(52,622)	(14,469)	(67,091)
Gains/losses on investment assets		-	44,838	44,838
Net (expenditure)/income		(18,134)	30,369	12,235
Net movement in funds		(18,134)	30,369	12,235
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		198,322	1,365,724	1,564,046
Total funds carried forward	14	180,188	1,396,093	1,576,281

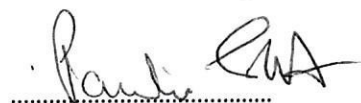
All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	1,414,290	1,521,734
Current assets			
Debtors	11	5,290	2,316
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>49,865</u>	<u>56,095</u>
		55,155	58,411
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(3,719)</u>	<u>(3,864)</u>
Net current assets		<u>51,436</u>	<u>54,547</u>
Net assets		<u>1,465,726</u>	<u>1,576,281</u>
Funds of the Charity:			
Endowment funds		1,284,510	1,396,093
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>181,216</u>	<u>180,188</u>
Total funds	14	<u>1,465,726</u>	<u>1,576,281</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mrs P Johnston MBE
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Nottingham General Dispensary meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant expenditure

The Charity's policy first of all is to pay expenses and all proper costs relating to the charity out of income in the first instance, and thereafter to apply the income of the Charity for relieving cases of need, sickness, convalescence, disabled, handicapped or the infirm resident in the County of Nottinghamshire. The Chairman of the Trustees and the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to the Trustees, have been given delegated powers to award grants to either organisations or individuals up to a total sum of £1,000 per application to ensure that persons in need are not having to wait until the next main meeting of the Trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Financial instruments

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from dividends;			
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	37,510	37,510	34,450
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	719	719	38
	<u>38,229</u>	<u>38,229</u>	<u>34,488</u>

3 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total funds £
Other investment management costs;		
Amounts payable to investment managers	9,187	9,187
Total for 2023	<u>9,187</u>	<u>9,187</u>
Total for 2022	<u>10,149</u>	<u>10,149</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2023 £
Donations and grants	25,682	-	25,682
Solicitors fees	10,097	4,327	14,424
	<u>35,779</u>	<u>4,327</u>	<u>40,106</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total 2022 £
Donations and grants	41,162	-	41,162
Solicitors fees	10,080	4,320	14,400
	<u>51,242</u>	<u>4,320</u>	<u>55,562</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

	Grant funding of activity £	Activity support costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to individuals	23,505	-	23,505	21,462
Grants to institutions	2,177	-	2,177	19,700
Solicitors fees	-	14,424	14,424	14,400
	<u>25,682</u>	<u>14,424</u>	<u>40,106</u>	<u>55,562</u>

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,422	1,422
Total for 2023	<u>1,422</u>	<u>1,422</u>
Total for 2022	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,380</u>

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2023 £	2022 £	Grants to individuals 2023 £	2022 £
Analysis				
Self Help Groups	-	800	-	-
Healthcare	320	3,500	-	-
Community Care	1,857	1,500	-	-
Support for disability	-	3,600	-	-
Other	-	10,300	23,505	21,462
	<u>2,177</u>	<u>19,700</u>	<u>23,505</u>	<u>21,462</u>

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 March 2022 - £Nil).

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,422</u>	<u>1,380</u>

9 Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments	<u>1,414,290</u>	<u>1,521,734</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 April 2022	1,463,781	57,953	1,521,734
Revaluation	(83,892)	-	(83,892)
Additions	276,915	-	276,915
Disposals	<u>(268,237)</u>	<u>(32,230)</u>	<u>(300,467)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,388,567</u>	<u>25,723</u>	<u>1,414,290</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,388,567</u>	<u>25,723</u>	<u>1,414,290</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,463,781</u>	<u>57,953</u>	<u>1,521,734</u>

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	-	17
Other debtors	<u>5,290</u>	<u>2,299</u>
	<u>5,290</u>	<u>2,316</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	<u>49,865</u>	<u>56,095</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>3,719</u>	<u>3,864</u>

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted					
General	180,188	38,229	(37,201)	-	181,216
Endowment					
Permanent	<u>1,396,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,514)</u>	<u>(98,069)</u>	<u>1,284,510</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,576,281</u></u>	<u><u>38,229</u></u>	<u><u>(50,715)</u></u>	<u><u>(98,069)</u></u>	<u><u>1,465,726</u></u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	129,780	1,284,510	1,414,290
Current assets	55,155	-	55,155
Current liabilities	<u>(3,719)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,719)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>181,216</u></u>	<u><u>1,284,510</u></u>	<u><u>1,465,726</u></u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.