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**HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Company number</b>	02215165
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# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 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**

#### *Charitable objects*

The objects of the charitable company are:

To aid and improve for the public benefit in the Area of Benefit (which is England) the condition of those suffering from Multiple Sclerosis by any lawful means including any of the following:

- (a) By bringing together persons suffering from multiple sclerosis and persons interested in Multiple Sclerosis;
- (b) By providing advice, guidance and moral and practical support for persons suffering from Multiple Sclerosis;
- (c) By providing therapy (including hyperbaric oxygen therapy) for persons suffering from Multiple Sclerosis or other symptoms or conditions.

#### *Aims of charity*

To provide the most effective therapies possible for every person affected by Multiple Sclerosis in Hertfordshire and parts of surrounding counties, especially South Bedfordshire and Luton.

#### *Our objectives for the year were:*

- To balance the budget, improve our sustainability and increase our reserves, as part of a process that will take a number of years to complete.
- To improve the quality of our Oxygen Therapy Programme.
- To achieve a more effective use of the building at Campus Five.
- Complete an annual update of the Business Plan.
- To continue marketing to expand take up of Oxygen Therapy for clients with and without Multiple Sclerosis in order to generate more income, including funds to subsidise treatments for people in financial need.
- To improve our fundraising.

#### *Strategies for achieving objectives*

In order to improve our finances, the biggest impact is from cutting costs and marketing our services to more potential customers. We identified savings were possible by focusing on delivering Oxygen Therapy alone and inviting other businesses to offer other therapies in our centre, such as Physiotherapy. We are using marketing to expand take up of Oxygen Therapy for people with other conditions, including cancer, ME, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia. Our marketing is in social media and local newspapers or magazines. We combine free stories with some paid advertising and regularly offering one-off sessions so people can find out what Oxygen Therapy is like.

#### *Statement on compliance with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit*

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charitable company should undertake.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### *Introduction to activities*

The main activity is Oxygen Therapy, delivered by our in-house trained Operators.

### *Use of volunteers*

We benefit enormously from the time and skill donated by our 12 volunteers fulfilling 14 volunteer roles. We simply could not provide what we do without their commitment and generosity. Volunteers play a leading role in the provision of Oxygen Therapy. Highly experienced volunteers regularly work in admin, IT, finance, fundraising and reception, complementing our small core of paid staff.

### *How we measure success*

We meet annually with all paid staff and the Board of Trustees to review the numbers of people being treated and identify opportunities to expand this. We also review quality through our Quality Assurance self-assessment process and through interviews and questionnaires with the clients themselves.

### **Strategic report**

The description under the headings "Achievements and performance" and "Financial review" meet the company law requirements for the trustees to present a strategic report.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### *Charitable achievements*

Looking back over the year January to December 2023, we can see that it was characterised by two main issues. First, the ongoing Covid Pandemic. Second, our plans to sell our building and move to smaller rented premises in order to fund the purchase of a new, more suitable, Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber, for the coming years.

### **The ongoing Covid Pandemic and External Environment**

We can now look back on this in 2024 to see that the Pandemic in the UK lasted from March 2020 to approximately March 2023. So, part of the year concerned by these accounts, 2023, was still impacted very seriously by Covid. Quite understandably many clients were unable to keep attending for their sessions of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. This in turn impacted the charity very much because income from providing Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is a vital source of our income.

We are very grateful that we could borrow £50,000 from the government provided Bounce Back Loan scheme. This has been a crucial lifeline at this challenging time. It meant we were able to keep providing Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy despite the dramatic reduction in income caused by reduced numbers of clients coming.

The Trustees are very grateful that the staff continued to make Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy available throughout the Pandemic. Though numbers attending were much reduced, the ongoing provision of this important therapy throughout the Pandemic was greatly appreciated by the clients who were keen to keep coming. That in turn allowed new clients to come too. As a result, we have seen the number of people returning increasing further during 2023 and starting to approach pre-Covid levels.

As Covid faded away the nation faced a long period of economic weakness supported by extraordinary low interest rates but followed by a period of high inflation, leading to further economic constraints. All this was accompanied by a long period of political instability in the UK, ever since Brexit. Naturally all these things impact on our clients ability to pay for Oxygen Therapy and the charity's ability to cover its costs.

In the long term it is important to note that we are increasingly providing Oxygen Therapy to people who do not have Multiple Sclerosis. We are pleased other people are also getting help that can improve the quality of their lives. That in turn helps the charity to be more sustainable and therefore able to continue helping people with Multiple Sclerosis long term.

### **Sale of 30 Campus Five, purchase of a new Oxygen Chamber and Renting New Premises**

The Trustees reached the conclusion that our existing Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber is approaching the end off its useful life span. We are struggling to get replacement parts when items wear out. In February 2024 we put down a £25,000 deposit towards the £114,000 cost of purchasing a second hand oxygen chamber and all the associated equipment, to operate the chamber, including generating the oxygen to be used in it.

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On 8th November 2023 we sold our building at 30n Campus Five for £825,000, along with permission to continue providing Oxygen Therapy for a further 18 months while we locate new premises to rent. Only by selling the building we own and renting a smaller place, can we free up the finances to purchase a replacement Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber.

### *Fundraising achievements*

We pay tribute to the many individuals, groups, charitable trusts and companies who support us because that support is vital for all we do.

### *Investment performance*

Our cash reserves are the only form of investment we have. We continue to earn very low rates of interest on this. We have no other forms of investment. However, we do benefit from owning our building freehold.

### **Financial review**

Our purpose remains the welfare of any and all people affected by Multiple Sclerosis in Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. We want to deliver the most effective therapies possible, in the most affordable way.

In 2023 we made a surplus of £211,803 but that was because of the sale of the property for £850,000 of which £288,396 was a net gain on disposal of the tangible fixed asset, meaning the building. If we exclude that to look at regular operations we find that we made a deficit of £76,593 in 2023 in comparison with a deficit of £13,735 in 2022. Operation Income was down in 2023 at £91,275 compared to £129,983 in 2022. Expenditure was up at £169,868 compared to £143,718 in 2022. Part of these extra costs were professional costs in connection with the search for potential new homes for the charity to rent.

The costs of operating the centre remain under regular close scrutiny by the Board. As a service organisation, the cost of staff is always going to be the biggest part of our expenditure. However, we continue to manage these and other costs carefully.

The charity secured a BounceBack Loan in 2021, a government backed loan to help companies survive the impact of Covid-19. The BounceBack Loan was for £50,000 and is now being repaid over a period of 10 years.

### *Fundraising*

Fundraising is always a vital part of what we do. It is very diverse and it includes:

- Bids for large grants.
- The many smaller grant making trusts that we are in contact with.
- Street and store collections and the collecting pots many of us have.
- In house fundraising initiatives such as the Fundraising Table, 100 Club and Raffles.
- Marathons, Cycle Races and other sponsored events.

Much of the above receives substantial input, help and support from our excellent volunteers, who we appreciate very much.

However, all fundraising has also been badly affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### *Contributions from our Members*

All donations from our members are deeply appreciated.

We want to thank all those who make Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre what it is. First the people taking Oxygen Therapy with us, many of whom make vital contributions through donations and fundraising efforts. Each and every Volunteer. The Centre's paid Staff, especially Meire Andrade. Each member of the Board. Our many friends in other organisations.

We pay special tribute to all the people and organisations that have made donations and grants to the Charity.

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# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### *Principal sources of income and how expenditure meets objects*

Our income is principally from:

Selling Oxygen Therapy to people with Multiple Sclerosis

Selling Oxygen Therapy to people who do not have Multiple Sclerosis

Generating Income from Fundraising

The expenditure of the charity is dominated by the salary costs of staff, which is fully in line with the objects of the charity.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the charitable company that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charitable company's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. In 2023 our unrestricted expenditure was £169,868. Therefore, 3 months expenditure amounts to £42,467. This level of reserves has finally been achieved in 2023 upon the sale of the building on 8th November 2023.

At 31st December 2023 we had unrestricted reserves of £678,033 and restricted funds of £20,624. The target level of reserves as stated is £42,467.

### **Investment Policy**

Our policy is to take any investment opportunity that can benefit the charity, after securing 3 to 6 months reserves.

### **Plans for the future**

Work is going forward to:

- Find new premises for the charity to rent, purchase a replacement Oxygen Chamber and move all operations to those new premises.
- Continue to expand the Oxygen Therapy service. Already significant new numbers of paying customers, with conditions other than Multiple Sclerosis, are buying this treatment and making a significant contribution to the financial health of the charity as a whole.
- Focus fundraising to raise more money.

This charity has had a life changing impact on the lives of many people with MS, since 1988. During that time the culture and environment externally has changed substantially. However, our desire remains to help more people affected by Multiple Sclerosis and other conditions and do this in such a way that our services remain viable long term.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated 29 January 1988, number 2215165 and registered as a charity on 4 August 1988.

The charitable company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company.

The charitable company is managed by a Board of Trustees. At any one time there must be a minimum of three Trustees and a maximum of nine Trustees. A Trustee can be appointed by an Ordinary Resolution of the members or by co-option by a decision of the Trustees until the next AGM.

At each Annual General Meeting (AGM) any Trustees who have completed a three year term of service since appointment at a previous AGM must retire from office but may offer themselves for re-election by the members, unless they have completed three consecutive terms.

The Trustees, who are also the Directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr R Greener

Mr M Boscher

Mr R Levene

(Resigned 22 January 2024)

Mr A Coulthard

(Appointed 12 February 2024)

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Each year we note which new people have joined our Board or have retired from serving in this way since the last set of accounts were drawn up. We express our deep appreciation for the outstanding service of Rae Levene who retired as a Trustee in January 2024.

### *Induction and training of trustees*

New Trustees complete an induction programme and training is provided each year for all Board members.

### *Organisational structure*

The charitable company is managed by a Board of Trustees. At any one time there must be a minimum of three Trustees and a maximum of nine Trustees.

The Trustees delegate day to day running of the charitable company's operations to the senior staff.

### *Relationship with wider network*

While this Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre is entirely independent we are pleased to be members of a national association for the 49 Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centres around the UK, called Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres.

### *Relationships with related parties*

We are entirely independent but highly value our good working relationships with the MS Society, the MS Trust, MS-UK and Overcoming MS.

### *Risk factors and review*

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*Mark Boscher*

**Mr M Boscher**

Trustee

Dated: 22 August 2024



# **HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Ltd for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Ltd (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



**John Wilson FCA ATII**

Howard Wilson Chartered Accountants  
36 Crown Rise  
Watford  
Hertfordshire  
WD25 0NE

Dated: 5 September 2024

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Voluntary income including donations and legacies	3	6,721	-	6,721	10,254
Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy	4	74,375	-	74,375	102,359
Community fundraising, events and sponsorship	5	9,914	-	9,914	10,793
Investment income	6	265	-	265	6,577
Other	7	288,396	-	288,396	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>379,671</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>379,671</b>	<b>129,983</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Fundraising and publicity	8	14,694	-	14,694	16,758
Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy	9	153,174	-	153,174	126,960
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>167,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,868</b>	<b>143,718</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>211,803</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>211,803</b>	<b>(13,735)</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		466,913	20,624	487,537	501,272
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>678,716</b>	<b>20,624</b>	<b>699,340</b>	<b>487,537</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>				
Voluntary income including donations and legacies	3	10,254	-	10,254
Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy	4	102,359	-	102,359
Community fundraising, events and sponsorship	5	10,793	-	10,793
Investment income	6	6,577	-	6,577
<b>Total income</b>		129,983	-	129,983
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
Fundraising and publicity	8	16,758	-	16,758
Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy	9	126,960	-	126,960
<b>Total expenditure</b>		143,718	-	143,718
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(13,735)	-	(13,735)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		480,648	20,624	501,272
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		466,913	20,624	487,537

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		-		513,559
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	7,494		10,061	
Cash at bank and in hand		745,751		24,221	
		<u>753,245</u>		<u>34,282</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(18,536)		(19,040)	
Net current assets			734,709		15,242
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			734,709		528,801
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17		(35,369)		(41,264)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>699,340</u>		<u>487,537</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	19		20,624		20,624
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	20	683		683	
General unrestricted funds		<u>678,033</u>		<u>466,230</u>	
			678,716		466,913
			<u>699,340</u>		<u>487,537</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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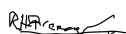
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 August 2024



Mr R Greener  
**Trustee**



Mr M Boscher  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 02215165**

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 30 Campus Five, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 2JF.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 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)". The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

The charitable company meets its day to day working capital requirements with the support of loans provided by supporters as detailed in note 16 to the accounts. In addition the trustees obtained a bounce back loan, repayable over a ten year period, to cover the transition period as they seek to return the charitable company to a surplus position.

The nature of the charitable company's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows. The trustees have prepared projected cash flow information for the period ending 12 months from the date of their approval of these accounts. On the basis of this cash flow information and discussions with the charitable company's lenders, the trustees consider that the charitable company will continue to operate within the cash balances currently available.

However, the margin of facilities over requirements is not large and, inherently there can be no certainty in relation to these matters. On this basis, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis. The accounts do not include any adjustments that would result from a withdrawal of the loan facilities by the charitable company's lenders.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charitable company has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

# HERTFORDSHIRE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Incoming resources from fundraising ventures are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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. Resources expended include attributable VAT that is not recoverable by the charity.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the costs of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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	50 years straight line
Plant and machinery	4 - 10 years straight line

The charity has a policy not to capitalise expenditure on fixed assets costing less than £2,500.

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.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 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 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.10 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **1.11 Retirement benefits**

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

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 3 Voluntary income including donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Donations and gifts	6,721	7,975
Legacies receivable	-	2,279
	<u>6,721</u>	<u>10,254</u>

### 4 Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income from therapies	<u>74,375</u>	<u>102,359</u>

### 5 Community fundraising, events and sponsorship

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u>9,914</u>	<u>10,793</u>

### 6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Rental income	-	6,534
Interest receivable	265	43
	<u>265</u>	<u>6,577</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 7 Other

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	288,396	-

### 8 Fundraising and publicity

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Community fundraising, events and sponsorship		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	6,347	7,561
Staging fundraising events	8,347	9,197
Community fundraising, events and sponsorship	14,694	16,758

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 9 Provision of Physiotherapy and Oxygen Therapy

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	58,609	50,971
Depreciation and impairment	-	14,743
General running costs	996	2,649
Premises costs	9,076	9,969
Insurance costs	4,363	4,031
Repairs and maintenance costs	20,673	4,279
Office costs	1,604	2,569
Equipment costs	1,637	1,741
Transport costs	38	319
Training	-	735
Legal and professional costs	32,353	9,075
Governance costs (see note below)	2,520	2,400
Bank charges and other finance costs	2,450	2,698
Oxygen	18,855	20,781
	<u>153,174</u>	<u>126,960</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	<u>153,174</u>	<u>126,960</u>

Governance costs comprise independent examiners fees of £2,520 (2022: £2,400). In addition the independent examiners were paid £840 (2022: £900) for payroll services.

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2022- £Nil).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Management and administration	1	1
Oxygen Therapy	7	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>

#### Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	57,458	50,227
Other pension costs	1,151	744
	<u>58,609</u>	<u>50,971</u>

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

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
At 1 January 2023	737,166	137,862	875,028
Disposals	(737,166)	(137,862)	(875,028)
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 1 January 2023	(223,607)	137,862	(85,745)
Eliminated in respect of disposals	223,607	(137,862)	85,745
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>513,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,559</u>

All fixed assets are used directly in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	974	5,584
Other debtors	185	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,335	4,477
	<u>7,494</u>	<u>10,061</u>

### 15 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	<u>41,264</u>	<u>47,159</u>
Payable within one year	5,895	5,895
Payable after one year	<u>35,369</u>	<u>41,264</u>

The long-term loans are supported by a guarantee to the lender from the UK Government under the Bounce Back Loan Scheme.

The charitable company obtained the Bounce Back Loan from Barclays Bank, repayable over ten years with no repayments in the first year. The interest rate is 2.5% per annum, with the interest in the first twelve months being covered by the UK Government.

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	15	5,895	5,895
Other taxation and social security		-	839
Trade creditors		6,427	1,749
Other creditors		2,156	5,976
Accruals and deferred income		4,058	4,581
		<u>18,536</u>	<u>19,040</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	15	35,369	41,264
<b>Bank loans</b>			
Debt due in one year or less		5,895	5,895
In more than one year but not more than two years		5,895	5,895
In more than two years but not more than three years		17,685	17,685
In more than three years but not more than five years		11,789	17,684
		41,264	47,159

### 18 Retirement benefit schemes

#### Defined contribution schemes

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

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,151 (2022 - £744).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### 19 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		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	8,058	-	8,058	-	8,058
Oxygen Compressor Fund	6,500	-	6,500	-	6,500
Other Restricted Funds	6,066	-	6,066	-	6,066
	<u>20,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,624</u>

Furniture, fixtures and equipment - This fund is funds given to purchase equipment, furniture and fittings in the Centre.

Oxygen Compressor Fund is to provide funds to replace the compressor on the oxygen tank when required.

Other restricted funds include the following smaller restricted funds: Vehicle fund, Outreach Physiotherapy Project, Physiotherapy and Equipment Funds, new therapy couches, the cost of an Annual Review plus funding from North Hertfordshire District Council to provide training for staff in specialist Pilates courses.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 20 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:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 1 January 2023	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Oxygen Compressor Fund	683	-	683	-	683
	683	-	683	-	683

Oxygen Compressor Fund is to provide funds to replace the compressor on the oxygen tank when required.

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	-	-	-	513,559	513,559
Current assets/(liabilities)	714,085	20,624	734,709	(5,382)	15,242
Long term liabilities	(35,369)	-	(35,369)	-	(41,264)
	678,716	20,624	699,340	466,913	487,537