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**DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S
HOSPICE**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

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STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Welcome to the Annual Report of St. Teresa's Hospice Limited for the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

At St. Teresa's Hospice, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with life-limiting illnesses and those close to them. This year, we have accomplished a great deal. We have strengthened our working culture, undertaken a comprehensive review of the tools we use to measure clinical effectiveness and launched an outreach program that has introduced our services to people who may not have otherwise accessed them. In total, we supported 1,230 people this year. Of our patients, 93% were able to achieve their preferred place of care and 97% of service users expressed they would recommend us to friends and family: figures we are truly proud of.

We have continued to collaborate and expand our partnerships across health, social care, and the voluntary and community sectors. We have benefited from ongoing support from the County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust palliative care team throughout the year. As part of the 12 independent charitable Hospices in the North East, we also collaborate through Hospices North East and North Cumbria (HNENC), dedicated to ensuring that people in the North East receive outstanding hospice care and support.

In 2023/24, we began developing a new three-year strategy engaging key stakeholders including patients, families and the public to ensure it reflects local needs and aligns with broader health and care system priorities. The core ambition of this strategy is to ensure that everyone in our community who is facing the end of life has access to high-quality care and support when they need it most. Every staff member and volunteer have an essential role in delivering our strategic objectives.

Financially 2023/24 has been challenging and with the demand for palliative care continuing to grow this financial pressure will only continue. Our fundraising and retail teams, as always, are showing creativity and adaptability in finding new ways to boost income, helping to make our goals a reality.

Thank you for your continued support. Hospice care is, above all, a team effort, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our work this year: donors, funders, partners, supporters, staff and volunteers. We could not continue to improve the lives of local families without you. I am particularly grateful to our dedicated team of staff and volunteers whose efforts have enabled us to accomplish so much this year. Without them, we wouldn't be able to provide the exceptional care and compassionate support that our patients and their families have come to expect from St. Teresa's Hospice. I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together over the past year.

Finally, here at St. Teresa's Hospice, we remain steadfast in our Vision: to ensure that all in our community facing the end of their life are supported to live life full and die with dignity, in a place that is right for them, knowing their loved ones are supported.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Report for 2023/24. I look forward to another year of growth and challenge. Thank you for your continued support.

N J Myers
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 5 December 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC 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 Deed of Trust, 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

Our aim is to care for people with a palliative diagnosis, to provide excellent end and to provide support for their carers and other family members up to and beyond bereavement.

Mission statement

St Teresa's Hospice aims to provide "CHOICE"

C omplete

H ollistic palliative care

O ffered

I n the patients

C hosen

E nvironment

We believe we will achieve this through good management, through partnerships, through fund-raising and through the recruitment and management of quality personnel in all fields.

Our values

The Hospice exists to enhance the quality of life for those suffering from life-limiting illness, and offers specialist palliative care and support to patients and carers, in the belief that each person is entitled to dignity and choice within the best provision of care. Our services are built-up on the basis of patient need and choice, using a holistic approach. Services are accessible to everyone in the community (regardless of race, creed/non-creed, sexual orientation, social standing, age, or financial status).

How do we respond to their needs?

We are a need-led service, responding to the needs of patients and their carers. Our services have developed entirely as a result of listening to carers' needs for support and patients' needs for comfort and choice in when and where they receive their care. We also have close working relationships with local GP's and Community Nurses, who have considerable input into the options we provide for patient care. The Charity's development is as a direct result of input from patients, carers and health care professionals.

In brief, summary, our services are:

- 6 Bedded Inpatient Unit
- Day hospice service; a telephone "keeping in touch" service was initiated
- Hospice Home Care
- Rapid Response Services
- Lymphoedema Service
- Family Support (including counselling, specialist social work and bereavement care)
- Complementary Therapies

Public benefit

The charity's aims and achievements are set out within this report. The activities set out in the report have been undertaken to further the charity's charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Commission. The Trustees have considered this guidance in shaping the charitable company's objectives for the year and planning current and future activities.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake and when planning future activities. The charitable objectives are also set out in order to provide a clear and demonstratable public benefit, which the trustees believe are continually achieved.

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Volunteers

Volunteers offer their skills, experience, expertise and time to every department in the Hospice and form an important part of St Teresa's workforce. We recognise their commitment and their value. The Board of Trustees who have uppermost authority for controlling the activities of the Hospice are volunteers.

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

In the Quality Improvement Priorities 2023/24 report, we set out three priorities for improvement. We are pleased to report that considerable progress has been made as detailed below.

Developing our working culture

The aim of this objective was to bring staff and volunteers together to develop and 'own' a framework for Hospice culture that would enable the Hospice to become a great place in which to work.

During the past year we have

- Conducted various engagement exercises with the Hospice team, including questionnaires, asking them to answer the question: 'when we are at our best what values are alive in the organisation'.
- We have increased levels of team understanding and cooperation by introducing a section in our newsletter focusing on different teams, their role and responsibilities
- Completed personality profiling to improve self-awareness of the leadership team and to help them become more effective leaders and managers
- Shared with the staff team the draft values for comment prior to rolling them out.

Once finalised the aim is to provide focus and a greater sense of purpose and engagement, reinforcing our broader goals and feeding into everyday decisions and work. These will act as one of the building blocks of hospice culture, giving a consistent reference point, even in times of change.

Measuring clinical effectiveness: A fundamental review

Considering the National Guidance for Palliative and End of Life Care, we identified the need for a fundamental review of the tools we use to measure clinical effectiveness and evaluate how compatible they are with a person-centred approach.

We identified a handful of current assessment tools which are routinely completed on a daily or weekly basis. We then formed a team from the Inpatient Unit to review each assessment tool.

This project was split into three phases:-

- Audit of current tools, a literature search, review of NICE guidance, collate best practice from local hospice networks and hospitals.
- Formulation/adaption of clinical tool and publish within SystmOne
- Provide staff education to enable trial and review in three months against data collated from current tools.

Our literature review and research on the first phase highlighted themes such as incomplete assessment tools, poor sensitivity accuracy, inadequate inter-rater reliability: this may be due to lack of clear definitions within the categories and differentiating level of knowledge between the users. For example, limitations in the predictive validity of the Waterlow score. By contrast, within palliative care the PURPOSE-T assessment tool can be individualised, providing specific care to that patient. We have therefore formed a collaboration with a local hospice to integrate the PURPOSE-T tool into practice and, by working together, plan to standardise care.

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We are also currently piloting a nursing acuity tool known as "The Mary Potter Tool", to assess individual patient acuity levels, to support decisions around admission and discharge and identify appropriate staffing levels to ensure a high standard of nursing care and safety.

We are now able to progress to the second and third phases of the review which we plan to complete within the next six months.

Widening access to Hospice services

This quality improvement priority emerged from our ambition to ensure Hospice care is accessible to the whole community, especially people with a low social-economic status who are under-represented in our services. Our vision was to work with those system partners who already engage with people who are homeless, in vulnerable housing or experiencing financial hardship, to improve their awareness of Hospice services and to support people known to them with palliative care needs. We also wanted to learn how to reduce barriers to Hospice care and deliver more inclusive services.

In April 2023 the Hospice was awarded a grant through Hospice UK to implement a 15-month outreach programme with three main objectives:-

- Out-Reach: regular visits to voluntary organisations to raise awareness of Hospice care.
- In-Reach: provision of palliative care social work support into local authority housing services.
- Lasting change: learning from the lived experience of others, improving pathway, reducing barriers, improving outcomes.

We have been delighted by the progress made and the response we have received, both in terms of the additional people we have been able to support and the enthusiasm of other organisations to support the project.

In line with the project plan, we have forged good relationships and referral pathways with the Local Authority team responsible for homelessness and their contracted providers. This has successfully raised awareness of palliative care and the support available and, through these contacts, we have met new people who may otherwise not have accessed our services.

Beyond the immediate stakeholders we have shared the project aims with local councillors, the ICB and the Primary Care Network. This led to a meeting with project leaders of a "Poverty Proofing Pathways" audit for the local NHS Trust.

This second phase of the project focussed on the outreach to community groups who work with people experiencing financial hardship, including local foodbanks and debt management agencies. Like our earlier work with the housing teams, our social worker met with these new stakeholders to raise awareness of palliative care and Hospice services and, through these contacts, we have taken new referrals.

Since the project began, 16 new referrals have been received, four of whom were for people homeless at the point of referral. Our social worker has worked with these individuals and partner organisations to advocate for the privacy and dignity of people in temporary accommodation, support advance care planning for those with life-limiting illness, enable access to specialist clinical services and help people to maximise their income. To date six people being cared for under this project have died; four on the Inpatient Unit and two died at home with the support of our Community Hospice team.

As we enter the final phase of the project we are looking to discern lasting quality improvements. Some themes are already emerging which we aim to take forward in the coming months. These include a named link worker in the Hospice team for housing and social care, exploring the viability of outreach clinics in the community and ongoing work with stakeholder agencies to embed referral triggers in their processes.

From this year's review of our priorities that we have achieved a great deal. We have developed our working culture, initiated a fundamental review of the tools we use to measure clinical effectiveness and, through the implementation of an outreach programme, have introduced people to our services who may otherwise have not accessed them.

Our work is made possible through an effective, eclectic mix of staff and volunteers. The Board and Senior Manager thank all of the people in our team and our supporters in the wider community.

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Fundraising

The charity is required to report how it deals with fundraising from the public. The charity does not use a professional fundraiser or commercial participator to raise funds. Any monies raised direct from the public follows all guidelines set out by the Charities Commission and UK law in every respect. We respect the privacy and contact preferences of all public donors.

Financial review

We provide all our core services free of charge to patients, families and carers. Our funding continues to be provided via a core grant received from the NHS and through the generous support of the local community in the form of donations, legacies, fundraising events and our One Wish Lottery and shops.

We commenced the year with a deficit budget of £539,474, the outcome for the year was a positive uplift, however still a deficit of £195,817 with the previous year being a £336,044 deficit.

Donations from events and trusts has increased on the previous year from £426,353 to £495,061 along with trading income from £707,755 to £740,820

Expenditure has increased on the previous year from £3,385,373 to £3,570,977, this is in line with budget. Staff costs are our largest expense equating to 60.37% of total expenditure, however without the dedication from all our professional staff and volunteers the Hospice could not continue to provide its services.

In summary the Hospice relies on the support of the Integrated Care Board (ICB), our committed staff and volunteers, the community and businesses and its own commercial activities to continue operating. This continues to be so as the cost of living continues to increase for everyone. We enter 2024/25 with a deficit budget of £593k, we are therefore reliant on our healthy cash position and built up reserves.

The staff, Trustees and volunteers are committed to maximising income and controlling expenditure without compromising services to help ensure that the Hospice can continue to offer the high-quality care and support that has made it an essential part of the community for so many years.

Going concern

Forecasts have been prepared covering 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties in respect of going concern. Further detail is given in the notes section.

Policy on reserves

Reserves are needed to sustain operations during periods when there is an unanticipated shortfall in main income sources or to cover unanticipated significant expenditure. The Trustees review risk to the Hospice on a regular basis via a panel of experts on the Finance Committee. In previous years the Trustees have concluded that reserves of at least six months' operational costs should be held. This would equate to a reserve in the range of £1.5m to £2m as at 31 March 2024.

Reserves at 31 March 2024 are £5,661,706 (2023: £5,857,523) of which £904,020 (2023: £888,480) are restricted and £4,757,686 (2023: £4,969,043) are un-restricted. Restricted reserves are to be used for expenditure as specified by the donor, un-restricted reserves are available to further the Hospices purpose.

The actual free reserves currently held at 31 March 2024 amounted to £2,953,504 (2023: £3,073,709). The Trustees consider that the Hospice has sufficient readily available reserves to enable it to pay for ongoing operations during the year to come.

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Risk management

Keeping patients, families, staff and visitors safe is a fundamental principle at St Teresa's and as such, risk management is firmly embedded in the culture and structure of the organisation.

The Trustees review risk to the charity on a regular basis, as part of the administration of the charity; this process is undertaken through Management meetings and through the sub-committees of the Board of Trustees and it covers all aspects of the Hospice's work and its premises. The Board has reviewed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the Hospice is exposed and has produced a corporate risk register. Across the Hospice we have a culture of monitoring adverse events, complaints and feedback as a way to monitor risk.

Plans for future periods

The Hospice plans to implement a weekly lottery following the closure of the North East Hospice Lottery from which a 25% share of the distribution was received. The St Teresa's Hospice Lottery will increase the Hospice income generation potential through running a weekly lottery draw with all profits supporting the Hospice.

The current Hospice three-year strategic plan was launched in 2021, it is now time to develop the new strategic plan for the next three years. The plan will be based on the strategic themes of:-

- Our Future (sustainability)
- Our services
- Our influence
- Our people

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Darlington & District Hospice Movement, also known as St Teresa's Hospice, is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated 4 December 1986 with company registration number 2080756 and registered as a charity on 23 January 1987 with charity number 518394.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the members of the Management Committee shall retire at each AGM and can offer themselves for re-election.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A MacConachie OBE DL Hon DBA Hon.

President - Not a Director

Mrs C S Charlton - Chair

Mr S J Metcalfe

(Appointed 7 December 2023)

Col N C T Millen OBE

Mr C J Clinkard

Councillor C B Hughes

Mr M W Brown

Mrs D Murphy

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Recruitment to Trusteeship is achieved by identifying and approaching potential members. The aim is to create a Board that offers St Teresa's diversity of skills and expertise and a balance of viewpoints.

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Organisational structure

The Board consists of seven Trustees who meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the general and strategic direction and policy of the charity and to review its overall management and control for which they are legally responsible. The Trustees review risks to the charitable company on a regular basis, as part of the administration of the Charity. Various sub-committees including clinical governance, finance, remuneration, retail and HR & workforce development meet as appropriate to discuss relevant issues. All sub-committees report back to the Board and have Trustee representation. The group of senior staff, known as the Strategic Management Team, hold delegated day to day management responsibilities and line manage the individual department heads/team leaders. They ensure compliance with the regulations of the Care Quality Commission, the Charities Act, Companies House, health & safety and employment law.

Induction and training of Trustees

All new Trustees of the charity meet with the Chair of the Board and Chief Executive, where new Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations. New Trustees are taken through an induction training session. The Board of Trustees has an annual refresher training programme when members review their responsibilities, review progress against the strategic plan, and are updated on any new services, legislation or other developments.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charitable company.

Pay policy for key management personnel

The remuneration committee has delegated authority to review the Hospice staff remuneration, taking contextual factors and comparisons with similar jobs into account, in order to give assurance to the Board of proper processes. The Hospice uses a single payscale for all management and non management roles.

In April 2023, a cost of living rise of 4% was awarded across the payscale, with higher increases in lower bands to meet NLW rises and maintain a differential between lower pay points where needed.

Staff

St Teresa's is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion among our workforce, and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative of all sections of society and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best. We are a Disability Confident Employer. We are committed to employing and retaining disabled people, and we encourage applications from all sectors of the community.

Staff experience is measured in three ways:

- Accurate monitoring, reporting and review of sickness levels;
- Confidential annual staff experience survey; and
- Line management support including 1:1 contact meetings and the annual appraisal process.

Relationship with related parties

The Hospice has a £1 ordinary share investment in North East Hospices Lottery Limited; this represents a 25% share in the allotted share capital. In return for this investment, the Hospice receives a 25% share of the payments to associated undertakings; this is usually the net profit after tax of the Lottery, available for distribution. North East Hospice Lottery Limited decided to cease trading as of 31st March 2024 with the Hospice receiving its 25% share of the distribution due to this date.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Darlington & District Hospice Movement t/a St Teresa's Hospice 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

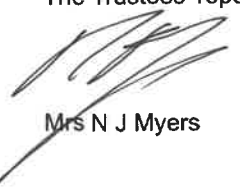
Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs N J Myers



Mr M W Brown

5 December 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Darlington & District Hospice Movement t/a St Teresa's Hospice (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the field in which the charity operates, we identified the following areas as the most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: Care Quality Commission (CQC), health and safety, employment law (including the Working Time Directive); and compliance with the UK Companies Act and Charities Act.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE



**Simon Brown BA ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services**

6-12-2024

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

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 and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	2,364,379	165,886	2,530,265	2,187,106	140,686	2,327,792
Other trading activities	4	740,820	-	740,820	707,755	-	707,755
Investments	5	73,169	-	73,169	4,642	-	4,642
Other income	6	30,906	-	30,906	9,140	-	9,140
Total income		3,209,274	165,886	3,375,160	2,908,643	140,686	3,049,329
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	221,561	200	221,761	229,214	-	229,214
Charitable activities	8	3,199,070	150,146	3,349,216	3,039,336	116,823	3,156,159
Total expenditure		3,420,631	150,346	3,570,977	3,268,550	116,823	3,385,373
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(211,357)	15,540	(195,817)	(359,907)	23,863	(336,044)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		4,969,043	888,480	5,857,523	5,328,950	864,617	6,193,567
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		4,757,686	904,020	5,661,706	4,969,043	888,480	5,857,523

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.

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		2,708,202		2,783,814
Current assets					
Debtors	16	515,775		374,909	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,628,488		3,166,422	
		<u>3,144,263</u>		<u>3,541,331</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(190,759)</u>		<u>(467,622)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,953,504</u>		<u>3,073,709</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>5,661,706</u></u>		<u><u>5,857,523</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	21		904,020		888,480
Unrestricted funds - general			<u>4,757,686</u>		<u>4,969,043</u>
			<u><u>5,661,706</u></u>		<u><u>5,857,523</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 December 2024



Mr M W Brown
Trustee

Company registration number 02080756

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

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	25		(380,589)		694,978
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(38,847)		(87,399)	
Investment income received		73,169		4,642	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			34,322		(82,757)
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		(191,667)		(50,000)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(191,667)		(50,000)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(537,934)		562,221
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			3,166,422		2,604,201
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			2,628,488		3,166,422

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

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

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Teresa's Hospice is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The Woodlands, Woodlands Road, Darlington, DL3 7UA, Durham.

The liability of individual members is limited to a maximum of £1 if the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Deed of Trust, the Companies Act 2006, 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.

The Charity meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations. At the year end the charity had net current assets of £2,953,504 including cash of £2,628,488 and made a deficit of £195,817. The charity took out a CBILS loan during a prior year, however, this was fully paid off in July 2023 and there are limited other financial commitments.

The charity's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the charity should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account reasonable possible changes in trading performance. The charity has strong cash and net current assets balances. In the trustee's assessment of reasonably possible changes in financial performance for the next twelve months they have considered a fall in fundraising and trading income should restrictions be reintroduced.

Based on the factors set out above, the trustees believe that there is no material uncertainty in relation to going concern and that the charity has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of signing the financial statements and therefore, the trustees believe it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity 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.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified prior to the year end of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Donated services and facilities

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the costs to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Grants receivable

Income from grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the grant, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Grants are recognised in income over the period in which the costs are recognised where there are performance conditions attached to the grant, otherwise the income is recognised in full.

Other trading activities

Shop income is recognised at point of sale.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Charitable Activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Other Expenditure

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and 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	2% Straight line
Furniture and equipment	Straight line 4 years and straight line 15 years
Motor vehicles	25% 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.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity 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). Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

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 from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Trade debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any rate trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of trade discounts due.

Trade creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity'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.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Legacies

The charity includes (in its debtors) amounts due from legacies, where these have been notified prior to the year end. These are based on best information received prior to completion of the amounts and are only estimates made by solicitors which are subject to change.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	604,971	116,885	721,856	617,438	52,443	669,881
Legacies receivable	261,017	-	261,017	190,671	-	190,671
Grant income, including capital grants	1,498,391	49,001	1,547,392	1,378,997	88,243	1,467,240
	<u>2,364,379</u>	<u>165,886</u>	<u>2,530,265</u>	<u>2,187,106</u>	<u>140,686</u>	<u>2,327,792</u>
Donations and gifts						
Donations and gifts	188,211	-	188,211	189,053	-	189,053
Donations from fundraising and trusts	378,176	116,885	495,061	373,910	52,443	426,353
Donations from North East Hospice Lottery	38,584	-	38,584	54,475	-	54,475
	<u>604,971</u>	<u>116,885</u>	<u>721,856</u>	<u>617,438</u>	<u>52,443</u>	<u>669,881</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Shop income	740,820	707,755

Shop income is from the sale of donated goods.

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Interest receivable	73,169	4,642

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,500
Other income	30,906	6,640
	30,906	9,140

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Cost of Events	46,596	200	46,796	74,908
Advertising	5,199	-	5,199	476
Other fundraising costs	598	-	598	9,824
Staff costs	169,168	-	169,168	144,006
	<u>221,561</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>221,761</u>	<u>229,214</u>
Fundraising and publicity	<u>221,561</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>221,761</u>	<u>229,214</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Charitable activities

	Shops Governance Expenses	Governance Costs	In Patient Unit	Home Care	Out Patient and Operational Costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	£	£
Staff costs	438,317	-	749,734	406,516	438,914	2,033,481	1,899,232
Charitable activities	248,653	-	35,532	2,443	51,737	338,365	334,764
	686,970	-	785,266	408,959	490,651	2,371,846	2,233,996
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	-	563,968	563,968	537,940
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	413,402	-	-	-	413,402	384,223
	686,970	413,402	785,266	408,959	1,054,619	3,349,216	3,156,159
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds - general	686,970	413,402	785,266	331,458	981,974	3,199,070	3,039,336
Restricted funds	-	-	-	77,501	72,645	150,146	116,823
	686,970	413,402	785,266	408,959	1,054,619	3,349,216	3,156,159

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Shops Expenses	Governance Costs	In Patient Unit	Home Care	Out Patient and Operational Costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	392,967	-	705,838	425,239	375,188	1,899,232
Charitable activities	261,397	-	27,494	172	45,701	334,764
	<u>654,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733,332</u>	<u>425,411</u>	<u>420,889</u>	<u>2,233,996</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	-	537,940	537,940
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	384,223	-	-	-	384,223
	<u>654,364</u>	<u>384,223</u>	<u>733,332</u>	<u>425,411</u>	<u>958,829</u>	<u>3,156,159</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	654,364	384,223	729,175	340,876	930,698	3,039,336
Restricted funds	-	-	4,157	84,535	28,131	116,823
	<u>654,364</u>	<u>384,223</u>	<u>733,332</u>	<u>425,411</u>	<u>958,829</u>	<u>3,156,159</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	132,551	313,219	445,770	114,297	263,845	378,142
Depreciation	106,059	-	106,059	89,767	-	89,767
Running costs	276,678	-	276,678	291,858	-	291,858
Travel costs	40,490	-	40,490	31,796	-	31,796
Training	8,190	-	8,190	10,222	-	10,222
Audit fees	-	12,100	12,100	-	11,000	11,000
Legal and professional	-	10,214	10,214	-	42,329	42,329
Human resources	-	31,886	31,886	-	22,047	22,047
Finance costs	-	7,651	7,651	-	13,239	13,239
Running costs	-	23,550	23,550	-	17,918	17,918
Travel costs	-	78	78	-	183	183
Sundry	-	14,704	14,704	-	13,662	13,662
	<u>563,968</u>	<u>413,402</u>	<u>977,370</u>	<u>537,940</u>	<u>384,223</u>	<u>922,163</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>563,968</u>	<u>413,402</u>	<u>977,370</u>	<u>537,940</u>	<u>384,223</u>	<u>922,163</u>

10 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	106,059	89,767
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>8,400</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>

11 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the Charity's auditor and associates:	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>12,100</u>	<u>11,000</u>

12 Trustees

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
126	126

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	2,352,288	2,146,936
Social security costs	187,894	170,208
Other pension costs	108,237	104,236
	<u>2,648,419</u>	<u>2,421,380</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	-	1
£70,001 to £80,000	1	-

14 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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	3,636,018	599,325	28,181	4,263,524
Additions	1,498	37,349	-	38,847
Transfer to held for sale	(26,250)	-	-	(26,250)
At 31 March 2024	3,611,266	636,674	28,181	4,276,121
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2023	951,880	513,432	14,398	1,479,710
Depreciation charged in the year	68,734	33,479	3,846	106,059
Transfer to held for sale	(17,850)	-	-	(17,850)
At 31 March 2024	1,002,764	546,911	18,244	1,567,919
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	2,608,502	89,763	9,937	2,708,202
At 31 March 2023	2,684,138	85,893	13,783	2,783,814

The charity has a £1 ordinary share in North East Hospice Lottery Limited (NEHL). This represents a 25% share in the allotted share capital of this entity which is incorporated in England. The audited financial statements for North East Hospice Lottery Limited for the year ended 31 March 2024 shows shareholders funds in a surplus of £88 (2023: £12). NEHL will be terminating activity on 31 March 2024 subject to a final distribution in due course.

16 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	12,396	19,486
Other debtors and accrued income	419,246	262,658
Prepayments	84,133	92,765
	515,775	374,909

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	18	-	191,667
Other taxation and social security		44,331	39,570
Government grants	19	-	79,804
Trade creditors		100,326	73,117
Other creditors		21,107	21,631
Accruals and deferred income		24,995	61,833
		<u>190,759</u>	<u>467,622</u>

18 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	-	191,667
	<u>-</u>	<u>191,667</u>
Payable within one year	-	191,667
	<u>-</u>	<u>191,667</u>

During the 2020/21 financial year the charity obtained a Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan. Interest was charged as at rate of 2.28% over base rate and interest for the first year was paid by the UK Government.

The Loan was repayable over 60 monthly installments commencing 12 months from drawdown (February 2022). The loan was fully repaid in July 2023.

Bank loans were secured by a legal charge by NHS England over the freehold property at The Woodlands, Woodland Road, Darlington on the bank's standard terms.

19 Government grants

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	79,804
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,804</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	79,804	1,999
Released from previous periods	(79,804)	(1,999)
Resources deferred in the year	-	79,804
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,804</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2024	-	79,804
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,804</u>

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20 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 £108,237 (2023 - £104,236).

Contributions totalling £21,107 (2023: £21,273) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included within creditors.

21 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 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
IPU Building Grant	127,155	-	(2,890)	124,265	-	(2,890)	121,375
NHS England grant	700,000	-	-	700,000	-	-	700,000
Family Support Rooms refurbishment	24,698	-	(613)	24,085	-	(613)	23,472
Wolfson Suite	5,257	-	(2,013)	3,244	-	(2,013)	1,231
Tees Esk and Wear Valley Resilience Funding	-	9,995	(5,172)	4,823	-	(4,823)	-
The JGW Patterson Foundation	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
North East & North Cumbria CHC	-	-	-	-	49,001	(49,001)	-
Mattress Fund	-	-	-	-	11,000	(1,943)	9,057
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	-	-	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
February Foundation	-	-	-	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	-	-	-	9,462	(9,462)	-
The Hobson Charity	-	-	-	-	9,795	(1,016)	8,779
Darlington Borough Council Carers break	-	4,330	(4,330)	-	3,996	(3,996)	-

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21 Restricted funds

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Darlington Womens Group	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tees Valley Sport	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Hospice Aid UK	-	999	-	999	-	(183)	816
Mogan & Mogan	-	200	-	200	-	(200)	-
Hadrian Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
IPU Door Project	-	-	-	-	15,054	-	15,054
Other restricted funds (see table below)	6,507	121,162	(101,805)	25,864	34,078	(36,706)	23,236
	<u>864,617</u>	<u>140,686</u>	<u>(116,823)</u>	<u>888,480</u>	<u>165,886</u>	<u>(150,346)</u>	<u>904,020</u>

Other restricted reserves comprise:

	Balance at Incoming Resources 1 April resources expended 2022			Balance at Incoming Resources 1 April resources expended 2023			Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
North East & North Cumbria ICB - Happiness Hubs Fund	-	-	-	-	5,750	(4,252)	1,498
The William Leech Charity	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
North East & North Cumbria ICB - Personalised Care Non Recurring Fund 2023	-	-	-	-	3,588	(3,588)	-
The Muckle Fund at Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland	-	-	-	-	1,444	-	1,444
Masonic Charitable Foundation via Hospice UK	-	-	-	-	8,892	(8,892)	-
IT Equipment	-	-	-	-	4,620	(278)	4,342
Syringe Drivers	-	2,500	-	2,500	3,784	(456)	5,828
Tesco Stronger Starts	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Other misc restricted funds	6,507	118,662	(101,805)	23,364	-	(14,240)	9,124
Total other restricted funds	6,507	121,162	(101,805)	25,864	34,078	(36,706)	23,236

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21 Restricted funds

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The in Patient unit (IPU) Grant was a contribution towards the construction of the IPU building and the grant was fully spent in 2015/16 year.

The NHS England grant was to fund the continuing use of the freehold property 'The Woodlands'. The fund is restricted until the NHS release the legal charge over the property or until the property is sold.

The refurbishment of the 1st floor of The Woodlands (former IPU) to house the family support suites was funded by the Children in Need grant, Finaly Cooper Fund and William Webster Charitable Trust, all of which were fully spent in 2017/18 year, and the ASDA Foundation grant which was also fully spent in 2018/19 year.

The Wolfson Suite grant was to fund the kitchen added to the Wolfson Suite in the Hospice. The grant was fully spent in 2017/18 year.

Tees ESK and Wear Valley Resilience Funding funded a staff members salary for the period 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023. The brought forward balance was fully expended in the year.

The JGW Patterson Foundation provided £10,000 as a contribution towards the cost of providing our complementary therapy service, which was fully spent on staff salaries in the year.

North East & North Cumbria ICB provided £49,001 for the provision of continuing health care and this has been fully spent in the year against staff costs.

Mattress Fund:

1. The Barbour Foundation provided £1,000 for turning mattresses in the year and this was fully spent in the year.

2. A further donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, provided £10,000 for turning mattresses in the year and this was fully spent in the year.

The Albert Hunt Trust provided £15,000 in the year as a contribution towards core nursing costs, which has been fully spent in the year.

February Foundation provided funding of £7,500 in the year as a contribution towards core nursing costs, which has been fully spent in the year.

Sir James Knott Trust provided funding of £9,462 as a contribution towards the cost of providing our complementary therapy service, which was fully spent in the year.

The Hobson Charity provided funding of £9,795 in the year to switch to more energy efficient LED lighting and has been fully spent in the year.

Darlington Borough Council carer breaks provided funding of £3,996 in the year to run support groups, complementary therapies and counselling for adult and young carers, which was spent in the year.

Darlington Women's Group provided funding of £1,000 for furniture within the Family Support service during 2021/22 and this remains unspent.

Tees Valley Sport provided £4,000 of funding for Stay Active sessions, which was received in 2022/23 for the delivery period 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023. This was fully spent in the 2023/24 year.

Hospice Aid UK provided funding of £999.98 for the purchase of two vacuum cleaners which was spent in the year.

Mogan & Mogan provided £200 of funding for Easter treats to show appreciation for our staff and volunteers. This was spent in the year.

Hadrian Trust provided £1,000 in the year as a contribution towards core nursing costs. This has been fully spent in the year.

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21 Restricted funds

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IPU Doors Project – replace and widen the patio doors in the IPU bedrooms to allow patients access to the gardens. Funds received from the following are contributing to this, but remain unspent in the year, with the project being completed in the 2024/25 year:

1. The Hospital Saturday Fund £2,000
2. The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust £5,000
3. The A M Fenton Trust £6,554
4. The Barratt Foundation £1,500

North East & North Cumbria ICB - Happiness Hubs Fund, managed by Pioneering Care Partnership, provided funding of £5,750 for a creative café running to June 2024. The balance of the funds relating to 2024/25 year have been carried forward.

The William Leech Charity provided £5,000 in the year as a contribution towards community hospice core costs, which has been fully spent in the year.

North East & North Cumbria ICB – Personalised Care Non-Recurring Fund 2023, provided funding of £3,588 for the Woodlands Wellbeing Hub for targeted community outreach for South Durham. This has been fully spent in year.

The Muckle Fund at Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland provided funding of £1,444 for IPU visitor chairs which is unspent in the year. The chairs will be purchased early in the 2024/25 year.

Masonic Charitable Foundation Hospice grant programme, managed by Hospice UK, provided funding of £8,892 to improve accessibility to hospice services for people impacted by poverty or homelessness. This was fully spent in the year.

IT Equipment:

1. The Rothley Trust provided funding of £1,500 for IT equipment in the year and this was fully spent in the year.
2. Darlington Borough Council provided funding of £3,120 for laptops for the community hospice service in the year and this was fully spent in the year.

Syringe Drivers:

1. Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust provided funding of £1,284 in the year for a syringe driver and this was fully spent in the year.
2. The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust provided funding of £2,500 in the year for syringe drivers which was fully spent in the year.
3. The William Webster Charitable Trust provided £2,500 for syringe drivers in the year.

Tesco Stronger Starts provided £1,000 funding for child bereavement resources in the year and this remains unspent.

For capital expenditure, the funding is being released to unrestricted funds in line with the depreciation policy.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	1,804,182	904,020	2,708,202	1,895,334	2,783,814
Current assets/(liabilities)	2,953,504	-	2,953,504	3,073,709	3,073,709
	<u>4,757,686</u>	<u>904,020</u>	<u>5,661,706</u>	<u>4,969,043</u>	<u>5,857,523</u>

23 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the Charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	100,797	134,527
Between two and five years	218,530	284,962
	<u>319,327</u>	<u>419,489</u>

24 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>251,155</u>	<u>152,312</u>

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24 Related party transactions

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Transactions with related parties

During the year the Charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

North East Hospice Lottery Limited

(Common directors)

Income received amounting to £38,584 (2023:£54,475).At the balance sheet date the amount due from North East Hospices Lottery Limited was £10,825 (2023:Nil).

25	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Deficit for the year	(195,817)	(336,044)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(73,169)	(4,642)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	106,059	89,767
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(132,466)	870,047
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(5,392)	77,849
	(Decrease) in deferred income	(79,804)	(1,999)
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(380,589)	694,978
26	Analysis of changes in net funds	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flowsAt 31 March 2024 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	3,166,422	(537,934) 2,628,488
	Loans falling due within one year	(191,667)	191,667 -
		<u>2,974,755</u>	<u>(346,267) 2,628,488</u>