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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 2025**

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

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr A MacConachie OBE DL Hon DBA	
	Hon. President - Not a Director	
	Mrs C S Charlton - Chair	
	Mr S J Metcalfe	
	Mr C J Clinkard	
	Mr M W Brown	
	Mrs D Murphy	
	Mrs J L Probert	(Appointed 5 December 2024)
	Mr G M Kirkpatrick	(Appointed 5 December 2024)
	Mr C Barron	(Appointed 5 December 2024)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs N J Myers	
<b>Charity number</b>	518394	
<b>Company number</b>	02080756	
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# **DARLINGTON & DISTRICT HOSPICE MOVEMENT T/A ST TERESA'S HOSPICE**

## **STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **Welcome to the Annual Report of St. Teresa's Hospice Limited for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.**

At St. Teresa's Hospice, we remain committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with life-limiting illnesses and those close to them. Over the past year, we have built on our commitment to excellence by refining our practices, embracing innovation and strengthening our infrastructure to better support those in our care.

Key achievements include the successful implementation of a new quality management system, which is already driving improved oversight and continuous improvement. We have strengthened partnerships with colleagues in primary care to ensure patients receive more timely and coordinated support. Recognising the vital role of our dedicated staff and volunteers, we have invested in initiatives to support their wellbeing, enabling them to continue delivering the highest standards of care. Additionally, we have enhanced our holistic, person-centred approach by renewing our focus on the spiritual aspects of palliative and end-of-life care. This year, we supported a total of 1,247 individuals, with 94% of patients able to achieve their preferred place of care and 94% of service users expressing they would recommend us to friends and family - outcomes we are immensely proud of.

Collaboration remains central to our approach. We have continued to expand our partnerships across health, social care and the voluntary sector, benefiting greatly from ongoing support from the County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust palliative care team throughout the year.

A major milestone this year was the launch of our new three-year Strategic Plan - an ambitious and clear roadmap defining our vision, values and priorities. Developed with input from patients, families, staff, volunteers and partners, the strategy reflects a collective ambition to shape services that meet local needs while aligning with broader health and care system priorities. Building on our existing strengths, the plan outlines focused goals to ensure our services remain sustainable, responsive, inclusive and accessible across our community. Central to this strategy is a steadfast commitment: to ensure everyone facing the end of life receives compassionate, high-quality care and support when they need it most. Every staff member and volunteer plays a vital role in realising these objectives and bringing our shared vision to life.

From a financial perspective, 2024/25 has been another challenging year. Although our performance exceeded budget expectations - largely due to the receipt of legacies, prudent cost management and the work of our income generation team - we ultimately reported a deficit and needed to draw on our reserves to maintain continuity of care and service delivery. We are currently meeting our reserves policy; however, as these reserves gradually diminish year on year, their use continues to be carefully managed. Additionally, our free cash is actively invested to generate returns. This balanced and strategic approach enables us to maintain operational continuity while steadily progressing toward the delivery of our Strategic Plan and achieving long-term financial sustainability.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our work this year - donors, funders, partners, supporters, staff and volunteers. Hospice care is a team effort and without your support we would not be able to improve the lives of so many local families. I am especially grateful to our dedicated staff and volunteers whose commitment has made this year's achievements possible. Their compassion and professionalism are the foundation of the exceptional care that St. Teresa's Hospice is known for.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our vision: to ensure that all members of our community facing the end of their lives are supported to live life fully 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 2024/25. I look forward to another year of growth, challenge and collective progress. Thank you for your continued support.



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N.J. Myers

**Chief Executive Officer**

Date: 4-12-25

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

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 provide specialist and palliative care to adults living in Darlington, South Durham and North Yorkshire and to provide support for their carers and other family members up to and beyond bereavement.

### **Our Mission**

St Teresa's Hospice aims to provide appropriate care to any person in the terminal phase of their illness and to support the whole family during this time and in bereavement.

### **Our Vision**

St Teresa's Hospice is here for all in our community who are facing the end of their life, supporting them to live life to the full and to enable them to die with dignity in a place that is right for them, knowing their loved ones are supported.

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 values are our core beliefs. They explain who we are, how we work, what we believe in and stand for:

- A welcoming space – creating a safe, shared and inclusive space where everyone feels valued and respected.
- Dedicated to care – at our very heart is holistic care, comfort and dignity for all.
- Compassion in all that we do – everything is centred on empathy, kindness, understanding and respect.
- Support at every stage – we offer assistance, encouragement and guidance to everyone throughout their personal journey.
- Excellence in everything – delivering professionalism and the highest of standards in everything we do.

### **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:

- Eight bedded Inpatient Unit
- Day hospice services known as our Wellbeing Hub
- Hospice at Home service
- Rapid Response Services (contract ended 1st December 2024)
- Lymphoedema Service
- Family Support (including counselling, specialist social work and bereavement care)
- Complementary Therapies

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### **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.

### **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 2024/25 report, we set out four priorities for improvement. We are pleased to report that considerable progress has been made, as detailed below.

#### Quality Management System

In 2024 we introduced MyCompliance to help us work more efficiently and stay accountable at every level. This is a flexible quality management system utilised to simplify how we manage audits, review policies and co-ordinate contributions to reports.

MyCompliance now hosts our hospice audit schedule. This system keeps track of outstanding audit actions and notifies staff when policies are due for review or ratification. Many teams and working groups have also moved their action logs into the system, creating a more consistent and transparent approach.

Staff have shared positive feedback, particularly around easier task tracking, helpful reminders and having everything in one place. Many have found it reduces the need for manual lists and helps clarify responsibilities, saving time and reducing administrative workload. For the Senior Management Team, it offers a clear overview of progress across the organisation.

That said, we are still learning and adapting. Some staff have found it challenging to co-ordinate shared actions on this platform, whilst others suggested that the number of email reminders should be reduced. To help with this we are offering further training, reviewing how the system delegates tasks and exploring ways to tailor notifications.

We will continue listening to staff and refining how we use MyCompliance, making sure it is user friendly and genuinely supports our goal of providing excellent care.

#### Enhancing Spiritual Care as part of Holistic, Person-Centred Support

In line with the Ambitions for Palliative and End-of-Life Care (2021–2026) document, which highlights the importance of addressing spiritual distress, we recognised a need to build more confidence and consistency around spiritual care within our team. This aligns with current research, where spirituality is seen as a vital, but often misunderstood, part of palliative care. Staff, service users and visitors alike also shared the need for a quiet, dedicated space for reflection and remembrance. The Bereavement Care Team in particular, recognised the need for a place that could respectfully house our Book of Remembrance.

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Accordingly, over the past year, one of our key priorities has been to strengthen the spiritual aspect of care. We, therefore, brought together a "Task and Finish Group" made up of staff and community representatives to shape a framework for how we assess and respond to spiritual needs. This included consideration of how we might create a reflective space for everyone who comes through our doors.

The group successfully delivered on all of its aims, resulting in a fresh approach to spiritual care which flows through our culture, our conversations and our care.

Looking ahead we are excited to implement our mobilisation plan for this important piece of work. Next steps include recruiting volunteers, providing training and sharing our new resources with staff and patients to help embed this approach into everyday practice and deepen the holistic care we are proud to offer.

### Stakeholder Engagement – Building Stronger Links with GP Practices

As part of our continued commitment to improving timely access to hospice care, we focused on strengthening our relationships with local GP practices across Darlington and South Durham. We know that early involvement with hospice services can make a real difference to patients; enhancing quality of life, supporting people to remain in their preferred place of care and improving equitable access to support.

To help achieve this we sent our service information packs, complete with leaflets and posters, to all 20 GP practices in the area. We then reached out to practice managers to introduce a named hospice link worker for each practice. Where requested, these link workers have offered updates on our services and attended Gold Standards Framework (GSF) meetings to support referral pathways into hospice services. Over the past year our team has participated in 14 GSF meetings.

Looking ahead, we aim to continue our engagement in a more targeted and sustainable way. We plan to offer annual visits to all practices to provide a service update, while focusing more intensive support in communities with higher levels of socio-economic deprivation, where we know that people face additional barriers to accessing hospice care. We also intend to refresh our information packs and distribute them across the locality, and we will continue to offer professional engagement opportunities such as open days.

### Staff Wellbeing

Supporting and retaining our team is essential to delivering high-quality care and this year we have focused on strengthening staff wellbeing across the hospice.

Concentrating on the lower-scoring areas from our staff survey, namely "feeling secure at work", "having headspace to reflect" and "working free from worry", we have introduced a number of initiatives aimed at creating a more supportive and resilient workplace.

Over the past year we have collected feedback from staff around their awareness of our existing wellbeing offering and suggestions for future initiatives via team meetings and our anonymous staff survey.

Encouragingly our year-end survey showed improvements across all focus areas: a 3% rise in overall engagement, and specific increases in feelings of security (+4%), headspace (+7%) and freedom from worry (+4%).

Looking ahead, we will continue to build on this work by reviewing staff feedback, embedding our values in everyday practice, refining our support programmes and using our new HR system to better understand wellbeing-related trends.

We will also fully roll out our new resilience-based clinical supervision programme and conduct a wider review of our supervision and framework across both clinical and non-clinical roles.

Our commitment remains clear, a healthy, supported workforce is at the heart of everything we do.

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

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

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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 Hospice Lottery and shops.

We commenced the financial year with a deficit budget of £593,362. While the year ended more positively than forecast, a deficit of £126,914 was still recorded, compared to a deficit of £195,817 in the previous year.

Income from events and trusts has increased on the previous year from £495,061 to £560,287 along with trading income which also saw an increase, rising from £740,820 to £748,785.

Expenditure has increased on the previous year from £3,570,977 to £3,677,721, as expected. Staff costs remain our largest expense equating to 75.36% 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 support is more crucial than ever as the cost of living continues to increase for everyone. We enter the 2025/26 financial year with an approved deficit budget of £583,258. We are, therefore, reliant on our cash position and our reserves to sustain operations.

The staff, Trustees and volunteers remain fully committed to maximising income and controlling expenditure carefully, while ensuring that service quality is never compromised. Our goal remains to 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**

The Hospice maintains reserves to sustain operations during periods when there is an unanticipated shortfall in main income sources or to cover unanticipated significant expenditure. The Trustees regularly review the level of risk to the hospice, supported by a panel of experts on the Finance and Facilities Sub Committee.

Reserves at 31 March 2025 are £5,534,792 (2024: £5,661,706) of which £979,510 (2024: £904,020) are restricted and £4,555,282 (2024: £4,757,686) are un-restricted. Restricted reserves are to be used for expenditure as specified by the donor, un-restricted reserves are available to further the hospice's purpose.

In previous years the Trustees have agreed that a minimum reserve equivalent to six months' operational costs should be maintained. This would equate to a reserve in the range of £1.8m to £2m as at 31 March 2025. The actual free reserves currently held at 31 March 2025 amounted to £2,814,920 (2024: £2,953,504). While this figure is above the minimum level outlined in the hospice's reserves policy - equivalent to six months of operational expenditure - the Trustees are satisfied that this level of reserves is both appropriate and necessary in the current financial context. The Hospice is operating within a planned deficit of £583,258 for 2025/26 and a portion of these reserves will be utilised to support service delivery during this period. The use of reserves is carefully considered and subject to formal approval by the Finance and Facilities Sub-Committee and the Board of Trustees as part of the annual budget-setting process. This ensures a responsible and strategic approach to financial management.

It should also be noted that, in line with our investment policy, any free cash is actively invested to ensure it works effectively for the benefit of the hospice.



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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**

After the North East Hospices Lottery ended in March 2024, we launched the St Teresa's Hospice Lottery with the first draw on the 18th October 2024. Since its launch, the lottery has continued to grow, raising valuable funds for the hospice while awarding weekly cash prizes to several lucky winners. Prizes range from £5 all the way up to an incredible £10,000.

In 2024 we developed and launched the new strategic plan for the next three years, using four strategic pillars that represent our key areas of focus to achieve and maintain our overarching vision:

- Our future (sustainability) – we will secure the financial, operational and environmental sustainability of the hospice so that services for patients and families are secure for the future.
- Our people – we will strengthen our people by using our core values and best practice to recruit and retain the right people in the right roles, promoting a healthy and supportive working environment, and aiming to be an employer of choice.
- Our services – building upon our strong foundation and reputation as a palliative and end of life provider we will continue to develop, adapt and enhance our person-centred care to meet the needs of our patients.
- Our impact – we will work with our partners to enhance and improve the experience of patients with palliative and end of life care needs, as well as the experience of those closest to them.

Underpinning this framework are our core values, which reflect our organisational culture and will be visible in all that we do. These values guide how we work together to provide care for our community, as well as how we support one another within the hospice.

In total, we have identified thirty-one priorities for the next three years, setting a clear direction for the hospice.

We believe our strategy for the next three years will enable us to make significant improvements to our services and help us extend our reach, yet we cannot do this alone.

As always, we will rely on the support our local communities to fundraise, volunteer and advocate on our behalf. We will need to work in partnership with the NHS and other charity organisations. We are deeply grateful for this support and are excited to move forward together with a renewed commitment and shared vision for the future.

### **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.

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

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)**

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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

Col N C T Millen OBE

(Resigned 5 December 2024)

Mr C J Clinkard

Councillor C B Hughes

(Resigned 5 December 2024)

Mr M W Brown

Mrs D Murphy

Mrs J L Probert

(Appointed 5 December 2024)

Mr G M Kirkpatrick

(Appointed 5 December 2024)

Mr C Barron

(Appointed 5 December 2024)

### **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.

### **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 and Facilities, Remuneration, Income Generation and HR 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 Senior 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.

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### **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 2024, 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. A further 2% was also awarded across the payscale in January 2025.

### **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 due to receive its 25% share of the distribution due to this date. An interim payment of funds was received in June 2025.

### **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.

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

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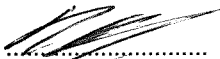
### **Auditor**

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

Date: 4-12-25

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

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#### 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 2025 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 2025 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.

# **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**

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#### **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.

# **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**

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#### **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) 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**

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

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**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 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	3	2,438,275	224,022	2,662,297	2,364,379	165,886	2,530,265
Other trading activities	4	748,785	-	748,785	740,820	-	740,820
Investments	5	91,722	-	91,722	73,169	-	73,169
Other income	6	40,003	8,000	48,003	30,906	-	30,906
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,318,785</b>	<b>232,022</b>	<b>3,550,807</b>	<b>3,209,274</b>	<b>165,886</b>	<b>3,375,160</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	7	848,408	-	848,408	908,531	200	908,731
Charitable activities	8	2,672,781	156,532	2,829,313	2,512,100	150,146	2,662,246
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>3,521,189</b>	<b>156,532</b>	<b>3,677,721</b>	<b>3,420,631</b>	<b>150,346</b>	<b>3,570,977</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/</b>							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(202,404)</b>	<b>75,490</b>	<b>(126,914)</b>	<b>(211,357)</b>	<b>15,540</b>	<b>(195,817)</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2024							
		4,757,686	904,020	5,661,706	4,969,043	888,480	5,857,523
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>							
		<b>4,555,282</b>	<b>979,510</b>	<b>5,534,792</b>	<b>4,757,686</b>	<b>904,020</b>	<b>5,661,706</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.

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

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	15		3,760		-
Tangible assets	16		2,716,112		2,708,202
			<u>2,719,872</u>		<u>2,708,202</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	652,025		515,775	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,425,215		2,628,488	
		<u>3,077,240</u>		<u>3,144,263</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(262,320)		(190,759)	
Net current assets			<u>2,814,920</u>		<u>2,953,504</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,534,792</u>		<u>5,661,706</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	21		979,510		904,020
Unrestricted funds - general			4,555,282		4,757,686
			<u>5,534,792</u>		<u>5,661,706</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....4/12/25...



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 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(164,682)		(380,589)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of intangible assets		(4,250)		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(126,063)		(38,847)	
Investment income received		91,722		73,169	
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities</b>			(38,591)		34,322
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of bank loans		-		(191,667)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		(191,667)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(203,273)		(537,934)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			2,628,488		3,166,422
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			2,425,215		2,628,488

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **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 £2,814,920 including cash of £2,425,215 and made a deficit of £126,914.

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.

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 2025

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### 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.

##### **Lottery sales**

Income from lottery ticket sales is deferred until the draw has taken place. Income is only recognised in the SOFA when the draw has occurred and the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### 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.

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 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 Development expenditure

Website development expenditure is capitalised when it is considered to be technically feasible; there is an intention and ability to use the website; it is financially feasible to complete the development and the expenditure can be reliably measured.

#### 1.7 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Amortisation 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:

Development cost - St Teresa Hospice Lottery 20% Straight line

#### 1.8 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.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible 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.

#### 1.10 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.

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 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.

#### 1.11 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.

### 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.

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	660,104	167,483	827,587	604,971	116,885	721,856
Legacies receivable	392,094	-	392,094	261,017	-	261,017
Grant income, including capital grants	1,386,077	56,539	1,442,616	1,498,391	49,001	1,547,392
	<u>2,438,275</u>	<u>224,022</u>	<u>2,662,297</u>	<u>2,364,379</u>	<u>165,886</u>	<u>2,530,265</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
Donations and gifts	252,068	-	252,068	188,211	-	188,211
Donations from fundraising and trusts	413,920	146,367	560,287	378,176	116,885	495,061
Donations from North East Hospice Lottery	2,316	-	2,316	38,584	-	38,584
Donations from St Teresa Hospice Lottery	12,916	-	12,916	-	-	-
Other	(21,116)	21,116	-	-	-	-
	<u>660,104</u>	<u>167,483</u>	<u>827,587</u>	<u>604,971</u>	<u>116,885</u>	<u>721,856</u>



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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Shop income	748,785	740,820

Shop income is from the sale of donated goods.

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Interest receivable	91,722	73,169

### 6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Other income	40,003	8,000	48,003	30,906

### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Lottery costs	6,009	-	-	-
Cost of Events	28,941	46,596	200	46,796
Advertising	69	5,199	-	5,199
Other fundraising costs	8,165	598	-	598
Staff costs	199,171	169,168	-	169,168
Fundraising and publicity	242,355	221,561	200	221,761

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 7 Raising funds

(Continued)

#### Trading costs

Operating charity shops	252,583	248,653	-	248,653
Staff costs	353,470	438,317	-	438,317
Trading costs	606,053	686,970	-	686,970
	848,408	908,531	200	908,731

### 8 Charitable activities

	Management and admin	In Patient Unit	Home Care	Out Patient and Operational Costs	Total 2025	Total 2024
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	£	£
Staff costs	-	960,898	387,060	234,026	1,581,984	1,595,164
Charitable activities	-	62,831	13,126	60,672	136,629	89,712
	-	1,023,729	400,186	294,698	1,718,613	1,684,876
Share of support costs (see note 9)	247,648	-	-	525,226	772,874	651,960
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	229,050	-	-	108,776	337,826	325,410
	476,698	1,023,729	400,186	928,700	2,829,313	2,662,246
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds - general	476,698	1,000,476	343,647	851,960	2,672,781	2,512,100
Restricted funds	-	23,253	56,539	76,740	156,532	150,146
	476,698	1,023,729	400,186	928,700	2,829,313	2,662,246

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 8 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Management and admin	In Patient Unit	Home Care	Out Patient and Operational Costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	749,734	406,516	438,914	1,595,164
Charitable activities	-	35,532	2,443	51,737	89,712
	-	785,266	408,959	490,651	1,684,876
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	651,960	651,960
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	325,410	-	-	-	325,410
	325,410	785,266	408,959	1,142,611	2,662,246
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds - general	325,410	785,266	331,458	1,069,966	2,512,100
Restricted funds	-	-	77,501	72,645	150,146
	325,410	785,266	408,959	1,142,611	2,662,246

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	313,167	323,810	636,977	132,551	313,219	445,770
Depreciation, amortisation, loss on disposal	118,643	-	118,643	106,059	-	106,059
Running costs	268,087	-	268,087	364,592	-	364,592
Travel costs	523	-	523	40,568	-	40,568
Training	3,015	-	3,015	8,190	-	8,190
Redundancy costs	69,439	-	69,439	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	11,300	11,300	-	12,100	12,100
Accountancy	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	716	716	-	91	91
	<u>772,874</u>	<u>337,826</u>	<u>1,110,700</u>	<u>651,960</u>	<u>325,410</u>	<u>977,370</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>772,874</u>	<u>337,826</u>	<u>1,110,700</u>	<u>651,960</u>	<u>325,410</u>	<u>977,370</u>

### 10 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	117,987	106,059
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	166	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	490	-
	<u>118,643</u>	<u>106,059</u>

### 11 Auditor's remuneration

#### Fees payable to the Charity's auditor and associates:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Audit of the Charity's annual accounts	11,300	12,100
<b>Non-audit services</b>		
All other non-audit services	2,000	-
	<u>13,300</u>	<u>12,100</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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### 13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	122	126
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	2,457,394	2,352,288
Social security costs	201,484	187,894
Other pension costs	112,724	108,237
	2,771,602	2,648,419

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

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£70,001 to £80,000	1	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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### 15 Intangible fixed assets

	Development cost - St Teresa Hospice Lottery £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	-
Additions - separately acquired	4,250
At 31 March 2025	4,250
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	-
Amortisation charged for the year	490
At 31 March 2025	490
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	3,760
At 31 March 2024	-

### 16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	3,611,266	636,674	28,181	4,276,121
Additions	31,511	94,552	-	126,063
Disposals	-	(420)	-	(420)
At 31 March 2025	3,642,777	730,806	28,181	4,401,764
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 April 2024	1,002,764	546,911	18,244	1,567,919
Depreciation charged in the year	70,484	43,656	3,847	117,987
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(254)	-	(254)
At 31 March 2025	1,073,248	590,313	22,091	1,685,652
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 March 2025	2,569,529	140,493	6,090	2,716,112
At 31 March 2024	2,608,502	89,763	9,937	2,708,202

The charity had a £1 ordinary share in North East Hospice Lottery Limited (NEHL) This represented a 25% share in the allotted share capital of this entity which is incorporated in England. NEHL terminated activity on 31 March 2024 and is being liquidated.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 17 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	53,280	12,396
Other debtors and accrued income	458,139	419,246
Prepayments	140,606	84,133
	<u>652,025</u>	<u>515,775</u>

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

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		48,603	44,331
Deferred income	19	2,713	-
Trade creditors		133,531	100,326
Other creditors		24,158	21,107
Accruals		53,315	24,995
		<u>262,320</u>	<u>190,759</u>

### 19 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	2,713	-
	<u>2,713</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	2,713	-
	<u>2,713</u>	<u>-</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	-	79,804
Released from previous periods	-	(79,804)
Resources deferred in the year	2,713	-
	<u>2,713</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	<u>2,713</u>	<u>-</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 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 £112,724 (2024 - £108,237).

Contributions totalling £24,158 (2024: £21,107) 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 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
IPU Building Grant	124,265	-	(2,890)	121,375	-	(2,914)	118,461
NHS England grant	700,000	-	-	700,000	-	-	700,000
Family Support Rooms refurbishment	24,085	-	(613)	23,472	-	(13,704)	9,768
Wolfson Suite	3,244	-	(2,013)	1,231	-	(1,231)	-
Tees Esk and Wear Valley Resilience Funding	4,823	-	(4,823)	-	-	-	-
The JGW Patterson Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
North East & North Cumbria CHC Mattress Fund	-	49,001	(49,001)	-	56,539	(56,539)	-
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	11,000	(1,943)	9,057	-	(4,004)	5,053
February Foundation	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-	-	-
The Hobson Charity	-	9,462	(9,462)	-	-	-	-
Darlington Borough Council Carers break	-	9,795	(1,016)	8,779	-	(2,483)	6,296
	-	3,996	(3,996)	-	3,996	(3,996)	-



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 21 Restricted funds

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Darlington Womens Group	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tees Valley Sport	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-	-	-
Hospice Aid UK	999	-	(183)	816	-	(400)	416
Mogan & Mogan	200	-	(200)	-	-	-	-
Hadrian Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
IPU Door Project	-	15,054	-	15,054	-	(1,129)	13,925
Other restricted funds (see table below)	25,864	34,078	(36,706)	23,236	170,487	(69,132)	124,591
	<u>888,480</u>	<u>165,886</u>	<u>(150,346)</u>	<u>904,020</u>	<u>232,022</u>	<u>(156,532)</u>	<u>979,510</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 21 Restricted funds

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Other restricted reserves comprise:

	Balance at Incoming Resources 1 April resources expended 2023			Balance at Incoming Resources 1 April resources expended 2024			Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
North East & North Cumbria ICB - Happiness Hubs Fund	-	5,750	(4,252)	1,498	-	(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	-	(331)	1,113
Masonic Charitable Foundation via Hospice UK	-	8,892	(8,892)	-	11,116	(11,116)	-
Barbour Foundation	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
IT Equipment	-	4,620	(278)	4,342	-	(1,636)	2,706
Syringe Drivers	2,500	3,784	(456)	5,828	-	(645)	5,183
Tesco Stronger Starts	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Northumberland Village	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Darlington Borough Council post vention	-	-	-	-	8,000	(4,000)	4,000
Point North cushions	-	-	-	-	2,495	(950)	1,545
Cummins racking	-	-	-	-	9,151	(842)	8,309
OnPath Energy recliner	-	-	-	-	3,500	(583)	2,917
Point North recliner	-	-	-	-	5,365	(336)	5,029
Sir James Knott Trust therapy	-	-	-	-	9,462	(3,943)	5,519
James Tudor Foundation	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Hospice UK	-	-	-	-	76,912	(6,420)	70,492
Volunteering for Health Development Phase	-	-	-	-	15,833	(7,914)	7,919
Other misc restricted funds	23,364	-	(14,240)	9,124	3,653	(2,918)	9,859
Total other restricted funds	25,864	34,078	(36,706)	23,236	170,487	(69,132)	124,591

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 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.

The following fund was provided by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) for patient services which has been fully spent in the year; North East & North Cumbria ICB provided £56,539 for the provision of the community continuing health care (CHC) patient service.

Mattress Fund: a) The Barbour Foundation provided £1,000 for turning mattresses in the prior year and this was fully spent last year b) A further donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, provided £10,000 for turning mattresses in the prior year and this was fully spent last year.

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

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

Hadrian Trust provided £1,000 in the year as a contribution towards core nursing costs in IPU and this was fully spent in the year.

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 in the prior year were; The Hospital Saturday Fund £2,000, The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust £5,000, The A M Fenton Trust £6,554 and The Barratt Foundation £1,500.

North East & North Cumbria ICB - Happiness Hubs Fund, managed by Pioneering Care Partnership, provided funding in the prior year of £5,750 for a creative café running to June 2024. The balance of the funds brought forward have been fully spent in this year.

The Muckle Fund at Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland provided funding of £1,444 in the prior year for IPU visitor chairs. The chairs were purchased in this year.

Masonic Charitable Foundation Hospice grant programme, managed by Hospice UK, provided funding of £11,116 to improve accessibility to hospice services for people impacted by poverty or homelessness, Opening Doors project. This was fully spent in the year.

The Barbour Foundation provided £10,000 in the year as a contribution towards the nursing costs in IPU. This was fully spent in the year.

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### 21 Restricted funds

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

Syringe Drivers: Kilpatrick Fraser Charitable Trust provided funding of £1,284 in the prior year for a syringe driver and this was fully spent in that year. The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust provided funding of £2,500 in the prior year for syringe drivers which was fully spent in that year. The William Webster Charitable Trust provided £2,500 for syringe drivers previously which has been fully spent.

Tesco Stronger Starts provided £1,000 funding for child bereavement resources in the prior year which was fully spent in this year.

Northumberland Village Homes Trust, via Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, provided £5,000 of funding as a contribution to staff costs for bereavement support to children and young people, this was fully spent in the year.

Darlington Borough Council provided £8,000 of funding to provide a Post Vention service from October 2024 to October 2025.

Point North (formerly County Durham Community Foundation) Donor Support Fund provided £2,495 of funding to purchase specialist pressure relieving cushions and air purifiers for patients, this was fully spent in the year.

Global Giving with Cummins Darlington provided £9,150.63 of funding to purchase racking and shelving for storage at the superstore with volunteers from Cummins Darlington then building and setting it up. This was fully spent in the year.

OnPath Energy (formerly Banks) Moor House Wind Farm Community Fund via County Durham Community Foundation provided £3,500 to purchase a specialist recliner chair for use in IPU. This was fully spent in the year.

Darlington Building Society 5% Pledge Fund, via Point North (formerly County Durham Community Foundation) provided funding of £5,365 to purchase a specialist recliner chair and syringe driver for IPU. This was fully spent in the year.

Sir James Knott Trust provided funding of £9,462 as a contribution towards the cost of proving our complementary therapy services, which was fully spent in the year. This was for year 2 of the 3 years funding that was agreed.

The James Tudor Foundation provided £10,000 in the year as a contribution towards the nursing costs in IPU, with this being fully spent in the year.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced that £100 million of funding was made available to Hospices in England. With £25 million of this distributed to hospices via Hospice UK in 2024/25. £76,912 of funding was received and fully spent in the year on capital expenditure items not already funded. Purchases included 7 new beds in IPU, 4 more recliner chairs in IPU and additional computers.

A Volunteering for Health Partnership (CW+) began in the year between Citizens Advice Darlington, Redcar and Cleveland, Darlington Association on Disability (DAD), St Teresa's Hospice and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Charity. Funding to develop the infrastructure for this 3-year plan was received of £15,833.34, with half of these funds still unspent.

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Intangible fixed assets	3,760	-	3,760	-	-	-
Tangible assets	1,736,602	979,510	2,716,112	1,804,182	904,020	2,708,202
Current assets/(liabilities)	2,814,920	-	2,814,920	2,953,504	-	2,953,504
	<u>4,555,282</u>	<u>979,510</u>	<u>5,534,792</u>	<u>4,757,686</u>	<u>904,020</u>	<u>5,661,706</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:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	105,767	100,797
Between two and five years	153,998	218,530
	<u>259,765</u>	<u>319,327</u>

### 24 Related party transactions

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>302,285</u>	<u>251,155</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 £2,316 from the liquidator following the last draw in March 2024 (2024: £38,584). At the balance sheet date the amount due from North East Hospices Lottery Limited was £nil (2024: £10,825).

25	Cash generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Deficit for the year	(126,914)	(195,817)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(91,722)	(73,169)
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	166	-
	Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	490	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	117,987	106,059
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(136,250)	(132,466)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	68,848	(5,392)
	Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	2,713	(79,804)
	<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<b>(164,682)</b>	<b>(380,589)</b>
26	<b>Analysis of changes in net funds</b>		
	The Charity had no debt during the year.		