

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101307

Details

Known as Cancer Focus NI

Status Received

Registered 2015-01-22

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Activities

Purposes: For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate the trauma, pain and suffering therefrom and in particular: to provide caring services and information for patients with cancer, their families and all concerned both for them and about cancer to fund internationally competitive, high quality research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer to reduce the incidence of cancer and promote its early diagnosis and treatment and to raise professional and public awareness of cancer issues and influence policy makers to improve cancer services and public health policy

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community transport,Counselling/support,Education/training,Medical/health/sickness,Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,995,629	£4,924,939	£-368,666	123

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Brown Mbe		
Bernadette Cullen		
Billy Mccullins		
Boyd Carson		
Caroline Murdoch		
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Drew Gilliland		
Helen Reid		
Paula O'hare		
Professor Mark Lawler		
Violet Spence		

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Accounts

**Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2025**

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI 49781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association were reviewed and updated in November 2023. The Trustees continually ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI and provided with a Trustees' Handbook with the information they need to fulfil their roles, including the role and responsibilities of Company Directors, and key information regarding charity law and guidance on best practice for all governance related matters. Ongoing training is provided to ensure Trustees are appropriately informed during their tenure.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree and monitor the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI the organisation is delivering on its vision and mission

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee – meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee – meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee – meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities.
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee – meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board within its area of expertise and remit as laid out in the terms of references.

ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 12 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) was reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association.

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, Regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a monthly basis at Senior Management Team meetings, bimonthly by the Finance and Policy Committee and also on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, certain risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

Current risks impacting the Charity include single year government funding and we are working closely with other charities in the sector to lobby for multi-year designated funding for cancer.

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Sustainability

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team are conscious of the need to look after our planet and have developed a sustainability policy to encourage all staff to print less, recycle more and be mindful of sustainability when planning events and carrying out every day work. Our retail section, by its very nature, is particularly focused on the environment and the following are some of the positive impacts being made:

- Each year Cancer Focus charity shops help slow down fast fashion by selling over 300,000 pre-loved items. This helps to reduce landfill and reduces CO2 emissions related to the fashion industry.
- Cancer Focus NI shops promote sustainable fashion and support a circular economy: Reduce > Re-use > Recycle.
- Cancer Focus saved 22,964 recycling bags from ending up in landfill in 2024/25 (21,690 in 2023/24).
- Cancer Focus NI recycles more than 90% of donated clothing.
- We give our customers the option to buy clothes sustainably, whatever their budget.
- From an environmental perspective, charity shops keep goods in circulation which might otherwise be thrown away, saving local councils in the UK at least £31m a year as they divert 339,000 tonnes of clothing textiles from being thrown into landfill, and reducing CO2 emissions by millions of tonnes.
- Cancer Focus NI supports the campaign "Sustainable September" each year to promote Sustainable fashion.

Cancer Focus NI is currently collecting baseline data to inform the targets to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact across the rest of the organisation. During 2024/25 we replaced light fittings at Eglantine Avenue and Montgomery House in order to reduce energy consumption.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is a leading cancer charity. For over 55 years, the charity has positively impacted the lives of local people affected through four main areas of work:

- 1) Cancer Support Services – we provide evidenced based information support and care services for patients and their families and all concerned both for them and about cancer.
- 2) Cancer Prevention Initiatives – we seek to reduce the incidence of cancer and promote its early diagnosis and treatment through a portfolio of innovative and tailored health improvement programmes and initiatives.
- 3) Research – we fund world-class, high-quality research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer as well as exploring the personal and social outcomes for those affected by and living with cancer.
- 4) Policy & Advocacy – we raise professional and public awareness of cancer issues and influence decision makers to improve cancer services and public health policy in Northern Ireland.

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

We aim to support local people on their cancer journey, working to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers. Cancer Focus NI's vision is a society where people can live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Values

Our guiding principles will shape the future direction of our charity.

Innovative – We will develop a range of quality cancer support services and health improvement initiatives that are evidence based and pioneering.

Compassionate -We will continue to provide free services to help support local people on their cancer journey.

Bold – We will not be afraid to make difficult decisions and take courageous actions in the interests of local people.

Connected -We will connect and collaborate with local communities and sector partners including the Department of Health, Public Health Agency, Health Trusts, and other charities to create a fairer and healthier society.

Honest – We will be transparent in our work, show respect for those we meet, and highlight our impact at all times.

Charity Behaviours

At the core of our charity's work, we will:

- Be community focused and people centric.
- Tackle health inequality in all aspects of our work.
- Reach out to those on the margins in 'hard to reach' communities.
- Work sustainably with environmental consciousness in all that we do.
- Ensure the patient voice is at the centre of all that we do.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. For example, our unique Volunteer Driving Service, which currently has 80 volunteer drivers provides vital patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern, Northern and Western Trust localities. Our aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, through the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country. This is a critical service supporting the health and social care infrastructure in Northern Ireland ensuring patients in most need can access their treatments.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of a further approximately 350 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Pink Runs (Enniskillen and Belfast), Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Balmoral Show, the staffing of our retail shops, supporting our bra fitting service, groups and our family support team as well as providing a meet and greet service at our Fermanagh Therapeutic Support Centre.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles. A new Volunteer Engagement Coordinator has been appointed, to ensure volunteers are appropriately recruited, onboarded, trained and celebrated as they are an extremely valued support and part of the Cancer Focus NI team in assisting in the delivery of our services to people across the region.

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Our organisational strategy 2023-2027 was launched in June 2023. The strategic objectives and delivery against them are detailed below. At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create a network of Cancer Support Centres throughout Northern Ireland.

The first of these opened in Enniskillen town centre in May 2025 following careful planning. Our Support Centres are and will continue to be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a nurse or cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres is crucial for how patients and service users interact with them. They will continue to be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but feel separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity

Achievements and performance

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer (APGC) and participating in other forums.

Progress in 2024/25:

The first Therapeutic Support Centre, opened to the public in Enniskillen in May 2025.. The centre is nurse led, staffed by two nurses with extensive experience in cancer care and support. They are supported by a multidisciplinary team of professionals delivering a range of services including counselling, family support, bra fitting, group and peer support as well as health improvement / cancer prevention programmes.

We have worked in close collaboration with clinical staff and Information and Support Managers from all five NI Health Trusts, local communities, and other charitable organisations. These efforts continue to raise awareness of Cancer Focus NI services whilst strengthening our professional relationships, referral pathways and partnership working across the sector.

A key priority for 2024/25 was the development and implementation of a new digital case management system for all of our services. The system, AdvicePro, was launched in November 2024, following a period of development and staff training. This investment strengthens both service-level and organisational dynamic reporting, data management and evaluation. The system ensures robust governance of client information and is fully compliant with GDPR requirements.

Teams have continued to develop and deliver services to meet increased demand within existing capacity, with significant work undertaken to define and strengthen service programmes. Over the course of the year we engaged with over 4,000 people through our portfolio of emotional and psychosocial support services. A summary of the services delivered is included below.

- **Family Support:** The team continues to provide one-to-one and family support across Northern Ireland, including a pilot drop-in service during 24/25 at the Northern Trust Macmillan Unit. Family evenings, bereavement groups (in-person and online), and a dedicated Dad's support group remain ongoing.
 - **Bra Fitting:** The service remains active in all 5 Health Trust areas, supported by both staff and volunteers. We re-introduced the service into the Belfast City Hospital in July 2024.
 - **Art Therapy:** Sessions were delivered at the Children's Hospital (Royal Hospital site) until
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February 2025. Group sessions are delivered at Belfast City Hospital (BCH), with 10 clients per six-week cycle.

- **Counselling:** We deliver cancer specific counselling across all Trust localities. During 2024/25 we embedded an updated triage tool across the service with all referrals being triaged within 2 weeks and priority 1 clients seen within 2 weeks. We established training support for student counsellors during the year.
- **Group Support:** The Sing for Life Choir, which boasts over 100 members, enjoyed participating in 'BBC Sing' which was Northern Ireland's largest ever choral event, and finishing runners up in Ireland's 'Eurovision Patient Choir Contest'. There was significant growth of the group support service during 2024/25 with a new temporary staff member and new groups and pilot groups launched. These included a Myeloma and Prostate group launched in Belfast, pilot support sessions for Head and Neck patients, and two pilot intimacy and relationships programmes (prostate and breast cancer) ran successfully, receiving excellent feedback. The Exploring Your Cancer Journey programme is now embedded into practice.
- **The Volunteer Driving Service** continues to facilitate patient journeys across 4 out of the 5 Trust localities, with the service operational in Belfast, South Eastern and Northern Trust, as well as in Enniskillen and the greater Fermanagh area. Demand for the service continues to grow and last year was the busiest year on record. The team facilitated 2,381 journeys to and from hospital supporting 634 patients. Demand versus capacity is always an issue and the team have been working hard to identify localities where capacity is low and actively recruit additional drivers in those areas. We now have a total of 80 drivers within the service.

We continued to serve as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) during 2024/25 with important work presented to Stormont on the following themes:

- The Right to be Forgotten, highlighting the inequality of cancer survivors when applying for financial products and services.
- Update on the work of the Northern Ireland Cancer Network (NICAN) from the Medical Director and Senior Nursing Lead in the PHA.
- The current Children's and Young Peoples cancer landscape.
- The prevention of Skin Cancer in Northern Ireland.
- Health inequalities and challenges in NI relating to cancer.

We continue to use our ASH Manifesto to lead our tobacco advocacy work, including linking with the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation for an event in Stormont to advocate for the introduction of lung cancer screening services in Northern Ireland, as well as speaking on the importance of stop smoking being incorporated into lung cancer screening at a Queen's University Belfast (QUB) Lungshot event.

We remain a charity representative on the Cancer Programme Board, the NI Health Department body responsible for the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy 2022-2032.

Our Chief Executive served as Chair of The Northern Ireland Cancer Charities Coalition (NICCC) during the year and was re-elected for a 3 year term in September 2025. The NICCC creates a unified sector voice to strengthen third sector advocacy on cancer issues.

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2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritising our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalised and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

Progress in 2024-25:

The Health Improvement and Keeping Well teams continue to engage with a broad range of organisations including all 5 Northern Ireland Health Trusts and many statutory and commercial organisations to promote healthier living with all services increasing delivery from previous years. Our work prioritises outreach into areas of social deprivation whilst building connections with minority and hard to reach groups with a high level of engagement and reach throughout Northern Ireland evidenced in the table below:

Keeping Well Team		Health Improvement (HI) Team	
Sites visited	433	HI Team engagements	33,516
Service users engaged	9,276	Smokers	5,820
Quick Fits	33	Professionals	555
Health Checks	214	Schools and Youth	11,067
Cancer prevention/ awareness talks	110	Workplace and community	1,397
Health fairs	76	Care in the sun – community	26,681 includes resources sent

The Keeping Well Service continues to provide health checks and cancer prevention messaging on a regional basis engaging with a diverse audience. The multitude of sites they have visited range from local community settings such as health centres, educational institutions and local businesses to institutional settings such as Prisons, Local Councils and statutory agencies. The team have experienced their busiest year to date visiting 433 sites and engaging with 9,276 people.

Quick Fits are body composition checks; the client has Height, Weight, Body composition (body fat & water percentage, visceral fat, muscle & bone mass), BMI checked and receives cancer prevention information (signs, symptoms & relevant screening).

Health checks are a service where users receive all of the above "quick fits" plus blood pressure and blood glucose checks, CO monitoring as appropriate and smoking cessation information, plus information re signs and symptoms of cancer and signposting to relevant health professional as required.

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Cancer Focus NI was an active partner in the Cancer Connected Communities West (CCCW) Project. This project involving a consortium of cancer charities operating in the Western Trust (WHSCT) led by Derry Well Women, which culminated in a conference in June 2024 where key stakeholders with in the made strategic commitments. This project was extremely successful and was recognised at the Patient Experience Network, National Awards (PENNA) where the CCCW project won the award for 'Engaging & Championing the Public'. Although the Lottery funded project has now finished, the WHSCT continues to fund aspects of work in local communities.

The project provided the opportunity for Cancer Focus NI staff to undertake key stakeholder engagement with rural communities and cancer patients in the west informing the need and strategic decision to open a Therapeutic Support Centre in Enniskillen, Co-Fermanagh.

The Health Promotion Team worked across schools, workplaces, health fairs, local community fairs, large events such as Balmoral Show to raise awareness of cancer prevention during the year. The promotion of cancer prevention messaging continues, including 'No Smoking Month' in March, Additional funded hours were received from the PHA for Smokebusters (our programme for schools), with increased targets delivered on.

The preparations and delivery of cancer prevention for the busy period of 'Be UV aware' was a huge success with a key highlight being the engagement with the public at The Open in Portrush where we had over 10,000 direct engagements.

Our e-learning platform continues to support staff and external professional training on cancer prevention messages.

In advance of key fundraising events including the Moy Park Belfast City Marathon and Ladies 10k events we held health events, also supporting other events with resources, and staff as capacity allows.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

Progress in 2024/25:

The organisation is currently invested and committed to the following research projects:

- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer - Dr Richard Turkington & Prof. Richard Kennedy, Queen's University, Belfast. This project came to an end with Cancer Focus NI making its final financial commitment during the 24/25 year. Dr Turkington has been successful in using his work on Oesophageal Cancer to leverage significant funding from Cancer Research UK to carry forward elements of the research, as well as securing further funding from Breakthrough Cancer to continue the work on pancreatic cancer.
- Funding of the Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship at Queen's University Belfast continued during 2024/25 and will come to an end in the latter part of 2025.
- The groundbreaking and landmark Secondary Breast Cancer Study was launched in January 2025 in partnership with the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry. This study ensures Northern Ireland is amongst the first places in the world with data of those living with metastatic breast cancer. The study estimates that approximately 1,000 people are currently living with metastatic breast cancer in Northern Ireland, with around 250 new cases diagnosed annually. These findings provide a key new evidence-base to inform healthcare policy and service planning with the Minister of Health confirming that the first metastatic breast cancer pathway would be developed in Northern Ireland.
- We are currently working with the Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast to co-design an online rehabilitation resource that supports recovery of arm and shoulder function after breast cancer surgery. The project seeks to address the current gap in routine breast cancer rehabilitation provisions across the UK, where many patients do not receive physiotherapy support due to limited resources.

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4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

Progress in 2024/25:

Our Retail network achieved a 12% increase on turnover last year. Progress was primarily driven by sales due to a significant increase in donations, with the team maximising all commercial opportunities. There was a key drive to increase gift aid income, which resulted in 1182 new donors being recruited. There were no additions to the Retail property portfolio, however our Bangor shop relocated to Main Street Bangor, with increased space and is currently delivering sales at 40% increase. The additional space in Bangor is also being used as a meeting room and has the potential to provide another location for the charity's service delivery. Counselling in Lisburn and Bra-fitting in Derry continue to highlight the value of multi-purpose retail outlets. It has been a successful year overall for retail, and we are now in a strong position to further maximise its potential given that the newer shops are now well established.

The Fundraising and Communications Department had a successful year both in terms of financial income achieved as well as PR and media exposure. A highlight this year for the department was the opening of the new Fermanagh Therapeutic Cancer Support Centre. The generation of major donor and grant support for the capital campaign was a key success. We achieved widespread media coverage including BBC News, UTV, Belfast Live, Belfast Telegraph and Newsletter along with the Fermanagh Herald and Impartial Reporter, receiving significant coverage in both papers over the past year.

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The new local Fundraising Officer in Fermanagh has had a very successful first year of engagement with local businesses, individuals, schools and clubs all choosing to support the new Centre.

The outdoor events team raised a phenomenal £463k thanks to some excellent fundraising at our signature events - Mourne Seven Summits, Belfast City Women's 10k and the Causeway Coastal Walk. One of the most notable successes in our outdoor events calendar was our unique Pink Run with over 1,000 participants raising a fantastic £110k. The corporate team recruited 6 new Charity of the Year partnerships and organised a very successful Retail Shops Challenge and Golf Day.

Our legacy fundraising income was £478k at the end of the year with a strong pipeline of legacy notifications. A new Trusts and Foundations Manager was recruited to support the work of applying and administering gifts from trusts and foundations.

The Communications department also had numerous successful campaigns throughout the year, with the announcement of the Secondary Breast Cancer audit being one of the most significant in terms of PR coverage and event management of the launch at Stormont.

Our social media base has increased steadily each month across all platforms, and we had excellent reach for all our campaigns throughout the year.

Cancer Focus NI had an average head count of 131 (2023/24: 115) staff during 2024/25, however the FTE remained fairly consistent. In recognition of the work of our team, we awarded a pay increase from April 2024. Whilst the FTE remains at 81 staff at the end of March 2025, the mix of staff has changed, with new dedicated nurse support in the Fermanagh Therapeutic Cancer Support Centre and also investment in the area of Group Support and management of our services.

We continue to invest in the ongoing training and development of our staff team. Our staff team are now split over 13 retail sites, 2 premises in Belfast, being the therapeutic site on Eglantine Avenue and the back-office staff in Montgomery House as well as the new Fermanagh Centre. We are therefore focused on regular all staff briefings to bring all staff together monthly and have plans for social events to keep staff connected. We have strong retention rates with annual staff turnover of 12% compared to the UK average of 34%. Many of our staff are long serving with 1 member of staff approaching 30 years services and 3 staff approaching 25 years with Cancer Focus NI. A staff survey will be rolled out in 2025/26 to continue to monitor staff engagement.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £41,979 (2024: £160,855) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,367,658 (2024: £3,325,679). Of these total funds £243,276 (2024: £291,057) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period and £246,673 (2024: £543,000) have been designated for the delivery of the Fermanagh Therapeutic Support Centre in Enniskillen.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

During the 2024/25 year we experienced a loss in value of the investments held of £28k. This was due to the uncertain economic climate, however a long term view is taken on investments with the expectation that in the long term, this will result in financial gain for the charity and we are confident in the stewardship of the funds with CCLA.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,169,729 (2024: £1,282,470) which represents 3.4 months (2024: 4 months) unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level that equates to between 3 and 6 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

The current level of free reserves is at the lower end of the range intended to be held by the Charity. This is deemed to be appropriate and the Charity will continue to work to maintain reserves within this range.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 24 September 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Chairman)
Trustee

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity'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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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 trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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.

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Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standard for Auditors', in the circumstances set out in note 30 to the financial statements.

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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
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Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
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24 September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,353,451	71,776	2,425,227	2,290,896
Charitable activities	6	283,609	784,693	1,068,302	996,854
Other trading activities	7	1,451,051	–	1,451,051	1,259,969
Investment income	8	41,380	–	41,380	53,931
Other income	9	9,669	–	9,669	159,969
Total income		<u>4,139,160</u>	<u>856,469</u>	<u>4,995,629</u>	<u>4,761,619</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	(1,260,027)	–	(1,260,027)	(1,143,320)
Costs of other trading activities	11	(1,119,149)	–	(1,119,149)	(1,141,296)
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	(1,748,000)	(797,763)	(2,545,763)	(2,383,415)
Total expenditure		<u>(4,127,176)</u>	<u>(797,763)</u>	<u>(4,924,939)</u>	<u>(4,668,031)</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	15	(28,711)	–	(28,711)	67,267
Net income		<u>(16,727)</u>	<u>58,706</u>	<u>41,979</u>	<u>160,855</u>
Transfers between funds		106,487	(106,487)	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Losses from revaluation of fixed assets		–	–	–	(85,159)
Net movement in funds		<u>89,760</u>	<u>(47,781)</u>	<u>41,979</u>	<u>75,696</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>291,057</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,124,382</u>	<u>243,276</u>	<u>3,367,658</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 27 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	20	1,707,980	214,152
Investments	21	818,985	831,232
		<u>2,526,965</u>	<u>1,045,384</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	22	499,810	417,851
Asset held for sale	23	–	995,000
Cash at bank and in hand		709,549	1,057,037
		<u>1,209,359</u>	<u>2,469,888</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>(368,666)</u>	<u>(189,593)</u>
Net current assets		<u>840,693</u>	<u>2,280,295</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,367,658</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>
Net assets		<u>3,367,658</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		243,276	291,057
Unrestricted funds:			
Other unrestricted income funds		3,124,382	3,034,622
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,124,382</u>	<u>3,034,622</u>
Total charity funds	27	<u>3,367,658</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24 September 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs Violet Spence (Honorary Treasurer and Chair of
Finance & Policy Committee)
Trustee

The notes on pages 27 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	41,979	160,855
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	63,333	61,920
Impairment of tangible fixed assets	–	99,637
Net losses/(gains) on investments	28,711	(67,267)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(41,380)	(53,931)
Interest payable and similar charges	15,930	14,137
Accrued expenses/(income)	451,231	(329,184)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(351,262)	58,513
Trade and other creditors	(2,855)	15,432
Cash generated from operations	205,687	(39,888)
Interest paid	(15,930)	(14,137)
Interest received	41,380	53,931
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>231,138</u>	<u>(94)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(562,161)	(131,298)
Purchases of other investments	(16,465)	–
Proceeds from sale of other investments	–	(29,169)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>(578,626)</u>	<u>(160,467)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	–	(127,456)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>–</u>	<u>(127,456)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(347,488)	(288,017)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,057,037	1,345,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>709,549</u>	<u>1,057,037</u>

The notes on pages 27 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Montgomery House - 6th Floor, 29-33 Montgomery Street, Belfast, BT1 4NX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure.

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	1% straight line
Long leasehold improvements	-	10-20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% - 33% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments *(continued)*

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,038	–	37,038
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	40,151	–	40,151
Give as you earn	144,716	–	144,716
Other income	7,358	–	7,358
Committed giving	116,392	–	116,392
Fundraising events	1,216,571	71,776	1,288,347
Gifts in kind	280,989	–	280,989
Major donors	32,170	–	32,170
Legacies			
Legacies	478,066	–	478,066
	<u>2,353,451</u>	<u>71,776</u>	<u>2,425,227</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,097	–	33,097
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	52,086	–	52,086
Give as you earn	155,192	–	155,192
Other income	9,849	–	9,849
Committed giving	129,524	–	129,524
Fundraising events	1,130,579	6,119	1,136,698
Gifts in kind	243,432	–	243,432
Major donors	39,999	15,504	55,503
Legacies			
Legacies	475,515	–	475,515
	<u>2,269,273</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>2,290,896</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Provision for care services	103,545	313,896	417,441
Cancer prevention programmes	180,064	470,797	650,861
	<u>283,609</u>	<u>784,693</u>	<u>1,068,302</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Provision for care services	75,732	235,872	311,604
Cancer prevention programmes	127,297	557,953	685,250
	<u>203,029</u>	<u>793,825</u>	<u>996,854</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Shop income	<u>1,451,051</u>	<u>1,451,051</u>	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,259,969</u>

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8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest	24,915	24,915	24,762	24,762
Dividend income	16,465	16,465	29,169	29,169
	<u>41,380</u>	<u>41,380</u>	<u>53,931</u>	<u>53,931</u>

9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Insurance claim	179	–	179
Other income	9,490	–	9,490
Grants/Trusts	–	–	–
	<u>9,669</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>9,669</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Insurance claim	40,577	–	40,577
Other income	29,312	17,402	46,714
Grants/Trusts	62,394	10,284	72,678
	<u>132,283</u>	<u>27,686</u>	<u>159,969</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	1,260,027	1,260,027	1,143,320	1,143,320

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,119,149	1,119,149	1,141,296	1,141,296

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	131,249	30,000	161,249
Provision of patient care services	600,706	284,852	885,558
Cancer Prevention Programmes	503,115	481,912	985,027
Policy and Public Affairs	55,850	–	55,850
Support costs	457,080	999	458,079
	<u>1,748,000</u>	<u>797,763</u>	<u>2,545,763</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	181,103	69,524	250,627
Provision of patient care services	280,562	468,893	749,455
Cancer Prevention Programmes	426,080	451,835	877,915
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	–	32,642
Support costs	472,776	–	472,776
	<u>1,393,163</u>	<u>990,252</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	161,249	4,806	166,055	255,647
Provision of patient care services	885,558	165,764	1,051,322	922,653
Cancer Prevention Programmes	985,027	165,764	1,150,791	1,052,796
Policy and Public Affairs	55,850	72,072	127,922	106,263
Governance costs	–	49,673	49,673	46,056
	<u>2,087,684</u>	<u>458,079</u>	<u>2,545,763</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	286,112	25,245	25,245	336,602	316,356
Premises	63,754	5,625	5,625	75,004	73,970
Communications and IT	10,137	894	894	11,925	33,909
General office	37,471	3,306	3,306	44,083	55,975
Human resources	10,932	965	965	12,862	21,814
Governance costs	49,673	—	—	49,673	46,056
	<u>458,079</u>	<u>36,035</u>	<u>36,035</u>	<u>530,149</u>	<u>548,080</u>

15. Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(28,711)	(28,711)	67,267	67,267

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>63,333</u>	<u>61,920</u>

17. Auditors remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>11,475</u>	<u>10,584</u>

18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,597,510	2,336,784
Social security costs	224,625	201,755
Employer contributions to pension plans	133,075	113,171
Other employee benefits	—	12,525
	<u>2,955,210</u>	<u>2,664,235</u>

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18. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 131 (2024: 115).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	1
£70,000 to £79,999	-	1
£80,000 to £89,999	1	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £364,138 (2024:£352,090).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Whilst entitled to receive expenses for work undertaken in relation to their role of trustees, none of the trustees received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2024: £Nil)

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20. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold improvements £	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost/Valuation					
At 1 April 2024	–	–	1,007,206	111,056	1,118,262
Additions	531,387	–	30,774	–	562,161
Transfers	–	995,000	–	–	995,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>531,387</u>	<u>995,000</u>	<u>1,037,980</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>2,675,423</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	–	–	814,779	89,331	904,110
Charge for the year	–	9,950	44,897	8,486	63,333
At 31 March 2025	<u>–</u>	<u>9,950</u>	<u>859,676</u>	<u>97,817</u>	<u>967,443</u>
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	<u>531,387</u>	<u>985,050</u>	<u>178,304</u>	<u>13,239</u>	<u>1,707,980</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>192,427</u>	<u>21,725</u>	<u>214,152</u>

21. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	831,232
Additions	16,464
Fair value movements	(28,711)
At 31 March 2025	<u>818,985</u>
Impairment	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	<u>818,985</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Equity investments of £818,985 (2024: £831,232) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

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22. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	358,101	23,849
Prepayments and accrued income	122,731	376,739
Other debtors	18,978	17,263
	<u>499,810</u>	<u>417,851</u>

23. Asset held for sale

	2025	2024
	£	£
Asset held for sale	—	995,000
	<u>—</u>	<u>995,000</u>

The asset held for sale was in relation to the property at Eglantine Avenue. This asset is no longer held for sale and has been transferred to Long Leasehold Property as at 31 March 2025.

24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	96,692	72,377
Accruals and deferred income	244,010	62,082
Social security and other taxes	75	—
Provision	23,672	23,672
Other creditors	4,217	31,462
	<u>368,666</u>	<u>189,593</u>

25. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 April 2024	—	29,091
Amount released to income	—	(29,091)
At 31 March 2025	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

26. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £133,075 (2024: £113,171).

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27. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
General funds	2,491,622	4,139,160	(4,127,176)	402,814	(28,711)	2,877,709
Revaluation reserve	–	–	–	–	–	–
Designated Fund	543,000	–	–	(296,327)	–	246,673
	<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>4,139,160</u>	<u>(4,127,176)</u>	<u>106,487</u>	<u>(28,711)</u>	<u>3,124,382</u>

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	2,320,687	3,918,485	(3,677,779)	(137,038)	67,267	2,491,622
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	(85,159)	–
Designated Fund	250,000	–	–	293,000	–	543,000
	<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>155,962</u>	<u>(17,892)</u>	<u>3,034,622</u>

The total designated fund of £246,673 is in relation to the Enniskillen Centre.

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	33,619	50,512	(50,512)	(33,619)	—	—
PHA Care in the Sun	21,329	102,312	(119,783)	(3,858)	—	—
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	30,366	309,111	(296,749)	(42,728)	—	—
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	—	32,304	(35,507)	3,203	—	—
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	—	7,456	(6,962)	(494)	—	—
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	—	7,775	(6,839)	(936)	—	—
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	—	6,684	(7,066)	382	—	—
The Big Lottery Next Steps	4,033	—	(4,184)	151	—	—
PHA Training	4,692	8,025	(10,986)	(1,731)	—	—
James Birnie	44,811	—	(30,000)	—	—	14,811
Bristol Myers Squibb	—	—	—	—	—	—
Department of Health	—	—	—	—	—	—
Family Support - Community Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hospital Saturday Fund	3,714	—	(1,565)	—	—	2,149

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Elevate Programme	4,801	–	(4,044)	(757)	–	–
Support Your Girls	14,610	–	–	–	–	14,610
Dormant Funds NI	–	–	–	–	–	–
DOH Enniskillen	97,030	209,312	(157,310)	–	–	149,032
MSD Pharma	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southern Board	–	–	–	–	–	–
Additional Funds	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bra fitting	615	5,116	–	–	–	5,731
Secondary breast cancer	–	300	–	–	–	300
Walk the walk	26,437	–	(26,437)	–	–	–
WH SCT	–	–	–	–	–	–
Macmillan	–	–	–	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	5,000	–	(354)	–	–	4,646
NW Prostate Group	–	1,500	(109)	–	–	1,391
Pink Ribbon	–	6,000	(1,856)	–	–	4,144
Prostate Support	–	1,988	–	–	–	1,988
Myeloma Support Group	–	891	–	–	–	891
Enniskillen Donations	–	74,683	(35,000)	–	–	39,683
Cancer Connected Communities	–	–	–	–	–	–
West	–	2,500	(2,500)	–	–	–
John Wilson Memorial	–	30,000	–	(26,100)	–	3,900
	<u>291,057</u>	<u>856,469</u>	<u>(797,763)</u>	<u>(106,487)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>243,276</u>

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	6,702	60,161	(26,542)	(6,702)	–	33,619
PHA Care in the Sun	23,621	90,884	(69,555)	(23,621)	–	21,329
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	44,838	291,258	(260,892)	(44,838)	–	30,366
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	30,138	(2,956)	(27,182)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,456	(5,989)	(467)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(6,188)	(1,587)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,333	(13,497)	7,164	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	124,123	–	(76,712)	(43,378)	–	4,033
PHA Training	6,863	24,200	(19,508)	(6,863)	–	4,692
James Birnie	83,188	15,504	(53,881)	–	–	44,811
Bristol Myers Squibb	(1,086)	–	–	1,086	–	–
Department of Health	104,285	141,255	(247,307)	1,767	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	18,969	5,766	(24,735)	–	–	–
Hospital Saturday Fund	1,714	2,000	–	–	–	3,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	(199)	–	–	4,801

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Support Your Girls	18,375	–	(3,765)	–	–	14,610
Dormant Funds NI	9,524	–	(9,524)	–	–	–
DOH Enniskillen	104,656	104,656	(112,282)	–	–	97,030
MSD Pharma	32,000	–	(32,000)	–	–	–
Southern Board Additional Funds	11,365	–	(90)	(11,275)	–	–
Bra fitting	–	615	–	–	–	615
Secondary breast cancer	–	6,119	(6,119)	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	40,200	(13,763)	–	–	26,437
WHSCT	–	1,530	(1,464)	(66)	–	–
Macmillan	–	3,284	(3,284)	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	5,000	–	–	–	5,000
NW Prostate Group	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pink Ribbon	–	–	–	–	–	–
Prostate Support Myeloma Support Group	–	–	–	–	–	–
Enniskillen Donations	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cancer Connected Communities	–	–	–	–	–	–
West John Wilson Memorial	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>594,137</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(155,962)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>291,057</u>

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

Elevate Programme

Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in the Enniskillen area.

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus Northern Ireland.

Dr Jim Birnie

Donation received from one of our deceased Trustees. This is being used to fund cancer research on efficacy of immunotherapy in oesophageal adenocarcinoma and the secondary breast cancer audit.

Walk the Walk

Grant income awarded to facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer including 2 retreats and the bra fitting services across Northern Ireland.

Magill Family Trust

To facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer through 2 retreats, one for primary and one for secondary breast cancer.

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27. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

DoH Enniskillen

Grant awarded to establish services in the Enniskillen area in preparation for opening a new therapeutic cancer support centre in the town.

Big Lottery

The Family Support Service is funded by the Big Lottery's Empowering Young People grant. This has enabled the expansion of the Family Support service including in-person bereavement support nights, virtual bereavement support for those in rural areas, a bereaved dads group, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as empowerment activity days.

NW prostate group

This is from funding raised specifically by and for a North West region therapeutic support group to provide emotional and psychological and peer support to patients with a prostate cancer diagnosis who are living or treated in the Northern (North coast and Western side of Trust) and Western Trust locality.

Pink Ribbon

A project funded by the Pink Ribbon Foundation to support our bra fitting service including purchase of stock, training for staff/volunteers in new areas and delivery of bra fitting appointments.

Prostate Support

This is from funding raised specifically by and for a Belfast area therapeutic support group to provide emotional and psychological and peer support to patients with a prostate cancer diagnosis who are living or treated in the Belfast locality.

Myeloma Support Group

This is from funding raised specifically by and for a Myeloma therapeutic support group to provide emotional and psychological and peer support through a therapeutic support group, to patients with a myeloma cancer diagnosis.

Enniskillen Donations

These are funds raised by the Enniskillen based fundraising team specifically for the purpose of the Enniskillen centre.

Cancer Connected Communities West

Funded by Derry Well Women to engage local groups in Fermanagh and engage 100 participants across a variety of community based workshops.

Ulster Carpets

Funding received from the John Wilson Memorial trust as a contribution towards the capital costs for the kitchen in the new Therapeutic Cancer Support Centre.

Transfers

A transfer has been carried out from restricted to unrestricted funds due to funds received for which Cancer Focus Northern Ireland have fulfilled all contractual obligations. Transfers have also taken place in the year in relation to fixed assets. Cancer Focus used funding to purchase assets which have been transferred to Unrestricted Funds as Cancer Focus fully own the assets, no restrictions have been placed on these assets.

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28. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,707,980	–	1,707,980
Investments	818,985	–	818,985
Current assets	966,083	243,276	1,209,359
Creditors less than 1 year	(368,666)	–	(368,666)
Net assets	3,124,382	243,276	3,367,658

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	214,152	–	214,152
Investments	831,232	–	831,232
Current assets	2,178,356	291,057	2,469,413
Creditors less than 1 year	(189,118)	–	(189,118)
Net assets	3,034,622	291,057	3,325,679

29. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

30. Ethical standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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31. Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind received in the year:

	Total £
Bridge Commercials	1,084
Clear Channel	233,320
Bauer Radio	7,432
Q Radio	242
Jeffers & Sons	6,000
Eyekiller Ltd	1,744
Four Star Pizza	669
Balcas	635
Haldane Fisher	26,441
Beleek Pottery	2,640
Bangor Stove	782
	<u>280,989</u>

Expenditure has been as follows:

	Total £
Advertising	240,994
Vehicle	1,084
Professional Fees	6,000
Website	1,744
Catering	669
Premise expenses	30,498
	<u>280,989</u>

32. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2024	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,057,037	(347,488)	709,549
Current asset investments	995,000	(995,000)	—
	<u>2,052,037</u>	<u>(1,342,488)</u>	<u>709,549</u>

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33. Property commitments

	2025 £	2024 £
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	142,311	42,600
In more than one year, but not more than five years	536,649	159,994
After five years	750,270	49,900
Total	<u>1,428,231</u>	<u>252,494</u>

Property commitments of £875,589 have been fully funded by an anonymous donor in relation to lease of office space.

34. Related parties

The Trustees have considered guidance in relation to related party transactions and believe there are no transactions that require disclosure.

35. Grant commitments

The charity has grant commitments of £23,708 (2024: £65,769) which relates to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
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**Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Ms Susan McAleer (Resigned 19 June 2024)
Ms Patricia McClelland (Resigned 2 August 2023)
Mr Ivan McMinn MBE (Resigned 29 November 2023)
Ms Caroline Murdoch
Dr Helen Reid
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Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI049781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association were reviewed and updated in 2023. The Trustees continually ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI.

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 12 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) was reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

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Sustainability

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team are very conscious of the need to look after our planet and have developed a sustainability policy to encourage all staff to print less, recycle more and be mindful of sustainable initiatives when planning events and carrying out everyday work. Our retail section, by its very nature, is particularly focused on the environment and the following are some of the positive impacts being made:

- Each year Cancer Focus NI charity shops helps slow down fast fashion by selling 355,963 pre-loved items. This helps to reduce landfill and reduces CO2 emissions related to the fashion industry.
- Cancer Focus NI saves 21,690 recycling bags from ending up in landfill.
- Cancer Focus NI shops promote sustainable fashion and support a circular economy: Reduce > Re-use > Recycle.
- Cancer Focus NI recycles more than 90% of donated clothing.
- We give our customers the option to buy clothes sustainably, whatever their budget.
- From an environmental perspective, charity shops keep goods in circulation which might otherwise be thrown away, saving local councils in the UK at least £31m a year as they divert 339,000 tonnes of clothing textiles from being thrown into landfill, and reducing CO2 emissions by millions of tonnes.
- Cancer Focus NI supports the campaign "Sustainable September" each year to promote Sustainable fashion.

Cancer Focus NI is currently collecting baseline data to inform the targets to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact across the rest of the organisation

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is a leading cancer charity. For over 55 years, the charity has positively impacted the lives of local people affected through four main areas of work:

- 1) Cancer Support Services
- 2) Cancer Prevention Initiatives
- 3) Research
- 4) Policy & Advocacy

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

We aim to support local people on their cancer journey, working to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers. Cancer Focus NI's vision is a society where people can live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Values

Our guiding principles will shape the future direction of our charity.

Innovative - we will develop a range of quality cancer support services and health improvement initiatives that are evidence based and pioneering.

Compassionate - We will continue to provide free services to help support local people on their cancer journey.

Bold - We will not be afraid to make difficult decisions and take courageous actions in the interests of local people.

Connected - We will connect and collaborate with local communities and sector partners including the Department of Health, Public Health Agency, Health Trusts, and other charities to create a fairer and healthier society.

Honest - We will be transparent in our work, show respect for those we meet, and highlight our impact at all times.

Charity Behaviours

At the core of our charity's work, we will:

- Be community focused and people centric.
- Tackle health inequality in all aspects of our work.
- Reach out to those on the margins in 'hard to reach' communities.
- Work sustainably with environmental consciousness in all that we do.
- Ensure the patient voice is at the centre of all that we do.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 80 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern, Northern & Western Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of a further approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show, the staffing of our retail shops, supporting our bra fitting service, groups and our family support team.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles. During the course of this year we have appointed a dedicated volunteer co-ordinator to develop, support and grow our volunteer base.

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

A new organisational strategy 2023-2027 was launched in June 2023. The strategic objectives and delivery against them are detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer (APGC) and participating in other forums.

Progress in 2023/24:

We have invested in the town of Enniskillen for our first regional cancer support centre. A contractor has been appointed and work is commencing in the early summer with a view to opening the doors on our first centre in early 2025. We have already appointed staff to the regional area of Enniskillen to deliver our services, with counselling services being delivered from our retail premises in advance of the centre opening, and Health Improvement and Family Support staff also working remotely in the area.

The Services Team has continued to develop and grow services across the region. Work has been undertaken with all 5 Health Trust clinical staff, Information and Support managers, local communities and with people affected by cancer.

In terms of service development, a new bra fitting service was established in the Southern Trust, in July 2023. The family support team have established a new Dad's support group, and the family bereavement evenings continue to be well attended. A pilot of an online bereavement support group was launched to enable those living in rural communities with poor transport infrastructure to avail of support. This is being well attended with positive feedback. Art therapy group sessions have been provided in Belfast, Enniskillen, Altnagelvin and in partnership with CHARIS charity in Mid Ulster area to enable more regional support. Group support team continues to establish groups e.g. primary and secondary breast groups, with new groups being established to provide support to a greater number of people impacted by cancer across different tumour sites, e.g. a new myeloma support group in the Northern Trust, and prostate patients in Belfast as well as the Cancer Focus NI 'Exploring our Cancer Journey' 5 week programme provided across different venues in NI. The Sing for Life Choir has over 100 members registered, 60 – 70 consistently attend weekly for practice, traveling from all parts of NI. The choir continues to act as a support group and puts on performances, highlighting the support available for those impacted by cancer in the local communities from Cancer Focus NI.

The Volunteer Driving Service continues to facilitate patient journeys across 4 out of the 5 Trust localities, with the service now fully operational in the Belfast, South Eastern and most of the Northern Trust, as well as in Enniskillen and the greater Fermanagh area. The team have been working hard to identify localities where capacity is low and actively recruit in those areas.

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17 Volunteers have been recruited and inducted in quarter 4 of the year. This means we now have a total of 80 drivers, 68 within the core Cancer Focus NI volunteer driving service & 12 within the Fermanagh Palliative Transport Service (PTS) with whom we are partnering in the Western Trust.

A new Volunteer and Service User Coordinator has been appointed, with work in progress to develop the volunteer service as volunteers remain an extremely valued support in assisting in the delivery of support to patients and families across NI.

The Keeping Well Service were recently finalists in the All Ireland Housing Association awards under the category 'Excellence in Health Care'. for our partnership with Clanmil Housing Association which was well-deserved recognition.

Over the course of the year we engaged with over 4,000 people through our portfolio of emotional and psychosocial support services.

The organisation has also recruited a senior Services Improvement resource to support senior management and lead on strategic change within our monitoring, evaluation and learning function. This will include the identification and implementation of a new service user data management system.

A new Policy and Public Affairs Officer joined the organisation in September 2023. This is the first time the organisation has invested in a full-time policy and advocacy resource to develop this important area of work.

We continued to serve as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) and hosted 6 meetings from April 2023-March 2024, discussing symptom awareness, the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement ("Cancer Knows No Borders"), obesity and cancer, the pressures facing the Belfast Trust, the cervical screening recall and pathway update, and youth smoking / nicotine addiction. Bi-monthly APGC meetings are planned for the coming year, to be chaired by Stewart Dickson MLA (who became APGC chair at the AGM in June 2024 when the previous Chair, Paula Bradshaw MLA, stepped down after 5+ years). This year also saw the reintroduction of in-person meetings following COVID.

In September 2023 we launched our Vision for a Smokefree Northern Ireland (the "ASH Manifesto"). Since then, we have been advocating for its messages, including by mailing the manifesto to all MPs and health relevant MLAs.

We remain a charity representative on the Cancer Programme Board, the NI Health Department body responsible for the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy 2022-2032.

We worked with sector colleagues to catalyse and build momentum toward the inception of the Northern Ireland Cancer Charities Coalition (NICCC), to create a unified sector voice and strengthen third sector advocacy on cancer issues. The NICCC opened for applications following an inaugural information session in March 2024. With 37 members to-date, the NICCC has since had its first official meeting launched in June 2024. Our Chief Executive was named the interim (inaugural) Chair of the Coalition by the interim Executive Committee; he is set to remain Chair through to September 2025, with elections planned at this time. The NICCC's Launch in June was attended by the First Minister, Deputy First Minister, Health Minister, and several MLAs.

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We worked with the Department of Health on “Action 40” of the NI Cancer Strategy, on how to better integrate mental health care within the cancer journey. This led to the development of a directory of cancer support services in Northern Ireland, hosted on the Health Department’s Family Support website.

Throughout the year, we proactively and reactively advocated on cancer issues while also raising awareness of our services, through meetings and emails with elected and departmental officials, social media engagements, press releases, videos, and more. Frequent topics of advocacy include: the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy, cancer waiting times, cancer prevention, early detection, UV safety awareness, the Tobacco & Vapes Bill / smokefree legislation, health service transformation, patient psycho-oncological support, and third sector support.

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2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritising our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalised and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

Progress in 2023/24:

The Health Improvement and Keeping Well teams continue to engage with a broad range of organisations including all 5 Northern Ireland Health Trusts and many statutory and commercial organisations to promote healthier living with all services increasing from previous years. Our work prioritises outreach into areas of social deprivation whilst building connections with minority and hard to reach groups with a high level of engagement and reach throughout Northern Ireland evidenced in the table below:

Keeping Well Team		Health Improvement (HI) Team	
Sites visited	325	HI Team engagements	40,450
Service users engaged	5,982	Smokers	8,181
Quick Fits	12	Professionals	971
Health Checks	214	Schools and Youth	11,017
Cancer prevention/ awareness talks	75	Workplace and community	2,196
Health fairs	24	Care in the sun – community	20,281

Quick Fits are body composition checks; the client has Height, Weight, Body composition (body fat & water percentage, visceral fat, muscle & bone mass), BMI checked and receives cancer prevention information (signs, symptoms & relevant screening).

Health checks are a service where users receive all of the above "quick fits" plus blood pressure and blood glucose checks, CO monitoring as appropriate and smoking cessation information, plus information re signs and symptoms of cancer and signposting to relevant health professional as required.

The Team continues to be a vital partner in the Cancer Connected Communities West project, providing workshops with various organisations on the ground and building relationships across the greater Fermanagh area, in addition to this we assist with the planning and facilitation of patient & carer events, which seek to explore individuals' cancer journeys, and make recommendations to the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHSCT) on how to improve the cancer treatment pathway to all sectors of the community.

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The Health Promotion Team also remained very busy through the year. Work continues in schools, workplaces, health fairs, local community fairs, Balmoral etc to raise awareness of cancer prevention.

The promotion of cancer prevention messaging continues, including No Smoking Month (March) for the Stop Smoking team. We continue to lobby government on actions and policy, e.g. For No Smoking Month we had a second Briefing event in early March with keynote speaker Dr Wendy Anderson talking on Respiratory Health, along with an awareness session at Stormont – promoting the ASH(NI) Manifesto alongside the Smokefree Generation legislation. There was also a teaching session at Stranmillis with a special guest of the Health Minister, who spoke to the students. Additional funded hours were secured from the PHA for Smokebusters (our programme for schools), with increased targets delivered on. The preparations and delivery of cancer prevention for the busy summer period of 'Be UV aware' season is ongoing.

An upgrade was made to our e-learning platform, this helps to support an improvement of information, awareness and ability to share cancer prevention messaging. In advance of the Moy Park Belfast City Marathon and Ladies 10k events, we held many health events within the key sponsor workplaces where we shared information on stopping smoking and vaping, alongside early detection, helping to reach all parts of the community.

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3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

Progress in 2023/24:

The organisation is currently invested and committed to the following research projects:

- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer - Dr Richard Turkington & Prof. Richard Kennedy, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship - Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Secondary Breast Cancer Study with the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (NICR). The study aims to accurately identify Secondary Breast Cancer (SBC) cases by linking NICR population-based data with key NI health service datasets. This will be done in two parts, with estimates of crude incidence and prevalence (Phase 1) and then with accurate determination of date of SBC diagnosis (Phase 2). Once Phase 1 & Phase 2 complete, NICR will be able to audit SBC cancer care via linkage of hospital administration and treatment data held by NICR.
- Funding of Dr Ethna McFerran (Health Economist, QUB) into the rising cost of skin cancer in NI. The research was published in the Journal of Cancer Policy, and submitted to the NI Department of Health, as evidence base to inform review and extension of the NI Skin Cancer Strategy and to advocate for investing in skin cancer, prevention and early detection.

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4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

Progress in 2023/24:

It has been a challenging year for Retail with the temporary closure of the Banbridge shop following flood damage to the premises as well as opening a new shop in Enniskillen and managing a shop relocation in Lisburn. Our new locations are both performing ahead of expectations, with excellent potential for further growth. Overall sales have been boosted by the cost-of-living crisis, given the growth in popularity of Charity shopping and sustainable fashion.

Retail is in a strong position to further maximise its potential given that the new shops are now established within the community and all 13 shops will have a full year of trading.

The Fundraising and Communications Department had a successful year both in terms of financial income achieved as well as PR and media exposure. The Fundraising team brought in £2.3m revenue which was a growth of £600k on the prior year. Our Communications team launched a hugely successful new strategy campaign that helped increase brand awareness of the charity across all platforms.

The Fundraising team highlights included outdoor events bringing in £470k, with Mourne Seven Summits, FROG and Causeway Coastal Marathon Walk the most successful.

Corporate Fundraising welcomed a new member to the team and successfully secured a number of new corporate partners. The team brought in £271k, improving on the previous year.

In Direct Marketing, a new upgrade campaign was launched with 89 people requesting to increase their regular donation. This will result in £5,592 more in income in the coming year. With this campaign, we also received 4 new legacy enquiries.

The Community Fundraising remains strong and Cancer Focus NI signature events such as Strictly Come Dancing and Fitness Factors are as popular as ever. The Fundraising Groups are engaged with renewed motivation from the new Strategy, particularly the Enniskillen Group. The Group have exciting plans for fundraising initiatives in their local town to coincide with the new Cancer Support Centre opening.

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Within the Communications Department, the start of the last financial year was focused on the promotion of the new five-year strategy. This included the design of new marketing materials as well as organising two successful events. Media coverage for these events included UTV Live, Belfast Newsletter, Belfast Telegraph, Belfast Live, Fermanagh Herald and Impartial Reporter.

Strategically, fundraising and communications is developing and expanding to reflect the exciting new organisational strategy. An Enniskillen Fundraiser has been appointed and will support local fundraising for the new Cancer Support Centre. Recruitment is underway for a new Trusts & Foundations Manager to develop income opportunities within local and national trusts and foundations as well as supporting the work around major donors.

Cancer Focus NI had an average of 115 staff during 2023/24 and we continue to invest in the ongoing training and development of our staff team. Our 2023/24 staff survey produced very positive results and showed that 85% of the respondents were either somewhat or extremely satisfied with their employer, 94% of staff are excited about the delivery of the new strategy, with 90% of staff feeling that the new strategy will deliver better services for users.

Team care sessions have been rolled out across the last year, to give emotional support to staff, strengthen and build a Multidisciplinary team approach to services, and help all staff but particularly non-clinical staff and volunteers develop skill and confidence in dealing with difficult situations and support to patients and families. These have included 6 – 8 weekly 2 hour morning sessions with therapeutic service staff leading. Staff from finance, fundraising, communications, administration and retail have attended. A full Services Team away day has been held to provide similar support to staff who in many cases work remotely on their own as they provide services across all Trust geographical areas, e.g. counsellors, Health Improvement, Keeping Well and family support staff. The Nurses who deliver our Help line also provide a drop-in service for staff to avail of support and advice.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £160,855 (2023: £64,568) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,325,679 (2023: £3,249,983). Of these total funds £291,057 (2023: £594,137) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period and £543,000 have been designated for the delivery of the Enniskillen Therapeutic Support Centre.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,282,470 (2023: £1,081,276) which represents 4 months (2023: 4 months) unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level that equates to approximately 6 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

The current level of free reserves are slightly lower than the maximum intended to be held by the Charity and this is deemed to be appropriate.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 2 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Chair)
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity'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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 22), the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standard for Auditors', in the circumstances set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
Causeway Tower
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2 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,269,273	21,623	2,290,896	1,693,013
Charitable activities	6	203,029	793,825	996,854	1,129,603
Other trading activities	7	1,259,969	–	1,259,969	1,161,330
Investment income	8	53,931	–	53,931	28,812
Other income	9	132,283	27,686	159,969	50,715
Total income		<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>4,761,619</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	(1,143,320)	–	(1,143,320)	(828,709)
Costs of other trading activities	11	(1,141,296)	–	(1,141,296)	(966,391)
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	(1,393,163)	(990,252)	(2,383,415)	(2,166,647)
Total expenditure		<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(4,668,031)</u>	<u>(3,961,747)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	67,267	–	67,267	(37,158)
Net income		<u>307,973</u>	<u>(147,118)</u>	<u>160,855</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Transfers between funds		155,962	(155,962)	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Losses from revaluation of fixed assets		(85,159)	–	(85,159)	–
Net movement in funds		<u>378,776</u>	<u>(303,080)</u>	<u>75,696</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983	3,185,415
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>291,057</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	20	214,152	144,774
Investments	21	831,232	734,796
		<u>1,045,384</u>	<u>879,570</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	22	417,851	200,931
Asset held for sale	23	995,000	1,179,796
Cash at bank and in hand		1,057,037	1,345,054
		<u>2,469,888</u>	<u>2,725,781</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>(189,593)</u>	<u>(268,944)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,280,295</u>	<u>2,456,837</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,336,407</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>–</u>	<u>(86,424)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		291,057	594,137
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		–	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		3,034,622	2,570,687
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs Violet Spence (Honorary Treasurer and Chair of
Finance & Policy Committee)
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	160,855	64,568
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	114,551
Impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,637	–
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(67,267)	(3,736)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(53,931)	(28,812)
Interest payable and similar charges	14,137	–
Accrued income	(329,184)	(90,151)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	58,513	(39,589)
Trade and other creditors	15,432	(24,705)
Cash generated from operations	(39,888)	(7,874)
Interest paid	(14,137)	–
Interest received	53,931	28,812
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	<u>(94)</u>	<u>20,938</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(131,298)	(11,356)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	–	4,058
Purchases of other investments	(29,169)	(731,014)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	(29,169)	752,176
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	<u>(189,636)</u>	<u>13,864</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(127,456)	(34,957)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(127,456)</u>	<u>(34,957)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(317,186)	(155)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,027,868</u>	<u>1,345,054</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure.

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	10% - 33% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,097	–	33,097
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	52,086	–	52,086
Give as you earn	155,192	–	155,192
Other income	9,849	–	9,849
Committed giving	129,524	–	129,524
Fundraising events	1,130,579	6,119	1,136,698
Gifts in kind	243,432	–	243,432
Major donors	39,999	15,504	55,503
Legacies			
Legacies	475,515	–	475,515
	<u>2,269,273</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>2,290,896</u>

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Gifts in kind	–	–	–
Major donors	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Provision for care services	75,732	235,872	311,604
Cancer prevention programmes	127,297	557,953	685,250
	<u>203,029</u>	<u>793,825</u>	<u>996,854</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop income	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>

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8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest	24,762	24,762	5,434	5,434
Dividend income	29,169	29,169	23,378	23,378
	<u>53,931</u>	<u>53,931</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>

9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Insurance claim	40,577	–	40,577
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	–	–
Other income	29,312	17,402	46,714
Grants/Trusts	62,394	10,284	72,678
	<u>132,283</u>	<u>27,686</u>	<u>159,969</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Insurance claim	–	–	–
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	49,915	49,915
Other income	–	–	–
Grants/Trusts	800	–	800
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	181,103	69,524	250,627
Provision of patient care services	280,562	468,893	749,455
Cancer Prevention Programmes	426,080	451,835	877,915
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	–	32,642
Support costs	472,776	–	472,776
	<u>1,393,163</u>	<u>990,252</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	250,627	5,020	255,647	157,394
Provision of patient care services	749,455	173,198	922,653	802,342
Cancer Prevention Programmes	877,915	174,881	1,052,796	1,023,483
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	73,621	106,263	111,184
Governance costs	–	46,056	46,056	72,244
	<u>1,910,639</u>	<u>472,776</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities £	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds £	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	268,902	23,727	23,727	316,356	339,307
Premises	62,874	5,548	5,548	73,970	121,716
Communications and IT	28,823	2,543	2,543	33,909	47,747
General office	47,579	4,198	4,198	55,975	50,037
Human resources	18,542	1,636	1,636	21,814	7,302
Governance costs	46,056	—	—	46,056	72,244
	<u>472,776</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>548,080</u>	<u>638,353</u>

15. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>67,267</u>	<u>67,267</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	78,387
Foreign exchange differences	—	4,058

17. Auditors remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,584</u>	<u>10,408</u>

18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	2,336,784	2,000,378
Social security costs	201,755	168,095
Employer contributions to pension plans	113,171	101,848
Other employee benefits	12,525	—
	<u>2,664,235</u>	<u>2,270,321</u>

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18. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 115 (2023: 99).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	–
£70,000 to £79,999	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £352,090 (2023:£351,648).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Whilst entitled to receive expenses for work undertaken in relation to their role of trustees, none of the trustees received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2023: £Nil)

20. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	875,908	111,056	986,964
Additions	131,298	–	131,298
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,007,206</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>1,118,262</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	761,342	80,848	842,190
Charge for the year	53,437	8,483	61,920
At 31 March 2024	<u>814,779</u>	<u>89,331</u>	<u>904,110</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>192,427</u>	<u>21,725</u>	<u>214,152</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>114,566</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>144,774</u>

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21. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	734,796
Additions	29,169
Fair value movements	67,267
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
Impairment	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>734,796</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Equity investments of £831,232 (2023: £734,750) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

22. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	23,849	81,563
Prepayments and accrued income	376,739	113,859
Other debtors	17,263	5,509
	<u>417,851</u>	<u>200,931</u>

23. Asset held for sale

	2024 £	2023 £
Asset held for sale	<u>995,000</u>	<u>1,179,796</u>

The cost of the asset at 1 April 2023 was £1,808,233 and opening depreciation of £628,437. There was a revaluation in the year of £184,796, bringing the asset to £995,000 as at 31 March 2024.

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24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	41,032
Trade creditors	72,377	66,280
Accruals and deferred income	62,082	144,924
Social security and other taxes	–	7,012
Provision	23,672	–
Other creditors	31,462	9,696
	<u>189,593</u>	<u>268,944</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	86,424
	<u>–</u>	<u>86,424</u>

26. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	29,091	78,487
Amount released to income	(29,091)	(78,487)
Amount deferred in year	–	29,091
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>29,091</u>

27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £113,171 (2023: £101,848).

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28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	2,320,687	3,918,485	(3,677,779)	(137,038)	67,267	2,491,622
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	(85,159)	–
Designated Fund	250,000	–	–	293,000	–	543,000
	<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>155,962</u>	<u>(17,892)</u>	<u>3,034,622</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	–	85,159
Designated Fund	–	–	–	250,000	–	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

The Trustees have set an additional aside £293,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2023/24 year. The total designated fund of £543,000 is in relation to the Enniskillen Centre. The work for this is due to commence in July 2024 and to be completed by January 2025.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	6,702	60,161	(26,542)	(6,702)	–	33,619
PHA Care in the Sun	23,621	90,884	(69,555)	(23,621)	–	21,329
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	44,838	291,258	(260,892)	(44,838)	–	30,366
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	30,138	(2,956)	(27,182)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,456	(5,989)	(467)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(6,188)	(1,587)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,333	(13,497)	7,164	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	124,123	–	(76,712)	(43,378)	–	4,033
PHA Training	6,863	24,200	(19,508)	(6,863)	–	4,692
James Birnie	83,188	15,504	(53,881)	–	–	44,811
Bristol Myers Squibb	(1,086)	–	–	1,086	–	–
Department of Health	104,285	141,255	(247,307)	1,767	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	18,969	5,766	(24,735)	–	–	–
Hospital Saturday Fund	1,714	2,000	–	–	–	3,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	(199)	–	–	4,801
Support Your Girls	18,375	–	(3,765)	–	–	14,610

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Dormant Funds						
NI	9,524	–	(9,524)	–	–	–
DOH Enniskillen	104,656	104,656	(112,282)	–	–	97,030
MSD Pharma	32,000	–	(32,000)	–	–	–
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	11,365	–	(90)	(11,275)	–	–
Bra fitting	–	615	–	–	–	615
Secondary breast cancer	–	6,119	(6,119)	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	40,200	(13,763)	–	–	26,437
WHSCCT	–	1,530	(1,464)	(66)	–	–
Macmillan	–	3,284	(3,284)	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	5,000	–	–	–	5,000
	<u>594,137</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(155,962)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>291,057</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery						
Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
Bra fitting	–	–	–	–	–	–
Secondary breast cancer	–	–	–	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	–	–	–	–	–
WHST	–	–	–	–	–	–
Macmillen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

Elevate Programme

Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in the Enniskillen area.

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus Northern Ireland.

Dr Jim Birnie

Donation received from one of our deceased Trustees. This is being used to fund cancer research on efficacy of immunotherapy in oesophageal adenocarcinoma and the secondary breast cancer audit.

Walk the Walk

Grant income awarded to facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer including 2 retreats and the bra fitting services across Northern Ireland.

Magill Family Trust

To facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer through 2 retreats, one for primary and one for secondary breast cancer.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

DoH Enniskillen

Grant awarded to establish services in the Enniskillen area in preparation for opening a new therapeutic cancer support centre in the town.

Big Lottery

The Family Support Service is funded by the Big Lottery's Empowering Young People grant. This has enabled the expansion of the Family Support service including in-person bereavement support nights, virtual bereavement support for those in rural areas, a bereaved dads group, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as empowerment activity days.

Transfers

A transfer has been carried out from restricted to unrestricted funds due to funds received for which Cancer Focus Northern Ireland have fulfilled all contractual obligations.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	214,152	–	214,152
Investments	831,232	–	831,232
Current assets	2,178,356	291,057	2,469,413
Creditors less than 1 year	(189,118)	–	(189,118)
Net assets	3,034,622	291,057	3,325,679

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Ethical standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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32. Gifts in kind

	Total £
Gifts in kind received in the year:	
Jeffers & Sons	6,000
Bauer Radio	13,941
Bridge Commercials	1,907
Four Star Pizza	384
Clear Channel	221,200
	<u>243,432</u>
Expenditure has been as follows:	
Advertising	241,141
Catering	384
Vehicle repairs/servicing	1,907
	<u>243,432</u>

33. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,054	(288,017)	1,057,037
Debt due within one year	(41,032)	41,032	–
Debt due after one year	(86,424)	86,424	–
	<u>1,217,598</u>	<u>(160,561)</u>	<u>1,057,037</u>

34. Property commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	42,600	
In more than one year, but not more than five years	159,994	171,754
After five years	49,900	60,740
Total	<u>252,494</u>	<u>232,494</u>

35. Grant commitments

The charity has grant commitments of £65,769 (2023: £151,191) which relates to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Annual report

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
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**Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2024**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI049781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association were reviewed and updated in 2023. The Trustees continually ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI.

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 12 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) was reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

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Sustainability

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team are very conscious of the need to look after our planet and have developed a sustainability policy to encourage all staff to print less, recycle more and be mindful of sustainable initiatives when planning events and carrying out everyday work. Our retail section, by its very nature, is particularly focused on the environment and the following are some of the positive impacts being made:

- Each year Cancer Focus NI charity shops helps slow down fast fashion by selling 355,963 pre-loved items. This helps to reduce landfill and reduces CO2 emissions related to the fashion industry.
- Cancer Focus NI saves 21,690 recycling bags from ending up in landfill.
- Cancer Focus NI shops promote sustainable fashion and support a circular economy: Reduce > Re-use > Recycle.
- Cancer Focus NI recycles more than 90% of donated clothing.
- We give our customers the option to buy clothes sustainably, whatever their budget.
- From an environmental perspective, charity shops keep goods in circulation which might otherwise be thrown away, saving local councils in the UK at least £31m a year as they divert 339,000 tonnes of clothing textiles from being thrown into landfill, and reducing CO2 emissions by millions of tonnes.
- Cancer Focus NI supports the campaign "Sustainable September" each year to promote Sustainable fashion.

Cancer Focus NI is currently collecting baseline data to inform the targets to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact across the rest of the organisation

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is a leading cancer charity. For over 55 years, the charity has positively impacted the lives of local people affected through four main areas of work:

- 1) Cancer Support Services
- 2) Cancer Prevention Initiatives
- 3) Research
- 4) Policy & Advocacy

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

We aim to support local people on their cancer journey, working to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers. Cancer Focus NI's vision is a society where people can live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

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Values

Our guiding principles will shape the future direction of our charity.

Innovative - we will develop a range of quality cancer support services and health improvement initiatives that are evidence based and pioneering.

Compassionate - We will continue to provide free services to help support local people on their cancer journey.

Bold - We will not be afraid to make difficult decisions and take courageous actions in the interests of local people.

Connected - We will connect and collaborate with local communities and sector partners including the Department of Health, Public Health Agency, Health Trusts, and other charities to create a fairer and healthier society.

Honest - We will be transparent in our work, show respect for those we meet, and highlight our impact at all times.

Charity Behaviours

At the core of our charity's work, we will:

- Be community focused and people centric.
- Tackle health inequality in all aspects of our work.
- Reach out to those on the margins in 'hard to reach' communities.
- Work sustainably with environmental consciousness in all that we do.
- Ensure the patient voice is at the centre of all that we do.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 80 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern, Northern & Western Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of a further approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show, the staffing of our retail shops, supporting our bra fitting service, groups and our family support team.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles. During the course of this year we have appointed a dedicated volunteer co-ordinator to develop, support and grow our volunteer base.

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

A new organisational strategy 2023-2027 was launched in June 2023. The strategic objectives and delivery against them are detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer (APGC) and participating in other forums.

Progress in 2023/24:

We have invested in the town of Enniskillen for our first regional cancer support centre. A contractor has been appointed and work is commencing in the early summer with a view to opening the doors on our first centre in early 2025. We have already appointed staff to the regional area of Enniskillen to deliver our services, with counselling services being delivered from our retail premises in advance of the centre opening, and Health Improvement and Family Support staff also working remotely in the area.

The Services Team has continued to develop and grow services across the region. Work has been undertaken with all 5 Health Trust clinical staff, Information and Support managers, local communities and with people affected by cancer.

In terms of service development, a new bra fitting service was established in the Southern Trust, in July 2023. The family support team have established a new Dad's support group, and the family bereavement evenings continue to be well attended. A pilot of an online bereavement support group was launched to enable those living in rural communities with poor transport infrastructure to avail of support. This is being well attended with positive feedback. Art therapy group sessions have been provided in Belfast, Enniskillen, Altnagelvin and in partnership with CHARIS charity in Mid Ulster area to enable more regional support. Group support team continues to establish groups e.g. primary and secondary breast groups, with new groups being established to provide support to a greater number of people impacted by cancer across different tumour sites, e.g. a new myeloma support group in the Northern Trust, and prostate patients in Belfast as well as the Cancer Focus NI 'Exploring our Cancer Journey' 5 week programme provided across different venues in NI. The Sing for Life Choir has over 100 members registered, 60 – 70 consistently attend weekly for practice, traveling from all parts of NI. The choir continues to act as a support group and puts on performances, highlighting the support available for those impacted by cancer in the local communities from Cancer Focus NI.

The Volunteer Driving Service continues to facilitate patient journeys across 4 out of the 5 Trust localities, with the service now fully operational in the Belfast, South Eastern and most of the Northern Trust, as well as in Enniskillen and the greater Fermanagh area. The team have been working hard to identify localities where capacity is low and actively recruit in those areas.

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17 Volunteers have been recruited and inducted in quarter 4 of the year. This means we now have a total of 80 drivers, 68 within the core Cancer Focus NI volunteer driving service & 12 within the Fermanagh Palliative Transport Service (PTS) with whom we are partnering in the Western Trust.

A new Volunteer and Service User Coordinator has been appointed, with work in progress to develop the volunteer service as volunteers remain an extremely valued support in assisting in the delivery of support to patients and families across NI.

The Keeping Well Service were recently finalists in the All Ireland Housing Association awards under the category 'Excellence in Health Care'. for our partnership with Clanmil Housing Association which was well-deserved recognition.

Over the course of the year we engaged with over 4,000 people through our portfolio of emotional and psychosocial support services.

The organisation has also recruited a senior Services Improvement resource to support senior management and lead on strategic change within our monitoring, evaluation and learning function. This will include the identification and implementation of a new service user data management system.

A new Policy and Public Affairs Officer joined the organisation in September 2023. This is the first time the organisation has invested in a full-time policy and advocacy resource to develop this important area of work.

We continued to serve as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) and hosted 6 meetings from April 2023-March 2024, discussing symptom awareness, the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement ("Cancer Knows No Borders"), obesity and cancer, the pressures facing the Belfast Trust, the cervical screening recall and pathway update, and youth smoking / nicotine addiction. Bi-monthly APGC meetings are planned for the coming year, to be chaired by Stewart Dickson MLA (who became APGC chair at the AGM in June 2024 when the previous Chair, Paula Bradshaw MLA, stepped down after 5+ years). This year also saw the reintroduction of in-person meetings following COVID.

In September 2023 we launched our Vision for a Smokefree Northern Ireland (the "ASH Manifesto"). Since then, we have been advocating for its messages, including by mailing the manifesto to all MPs and health relevant MLAs.

We remain a charity representative on the Cancer Programme Board, the NI Health Department body responsible for the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy 2022-2032.

We worked with sector colleagues to catalyse and build momentum toward the inception of the Northern Ireland Cancer Charities Coalition (NICCC), to create a unified sector voice and strengthen third sector advocacy on cancer issues. The NICCC opened for applications following an inaugural information session in March 2024. With 37 members to-date, the NICCC has since had its first official meeting launched in June 2024. Our Chief Executive was named the interim (inaugural) Chair of the Coalition by the interim Executive Committee; he is set to remain Chair through to September 2025, with elections planned at this time. The NICCC's Launch in June was attended by the First Minister, Deputy First Minister, Health Minister, and several MLAs.

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We worked with the Department of Health on “Action 40” of the NI Cancer Strategy, on how to better integrate mental health care within the cancer journey. This led to the development of a directory of cancer support services in Northern Ireland, hosted on the Health Department’s Family Support website.

Throughout the year, we proactively and reactively advocated on cancer issues while also raising awareness of our services, through meetings and emails with elected and departmental officials, social media engagements, press releases, videos, and more. Frequent topics of advocacy include: the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy, cancer waiting times, cancer prevention, early detection, UV safety awareness, the Tobacco & Vapes Bill / smokefree legislation, health service transformation, patient psycho-oncological support, and third sector support.

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2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritising our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalised and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

Progress in 2023/24:

The Health Improvement and Keeping Well teams continue to engage with a broad range of organisations including all 5 Northern Ireland Health Trusts and many statutory and commercial organisations to promote healthier living with all services increasing from previous years. Our work prioritises outreach into areas of social deprivation whilst building connections with minority and hard to reach groups with a high level of engagement and reach throughout Northern Ireland evidenced in the table below:

Keeping Well Team		Health Improvement (HI) Team	
Sites visited	325	HI Team engagements	40,450
Service users engaged	5,982	Smokers	8,181
Quick Fits	12	Professionals	971
Health Checks	214	Schools and Youth	11,017
Cancer prevention/ awareness talks	75	Workplace and community	2,196
Health fairs	24	Care in the sun – community	20,281

Quick Fits are body composition checks; the client has Height, Weight, Body composition (body fat & water percentage, visceral fat, muscle & bone mass), BMI checked and receives cancer prevention information (signs, symptoms & relevant screening).

Health checks are a service where users receive all of the above "quick fits" plus blood pressure and blood glucose checks, CO monitoring as appropriate and smoking cessation information, plus information re signs and symptoms of cancer and signposting to relevant health professional as required.

The Team continues to be a vital partner in the Cancer Connected Communities West project, providing workshops with various organisations on the ground and building relationships across the greater Fermanagh area, in addition to this we assist with the planning and facilitation of patient & carer events, which seek to explore individuals' cancer journeys, and make recommendations to the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHSCT) on how to improve the cancer treatment pathway to all sectors of the community.

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The Health Promotion Team also remained very busy through the year. Work continues in schools, workplaces, health fairs, local community fairs, Balmoral etc to raise awareness of cancer prevention.

The promotion of cancer prevention messaging continues, including No Smoking Month (March) for the Stop Smoking team. We continue to lobby government on actions and policy, e.g. For No Smoking Month we had a second Briefing event in early March with keynote speaker Dr Wendy Anderson talking on Respiratory Health, along with an awareness session at Stormont – promoting the ASH(NI) Manifesto alongside the Smokefree Generation legislation. There was also a teaching session at Stranmillis with a special guest of the Health Minister, who spoke to the students. Additional funded hours were secured from the PHA for Smokebusters (our programme for schools), with increased targets delivered on. The preparations and delivery of cancer prevention for the busy summer period of 'Be UV aware' season is ongoing.

An upgrade was made to our e-learning platform, this helps to support an improvement of information, awareness and ability to share cancer prevention messaging. In advance of the Moy Park Belfast City Marathon and Ladies 10k events, we held many health events within the key sponsor workplaces where we shared information on stopping smoking and vaping, alongside early detection, helping to reach all parts of the community.

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3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

Progress in 2023/24:

The organisation is currently invested and committed to the following research projects:

- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer - Dr Richard Turkington & Prof. Richard Kennedy, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship - Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Secondary Breast Cancer Study with the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (NICR). The study aims to accurately identify Secondary Breast Cancer (SBC) cases by linking NICR population-based data with key NI health service datasets. This will be done in two parts, with estimates of crude incidence and prevalence (Phase 1) and then with accurate determination of date of SBC diagnosis (Phase 2). Once Phase 1 & Phase 2 complete, NICR will be able to audit SBC cancer care via linkage of hospital administration and treatment data held by NICR.
- Funding of Dr Ethna McFerran (Health Economist, QUB) into the rising cost of skin cancer in NI. The research was published in the Journal of Cancer Policy, and submitted to the NI Department of Health, as evidence base to inform review and extension of the NI Skin Cancer Strategy and to advocate for investing in skin cancer, prevention and early detection.

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4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

Progress in 2023/24:

It has been a challenging year for Retail with the temporary closure of the Banbridge shop following flood damage to the premises as well as opening a new shop in Enniskillen and managing a shop relocation in Lisburn. Our new locations are both performing ahead of expectations, with excellent potential for further growth. Overall sales have been boosted by the cost-of-living crisis, given the growth in popularity of Charity shopping and sustainable fashion.

Retail is in a strong position to further maximise its potential given that the new shops are now established within the community and all 13 shops will have a full year of trading.

The Fundraising and Communications Department had a successful year both in terms of financial income achieved as well as PR and media exposure. The Fundraising team brought in £2.3m revenue which was a growth of £600k on the prior year. Our Communications team launched a hugely successful new strategy campaign that helped increase brand awareness of the charity across all platforms.

The Fundraising team highlights included outdoor events bringing in £470k, with Mourne Seven Summits, FROG and Causeway Coastal Marathon Walk the most successful.

Corporate Fundraising welcomed a new member to the team and successfully secured a number of new corporate partners. The team brought in £271k, improving on the previous year.

In Direct Marketing, a new upgrade campaign was launched with 89 people requesting to increase their regular donation. This will result in £5,592 more in income in the coming year. With this campaign, we also received 4 new legacy enquiries.

The Community Fundraising remains strong and Cancer Focus NI signature events such as Strictly Come Dancing and Fitness Factors are as popular as ever. The Fundraising Groups are engaged with renewed motivation from the new Strategy, particularly the Enniskillen Group. The Group have exciting plans for fundraising initiatives in their local town to coincide with the new Cancer Support Centre opening.

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Within the Communications Department, the start of the last financial year was focused on the promotion of the new five-year strategy. This included the design of new marketing materials as well as organising two successful events. Media coverage for these events included UTV Live, Belfast Newsletter, Belfast Telegraph, Belfast Live, Fermanagh Herald and Impartial Reporter.

Strategically, fundraising and communications is developing and expanding to reflect the exciting new organisational strategy. An Enniskillen Fundraiser has been appointed and will support local fundraising for the new Cancer Support Centre. Recruitment is underway for a new Trusts & Foundations Manager to develop income opportunities within local and national trusts and foundations as well as supporting the work around major donors.

Cancer Focus NI had an average of 115 staff during 2023/24 and we continue to invest in the ongoing training and development of our staff team. Our 2023/24 staff survey produced very positive results and showed that 85% of the respondents were either somewhat or extremely satisfied with their employer, 94% of staff are excited about the delivery of the new strategy, with 90% of staff feeling that the new strategy will deliver better services for users.

Team care sessions have been rolled out across the last year, to give emotional support to staff, strengthen and build a Multidisciplinary team approach to services, and help all staff but particularly non-clinical staff and volunteers develop skill and confidence in dealing with difficult situations and support to patients and families. These have included 6 – 8 weekly 2 hour morning sessions with therapeutic service staff leading. Staff from finance, fundraising, communications, administration and retail have attended. A full Services Team away day has been held to provide similar support to staff who in many cases work remotely on their own as they provide services across all Trust geographical areas, e.g. counsellors, Health Improvement, Keeping Well and family support staff. The Nurses who deliver our Help line also provide a drop-in service for staff to avail of support and advice.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £160,855 (2023: £64,568) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,325,679 (2023: £3,249,983). Of these total funds £291,057 (2023: £594,137) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period and £543,000 have been designated for the delivery of the Enniskillen Therapeutic Support Centre.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,282,470 (2023: £1,081,276) which represents 4 months (2023: 4 months) unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level that equates to approximately 6 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

The current level of free reserves are slightly lower than the maximum intended to be held by the Charity and this is deemed to be appropriate.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 2 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Chair)
Trustee

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity'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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 22), the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standard for Auditors', in the circumstances set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

2 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,269,273	21,623	2,290,896	1,693,013
Charitable activities	6	203,029	793,825	996,854	1,129,603
Other trading activities	7	1,259,969	–	1,259,969	1,161,330
Investment income	8	53,931	–	53,931	28,812
Other income	9	132,283	27,686	159,969	50,715
Total income		<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>4,761,619</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	(1,143,320)	–	(1,143,320)	(828,709)
Costs of other trading activities	11	(1,141,296)	–	(1,141,296)	(966,391)
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	(1,393,163)	(990,252)	(2,383,415)	(2,166,647)
Total expenditure		<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(4,668,031)</u>	<u>(3,961,747)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	67,267	–	67,267	(37,158)
Net income		<u>307,973</u>	<u>(147,118)</u>	<u>160,855</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Transfers between funds		155,962	(155,962)	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Losses from revaluation of fixed assets		(85,159)	–	(85,159)	–
Net movement in funds		<u>378,776</u>	<u>(303,080)</u>	<u>75,696</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983	3,185,415
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>291,057</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	20	214,152	144,774
Investments	21	831,232	734,796
		<u>1,045,384</u>	<u>879,570</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	22	417,851	200,931
Asset held for sale	23	995,000	1,179,796
Cash at bank and in hand		1,057,037	1,345,054
		<u>2,469,888</u>	<u>2,725,781</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>(189,593)</u>	<u>(268,944)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,280,295</u>	<u>2,456,837</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,336,407</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>–</u>	<u>(86,424)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		291,057	594,137
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		–	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		3,034,622	2,570,687
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs Violet Spence (Honorary Treasurer and Chair of
Finance & Policy Committee)
Trustee

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	160,855	64,568
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	114,551
Impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,637	–
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(67,267)	(3,736)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(53,931)	(28,812)
Interest payable and similar charges	14,137	–
Accrued income	(329,184)	(90,151)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	58,513	(39,589)
Trade and other creditors	15,432	(24,705)
Cash generated from operations	(39,888)	(7,874)
Interest paid	(14,137)	–
Interest received	53,931	28,812
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	<u>(94)</u>	<u>20,938</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(131,298)	(11,356)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	–	4,058
Purchases of other investments	(29,169)	(731,014)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	(29,169)	752,176
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	<u>(189,636)</u>	<u>13,864</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(127,456)	(34,957)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(127,456)</u>	<u>(34,957)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(317,186)	(155)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,027,868</u>	<u>1,345,054</u>

The notes on pages 28 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure.

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	10% - 33% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,097	–	33,097
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	52,086	–	52,086
Give as you earn	155,192	–	155,192
Other income	9,849	–	9,849
Committed giving	129,524	–	129,524
Fundraising events	1,130,579	6,119	1,136,698
Gifts in kind	243,432	–	243,432
Major donors	39,999	15,504	55,503
Legacies			
Legacies	475,515	–	475,515
	<u>2,269,273</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>2,290,896</u>

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Gifts in kind	–	–	–
Major donors	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Provision for care services	75,732	235,872	311,604
Cancer prevention programmes	127,297	557,953	685,250
	<u>203,029</u>	<u>793,825</u>	<u>996,854</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop income	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2024

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest	24,762	24,762	5,434	5,434
Dividend income	29,169	29,169	23,378	23,378
	<u>53,931</u>	<u>53,931</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>

9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Insurance claim	40,577	–	40,577
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	–	–
Other income	29,312	17,402	46,714
Grants/Trusts	62,394	10,284	72,678
	<u>132,283</u>	<u>27,686</u>	<u>159,969</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Insurance claim	–	–	–
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	49,915	49,915
Other income	–	–	–
Grants/Trusts	800	–	800
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2024

12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	181,103	69,524	250,627
Provision of patient care services	280,562	468,893	749,455
Cancer Prevention Programmes	426,080	451,835	877,915
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	–	32,642
Support costs	472,776	–	472,776
	<u>1,393,163</u>	<u>990,252</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	250,627	5,020	255,647	157,394
Provision of patient care services	749,455	173,198	922,653	802,342
Cancer Prevention Programmes	877,915	174,881	1,052,796	1,023,483
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	73,621	106,263	111,184
Governance costs	–	46,056	46,056	72,244
	<u>1,910,639</u>	<u>472,776</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2024

14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities £	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds £	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	268,902	23,727	23,727	316,356	339,307
Premises	62,874	5,548	5,548	73,970	121,716
Communications and IT	28,823	2,543	2,543	33,909	47,747
General office	47,579	4,198	4,198	55,975	50,037
Human resources	18,542	1,636	1,636	21,814	7,302
Governance costs	46,056	—	—	46,056	72,244
	<u>472,776</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>548,080</u>	<u>638,353</u>

15. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>67,267</u>	<u>67,267</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	78,387
Foreign exchange differences	—	4,058

17. Auditors remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,584</u>	<u>10,408</u>

18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	2,336,784	2,000,378
Social security costs	201,755	168,095
Employer contributions to pension plans	113,171	101,848
Other employee benefits	12,525	—
	<u>2,664,235</u>	<u>2,270,321</u>

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18. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 115 (2023: 99).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	–
£70,000 to £79,999	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £352,090 (2023:£351,648).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Whilst entitled to receive expenses for work undertaken in relation to their role of trustees, none of the trustees received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2023: £Nil)

20. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	875,908	111,056	986,964
Additions	131,298	–	131,298
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,007,206</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>1,118,262</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	761,342	80,848	842,190
Charge for the year	53,437	8,483	61,920
At 31 March 2024	<u>814,779</u>	<u>89,331</u>	<u>904,110</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>192,427</u>	<u>21,725</u>	<u>214,152</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>114,566</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>144,774</u>

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21. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	734,796
Additions	29,169
Fair value movements	67,267
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
Impairment	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>734,796</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Equity investments of £831,232 (2023: £734,750) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

22. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	23,849	81,563
Prepayments and accrued income	376,739	113,859
Other debtors	17,263	5,509
	<u>417,851</u>	<u>200,931</u>

23. Asset held for sale

	2024 £	2023 £
Asset held for sale	<u>995,000</u>	<u>1,179,796</u>

The cost of the asset at 1 April 2023 was £1,808,233 and opening depreciation of £628,437. There was a revaluation in the year of £184,796, bringing the asset to £995,000 as at 31 March 2024.

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24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	41,032
Trade creditors	72,377	66,280
Accruals and deferred income	62,082	144,924
Social security and other taxes	–	7,012
Provision	23,672	–
Other creditors	31,462	9,696
	<u>189,593</u>	<u>268,944</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	86,424
	<u>–</u>	<u>86,424</u>

26. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	29,091	78,487
Amount released to income	(29,091)	(78,487)
Amount deferred in year	–	29,091
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>29,091</u>

27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £113,171 (2023: £101,848).

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28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	2,320,687	3,918,485	(3,677,779)	(137,038)	67,267	2,491,622
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	(85,159)	–
Designated Fund	250,000	–	–	293,000	–	543,000
	<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>155,962</u>	<u>(17,892)</u>	<u>3,034,622</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	–	85,159
Designated Fund	–	–	–	250,000	–	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

The Trustees have set an additional aside £293,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2023/24 year. The total designated fund of £543,000 is in relation to the Enniskillen Centre. The work for this is due to commence in July 2024 and to be completed by January 2025.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	6,702	60,161	(26,542)	(6,702)	–	33,619
PHA Care in the Sun	23,621	90,884	(69,555)	(23,621)	–	21,329
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	44,838	291,258	(260,892)	(44,838)	–	30,366
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	30,138	(2,956)	(27,182)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,456	(5,989)	(467)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(6,188)	(1,587)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,333	(13,497)	7,164	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	124,123	–	(76,712)	(43,378)	–	4,033
PHA Training	6,863	24,200	(19,508)	(6,863)	–	4,692
James Birnie	83,188	15,504	(53,881)	–	–	44,811
Bristol Myers Squibb	(1,086)	–	–	1,086	–	–
Department of Health	104,285	141,255	(247,307)	1,767	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	18,969	5,766	(24,735)	–	–	–
Hospital Saturday Fund	1,714	2,000	–	–	–	3,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	(199)	–	–	4,801
Support Your Girls	18,375	–	(3,765)	–	–	14,610

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Dormant Funds						
NI	9,524	–	(9,524)	–	–	–
DOH Enniskillen	104,656	104,656	(112,282)	–	–	97,030
MSD Pharma	32,000	–	(32,000)	–	–	–
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	11,365	–	(90)	(11,275)	–	–
Bra fitting	–	615	–	–	–	615
Secondary breast cancer	–	6,119	(6,119)	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	40,200	(13,763)	–	–	26,437
WHSCCT	–	1,530	(1,464)	(66)	–	–
Macmillan	–	3,284	(3,284)	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	5,000	–	–	–	5,000
	<u>594,137</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(155,962)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>291,057</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery						
Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
Bra fitting	–	–	–	–	–	–
Secondary breast cancer	–	–	–	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	–	–	–	–	–
WHST	–	–	–	–	–	–
Macmillen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

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PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

Elevate Programme

Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in the Enniskillen area.

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus Northern Ireland.

Dr Jim Birnie

Donation received from one of our deceased Trustees. This is being used to fund cancer research on efficacy of immunotherapy in oesophageal adenocarcinoma and the secondary breast cancer audit.

Walk the Walk

Grant income awarded to facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer including 2 retreats and the bra fitting services across Northern Ireland.

Magill Family Trust

To facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer through 2 retreats, one for primary and one for secondary breast cancer.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

DoH Enniskillen

Grant awarded to establish services in the Enniskillen area in preparation for opening a new therapeutic cancer support centre in the town.

Big Lottery

The Family Support Service is funded by the Big Lottery's Empowering Young People grant. This has enabled the expansion of the Family Support service including in-person bereavement support nights, virtual bereavement support for those in rural areas, a bereaved dads group, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as empowerment activity days.

Transfers

A transfer has been carried out from restricted to unrestricted funds due to funds received for which Cancer Focus Northern Ireland have fulfilled all contractual obligations.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	214,152	–	214,152
Investments	831,232	–	831,232
Current assets	2,178,356	291,057	2,469,413
Creditors less than 1 year	(189,118)	–	(189,118)
Net assets	3,034,622	291,057	3,325,679

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Ethical standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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32. Gifts in kind

	Total £
Gifts in kind received in the year:	
Jeffers & Sons	6,000
Bauer Radio	13,941
Bridge Commercials	1,907
Four Star Pizza	384
Clear Channel	221,200
	<u>243,432</u>
Expenditure has been as follows:	
Advertising	241,141
Catering	384
Vehicle repairs/servicing	1,907
	<u>243,432</u>

33. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,054	(288,017)	1,057,037
Debt due within one year	(41,032)	41,032	–
Debt due after one year	(86,424)	86,424	–
	<u>1,217,598</u>	<u>(160,561)</u>	<u>1,057,037</u>

34. Property commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	42,600	
In more than one year, but not more than five years	159,994	171,754
After five years	49,900	60,740
Total	<u>252,494</u>	<u>232,494</u>

35. Grant commitments

The charity has grant commitments of £65,769 (2023: £151,191) which relates to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Annual return

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101307

**Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2024**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI049781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association were reviewed and updated in 2023. The Trustees continually ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI.

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 12 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) was reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

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Sustainability

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team are very conscious of the need to look after our planet and have developed a sustainability policy to encourage all staff to print less, recycle more and be mindful of sustainable initiatives when planning events and carrying out everyday work. Our retail section, by its very nature, is particularly focused on the environment and the following are some of the positive impacts being made:

- Each year Cancer Focus NI charity shops helps slow down fast fashion by selling 355,963 pre-loved items. This helps to reduce landfill and reduces CO2 emissions related to the fashion industry.
- Cancer Focus NI saves 21,690 recycling bags from ending up in landfill.
- Cancer Focus NI shops promote sustainable fashion and support a circular economy: Reduce > Re-use > Recycle.
- Cancer Focus NI recycles more than 90% of donated clothing.
- We give our customers the option to buy clothes sustainably, whatever their budget.
- From an environmental perspective, charity shops keep goods in circulation which might otherwise be thrown away, saving local councils in the UK at least £31m a year as they divert 339,000 tonnes of clothing textiles from being thrown into landfill, and reducing CO2 emissions by millions of tonnes.
- Cancer Focus NI supports the campaign "Sustainable September" each year to promote Sustainable fashion.

Cancer Focus NI is currently collecting baseline data to inform the targets to reduce energy consumption and environmental impact across the rest of the organisation

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is a leading cancer charity. For over 55 years, the charity has positively impacted the lives of local people affected through four main areas of work:

- 1) Cancer Support Services
- 2) Cancer Prevention Initiatives
- 3) Research
- 4) Policy & Advocacy

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

We aim to support local people on their cancer journey, working to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers. Cancer Focus NI's vision is a society where people can live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Values

Our guiding principles will shape the future direction of our charity.

Innovative - we will develop a range of quality cancer support services and health improvement initiatives that are evidence based and pioneering.

Compassionate - We will continue to provide free services to help support local people on their cancer journey.

Bold - We will not be afraid to make difficult decisions and take courageous actions in the interests of local people.

Connected - We will connect and collaborate with local communities and sector partners including the Department of Health, Public Health Agency, Health Trusts, and other charities to create a fairer and healthier society.

Honest - We will be transparent in our work, show respect for those we meet, and highlight our impact at all times.

Charity Behaviours

At the core of our charity's work, we will:

- Be community focused and people centric.
- Tackle health inequality in all aspects of our work.
- Reach out to those on the margins in 'hard to reach' communities.
- Work sustainably with environmental consciousness in all that we do.
- Ensure the patient voice is at the centre of all that we do.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 80 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern, Northern & Western Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of a further approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show, the staffing of our retail shops, supporting our bra fitting service, groups and our family support team.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles. During the course of this year we have appointed a dedicated volunteer co-ordinator to develop, support and grow our volunteer base.

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

A new organisational strategy 2023-2027 was launched in June 2023. The strategic objectives and delivery against them are detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer (APGC) and participating in other forums.

Progress in 2023/24:

We have invested in the town of Enniskillen for our first regional cancer support centre. A contractor has been appointed and work is commencing in the early summer with a view to opening the doors on our first centre in early 2025. We have already appointed staff to the regional area of Enniskillen to deliver our services, with counselling services being delivered from our retail premises in advance of the centre opening, and Health Improvement and Family Support staff also working remotely in the area.

The Services Team has continued to develop and grow services across the region. Work has been undertaken with all 5 Health Trust clinical staff, Information and Support managers, local communities and with people affected by cancer.

In terms of service development, a new bra fitting service was established in the Southern Trust, in July 2023. The family support team have established a new Dad's support group, and the family bereavement evenings continue to be well attended. A pilot of an online bereavement support group was launched to enable those living in rural communities with poor transport infrastructure to avail of support. This is being well attended with positive feedback. Art therapy group sessions have been provided in Belfast, Enniskillen, Altnagelvin and in partnership with CHARIS charity in Mid Ulster area to enable more regional support. Group support team continues to establish groups e.g. primary and secondary breast groups, with new groups being established to provide support to a greater number of people impacted by cancer across different tumour sites, e.g. a new myeloma support group in the Northern Trust, and prostate patients in Belfast as well as the Cancer Focus NI 'Exploring our Cancer Journey' 5 week programme provided across different venues in NI. The Sing for Life Choir has over 100 members registered, 60 – 70 consistently attend weekly for practice, traveling from all parts of NI. The choir continues to act as a support group and puts on performances, highlighting the support available for those impacted by cancer in the local communities from Cancer Focus NI.

The Volunteer Driving Service continues to facilitate patient journeys across 4 out of the 5 Trust localities, with the service now fully operational in the Belfast, South Eastern and most of the Northern Trust, as well as in Enniskillen and the greater Fermanagh area. The team have been working hard to identify localities where capacity is low and actively recruit in those areas.

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17 Volunteers have been recruited and inducted in quarter 4 of the year. This means we now have a total of 80 drivers, 68 within the core Cancer Focus NI volunteer driving service & 12 within the Fermanagh Palliative Transport Service (PTS) with whom we are partnering in the Western Trust.

A new Volunteer and Service User Coordinator has been appointed, with work in progress to develop the volunteer service as volunteers remain an extremely valued support in assisting in the delivery of support to patients and families across NI.

The Keeping Well Service were recently finalists in the All Ireland Housing Association awards under the category 'Excellence in Health Care'. for our partnership with Clanmil Housing Association which was well-deserved recognition.

Over the course of the year we engaged with over 4,000 people through our portfolio of emotional and psychosocial support services.

The organisation has also recruited a senior Services Improvement resource to support senior management and lead on strategic change within our monitoring, evaluation and learning function. This will include the identification and implementation of a new service user data management system.

A new Policy and Public Affairs Officer joined the organisation in September 2023. This is the first time the organisation has invested in a full-time policy and advocacy resource to develop this important area of work.

We continued to serve as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) and hosted 6 meetings from April 2023-March 2024, discussing symptom awareness, the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement ("Cancer Knows No Borders"), obesity and cancer, the pressures facing the Belfast Trust, the cervical screening recall and pathway update, and youth smoking / nicotine addiction. Bi-monthly APGC meetings are planned for the coming year, to be chaired by Stewart Dickson MLA (who became APGC chair at the AGM in June 2024 when the previous Chair, Paula Bradshaw MLA, stepped down after 5+ years). This year also saw the reintroduction of in-person meetings following COVID.

In September 2023 we launched our Vision for a Smokefree Northern Ireland (the "ASH Manifesto"). Since then, we have been advocating for its messages, including by mailing the manifesto to all MPs and health relevant MLAs.

We remain a charity representative on the Cancer Programme Board, the NI Health Department body responsible for the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy 2022-2032.

We worked with sector colleagues to catalyse and build momentum toward the inception of the Northern Ireland Cancer Charities Coalition (NICCC), to create a unified sector voice and strengthen third sector advocacy on cancer issues. The NICCC opened for applications following an inaugural information session in March 2024. With 37 members to-date, the NICCC has since had its first official meeting launched in June 2024. Our Chief Executive was named the interim (inaugural) Chair of the Coalition by the interim Executive Committee; he is set to remain Chair through to September 2025, with elections planned at this time. The NICCC's Launch in June was attended by the First Minister, Deputy First Minister, Health Minister, and several MLAs.

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We worked with the Department of Health on “Action 40” of the NI Cancer Strategy, on how to better integrate mental health care within the cancer journey. This led to the development of a directory of cancer support services in Northern Ireland, hosted on the Health Department’s Family Support website.

Throughout the year, we proactively and reactively advocated on cancer issues while also raising awareness of our services, through meetings and emails with elected and departmental officials, social media engagements, press releases, videos, and more. Frequent topics of advocacy include: the implementation of the NI Cancer Strategy, cancer waiting times, cancer prevention, early detection, UV safety awareness, the Tobacco & Vapes Bill / smokefree legislation, health service transformation, patient psycho-oncological support, and third sector support.

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2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritising our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalised and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

Progress in 2023/24:

The Health Improvement and Keeping Well teams continue to engage with a broad range of organisations including all 5 Northern Ireland Health Trusts and many statutory and commercial organisations to promote healthier living with all services increasing from previous years. Our work prioritises outreach into areas of social deprivation whilst building connections with minority and hard to reach groups with a high level of engagement and reach throughout Northern Ireland evidenced in the table below:

Keeping Well Team		Health Improvement (HI) Team	
Sites visited	325	HI Team engagements	40,450
Service users engaged	5,982	Smokers	8,181
Quick Fits	12	Professionals	971
Health Checks	214	Schools and Youth	11,017
Cancer prevention/ awareness talks	75	Workplace and community	2,196
Health fairs	24	Care in the sun – community	20,281

Quick Fits are body composition checks; the client has Height, Weight, Body composition (body fat & water percentage, visceral fat, muscle & bone mass), BMI checked and receives cancer prevention information (signs, symptoms & relevant screening).

Health checks are a service where users receive all of the above "quick fits" plus blood pressure and blood glucose checks, CO monitoring as appropriate and smoking cessation information, plus information re signs and symptoms of cancer and signposting to relevant health professional as required.

The Team continues to be a vital partner in the Cancer Connected Communities West project, providing workshops with various organisations on the ground and building relationships across the greater Fermanagh area, in addition to this we assist with the planning and facilitation of patient & carer events, which seek to explore individuals' cancer journeys, and make recommendations to the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHST) on how to improve the cancer treatment pathway to all sectors of the community.

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The Health Promotion Team also remained very busy through the year. Work continues in schools, workplaces, health fairs, local community fairs, Balmoral etc to raise awareness of cancer prevention.

The promotion of cancer prevention messaging continues, including No Smoking Month (March) for the Stop Smoking team. We continue to lobby government on actions and policy, e.g. For No Smoking Month we had a second Briefing event in early March with keynote speaker Dr Wendy Anderson talking on Respiratory Health, along with an awareness session at Stormont – promoting the ASH(NI) Manifesto alongside the Smokefree Generation legislation. There was also a teaching session at Stranmillis with a special guest of the Health Minister, who spoke to the students. Additional funded hours were secured from the PHA for Smokebusters (our programme for schools), with increased targets delivered on. The preparations and delivery of cancer prevention for the busy summer period of 'Be UV aware' season is ongoing.

An upgrade was made to our e-learning platform, this helps to support an improvement of information, awareness and ability to share cancer prevention messaging. In advance of the Moy Park Belfast City Marathon and Ladies 10k events, we held many health events within the key sponsor workplaces where we shared information on stopping smoking and vaping, alongside early detection, helping to reach all parts of the community.

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3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

Progress in 2023/24:

The organisation is currently invested and committed to the following research projects:

- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer - Dr Richard Turkington & Prof. Richard Kennedy, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship - Queen's University, Belfast.
- Funding of the Secondary Breast Cancer Study with the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (NICR). The study aims to accurately identify Secondary Breast Cancer (SBC) cases by linking NICR population-based data with key NI health service datasets. This will be done in two parts, with estimates of crude incidence and prevalence (Phase 1) and then with accurate determination of date of SBC diagnosis (Phase 2). Once Phase 1 & Phase 2 complete, NICR will be able to audit SBC cancer care via linkage of hospital administration and treatment data held by NICR.
- Funding of Dr Ethna McFerran (Health Economist, QUB) into the rising cost of skin cancer in NI. The research was published in the Journal of Cancer Policy, and submitted to the NI Department of Health, as evidence base to inform review and extension of the NI Skin Cancer Strategy and to advocate for investing in skin cancer, prevention and early detection.

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4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

Progress in 2023/24:

It has been a challenging year for Retail with the temporary closure of the Banbridge shop following flood damage to the premises as well as opening a new shop in Enniskillen and managing a shop relocation in Lisburn. Our new locations are both performing ahead of expectations, with excellent potential for further growth. Overall sales have been boosted by the cost-of-living crisis, given the growth in popularity of Charity shopping and sustainable fashion.

Retail is in a strong position to further maximise its potential given that the new shops are now established within the community and all 13 shops will have a full year of trading.

The Fundraising and Communications Department had a successful year both in terms of financial income achieved as well as PR and media exposure. The Fundraising team brought in £2.3m revenue which was a growth of £600k on the prior year. Our Communications team launched a hugely successful new strategy campaign that helped increase brand awareness of the charity across all platforms.

The Fundraising team highlights included outdoor events bringing in £470k, with Mourne Seven Summits, FROG and Causeway Coastal Marathon Walk the most successful.

Corporate Fundraising welcomed a new member to the team and successfully secured a number of new corporate partners. The team brought in £271k, improving on the previous year.

In Direct Marketing, a new upgrade campaign was launched with 89 people requesting to increase their regular donation. This will result in £5,592 more in income in the coming year. With this campaign, we also received 4 new legacy enquiries.

The Community Fundraising remains strong and Cancer Focus NI signature events such as Strictly Come Dancing and Fitness Factors are as popular as ever. The Fundraising Groups are engaged with renewed motivation from the new Strategy, particularly the Enniskillen Group. The Group have exciting plans for fundraising initiatives in their local town to coincide with the new Cancer Support Centre opening.

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Within the Communications Department, the start of the last financial year was focused on the promotion of the new five-year strategy. This included the design of new marketing materials as well as organising two successful events. Media coverage for these events included UTV Live, Belfast Newsletter, Belfast Telegraph, Belfast Live, Fermanagh Herald and Impartial Reporter.

Strategically, fundraising and communications is developing and expanding to reflect the exciting new organisational strategy. An Enniskillen Fundraiser has been appointed and will support local fundraising for the new Cancer Support Centre. Recruitment is underway for a new Trusts & Foundations Manager to develop income opportunities within local and national trusts and foundations as well as supporting the work around major donors.

Cancer Focus NI had an average of 115 staff during 2023/24 and we continue to invest in the ongoing training and development of our staff team. Our 2023/24 staff survey produced very positive results and showed that 85% of the respondents were either somewhat or extremely satisfied with their employer, 94% of staff are excited about the delivery of the new strategy, with 90% of staff feeling that the new strategy will deliver better services for users.

Team care sessions have been rolled out across the last year, to give emotional support to staff, strengthen and build a Multidisciplinary team approach to services, and help all staff but particularly non-clinical staff and volunteers develop skill and confidence in dealing with difficult situations and support to patients and families. These have included 6 – 8 weekly 2 hour morning sessions with therapeutic service staff leading. Staff from finance, fundraising, communications, administration and retail have attended. A full Services Team away day has been held to provide similar support to staff who in many cases work remotely on their own as they provide services across all Trust geographical areas, e.g. counsellors, Health Improvement, Keeping Well and family support staff. The Nurses who deliver our Help line also provide a drop-in service for staff to avail of support and advice.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £160,855 (2023: £64,568) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,325,679 (2023: £3,249,983). Of these total funds £291,057 (2023: £594,137) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period and £543,000 have been designated for the delivery of the Enniskillen Therapeutic Support Centre.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,282,470 (2023: £1,081,276) which represents 4 months (2023: 4 months) unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves at a level that equates to approximately 6 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

The current level of free reserves are slightly lower than the maximum intended to be held by the Charity and this is deemed to be appropriate.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 2 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Chair)
Trustee

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity'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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (set out on page 22), the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standard for Auditors', in the circumstances set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
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Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
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2 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	2,269,273	21,623	2,290,896	1,693,013
Charitable activities	6	203,029	793,825	996,854	1,129,603
Other trading activities	7	1,259,969	–	1,259,969	1,161,330
Investment income	8	53,931	–	53,931	28,812
Other income	9	132,283	27,686	159,969	50,715
Total income		<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>4,761,619</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	(1,143,320)	–	(1,143,320)	(828,709)
Costs of other trading activities	11	(1,141,296)	–	(1,141,296)	(966,391)
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	(1,393,163)	(990,252)	(2,383,415)	(2,166,647)
Total expenditure		<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(4,668,031)</u>	<u>(3,961,747)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	67,267	–	67,267	(37,158)
Net income		<u>307,973</u>	<u>(147,118)</u>	<u>160,855</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Transfers between funds		155,962	(155,962)	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Losses from revaluation of fixed assets		(85,159)	–	(85,159)	–
Net movement in funds		<u>378,776</u>	<u>(303,080)</u>	<u>75,696</u>	<u>64,568</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983	3,185,415
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>291,057</u>	<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	20	214,152	144,774
Investments	21	831,232	734,796
		<u>1,045,384</u>	<u>879,570</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	22	417,851	200,931
Asset held for sale	23	995,000	1,179,796
Cash at bank and in hand		1,057,037	1,345,054
		<u>2,469,888</u>	<u>2,725,781</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>(189,593)</u>	<u>(268,944)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,280,295</u>	<u>2,456,837</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,325,679</u>	<u>3,336,407</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>—</u>	<u>(86,424)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		291,057	594,137
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		—	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		3,034,622	2,570,687
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,034,622</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u><u>3,325,679</u></u>	<u><u>3,249,983</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mrs Violet Spence (Honorary Treasurer and Chair of
Finance & Policy Committee)
Trustee

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	160,855	64,568
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	114,551
Impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,637	–
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(67,267)	(3,736)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(53,931)	(28,812)
Interest payable and similar charges	14,137	–
Accrued income	(329,184)	(90,151)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	58,513	(39,589)
Trade and other creditors	15,432	(24,705)
Cash generated from operations	(39,888)	(7,874)
Interest paid	(14,137)	–
Interest received	53,931	28,812
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	<u>(94)</u>	<u>20,938</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(131,298)	(11,356)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	–	4,058
Purchases of other investments	(29,169)	(731,014)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	(29,169)	752,176
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	<u>(189,636)</u>	<u>13,864</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(127,456)	(34,957)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(127,456)</u>	<u>(34,957)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(317,186)	(155)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,027,868</u>	<u>1,345,054</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure.

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	10% - 33% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,097	–	33,097
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	52,086	–	52,086
Give as you earn	155,192	–	155,192
Other income	9,849	–	9,849
Committed giving	129,524	–	129,524
Fundraising events	1,130,579	6,119	1,136,698
Gifts in kind	243,432	–	243,432
Major donors	39,999	15,504	55,503
Legacies			
Legacies	475,515	–	475,515
	<u>2,269,273</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>2,290,896</u>

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Gifts in kind	–	–	–
Major donors	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Provision for care services	75,732	235,872	311,604
Cancer prevention programmes	127,297	557,953	685,250
	<u>203,029</u>	<u>793,825</u>	<u>996,854</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop income	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,259,969</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>

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8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest	24,762	24,762	5,434	5,434
Dividend income	29,169	29,169	23,378	23,378
	<u>53,931</u>	<u>53,931</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>

9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Insurance claim	40,577	–	40,577
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	–	–
Other income	29,312	17,402	46,714
Grants/Trusts	62,394	10,284	72,678
	<u>132,283</u>	<u>27,686</u>	<u>159,969</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Insurance claim	–	–	–
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	–	49,915	49,915
Other income	–	–	–
Grants/Trusts	800	–	800
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>1,143,320</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>1,141,296</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	181,103	69,524	250,627
Provision of patient care services	280,562	468,893	749,455
Cancer Prevention Programmes	426,080	451,835	877,915
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	–	32,642
Support costs	472,776	–	472,776
	<u>1,393,163</u>	<u>990,252</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	250,627	5,020	255,647	157,394
Provision of patient care services	749,455	173,198	922,653	802,342
Cancer Prevention Programmes	877,915	174,881	1,052,796	1,023,483
Policy and Public Affairs	32,642	73,621	106,263	111,184
Governance costs	–	46,056	46,056	72,244
	<u>1,910,639</u>	<u>472,776</u>	<u>2,383,415</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities £	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds £	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	268,902	23,727	23,727	316,356	339,307
Premises	62,874	5,548	5,548	73,970	121,716
Communications and IT	28,823	2,543	2,543	33,909	47,747
General office	47,579	4,198	4,198	55,975	50,037
Human resources	18,542	1,636	1,636	21,814	7,302
Governance costs	46,056	—	—	46,056	72,244
	<u>472,776</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>37,652</u>	<u>548,080</u>	<u>638,353</u>

15. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>67,267</u>	<u>67,267</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,920	78,387
Foreign exchange differences	—	4,058

17. Auditors remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,584</u>	<u>10,408</u>

18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	2,336,784	2,000,378
Social security costs	201,755	168,095
Employer contributions to pension plans	113,171	101,848
Other employee benefits	12,525	—
	<u>2,664,235</u>	<u>2,270,321</u>

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18. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 115 (2023: 99).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	–
£70,000 to £79,999	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £352,090 (2023:£351,648).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Whilst entitled to receive expenses for work undertaken in relation to their role of trustees, none of the trustees received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2023: £Nil)

20. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	875,908	111,056	986,964
Additions	131,298	–	131,298
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,007,206</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>1,118,262</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	761,342	80,848	842,190
Charge for the year	53,437	8,483	61,920
At 31 March 2024	<u>814,779</u>	<u>89,331</u>	<u>904,110</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>192,427</u>	<u>21,725</u>	<u>214,152</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>114,566</u>	<u>30,208</u>	<u>144,774</u>

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21. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	734,796
Additions	29,169
Fair value movements	67,267
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
Impairment	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>831,232</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>734,796</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Equity investments of £831,232 (2023: £734,750) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

22. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	23,849	81,563
Prepayments and accrued income	376,739	113,859
Other debtors	17,263	5,509
	<u>417,851</u>	<u>200,931</u>

23. Asset held for sale

	2024 £	2023 £
Asset held for sale	<u>995,000</u>	<u>1,179,796</u>

The cost of the asset at 1 April 2023 was £1,808,233 and opening depreciation of £628,437. There was a revaluation in the year of £184,796, bringing the asset to £995,000 as at 31 March 2024.

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24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	41,032
Trade creditors	72,377	66,280
Accruals and deferred income	62,082	144,924
Social security and other taxes	–	7,012
Provision	23,672	–
Other creditors	31,462	9,696
	<u>189,593</u>	<u>268,944</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	86,424
	<u>–</u>	<u>86,424</u>

26. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	29,091	78,487
Amount released to income	(29,091)	(78,487)
Amount deferred in year	–	29,091
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>29,091</u>

27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £113,171 (2023: £101,848).

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28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	2,320,687	3,918,485	(3,677,779)	(137,038)	67,267	2,491,622
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	(85,159)	–
Designated Fund	250,000	–	–	293,000	–	543,000
	<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>3,918,485</u>	<u>(3,677,779)</u>	<u>155,962</u>	<u>(17,892)</u>	<u>3,034,622</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	–	–	–	–	85,159
Designated Fund	–	–	–	250,000	–	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

The Trustees have set an additional aside £293,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2023/24 year. The total designated fund of £543,000 is in relation to the Enniskillen Centre. The work for this is due to commence in July 2024 and to be completed by January 2025.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	6,702	60,161	(26,542)	(6,702)	–	33,619
PHA Care in the Sun	23,621	90,884	(69,555)	(23,621)	–	21,329
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	44,838	291,258	(260,892)	(44,838)	–	30,366
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	30,138	(2,956)	(27,182)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,456	(5,989)	(467)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(6,188)	(1,587)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,333	(13,497)	7,164	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	124,123	–	(76,712)	(43,378)	–	4,033
PHA Training	6,863	24,200	(19,508)	(6,863)	–	4,692
James Birnie	83,188	15,504	(53,881)	–	–	44,811
Bristol Myers Squibb	(1,086)	–	–	1,086	–	–
Department of Health	104,285	141,255	(247,307)	1,767	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	18,969	5,766	(24,735)	–	–	–
Hospital Saturday Fund	1,714	2,000	–	–	–	3,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	(199)	–	–	4,801
Support Your Girls	18,375	–	(3,765)	–	–	14,610

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Dormant Funds						
NI	9,524	–	(9,524)	–	–	–
DOH Enniskillen	104,656	104,656	(112,282)	–	–	97,030
MSD Pharma	32,000	–	(32,000)	–	–	–
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	11,365	–	(90)	(11,275)	–	–
Bra fitting	–	615	–	–	–	615
Secondary breast cancer	–	6,119	(6,119)	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	40,200	(13,763)	–	–	26,437
WHSCCT	–	1,530	(1,464)	(66)	–	–
Macmillan	–	3,284	(3,284)	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	5,000	–	–	–	5,000
	<u>594,137</u>	<u>843,134</u>	<u>(990,252)</u>	<u>(155,962)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>291,057</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–

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Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery						
Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board						
Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
Bra fitting	–	–	–	–	–	–
Secondary breast cancer	–	–	–	–	–	–
Walk the walk	–	–	–	–	–	–
WHST	–	–	–	–	–	–
Macmillen	–	–	–	–	–	–
Magill Family Trust	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

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PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

Elevate Programme

Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in the Enniskillen area.

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus Northern Ireland.

Dr Jim Birnie

Donation received from one of our deceased Trustees. This is being used to fund cancer research on efficacy of immunotherapy in oesophageal adenocarcinoma and the secondary breast cancer audit.

Walk the Walk

Grant income awarded to facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer including 2 retreats and the bra fitting services across Northern Ireland.

Magill Family Trust

To facilitate support to ladies with breast cancer through 2 retreats, one for primary and one for secondary breast cancer.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

DoH Enniskillen

Grant awarded to establish services in the Enniskillen area in preparation for opening a new therapeutic cancer support centre in the town.

Big Lottery

The Family Support Service is funded by the Big Lottery's Empowering Young People grant. This has enabled the expansion of the Family Support service including in-person bereavement support nights, virtual bereavement support for those in rural areas, a bereaved dads group, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as empowerment activity days.

Transfers

A transfer has been carried out from restricted to unrestricted funds due to funds received for which Cancer Focus Northern Ireland have fulfilled all contractual obligations.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	214,152	–	214,152
Investments	831,232	–	831,232
Current assets	2,178,356	291,057	2,469,413
Creditors less than 1 year	(189,118)	–	(189,118)
Net assets	3,034,622	291,057	3,325,679

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Ethical standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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32. Gifts in kind

	Total £
Gifts in kind received in the year:	
Jeffers & Sons	6,000
Bauer Radio	13,941
Bridge Commercials	1,907
Four Star Pizza	384
Clear Channel	221,200
	<u>243,432</u>
Expenditure has been as follows:	
Advertising	241,141
Catering	384
Vehicle repairs/servicing	1,907
	<u>243,432</u>

33. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,054	(288,017)	1,057,037
Debt due within one year	(41,032)	41,032	–
Debt due after one year	(86,424)	86,424	–
	<u>1,217,598</u>	<u>(160,561)</u>	<u>1,057,037</u>

34. Property commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	42,600	
In more than one year, but not more than five years	159,994	171,754
After five years	49,900	60,740
Total	<u>252,494</u>	<u>232,494</u>

35. Grant commitments

The charity has grant commitments of £65,769 (2023: £151,191) which relates to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101307

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31 March 2023

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Professor Mark Lawler Ms Susan McAleer Ms Patricia McClelland Mr Ivan McMinn MBE Ms Caroline Murdoch Dr Helen Reid Mrs Violet Spence Ms Elizabeth Robinson Mr Mark Taylor	Resigned 2 nd August 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 (Chairperson, HR & Remuneration Sub Committee)
Mr Noel Lavery CB Ms Margaret Brown MBE Dr Paula O'Hare	Appointed 22 nd February 2023

Company secretary Richard Spratt

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The Directors (who are also the Trustees of the Charity) present their Report, together with the Financial Statements of the charity for the Year Ended 31st March 2023. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2015 (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI 49781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association have recently been reviewed to ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective. They will be reviewed every five years going forward.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities.
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

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ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 15 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) is currently being reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association.

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, Regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

Impact of COVID-19

Whilst the acute cycle of the pandemic appears to have passed regarding lockdown and disruption to fundraising activities and service, the organisation remains aware of future risk. The pandemic, as it has done with many organisations in different sectors, has increased appetite for hybrid and remote working amongst the workforce in Northern Ireland. The Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees continue to monitor this work and manage its operations in a post COVID environment.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom and in particular:

- to provide caring services and information for patients with cancer, their families and all concerned both for them and about cancer; - to fund internationally competitive, high quality research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer; and - to reduce the incidence of cancer and promote its early diagnosis and treatment and to raise professional and public awareness of cancer issues and influence policy makers to improve cancer services and public health policy.

Cancer Focus NI is a very well established and respected organisation with a highly committed Board of Trustees, staff team and network of volunteers. Our 4 pillars of activity - care services, cancer prevention, cancer research and campaigning are well established. Over the past number of years we have striven to develop our services, targeting communities at greatest risk of cancer and seeking opportunities to develop a range of innovative services throughout Northern Ireland.

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

Supporting local people on their cancer journey, we will work to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 54 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern & Northern Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show and the staffing of our retail shops.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Strategic report

The Board of Directors had previously extended the Cancer Focus NI 2020 strategy to the end of 2022 due to senior leadership transition and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form final report of the charity based on the previous strategic plan.

Please note a new organisational strategy 2023-2027 has now been officially launched with new strategic objectives which are detailed on page 13.

Achievements and performance

Promote the well-being of people affected by Cancer

The well-being of people affected by cancer - patients and families - lies at the heart of our work. A cancer diagnosis can be life-changing. Cancer Focus NI wants to be available to more people affected by cancer offering information, advice and support from the time of diagnosis and throughout the cancer journey.

Progress in 2022-2023

Our Therapeutic Services Team has continued to offer remote support to those in need across a variety of patient support offerings detailed as follows. In 2022-2023 a total of 3,567 patients were directly assisted with much needed support and care.

Counselling

Our Counselling Team working across Northern Ireland in all the Health Trusts have continued to offer personal emotional & psychosocial support for patients. Our counsellors are distinctive in that they are required to hold a minimum accreditation with the British Association of Counsellors & Psychotherapists or equivalent body.

The key highlights for 2022-2023 are as follows:

- 3,662 counselling sessions were accessed by 752 patients for 'one-to-one' counselling support. In addition, we have been able to resource this service more widely with sessional counsellors in response to the acute pressures and increased waiting times for patients.

Family Support Service

Our National Lottery funded 'Family Support Service' has been at the forefront of leading innovation in terms of adapting services to meet the needs of families. The Family Support Service works with families where a parent or other significant adult has cancer with. Post COVID there has been a marked increase in the referral of cases with a terminal diagnosis.

In 2022-2023 the service was rebuilding and stabilising with the recruitment of two staff members to fill vacancies. There was a total of 75 families referred to the service with 147 beneficiaries, both children and adults receiving direct support (based on an average of 2 people per referral supported).

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Bra-Fitting Service

The Bra-Fitting Service is the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland providing bespoke support for women post-breast surgery. Working in partnership with Trusts has resulted in a bra fitting service being reestablished post COVID onsite in the South Eastern and Southern Trusts. There has been an increase in ladies being seen in the Cancer Focus NI Belfast centre, in the Ballymoney hub and Derry / Londonderry retail shop.

- 822 fitting sessions were attended by patients in 2022-2023

Art Therapy

Art Therapy is a creative therapy unique to Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland and part of a portfolio of creative therapies offered to patients to help cope with a cancer diagnosis and journey.

- 286 patients were engaged in 2022-2023 via open studio group sessions, 'Share a Skill' craft group, art journaling workshops and at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital. The support provided to the RVH sick children service has increased due to increased demand. Whilst the demand for face to face sessions has increased, online support has been maintained as required.

Group Support

352 people availed of group support in 2022-2023 through Zest for Life, Focus Friends and Thrive programmes. These programmes offer the opportunity to meet others who have been on a cancer journey and gain peer support whilst having support to build on skills for the future,

Nurse Line

678 people contacted the nurse help line in 2022-2023, 135 of these people were followed up for support. Nurseline offers support, a professional nurse experienced in cancer care to listen in times of crisis, support, signpost to other services in Cancer Focus NI, Trusts or charities as appropriate.

Sing for Life

The Sing for Life choir is a community based choir created for cancer patients, or those who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. It is a unique service that attracts individuals from all over Northern Ireland, with an average of 70 participants meeting each week to rehearse. Not only does it give members the chance to learn choral music and an opportunity to perform in front of audiences, but it also offers a sense of belonging, friendship, support and rejuvenated confidence for those who participate. The core membership of the choir sits at approximately 130 members and continues to attract new members on a regular basis.

2022-2023 was a milestone year for the choir as it celebrated it's 10th Anniversary since inception. This culminated in a concert in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, which attracted over 300 people, and a party in Cooke Rugby Club to mark the special occasion. In addition to this the choir have performed at several venues, most notably University College Dublin

To mark World Cancer Day, St Patricks Church, Belfast with the USA based 'Mill Creek Chorale' to celebrate Independence Day, as well as many other venues around Northern Ireland. The choir remain in huge demand and have a busy calendar of events scheduled

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Patient Driving Service

During the reporting period the main goal for the Volunteer Driving Service team was to continue with regional expansion. We have now expanded our offer beyond the traditional Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas to cover most of the Northern Trust, as well as providing support to the new DoH Rapid Diagnostic Centres. We aim to obtain a foothold in the greater Fermanagh area due to a partnership with the Palliative Transport Service based in Enniskillen. The ongoing expansion of the service, improves our geographical footprint, increases visibility and improves our network of referral pathways.

The service supported 125 patients and provided 904 journeys during the reporting period. In order to cope with this increase in demand, our volunteer base has had to increase accordingly. We have recruited 36 new volunteers into the service and now have 54 active volunteers across three trust areas.

In order to improve our retention of volunteer drivers, we have started to facilitate quarterly 'driver evenings' which provides the platform for drivers to feedback on their role, on how things could be improved and most importantly, meet others who are helping to deliver the service. In addition to this we are surveying patients to collate feedback and make amendments to service delivery as required.

Enable communities to reduce their risk of Cancer

Research shows that up to half of cancers could be avoided by healthier lifestyle choices. Cancer Focus NI's strategy is to deliver a programme of services aimed at informing and supporting the public so that they can reduce their risk of cancer.

Progress in 2022-2023

Cancer Prevention is one of the founding pillars of Cancer Focus NI. Our work is evidence-based and provided within the framework of the European 12-Point Code Against Cancer. In the latter part of the prior year and in this period the work became more difficult without 'face-to-face' interaction with our service users and especially with schools, workplaces, community events and other venues closing. Our team liaised with partner organisations to pivot the services and establish new ways of working. Cancer Focus NI reached a total of 36,029 people in 2022-2023 with cancer prevention messaging mainly via virtual means in schools, workplaces and community settings offering training, 'one-to-one' health checks, health awareness sessions and care in the sun awareness events. This reflects a significant uplift on the previous year which had been disrupted due to COVID-19.

Skin cancer prevention work in partnership with the Public Health Agency successfully delivered Be UV Aware messages and resources within 712 settings, e.g. workplaces, sporting venues, schools and summer schemes, reaching 39,927 people. Specific groups, i.e. people who are immunosuppressed, including through the Cystic Fibrosis team were targeted with advice and resources. Key messages were shared through targeted and promoted social and print media activities (36), resulting in enhanced engagement with specific target groups and sustained website traffic throughout the spring / summer with 50,408 visits to the care in the sun website. This year the Be UV Aware e-learning module was promoted to chiropractors and beauticians resulting in 43 professionals participating. Key messages were also shared via the Councils' Health and Safety network LASAN, and HSENI with subsequent promotion to 9 industry groups. The Mole Mapping pilot in SET started seeing patients in July and will be evaluated in the incoming year. on this part of their cancer journey.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The Stop Smoking Service continues to be provided in GP Practices and workplaces, with excellent success rates. In 2022-2023 this service continued to be provided virtually, with 407 smokers signed up to stop smoking, and 270 remaining stopped smoking at 4 weeks, representing a success rate of 66% comparing very favourably with average of 57%. The private Facebook group for smokers now has over 265 members who access support information and support each other when quitting. Schools work in the Primary schools continued with the provision of Smokebusters in P6 and P7 with 6,825 children participating in skills based learning, with 36% of the schools accessing Smokebusters being in an area of social deprivation (target 20%).

Keeping Well Service:

The Keeping Well Team provides province wide, equitable access to health promotion services especially in 'at risk' communities and marginalised groups. This takes the form of health checks, cancer prevention / awareness workshops and participation in health fairs and community events.

Despite these barriers the team continued to promote the service and facilitate a targeted outreach programme to establish a pipeline of work, as well as liaising with our communications team and external organisations to improve the visibility of the service across various sectors. The service visited 228 locations across all trust areas during 2022-2023 reporting period and engaged with 3,612 individuals across various demographics.

New data collection protocols have been developed in order to capture beneficiary feedback and ensure the ongoing continuous improvement of the service. We now hold a large library of evaluations and testimonies that evidence the beneficial nature of the service and the positive impact it is having on participants.

Influence public policy

Cancer Focus NI's mission is to reduce the risk of people in Northern Ireland getting cancer and improving the well-being and outcomes for people who are diagnosed with the disease. We know that the policies our government sets and the decisions it takes can have far-reaching effects on both cancer incidence and survival rates. For these reasons, influencing public policy is one of our key goals.

Progress in 2022-2023

Healthy public policy sets a supportive environment for all our services and campaigns and has far-reaching impact on cancer trends, services and outcomes. Therefore, we place a priority on engaging with decision makers in our campaigning and advocacy work. We organised a full programme of events for the Assembly's All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) this year. The charity's role as Secretariat to the APGC allowed us to update MLAs on progress in the development of the Department's new Cancer Strategy and there was an encouraging level of cross-party engagement. Cancer Focus NI facilitated various speakers, clinicians and experts to engage with MLA's and observers via the APGC.

A review of the APGC is currently being undertaken with a desire to set future agenda and influence policy and legislation in the short to medium term.

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Fund cancer research

We are very aware that cancer research is vital in expanding our knowledge of the causes of cancer and in developing treatments to secure best outcomes for patients. Since our inception, we have been engaged in funding local cancer research

Progress in 2022-2023

During 2022-2023 we have participated in, or funded, the following research projects:

- Health Economist Post at Queen's University Belfast. With increasing pressure on health budgets and an increase in the range and costs of treatments, it is essential to evaluate which treatments and interventions are most cost effective.
- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer. This pioneering cancer research project seeks to determine how immunotherapy can more successfully treat pancreatic and oesophageal cancers, cancers which at present are hard to treat and have very low survival rates. Our researchers, led by Dr Richard Turkington, Oncologist and Cancer Researcher at Queen's University, will work to understand why certain types of cancers are resistant to immunotherapy, and identify which drugs can be used to help overcome this resistance so patients will respond positively to the treatment.
- Secondary Breast Cancer Audit was launched in February 2023. The audit is being undertaken by the NI Cancer Registry. Given the lack of published data and established methodology, the NI Cancer Registry will seek to develop a process and methodology to identify prevalent secondary breast cancers in Northern Ireland. Many patients in Northern Ireland feel overlooked because they do not have the same access to specialist interventions, clinical trials and dedicated secondary breast cancer nursing support that patients elsewhere have. With NHS England and Wales already committed to commissioning a clinical audit on secondary breast cancer, this timely audit will help to ensure that those living in Northern Ireland with this devastating prognosis will have their voices heard and needs addressed
- Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship launched during the year to further develop the project led by Dr Richard Turkington. The fellowship has been created in memory of our former Trustee, Dr Jim Birnie following a generous gift from his family. The project will focus on Oesophageal adenocarcinoma (OAC) which is a devastating disease with a poor survival rate, with fewer than 20% of people surviving 5 years after diagnosis. The project will investigate if chemotherapies could be used to boost immune signalling in OAC cells and if standard chemotherapy used in cancer treatment would give an immune response.

Secure funds to sustain development

The majority of our funding comes from the Northern Ireland public and so the success of our organisational strategy rests heavily on our capacity to raise sufficient funds to sustain current and future initiatives. Austerity, the reduction in government funding to the charity sector and increasing competition for voluntary funds have together created substantial pressures for charities who depend on donations from the public

Progress in 2022-2023

The Retail Team reported a strong performance during the financial year in terms of income and profitability boosted by a renewed focus on furniture sales, online trading and gift aid receipts. Retail exceeded £1m in revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 62% on prior year.

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The retail estate portfolio has also been formally reviewed and in the reporting period led to the relocation of our Lisburn shop with notice being served and lease terminated on a unit which was increasingly not economically viable. As part of the new strategic plan a number of new retail initiatives are also planned with the first of these being identified for Enniskillen.

The Fundraising Team reported a positive position at the end of the financial year, rebuilding the team in a post pandemic environment. Fundraising brought in £1.7m revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 47% on prior year.

The reporting period including a string performance for our portfolio of outdoor fundraising events including a number of highlights:

- The Fun Run of the Glens (FROG) organised on behalf of Cancer Focus NI had record participants of 700 people.
- Our partnership with the Belfast City Marathon formally came to a conclusion with over 900 runners taking part and a further 200 participating in the Belfast City Half Marathon.
- Other regular events such as our signature Mourne Seven Summits, Pink Run and Dare to Dip amongst many other events generated strong interest and income for the organisation.

It is clear that demand has returned for these events after depressed activity levels in previous years due to the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was also a positive year for our Corporate fundraising with new partnerships developed with Barclays Communications, Derry Transport, Topglass as well as extending our Dale Farm partnership for an additional 2 years.

Our local community fundraising groups continue to support by hosting a number of community events, collections and initiatives right across Northern Ireland. The articulation and involvement of the groups in the new organisational strategy has encouraged and provided some stimulus for the active groups to continue with their programme of activities in support of resourcing the strategy in the years ahead.

The Communications and Marketing team has been enhanced and refreshed and influential in delivering a first-class organisational strategy launch. Some other activity highlights include:

29,000 people being reached with our 'Spirit of Christmas' campaign including 6,000 visits to the Spirit of Christmas webpage;

Excellent coverage of the launch of Cancer Focus NI funding Northern Ireland's first ever Secondary Breast Cancer Audit;

Various important health improvement and cancer prevention campaigns including producing high quality communications material for No Smoking Month.

Strategically, fundraising and communications capacity within the organisation is intentionally building back to pre-pandemic levels with intentional investment taking place in certain areas such as focusing on more regional fundraising aligned with the new organisational strategy, some new work being undertaken on major gift fundraising and increasing capacity in corporate and events teams.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £64,568 (2022: £294,544) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,249,983 (2022: £3,185,415). Of these total funds £594,137 (2022: £497,525) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,081,276 (2022:£1,256,067) which represents 4 months (2022:5.5 months) of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Directors have updated its organisational policy to ensure that approximately 6 months operating costs are maintained.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

Plans for future periods

A new organisational strategy (2023-2027) was launched in June 2023 as detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland.

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer and participating in other forums.

2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritizing our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalized and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 13 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Professor Mark Lawler (Vice Chairman)
Trustee

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
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Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
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13 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Year to 31 Mar 23			Period from
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	1,679,825	13,188	1,693,013	1,154,332
Charitable activities	6	130,794	998,809	1,129,603	611,886
Other trading activities	7	1,161,330	–	1,161,330	713,000
Investment income	8	28,812	–	28,812	24,919
Other income	9	800	49,915	50,715	65,369
Total income		<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>	<u>2,569,506</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	828,709	–	828,709	476,162
Costs of other trading activities	11	966,391	–	966,391	610,389
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	1,204,340	962,307	2,166,647	1,176,630
Total expenditure		<u>2,999,440</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>3,961,747</u>	<u>2,263,181</u>
Net losses on investments	15	(37,158)	–	(37,158)	(11,781)
Net income		<u>(35,037)</u>	<u>99,605</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Transfers between funds		2,993	(2,993)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(32,044)</u>	<u>96,612</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,687,890	497,525	3,185,415	2,890,871
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>594,137</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed asset held for sale	20	1,179,796	-
Tangible fixed assets	21	144,774	1,431,823
Investments	22	734,796	752,222
		<u>2,059,366</u>	<u>2,184,045</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	23	200,931	125,713
Cash at bank and in hand		1,345,054	1,345,209
		<u>1,545,985</u>	<u>1,470,922</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,277,041</u>	<u>1,134,389</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,336,407</u>	<u>3,318,434</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>
Net assets		<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		594,137	497,525
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		85,159	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		2,570,687	2,602,731
Total unrestricted funds		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Honorary Treasurer and
Chairman, Finance and Policy Committee)
Trustee

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	64,568	294,544
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Net losses on investments	(3,736)	23,562
Other interest receivable and similar income	(28,812)	(24,919)
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	–	3,590
Accrued (income)/expenses	(90,151)	73,299
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(39,589)	(51,350)
Trade and other creditors	(24,705)	(134,632)
Cash generated from operations	(7,874)	249,753
Interest received	28,812	24,919
Net cash from operating activities	<u>20,938</u>	<u>274,672</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(11,356)	(41,590)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	4,058	–
Proceeds from sale of heritage assets	–	(3,590)
Purchases of other investments	(731,014)	(87,137)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	752,176	51,044
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>13,864</u>	<u>(81,273)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(34,957)	(27,018)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(34,957)</u>	<u>(27,018)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(155)	166,381
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,209</u>	<u>1,178,828</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
 - 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
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Resources expended

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

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Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed Giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Major Donor	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,274	–	33,274
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,632	–	49,632
Give as you earn	119,452	–	119,452
Other income	9,450	–	9,450
Committed Giving	95,033	–	95,033
Fundraising events	549,019	–	549,019
Major Donor	–	90,000	90,000
Legacies			
Legacies	208,472	–	208,472
	<u>1,064,332</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,154,332</u>

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Provision for care services	11,946	287,096	299,042
Cancer prevention programmes	49,112	263,732	312,844
	<u>61,058</u>	<u>550,828</u>	<u>611,886</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shop income	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>713,000</u>	<u>713,000</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest	5,434	5,434	282	282
Dividend income	<u>23,378</u>	<u>23,378</u>	<u>24,637</u>	<u>24,637</u>
	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>24,919</u>	<u>24,919</u>

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9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Furlough	—	—	—
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	—	—	—
Grants/Trusts	800	—	800
Refund	—	—	—
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Furlough	5,250	—	5,250
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	6,000	—	6,000
Grants/Trusts	1,750	—	1,750
Refund	2,454	—	2,454
	<u>15,454</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>65,369</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>476,162</u>	<u>476,162</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>610,389</u>	<u>610,389</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	70,835	–	70,835
Provision of patient care services	142,285	201,337	343,622
Cancer Prevention Programmes	160,115	231,479	391,594
Policy and Public Affairs	36,900	–	36,900
Support costs	333,679	–	333,679
	<u>743,814</u>	<u>432,816</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	151,729	5,665	157,394	74,519
Provision of patient care services	607,035	195,307	802,342	470,702
Cancer Prevention Programmes	828,176	195,307	1,023,483	518,673
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	84,916	111,184	92,153
Governance costs	–	72,244	72,244	20,583
	<u>1,613,208</u>	<u>553,439</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	288,411	25,448	25,448	339,307	179,505
Premises	103,460	9,128	9,128	121,716	74,000
Communications and IT	40,585	3,581	3,581	47,747	42,462
General office	42,533	3,752	3,752	50,037	68,038
Human resources	6,206	548	548	7,302	4,343
Governance costs	72,244	-	-	72,244	20,583
	<u>553,439</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>638,353</u>	<u>388,931</u>

15. Net losses on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Losses on listed investments	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	3,008	3,590
Operating lease rentals	8,983	-
Foreign exchange differences	4,058	101
	<u>129,599</u>	<u>70,349</u>

17. Auditors remuneration

	Year to 31 Mar 23	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,408</u>	<u>9,600</u>

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18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Year to 31 Mar 23	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,000,378	1,206,255
Social security costs	168,095	97,535
Employer contributions to pension plans	101,848	47,020
	<u>2,270,321</u>	<u>1,350,810</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 99 (2022: 93).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	–	1
£70,000 to £79,999	1	–
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The compensation paid to key management for employee services during the year totalled £351,648 (2022: £197,697).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees did not receive remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2022: £Nil)

20. Fixed asset held for sale

	Asset held for sale
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	–
Additions	–
Transfers	1,808,233
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,808,233</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	–
Transfers	592,273
Charge for the year	36,164
At 31 March 2023	<u>628,437</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,179,796</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>–</u>

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21. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	1,808,233	941,897	159,079	2,909,209
Additions	-	11,356	-	11,356
Disposals	-	(77,345)	(48,023)	(125,368)
Transfers	(1,808,233)			(1,808,233)
At 31 March 2023	-	875,908	111,056	986,964
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	592,273	764,728	120,385	1,477,386
Charge for the year	-	69,901	8,486	78,387
Disposals	-	(73,287)	(48,023)	(121,310)
Transfers	(592,273)			(592,273)
At 31 March 2023	-	761,342	80,848	842,190
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	-	114,566	30,208	144,774
At 31 March 2022	1,215,960	177,169	38,694	1,431,823

22. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	752,176	46	752,222
Additions	731,014	-	731,014
Disposals	(752,176)	-	(752,176)
Fair value movements	3,736	-	3,736
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
Impairment			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023		-	-
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
At 31 March 2022	752,176	46	752,222

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

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22. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

Long-term investments which include UK Government stocks of £46 (2022: £46) and equity investments £734,750 (2022: £752,176) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

23. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	81,563	21,164
Prepayments and accrued income	113,859	78,230
Other debtors	5,509	26,319
	<u>200,931</u>	<u>125,713</u>

24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	41,032	29,394
Trade creditors	66,280	56,720
Accruals and deferred income	144,924	199,446
Social security and other taxes	7,012	38,598
Other creditors	9,696	12,375
	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>

26. Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 Apr 22	78,487	–
Amount released to income	(78,487)	–
Amount deferred in year	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>
At 31 Mar 23	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>

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27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £98,448 (2022: £45,404).

28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
General funds	2,441,348	1,878,763	(1,830,365)	124,766	(11,781)	2,602,731
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>2,526,507</u>	<u>1,878,763</u>	<u>(1,830,365)</u>	<u>124,766</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>

The Trustees have set aside £250,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2022/23 year.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)

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Black Santa	–	–	–	–	–	–
Moy Park	–	–	–	–	–	–
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

Transfers have taken place in the year which relate to income received due to Counselling Services, as all conditions have been met and services have been delivered during the year, the remaining balance has been transferred to unrestricted reserves.

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	22,975	19,610	(16,882)	(17,559)	–	8,144
PHA Care in the Sun	31,521	70,998	(49,121)	(18,398)	–	35,000
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	150,961	162,434	(156,478)	(106,917)	–	50,000
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	12,618	18,617	(21,059)	(10,176)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	2,992	4,304	(5,135)	(2,161)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	3,530	5,183	(3,931)	(4,782)	–	–

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	5,492	4,222	(6,343)	(3,371)	–	–
The Big Lottery						
Next Steps	95,734	90,443	(88,115)	–	–	98,062
PHA Training	3,707	10,700	(6,005)	(4,402)	–	4,000
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	10,000	90,000	–	–	–	100,000
	3,403	–	(3,403)	–	–	–
Bristol Myers Squibb	10,000	–	(6,886)	–	–	3,114
Black Santa	725	–	(725)	–	–	–
Moy Park	10,706	–	(10,706)	–	–	–
Department of Health	–	141,255	(55,370)	–	–	85,885
Family Support - Community Fund	–	23,062	(1,999)	–	–	21,063
Hospital Saturday Fund	–	–	(658)	3,000	–	2,342
Elevate Programme	–	–	–	5,000	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	–	–	–	35,000	–	35,000
Dormant Funds NI	–	49,915	–	–	–	49,915
DOH Enniskillen	–	–	–	–	–	–
MSD Pharma	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southern Board	–	–	–	–	–	–
Additional Funds	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>364,364</u>	<u>690,743</u>	<u>(432,816)</u>	<u>(124,766)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>497,525</u>

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PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking. This was developed and provided over a three year period and has been extended into two further years until 2022.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

The Big Lottery Next steps

The Next Steps Family Support Service funded by The Big Lottery. The funding received under the Empowering Young People Grant has enabled the existing family support service to expand. Two new family support workers have been employed increasing the geographic reach of the project. The work will also allow the expansion of existing bereavement support nights, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as a Young Peoples parliament and empowerment activity days.

Probation Board Northern Ireland

This was a bespoke service which delivered a Healthy Lifestyle Programme for offenders resident in PBNi approved premises in various locations across Northern Ireland. The programme complemented the work that Probation Officers and hostel staff are undertaking with the hostel residents in preparing them for a move to independent living

Elevate Programme Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in this area.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland.

Will Charitable Trust

Grant awarded to provide funds for sessional counsellors and provide training and professional development opportunities for the counselling team staff.

One of our former trustees

Donation received from one of our Trustees. This will be used to fund cancer research.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,431,823	–	1,431,823
Investments	752,222	–	752,222
Current assets	973,397	497,525	1,470,922
Creditors less than 1 year	(336,533)	–	(336,533)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(133,019)	–	(133,019)
Net assets	2,687,890	497,525	3,185,415

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability exists to repay grants and Trust monies received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity. In the opinion of the Trustees, the terms of the Letters of Offers have been, or will be, complied with and no liability is expected.

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32. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2022	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,209	(155)	1,345,054
Debt due within one year	(29,394)	(11,638)	(41,032)
Debt due after one year	(133,019)	46,595	(86,424)
	<u>1,182,796</u>	<u>34,802</u>	<u>1,217,598</u>

33. Property Commitments

	Property 2023	Property 2022
	£	£
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	-	49,600
In more than one year, but not more than five years	171,754	61,150
After five years	60,740	130,644
Total	<u>232,494</u>	<u>241,394</u>

34. Grant Commitments

The Charity have grant commitments of £151,191 (2022: £190,007) which relate to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Annual report

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101307

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
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Financial Statements
31 March 2023

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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Professor Mark Lawler Ms Susan McAleer Ms Patricia McClelland Mr Ivan McMinn MBE Ms Caroline Murdoch Dr Helen Reid Mrs Violet Spence Ms Elizabeth Robinson Mr Mark Taylor	Resigned 2 nd August 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 (Chairperson, HR & Remuneration Sub Committee)
Mr Noel Lavery CB Ms Margaret Brown MBE Dr Paula O'Hare	Appointed 22 nd February 2023

Company secretary Richard Spratt

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The Directors (who are also the Trustees of the Charity) present their Report, together with the Financial Statements of the charity for the Year Ended 31st March 2023. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2015 (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI 49781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association have recently been reviewed to ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective. They will be reviewed every five years going forward.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities.
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

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ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 15 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) is currently being reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association.

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, Regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

Impact of COVID-19

Whilst the acute cycle of the pandemic appears to have passed regarding lockdown and disruption to fundraising activities and service, the organisation remains aware of future risk. The pandemic, as it has done with many organisations in different sectors, has increased appetite for hybrid and remote working amongst the workforce in Northern Ireland. The Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees continue to monitor this work and manage its operations in a post COVID environment.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom and in particular:

- to provide caring services and information for patients with cancer, their families and all concerned both for them and about cancer; - to fund internationally competitive, high quality research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer; and - to reduce the incidence of cancer and promote its early diagnosis and treatment and to raise professional and public awareness of cancer issues and influence policy makers to improve cancer services and public health policy.

Cancer Focus NI is a very well established and respected organisation with a highly committed Board of Trustees, staff team and network of volunteers. Our 4 pillars of activity - care services, cancer prevention, cancer research and campaigning are well established. Over the past number of years we have striven to develop our services, targeting communities at greatest risk of cancer and seeking opportunities to develop a range of innovative services throughout Northern Ireland.

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

Supporting local people on their cancer journey, we will work to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 54 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern & Northern Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show and the staffing of our retail shops.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Strategic report

The Board of Directors had previously extended the Cancer Focus NI 2020 strategy to the end of 2022 due to senior leadership transition and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form final report of the charity based on the previous strategic plan.

Please note a new organisational strategy 2023-2027 has now been officially launched with new strategic objectives which are detailed on page 13.

Achievements and performance

Promote the well-being of people affected by Cancer

The well-being of people affected by cancer - patients and families - lies at the heart of our work. A cancer diagnosis can be life-changing. Cancer Focus NI wants to be available to more people affected by cancer offering information, advice and support from the time of diagnosis and throughout the cancer journey.

Progress in 2022-2023

Our Therapeutic Services Team has continued to offer remote support to those in need across a variety of patient support offerings detailed as follows. In 2022-2023 a total of 3,567 patients were directly assisted with much needed support and care.

Counselling

Our Counselling Team working across Northern Ireland in all the Health Trusts have continued to offer personal emotional & psychosocial support for patients. Our counsellors are distinctive in that they are required to hold a minimum accreditation with the British Association of Counsellors & Psychotherapists or equivalent body.

The key highlights for 2022-2023 are as follows:

- 3,662 counselling sessions were accessed by 752 patients for 'one-to-one' counselling support. In addition, we have been able to resource this service more widely with sessional counsellors in response to the acute pressures and increased waiting times for patients.

Family Support Service

Our National Lottery funded 'Family Support Service' has been at the forefront of leading innovation in terms of adapting services to meet the needs of families. The Family Support Service works with families where a parent or other significant adult has cancer with. Post COVID there has been a marked increase in the referral of cases with a terminal diagnosis.

In 2022-2023 the service was rebuilding and stabilising with the recruitment of two staff members to fill vacancies. There was a total of 75 families referred to the service with 147 beneficiaries, both children and adults receiving direct support (based on an average of 2 people per referral supported).

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Bra-Fitting Service

The Bra-Fitting Service is the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland providing bespoke support for women post-breast surgery. Working in partnership with Trusts has resulted in a bra fitting service being reestablished post COVID onsite in the South Eastern and Southern Trusts. There has been an increase in ladies being seen in the Cancer Focus NI Belfast centre, in the Ballymoney hub and Derry / Londonderry retail shop.

- 822 fitting sessions were attended by patients in 2022-2023

Art Therapy

Art Therapy is a creative therapy unique to Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland and part of a portfolio of creative therapies offered to patients to help cope with a cancer diagnosis and journey.

- 286 patients were engaged in 2022-2023 via open studio group sessions, 'Share a Skill' craft group, art journaling workshops and at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital. The support provided to the RVH sick children service has increased due to increased demand. Whilst the demand for face to face sessions has increased, online support has been maintained as required.

Group Support

352 people availed of group support in 2022-2023 through Zest for Life, Focus Friends and Thrive programmes. These programmes offer the opportunity to meet others who have been on a cancer journey and gain peer support whilst having support to build on skills for the future,

Nurse Line

678 people contacted the nurse help line in 2022-2023, 135 of these people were followed up for support. Nurseline offers support, a professional nurse experienced in cancer care to listen in times of crisis, support, signpost to other services in Cancer Focus NI, Trusts or charities as appropriate.

Sing for Life

The Sing for Life choir is a community based choir created for cancer patients, or those who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. It is a unique service that attracts individuals from all over Northern Ireland, with an average of 70 participants meeting each week to rehearse. Not only does it give members the chance to learn choral music and an opportunity to perform in front of audiences, but it also offers a sense of belonging, friendship, support and rejuvenated confidence for those who participate. The core membership of the choir sits at approximately 130 members and continues to attract new members on a regular basis.

2022-2023 was a milestone year for the choir as it celebrated it's 10th Anniversary since inception. This culminated in a concert in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, which attracted over 300 people, and a party in Cooke Rugby Club to mark the special occasion. In addition to this the choir have performed at several venues, most notably University College Dublin

To mark World Cancer Day, St Patricks Church, Belfast with the USA based 'Mill Creek Chorale' to celebrate Independence Day, as well as many other venues around Northern Ireland. The choir remain in huge demand and have a busy calendar of events scheduled

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Patient Driving Service

During the reporting period the main goal for the Volunteer Driving Service team was to continue with regional expansion. We have now expanded our offer beyond the traditional Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas to cover most of the Northern Trust, as well as providing support to the new DoH Rapid Diagnostic Centres. We aim to obtain a foothold in the greater Fermanagh area due to a partnership with the Palliative Transport Service based in Enniskillen. The ongoing expansion of the service, improves our geographical footprint, increases visibility and improves our network of referral pathways.

The service supported 125 patients and provided 904 journeys during the reporting period. In order to cope with this increase in demand, our volunteer base has had to increase accordingly. We have recruited 36 new volunteers into the service and now have 54 active volunteers across three trust areas.

In order to improve our retention of volunteer drivers, we have started to facilitate quarterly 'driver evenings' which provides the platform for drivers to feedback on their role, on how things could be improved and most importantly, meet others who are helping to deliver the service. In addition to this we are surveying patients to collate feedback and make amendments to service delivery as required.

Enable communities to reduce their risk of Cancer

Research shows that up to half of cancers could be avoided by healthier lifestyle choices. Cancer Focus NI's strategy is to deliver a programme of services aimed at informing and supporting the public so that they can reduce their risk of cancer.

Progress in 2022-2023

Cancer Prevention is one of the founding pillars of Cancer Focus NI. Our work is evidence-based and provided within the framework of the European 12-Point Code Against Cancer. In the latter part of the prior year and in this period the work became more difficult without 'face-to-face' interaction with our service users and especially with schools, workplaces, community events and other venues closing. Our team liaised with partner organisations to pivot the services and establish new ways of working. Cancer Focus NI reached a total of 36,029 people in 2022-2023 with cancer prevention messaging mainly via virtual means in schools, workplaces and community settings offering training, 'one-to-one' health checks, health awareness sessions and care in the sun awareness events. This reflects a significant uplift on the previous year which had been disrupted due to COVID-19.

Skin cancer prevention work in partnership with the Public Health Agency successfully delivered Be UV Aware messages and resources within 712 settings, e.g. workplaces, sporting venues, schools and summer schemes, reaching 39,927 people. Specific groups, i.e. people who are immunosuppressed, including through the Cystic Fibrosis team were targeted with advice and resources. Key messages were shared through targeted and promoted social and print media activities (36), resulting in enhanced engagement with specific target groups and sustained website traffic throughout the spring / summer with 50,408 visits to the care in the sun website. This year the Be UV Aware e-learning module was promoted to chiropractors and beauticians resulting in 43 professionals participating. Key messages were also shared via the Councils' Health and Safety network LASAN, and HSENI with subsequent promotion to 9 industry groups. The Mole Mapping pilot in SET started seeing patients in July and will be evaluated in the incoming year. on this part of their cancer journey.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The Stop Smoking Service continues to be provided in GP Practices and workplaces, with excellent success rates. In 2022-2023 this service continued to be provided virtually, with 407 smokers signed up to stop smoking, and 270 remaining stopped smoking at 4 weeks, representing a success rate of 66% comparing very favourably with average of 57%. The private Facebook group for smokers now has over 265 members who access support information and support each other when quitting. Schools work in the Primary schools continued with the provision of Smokebusters in P6 and P7 with 6,825 children participating in skills based learning, with 36% of the schools accessing Smokebusters being in an area of social deprivation (target 20%).

Keeping Well Service:

The Keeping Well Team provides province wide, equitable access to health promotion services especially in 'at risk' communities and marginalised groups. This takes the form of health checks, cancer prevention / awareness workshops and participation in health fairs and community events.

Despite these barriers the team continued to promote the service and facilitate a targeted outreach programme to establish a pipeline of work, as well as liaising with our communications team and external organisations to improve the visibility of the service across various sectors. The service visited 228 locations across all trust areas during 2022-2023 reporting period and engaged with 3,612 individuals across various demographics.

New data collection protocols have been developed in order to capture beneficiary feedback and ensure the ongoing continuous improvement of the service. We now hold a large library of evaluations and testimonies that evidence the beneficial nature of the service and the positive impact it is having on participants.

Influence public policy

Cancer Focus NI's mission is to reduce the risk of people in Northern Ireland getting cancer and improving the well-being and outcomes for people who are diagnosed with the disease. We know that the policies our government sets and the decisions it takes can have far-reaching effects on both cancer incidence and survival rates. For these reasons, influencing public policy is one of our key goals.

Progress in 2022-2023

Healthy public policy sets a supportive environment for all our services and campaigns and has far-reaching impact on cancer trends, services and outcomes. Therefore, we place a priority on engaging with decision makers in our campaigning and advocacy work. We organised a full programme of events for the Assembly's All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) this year. The charity's role as Secretariat to the APGC allowed us to update MLAs on progress in the development of the Department's new Cancer Strategy and there was an encouraging level of cross-party engagement. Cancer Focus NI facilitated various speakers, clinicians and experts to engage with MLA's and observers via the APGC.

A review of the APGC is currently being undertaken with a desire to set future agenda and influence policy and legislation in the short to medium term.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Fund cancer research

We are very aware that cancer research is vital in expanding our knowledge of the causes of cancer and in developing treatments to secure best outcomes for patients. Since our inception, we have been engaged in funding local cancer research

Progress in 2022-2023

During 2022-2023 we have participated in, or funded, the following research projects:

- Health Economist Post at Queen's University Belfast. With increasing pressure on health budgets and an increase in the range and costs of treatments, it is essential to evaluate which treatments and interventions are most cost effective.
- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer. This pioneering cancer research project seeks to determine how immunotherapy can more successfully treat pancreatic and oesophageal cancers, cancers which at present are hard to treat and have very low survival rates. Our researchers, led by Dr Richard Turkington, Oncologist and Cancer Researcher at Queen's University, will work to understand why certain types of cancers are resistant to immunotherapy, and identify which drugs can be used to help overcome this resistance so patients will respond positively to the treatment.
- Secondary Breast Cancer Audit was launched in February 2023. The audit is being undertaken by the NI Cancer Registry. Given the lack of published data and established methodology, the NI Cancer Registry will seek to develop a process and methodology to identify prevalent secondary breast cancers in Northern Ireland. Many patients in Northern Ireland feel overlooked because they do not have the same access to specialist interventions, clinical trials and dedicated secondary breast cancer nursing support that patients elsewhere have. With NHS England and Wales already committed to commissioning a clinical audit on secondary breast cancer, this timely audit will help to ensure that those living in Northern Ireland with this devastating prognosis will have their voices heard and needs addressed
- Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship launched during the year to further develop the project led by Dr Richard Turkington. The fellowship has been created in memory of our former Trustee, Dr Jim Birnie following a generous gift from his family. The project will focus on Oesophageal adenocarcinoma (OAC) which is a devastating disease with a poor survival rate, with fewer than 20% of people surviving 5 years after diagnosis. The project will investigate if chemotherapies could be used to boost immune signalling in OAC cells and if standard chemotherapy used in cancer treatment would give an immune response.

Secure funds to sustain development

The majority of our funding comes from the Northern Ireland public and so the success of our organisational strategy rests heavily on our capacity to raise sufficient funds to sustain current and future initiatives. Austerity, the reduction in government funding to the charity sector and increasing competition for voluntary funds have together created substantial pressures for charities who depend on donations from the public

Progress in 2022-2023

The Retail Team reported a strong performance during the financial year in terms of income and profitability boosted by a renewed focus on furniture sales, online trading and gift aid receipts. Retail exceeded £1m in revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 62% on prior year.

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The retail estate portfolio has also been formally reviewed and in the reporting period led to the relocation of our Lisburn shop with notice being served and lease terminated on a unit which was increasingly not economically viable. As part of the new strategic plan a number of new retail initiatives are also planned with the first of these being identified for Enniskillen.

The Fundraising Team reported a positive position at the end of the financial year, rebuilding the team in a post pandemic environment. Fundraising brought in £1.7m revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 47% on prior year.

The reporting period including a string performance for our portfolio of outdoor fundraising events including a number of highlights:

- The Fun Run of the Glens (FROG) organised on behalf of Cancer Focus NI had record participants of 700 people.
- Our partnership with the Belfast City Marathon formally came to a conclusion with over 900 runners taking part and a further 200 participating in the Belfast City Half Marathon.
- Other regular events such as our signature Mourne Seven Summits, Pink Run and Dare to Dip amongst many other events generated strong interest and income for the organisation.

It is clear that demand has returned for these events after depressed activity levels in previous years due to the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was also a positive year for our Corporate fundraising with new partnerships developed with Barclays Communications, Derry Transport, Topglass as well as extending our Dale Farm partnership for an additional 2 years.

Our local community fundraising groups continue to support by hosting a number of community events, collections and initiatives right across Northern Ireland. The articulation and involvement of the groups in the new organisational strategy has encouraged and provided some stimulus for the active groups to continue with their programme of activities in support of resourcing the strategy in the years ahead.

The Communications and Marketing team has been enhanced and refreshed and influential in delivering a first-class organisational strategy launch. Some other activity highlights include:

29,000 people being reached with our 'Spirit of Christmas' campaign including 6,000 visits to the Spirit of Christmas webpage;

Excellent coverage of the launch of Cancer Focus NI funding Northern Ireland's first ever Secondary Breast Cancer Audit;

Various important health improvement and cancer prevention campaigns including producing high quality communications material for No Smoking Month.

Strategically, fundraising and communications capacity within the organisation is intentionally building back to pre-pandemic levels with intentional investment taking place in certain areas such as focusing on more regional fundraising aligned with the new organisational strategy, some new work being undertaken on major gift fundraising and increasing capacity in corporate and events teams.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £64,568 (2022: £294,544) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,249,983 (2022: £3,185,415). Of these total funds £594,137 (2022: £497,525) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,081,276 (2022:£1,256,067) which represents 4 months (2022:5.5 months) of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Directors have updated its organisational policy to ensure that approximately 6 months operating costs are maintained.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

Plans for future periods

A new organisational strategy (2023-2027) was launched in June 2023 as detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland.

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer and participating in other forums.

2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritizing our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalized and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 13 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Professor Mark Lawler (Vice Chairman)
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Year ended 31 March 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Year ended 31 March 2023

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

13 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Year to 31 Mar 23			Period from
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	1,679,825	13,188	1,693,013	1,154,332
Charitable activities	6	130,794	998,809	1,129,603	611,886
Other trading activities	7	1,161,330	–	1,161,330	713,000
Investment income	8	28,812	–	28,812	24,919
Other income	9	800	49,915	50,715	65,369
Total income		<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>	<u>2,569,506</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	828,709	–	828,709	476,162
Costs of other trading activities	11	966,391	–	966,391	610,389
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>
Total expenditure		<u>2,999,440</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>3,961,747</u>	<u>2,263,181</u>
Net losses on investments	15	(37,158)	–	(37,158)	(11,781)
Net income		<u>(35,037)</u>	<u>99,605</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Transfers between funds		2,993	(2,993)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(32,044)</u>	<u>96,612</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>497,525</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>	<u>2,890,871</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>594,137</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed asset held for sale	20	1,179,796	-
Tangible fixed assets	21	144,774	1,431,823
Investments	22	734,796	752,222
		<u>2,059,366</u>	<u>2,184,045</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	23	200,931	125,713
Cash at bank and in hand		1,345,054	1,345,209
		<u>1,545,985</u>	<u>1,470,922</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,277,041</u>	<u>1,134,389</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,336,407</u>	<u>3,318,434</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>
Net assets		<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		594,137	497,525
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		85,159	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		2,570,687	2,602,731
Total unrestricted funds		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Honorary Treasurer and
Chairman, Finance and Policy Committee)
Trustee

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	64,568	294,544
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Net losses on investments	(3,736)	23,562
Other interest receivable and similar income	(28,812)	(24,919)
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	–	3,590
Accrued (income)/expenses	(90,151)	73,299
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(39,589)	(51,350)
Trade and other creditors	(24,705)	(134,632)
Cash generated from operations	(7,874)	249,753
Interest received	28,812	24,919
Net cash from operating activities	<u>20,938</u>	<u>274,672</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(11,356)	(41,590)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	4,058	–
Proceeds from sale of heritage assets	–	(3,590)
Purchases of other investments	(731,014)	(87,137)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	752,176	51,044
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>13,864</u>	<u>(81,273)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(34,957)	(27,018)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(34,957)</u>	<u>(27,018)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(155)	166,381
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,209</u>	<u>1,178,828</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
 - 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed Giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Major Donor	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,274	–	33,274
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,632	–	49,632
Give as you earn	119,452	–	119,452
Other income	9,450	–	9,450
Committed Giving	95,033	–	95,033
Fundraising events	549,019	–	549,019
Major Donor	–	90,000	90,000
Legacies			
Legacies	208,472	–	208,472
	<u>1,064,332</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,154,332</u>

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Provision for care services	11,946	287,096	299,042
Cancer prevention programmes	49,112	263,732	312,844
	<u>61,058</u>	<u>550,828</u>	<u>611,886</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shop income	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>713,000</u>	<u>713,000</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest	5,434	5,434	282	282
Dividend income	<u>23,378</u>	<u>23,378</u>	<u>24,637</u>	<u>24,637</u>
	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>24,919</u>	<u>24,919</u>

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9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Furlough	—	—	—
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	—	—	—
Grants/Trusts	800	—	800
Refund	—	—	—
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Furlough	5,250	—	5,250
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	6,000	—	6,000
Grants/Trusts	1,750	—	1,750
Refund	2,454	—	2,454
	<u>15,454</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>65,369</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>476,162</u>	<u>476,162</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>610,389</u>	<u>610,389</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	70,835	–	70,835
Provision of patient care services	142,285	201,337	343,622
Cancer Prevention Programmes	160,115	231,479	391,594
Policy and Public Affairs	36,900	–	36,900
Support costs	333,679	–	333,679
	<u>743,814</u>	<u>432,816</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	151,729	5,665	157,394	74,519
Provision of patient care services	607,035	195,307	802,342	470,702
Cancer Prevention Programmes	828,176	195,307	1,023,483	518,673
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	84,916	111,184	92,153
Governance costs	–	72,244	72,244	20,583
	<u>1,613,208</u>	<u>553,439</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	288,411	25,448	25,448	339,307	179,505
Premises	103,460	9,128	9,128	121,716	74,000
Communications and IT	40,585	3,581	3,581	47,747	42,462
General office	42,533	3,752	3,752	50,037	68,038
Human resources	6,206	548	548	7,302	4,343
Governance costs	72,244	-	-	72,244	20,583
	<u>553,439</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>638,353</u>	<u>388,931</u>

15. Net losses on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Losses on listed investments	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	3,008	3,590
Operating lease rentals	8,983	-
Foreign exchange differences	4,058	101
	<u>130,599</u>	<u>70,349</u>

17. Auditors remuneration

	Year to 31 Mar 23	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,408</u>	<u>9,600</u>

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18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Year to 31 Mar 23 £	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22 £
Wages and salaries	2,000,378	1,206,255
Social security costs	168,095	97,535
Employer contributions to pension plans	101,848	47,020
	<u>2,270,321</u>	<u>1,350,810</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 99 (2022: 93).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
£60,000 to £69,999	-	1
£70,000 to £79,999	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The compensation paid to key management for employee services during the year totalled £351,648 (2022: £197,697).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees did not receive remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2022: £Nil)

20. Fixed asset held for sale

	Asset held for sale £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	-
Additions	-
Transfers	1,808,233
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,808,233</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	-
Transfers	592,273
Charge for the year	36,164
At 31 March 2023	<u>628,437</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,179,796</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>

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21. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	1,808,233	941,897	159,079	2,909,209
Additions	-	11,356	-	11,356
Disposals	-	(77,345)	(48,023)	(125,368)
Transfers	(1,808,233)			(1,808,233)
At 31 March 2023	-	875,908	111,056	986,964
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	592,273	764,728	120,385	1,477,386
Charge for the year	-	69,901	8,486	78,387
Disposals	-	(73,287)	(48,023)	(121,310)
Transfers	(592,273)			(592,273)
At 31 March 2023	-	761,342	80,848	842,190
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	-	114,566	30,208	144,774
At 31 March 2022	1,215,960	177,169	38,694	1,431,823

22. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	752,176	46	752,222
Additions	731,014	-	731,014
Disposals	(752,176)	-	(752,176)
Fair value movements	3,736	-	3,736
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
Impairment			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023		-	-
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
At 31 March 2022	752,176	46	752,222

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

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22. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

Long-term investments which include UK Government stocks of £46 (2022: £46) and equity investments £734,750 (2022: £752,176) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

23. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	81,563	21,164
Prepayments and accrued income	113,859	78,230
Other debtors	5,509	26,319
	<u>200,931</u>	<u>125,713</u>

24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	41,032	29,394
Trade creditors	66,280	56,720
Accruals and deferred income	144,924	199,446
Social security and other taxes	7,012	38,598
Other creditors	9,696	12,375
	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>

26. Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 Apr 22	78,487	–
Amount released to income	(78,487)	–
Amount deferred in year	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>
At 31 Mar 23	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>

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27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £98,448 (2022: £45,404).

28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
General funds	2,441,348	1,878,763	(1,830,365)	124,766	(11,781)	2,602,731
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>2,526,507</u>	<u>1,878,763</u>	<u>(1,830,365)</u>	<u>124,766</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>

The Trustees have set aside £250,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2022/23 year.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Black Santa	–	–	–	–	–	–
Moy Park	–	–	–	–	–	–
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

Transfers have taken place in the year which relate to income received due to Counselling Services, as all conditions have been met and services have been delivered during the year, the remaining balance has been transferred to unrestricted reserves.

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	22,975	19,610	(16,882)	(17,559)	–	8,144
PHA Care in the Sun	31,521	70,998	(49,121)	(18,398)	–	35,000
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	150,961	162,434	(156,478)	(106,917)	–	50,000
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	12,618	18,617	(21,059)	(10,176)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	2,992	4,304	(5,135)	(2,161)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	3,530	5,183	(3,931)	(4,782)	–	–

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	5,492	4,222	(6,343)	(3,371)	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	95,734	90,443	(88,115)	–	–	98,062
PHA Training	3,707	10,700	(6,005)	(4,402)	–	4,000
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	10,000	90,000	–	–	–	100,000
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,403	–	(3,403)	–	–	–
Black Santa	10,000	–	(6,886)	–	–	3,114
Moy Park	725	–	(725)	–	–	–
Department of Health	10,706	–	(10,706)	–	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	–	141,255	(55,370)	–	–	85,885
Hospital Saturday Fund	–	23,062	(1,999)	–	–	21,063
Elevate Programme	–	–	(658)	3,000	–	2,342
Support Your Girls	–	–	–	5,000	–	5,000
Dormant Funds NI	–	–	–	35,000	–	35,000
DOH Enniskillen	–	49,915	–	–	–	49,915
MSD Pharma	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southern Board	–	–	–	–	–	–
Additional Funds	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>364,364</u>	<u>690,743</u>	<u>(432,816)</u>	<u>(124,766)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>497,525</u>

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking. This was developed and provided over a three year period and has been extended into two further years until 2022.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

The Big Lottery Next steps

The Next Steps Family Support Service funded by The Big Lottery. The funding received under the Empowering Young People Grant has enabled the existing family support service to expand. Two new family support workers have been employed increasing the geographic reach of the project. The work will also allow the expansion of existing bereavement support nights, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as a Young Peoples parliament and empowerment activity days.

Probation Board Northern Ireland

This was a bespoke service which delivered a Healthy Lifestyle Programme for offenders resident in PBNi approved premises in various locations across Northern Ireland. The programme complemented the work that Probation Officers and hostel staff are undertaking with the hostel residents in preparing them for a move to independent living

Elevate Programme Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in this area.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland.

Will Charitable Trust

Grant awarded to provide funds for sessional counsellors and provide training and professional development opportunities for the counselling team staff.

One of our former trustees

Donation received from one of our Trustees. This will be used to fund cancer research.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,431,823	–	1,431,823
Investments	752,222	–	752,222
Current assets	973,397	497,525	1,470,922
Creditors less than 1 year	(336,533)	–	(336,533)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(133,019)	–	(133,019)
Net assets	2,687,890	497,525	3,185,415

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability exists to repay grants and Trust monies received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity. In the opinion of the Trustees, the terms of the Letters of Offers have been, or will be, complied with and no liability is expected.

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32. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2022	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,209	(155)	1,345,054
Debt due within one year	(29,394)	(11,638)	(41,032)
Debt due after one year	(133,019)	46,595	(86,424)
	<u>1,182,796</u>	<u>34,802</u>	<u>1,217,598</u>

33. Property Commitments

	Property 2023	Property 2022
	£	£
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	-	49,600
In more than one year, but not more than five years	171,754	61,150
After five years	60,740	130,644
Total	<u>232,494</u>	<u>241,394</u>

34. Grant Commitments

The Charity have grant commitments of £151,191 (2022: £190,007) which relate to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101307

Annual return

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI049781
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101307

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31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

Charity registration number NIC101307

Company registration number NI049781

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His Grace The Duke of Abercorn KG
Professor Roy Spence CBE OBE JP MD MA LLD(Hon) FRCS

The trustees

Mr Boyd Carson FCA	(Honorary Treasurer and Chairperson, Finance and Policy Sub-Committee)
Dr Bernadette Cullen Dr Andrew Gilliland Mr Donald Harte	(Vice Chairman, and Chairperson, Research & Programmes Sub Committee)
Professor Mark Lawler Ms Susan McAleer Ms Patricia McClelland Mr Ivan McMinn MBE Ms Caroline Murdoch Dr Helen Reid Mrs Violet Spence Ms Elizabeth Robinson Mr Mark Taylor	Resigned 2 nd August 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 Resigned 29 th November 2023 (Chairperson, HR & Remuneration Sub Committee)
Mr Noel Lavery CB Ms Margaret Brown MBE Dr Paula O'Hare	Appointed 22 nd February 2023

Company secretary Richard Spratt

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The Directors (who are also the Trustees of the Charity) present their Report, together with the Financial Statements of the charity for the Year Ended 31st March 2023. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1st January 2015 (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Directors & Organisational Structure

Cancer Focus NI is a charity registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 101307), a Company Limited by Guarantee (NI 49781) and not having a share capital constituted under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue & Customs number XN 48265.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association allows for at least 5 and not more than 18 Directors to be appointed. Trustees serve for a term of 4 years, at the end of which they may be appointed to serve for a further 4 years. All Directors must retire after 8 years' service with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Treasurer, who may be reappointed annually thereafter, if the majority of the remaining Trustees deem it in the best interests of the charity.

The Memorandum & Articles of Association have recently been reviewed to ensure that the charity's governance arrangements are appropriate and effective. They will be reviewed every five years going forward.

When new Directors are appointed, they are introduced to the work of Cancer Focus NI with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of Directors, Company, Trustee and charity law. Updated training is provided to ensure Trustees are adequately informed to ensure they can exercise effective governance.

At the quarterly Board meetings, the Directors agree the broad strategy of Cancer Focus NI and monitor all the activities of the charity. Each Director takes collective responsibility for monitoring the work of Cancer Focus NI

The following committees operate as follows:

- Finance & Policy Committee - meets 6-8 times per annum to review key financial metrics and performance indicators, the charity's policy environment and risk register.
- Human Resource & Remuneration Committee - meets at least bi-annually to review all employee, personnel and remuneration matters.
- Research & Programmes Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support and oversee the charity's portfolio of research and programme activities.
- Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Committee - meets at least bi-annually to support all fundraising, marketing and development initiatives.

Each sub-committee must include at least one Director, reports on activities and makes recommendations to the Board.

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ASH NI (Action for Smoking and Health) also operates in Northern Ireland as a sub-group of the Cancer Focus NI Board who receives reports and provides strategic oversight of the work of this inter-agency group.

The charity's Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the Directors and is also the Company Secretary.

Cancer Focus NI is a member of the Association of European Cancer Leagues and a member of a range of relevant umbrella organisations and networks including NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action). Cancer Focus NI is registered with the Fundraising Regulator for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Board Composition

The Board of Trustees currently has 15 members. The composition and tenure of office for Trustees (including office bearers) is currently being reviewed as part of the Review of Articles of Association.

Risk Management

The charity's Directors and Senior Management Team have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on the charity.

- Financial
- Operational
- Governance, Regulation & Management

Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis at Board meetings as a standing agenda item to ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place and that risks are being regularly monitored and reviewed. Where appropriate, risks are covered by insurance.

In assessing risk, our Directors recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

The Directors and Senior Management Team are involved in managing the areas of higher risk on an ongoing basis through the implementation of our Strategic and Operational plans.

Impact of COVID-19

Whilst the acute cycle of the pandemic appears to have passed regarding lockdown and disruption to fundraising activities and service, the organisation remains aware of future risk. The pandemic, as it has done with many organisations in different sectors, has increased appetite for hybrid and remote working amongst the workforce in Northern Ireland. The Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees continue to monitor this work and manage its operations in a post COVID environment.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity holds no funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

For the public benefit and primarily within Northern Ireland to support and further the control of cancer and allied diseases and to alleviate trauma, pain and suffering therefrom and in particular:

- to provide caring services and information for patients with cancer, their families and all concerned both for them and about cancer; - to fund internationally competitive, high quality research into the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer; and - to reduce the incidence of cancer and promote its early diagnosis and treatment and to raise professional and public awareness of cancer issues and influence policy makers to improve cancer services and public health policy.

Cancer Focus NI is a very well established and respected organisation with a highly committed Board of Trustees, staff team and network of volunteers. Our 4 pillars of activity - care services, cancer prevention, cancer research and campaigning are well established. Over the past number of years we have striven to develop our services, targeting communities at greatest risk of cancer and seeking opportunities to develop a range of innovative services throughout Northern Ireland.

Vision Statement

We want people to live their most fulfilled lives with access to world-leading, equitable cancer support, treatment, diagnosis, prevention and research.

Mission Statement

Supporting local people on their cancer journey, we will work to reduce the risk, impact and outcomes of all cancers.

Contribution of Volunteers

The contribution of volunteers is integral to the success of our organisation and does not go unrecognised. We value their input across every aspect of the organisation's activities. Without them, certain services and fundraising events could not operate. The most notable of these services is the Volunteer Driving Service, which currently contains 54 volunteer drivers that provide patient transport support across the Belfast, South Eastern & Northern Trust localities. The aspiration is to continue to grow this service regionally, which in turn will require the recruitment of additional volunteers across the country.

The organisation has a wider volunteer base of approx. 200 volunteers who continue to support our fundraising events, such as the Belfast Marathon, Pink Run, Mourne Seven Summits and Big Bucket Collections etc. Volunteers are also instrumental in assisting the activities of the wider organisation such as the Sing for Life Choir, Balmoral Show and the staffing of our retail shops.

We understand the vital contribution our volunteers make to the organisation, and we, and we will continue to ensure volunteers feel supported and valued within their roles.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Strategic report

The Board of Directors had previously extended the Cancer Focus NI 2020 strategy to the end of 2022 due to senior leadership transition and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form final report of the charity based on the previous strategic plan.

Please note a new organisational strategy 2023-2027 has now been officially launched with new strategic objectives which are detailed on page 13.

Achievements and performance

Promote the well-being of people affected by Cancer

The well-being of people affected by cancer - patients and families - lies at the heart of our work. A cancer diagnosis can be life-changing. Cancer Focus NI wants to be available to more people affected by cancer offering information, advice and support from the time of diagnosis and throughout the cancer journey.

Progress in 2022-2023

Our Therapeutic Services Team has continued to offer remote support to those in need across a variety of patient support offerings detailed as follows. In 2022-2023 a total of 3,567 patients were directly assisted with much needed support and care.

Counselling

Our Counselling Team working across Northern Ireland in all the Health Trusts have continued to offer personal emotional & psychosocial support for patients. Our counsellors are distinctive in that they are required to hold a minimum accreditation with the British Association of Counsellors & Psychotherapists or equivalent body.

The key highlights for 2022-2023 are as follows:

- 3,662 counselling sessions were accessed by 752 patients for 'one-to-one' counselling support. In addition, we have been able to resource this service more widely with sessional counsellors in response to the acute pressures and increased waiting times for patients.

Family Support Service

Our National Lottery funded 'Family Support Service' has been at the forefront of leading innovation in terms of adapting services to meet the needs of families. The Family Support Service works with families where a parent or other significant adult has cancer with. Post COVID there has been a marked increase in the referral of cases with a terminal diagnosis.

In 2022-2023 the service was rebuilding and stabilising with the recruitment of two staff members to fill vacancies. There was a total of 75 families referred to the service with 147 beneficiaries, both children and adults receiving direct support (based on an average of 2 people per referral supported).

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Bra-Fitting Service

The Bra-Fitting Service is the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland providing bespoke support for women post-breast surgery. Working in partnership with Trusts has resulted in a bra fitting service being reestablished post COVID onsite in the South Eastern and Southern Trusts. There has been an increase in ladies being seen in the Cancer Focus NI Belfast centre, in the Ballymoney hub and Derry / Londonderry retail shop.

- 822 fitting sessions were attended by patients in 2022-2023

Art Therapy

Art Therapy is a creative therapy unique to Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland and part of a portfolio of creative therapies offered to patients to help cope with a cancer diagnosis and journey.

- 286 patients were engaged in 2022-2023 via open studio group sessions, 'Share a Skill' craft group, art journaling workshops and at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital. The support provided to the RVH sick children service has increased due to increased demand. Whilst the demand for face to face sessions has increased, online support has been maintained as required.

Group Support

352 people availed of group support in 2022-2023 through Zest for Life, Focus Friends and Thrive programmes. These programmes offer the opportunity to meet others who have been on a cancer journey and gain peer support whilst having support to build on skills for the future,

Nurse Line

678 people contacted the nurse help line in 2022-2023, 135 of these people were followed up for support. Nurseline offers support, a professional nurse experienced in cancer care to listen in times of crisis, support, signpost to other services in Cancer Focus NI, Trusts or charities as appropriate.

Sing for Life

The Sing for Life choir is a community based choir created for cancer patients, or those who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. It is a unique service that attracts individuals from all over Northern Ireland, with an average of 70 participants meeting each week to rehearse. Not only does it give members the chance to learn choral music and an opportunity to perform in front of audiences, but it also offers a sense of belonging, friendship, support and rejuvenated confidence for those who participate. The core membership of the choir sits at approximately 130 members and continues to attract new members on a regular basis.

2022-2023 was a milestone year for the choir as it celebrated it's 10th Anniversary since inception. This culminated in a concert in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, which attracted over 300 people, and a party in Cooke Rugby Club to mark the special occasion. In addition to this the choir have performed at several venues, most notably University College Dublin

To mark World Cancer Day, St Patricks Church, Belfast with the USA based 'Mill Creek Chorale' to celebrate Independence Day, as well as many other venues around Northern Ireland. The choir remain in huge demand and have a busy calendar of events scheduled

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Patient Driving Service

During the reporting period the main goal for the Volunteer Driving Service team was to continue with regional expansion. We have now expanded our offer beyond the traditional Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas to cover most of the Northern Trust, as well as providing support to the new DoH Rapid Diagnostic Centres. We aim to obtain a foothold in the greater Fermanagh area due to a partnership with the Palliative Transport Service based in Enniskillen. The ongoing expansion of the service, improves our geographical footprint, increases visibility and improves our network of referral pathways.

The service supported 125 patients and provided 904 journeys during the reporting period. In order to cope with this increase in demand, our volunteer base has had to increase accordingly. We have recruited 36 new volunteers into the service and now have 54 active volunteers across three trust areas.

In order to improve our retention of volunteer drivers, we have started to facilitate quarterly 'driver evenings' which provides the platform for drivers to feedback on their role, on how things could be improved and most importantly, meet others who are helping to deliver the service. In addition to this we are surveying patients to collate feedback and make amendments to service delivery as required.

Enable communities to reduce their risk of Cancer

Research shows that up to half of cancers could be avoided by healthier lifestyle choices. Cancer Focus NI's strategy is to deliver a programme of services aimed at informing and supporting the public so that they can reduce their risk of cancer.

Progress in 2022-2023

Cancer Prevention is one of the founding pillars of Cancer Focus NI. Our work is evidence-based and provided within the framework of the European 12-Point Code Against Cancer. In the latter part of the prior year and in this period the work became more difficult without 'face-to-face' interaction with our service users and especially with schools, workplaces, community events and other venues closing. Our team liaised with partner organisations to pivot the services and establish new ways of working. Cancer Focus NI reached a total of 36,029 people in 2022-2023 with cancer prevention messaging mainly via virtual means in schools, workplaces and community settings offering training, 'one-to-one' health checks, health awareness sessions and care in the sun awareness events. This reflects a significant uplift on the previous year which had been disrupted due to COVID-19.

Skin cancer prevention work in partnership with the Public Health Agency successfully delivered Be UV Aware messages and resources within 712 settings, e.g. workplaces, sporting venues, schools and summer schemes, reaching 39,927 people. Specific groups, i.e. people who are immunosuppressed, including through the Cystic Fibrosis team were targeted with advice and resources. Key messages were shared through targeted and promoted social and print media activities (36), resulting in enhanced engagement with specific target groups and sustained website traffic throughout the spring / summer with 50,408 visits to the care in the sun website. This year the Be UV Aware e-learning module was promoted to chiropractors and beauticians resulting in 43 professionals participating. Key messages were also shared via the Councils' Health and Safety network LASAN, and HSENI with subsequent promotion to 9 industry groups. The Mole Mapping pilot in SET started seeing patients in July and will be evaluated in the incoming year. on this part of their cancer journey.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The Stop Smoking Service continues to be provided in GP Practices and workplaces, with excellent success rates. In 2022-2023 this service continued to be provided virtually, with 407 smokers signed up to stop smoking, and 270 remaining stopped smoking at 4 weeks, representing a success rate of 66% comparing very favourably with average of 57%. The private Facebook group for smokers now has over 265 members who access support information and support each other when quitting. Schools work in the Primary schools continued with the provision of Smokebusters in P6 and P7 with 6,825 children participating in skills based learning, with 36% of the schools accessing Smokebusters being in an area of social deprivation (target 20%).

Keeping Well Service:

The Keeping Well Team provides province wide, equitable access to health promotion services especially in 'at risk' communities and marginalised groups. This takes the form of health checks, cancer prevention / awareness workshops and participation in health fairs and community events.

Despite these barriers the team continued to promote the service and facilitate a targeted outreach programme to establish a pipeline of work, as well as liaising with our communications team and external organisations to improve the visibility of the service across various sectors. The service visited 228 locations across all trust areas during 2022-2023 reporting period and engaged with 3,612 individuals across various demographics.

New data collection protocols have been developed in order to capture beneficiary feedback and ensure the ongoing continuous improvement of the service. We now hold a large library of evaluations and testimonies that evidence the beneficial nature of the service and the positive impact it is having on participants.

Influence public policy

Cancer Focus NI's mission is to reduce the risk of people in Northern Ireland getting cancer and improving the well-being and outcomes for people who are diagnosed with the disease. We know that the policies our government sets and the decisions it takes can have far-reaching effects on both cancer incidence and survival rates. For these reasons, influencing public policy is one of our key goals.

Progress in 2022-2023

Healthy public policy sets a supportive environment for all our services and campaigns and has far-reaching impact on cancer trends, services and outcomes. Therefore, we place a priority on engaging with decision makers in our campaigning and advocacy work. We organised a full programme of events for the Assembly's All-Party Group on Cancer (APGC) this year. The charity's role as Secretariat to the APGC allowed us to update MLAs on progress in the development of the Department's new Cancer Strategy and there was an encouraging level of cross-party engagement. Cancer Focus NI facilitated various speakers, clinicians and experts to engage with MLA's and observers via the APGC.

A review of the APGC is currently being undertaken with a desire to set future agenda and influence policy and legislation in the short to medium term.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Fund cancer research

We are very aware that cancer research is vital in expanding our knowledge of the causes of cancer and in developing treatments to secure best outcomes for patients. Since our inception, we have been engaged in funding local cancer research

Progress in 2022-2023

During 2022-2023 we have participated in, or funded, the following research projects:

- Health Economist Post at Queen's University Belfast. With increasing pressure on health budgets and an increase in the range and costs of treatments, it is essential to evaluate which treatments and interventions are most cost effective.
- Exploiting the Immune Landscape of Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer. This pioneering cancer research project seeks to determine how immunotherapy can more successfully treat pancreatic and oesophageal cancers, cancers which at present are hard to treat and have very low survival rates. Our researchers, led by Dr Richard Turkington, Oncologist and Cancer Researcher at Queen's University, will work to understand why certain types of cancers are resistant to immunotherapy, and identify which drugs can be used to help overcome this resistance so patients will respond positively to the treatment.
- Secondary Breast Cancer Audit was launched in February 2023. The audit is being undertaken by the NI Cancer Registry. Given the lack of published data and established methodology, the NI Cancer Registry will seek to develop a process and methodology to identify prevalent secondary breast cancers in Northern Ireland. Many patients in Northern Ireland feel overlooked because they do not have the same access to specialist interventions, clinical trials and dedicated secondary breast cancer nursing support that patients elsewhere have. With NHS England and Wales already committed to commissioning a clinical audit on secondary breast cancer, this timely audit will help to ensure that those living in Northern Ireland with this devastating prognosis will have their voices heard and needs addressed
- Dr Jim Birnie Fellowship launched during the year to further develop the project led by Dr Richard Turkington. The fellowship has been created in memory of our former Trustee, Dr Jim Birnie following a generous gift from his family. The project will focus on Oesophageal adenocarcinoma (OAC) which is a devastating disease with a poor survival rate, with fewer than 20% of people surviving 5 years after diagnosis. The project will investigate if chemotherapies could be used to boost immune signalling in OAC cells and if standard chemotherapy used in cancer treatment would give an immune response.

Secure funds to sustain development

The majority of our funding comes from the Northern Ireland public and so the success of our organisational strategy rests heavily on our capacity to raise sufficient funds to sustain current and future initiatives. Austerity, the reduction in government funding to the charity sector and increasing competition for voluntary funds have together created substantial pressures for charities who depend on donations from the public

Progress in 2022-2023

The Retail Team reported a strong performance during the financial year in terms of income and profitability boosted by a renewed focus on furniture sales, online trading and gift aid receipts. Retail exceeded £1m in revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 62% on prior year.

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The retail estate portfolio has also been formally reviewed and in the reporting period led to the relocation of our Lisburn shop with notice being served and lease terminated on a unit which was increasingly not economically viable. As part of the new strategic plan a number of new retail initiatives are also planned with the first of these being identified for Enniskillen.

The Fundraising Team reported a positive position at the end of the financial year, rebuilding the team in a post pandemic environment. Fundraising brought in £1.7m revenue in the 2022/23 financial year, this represented a growth of 47% on prior year.

The reporting period including a string performance for our portfolio of outdoor fundraising events including a number of highlights:

- The Fun Run of the Glens (FROG) organised on behalf of Cancer Focus NI had record participants of 700 people.
- Our partnership with the Belfast City Marathon formally came to a conclusion with over 900 runners taking part and a further 200 participating in the Belfast City Half Marathon.
- Other regular events such as our signature Mourne Seven Summits, Pink Run and Dare to Dip amongst many other events generated strong interest and income for the organisation.

It is clear that demand has returned for these events after depressed activity levels in previous years due to the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was also a positive year for our Corporate fundraising with new partnerships developed with Barclays Communications, Derry Transport, Topglass as well as extending our Dale Farm partnership for an additional 2 years.

Our local community fundraising groups continue to support by hosting a number of community events, collections and initiatives right across Northern Ireland. The articulation and involvement of the groups in the new organisational strategy has encouraged and provided some stimulus for the active groups to continue with their programme of activities in support of resourcing the strategy in the years ahead.

The Communications and Marketing team has been enhanced and refreshed and influential in delivering a first-class organisational strategy launch. Some other activity highlights include:

29,000 people being reached with our 'Spirit of Christmas' campaign including 6,000 visits to the Spirit of Christmas webpage;

Excellent coverage of the launch of Cancer Focus NI funding Northern Ireland's first ever Secondary Breast Cancer Audit;

Various important health improvement and cancer prevention campaigns including producing high quality communications material for No Smoking Month.

Strategically, fundraising and communications capacity within the organisation is intentionally building back to pre-pandemic levels with intentional investment taking place in certain areas such as focusing on more regional fundraising aligned with the new organisational strategy, some new work being undertaken on major gift fundraising and increasing capacity in corporate and events teams.

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Financial review

During the period, the charity has a surplus net of costs of £64,568 (2022: £294,544) from the general public and other sources through our fundraising activities. The total funds of the charity were £3,249,983 (2022: £3,185,415). Of these total funds £594,137 (2022: £497,525) was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes of the charity at the end of the financial period.

Investment Policy

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit within our Ethical Investment Policy. The Treasurer is responsible for liaising with the Investment Managers and reporting to the Board at each meeting.

Reserves Policy

The charity has free reserves of £1,081,276 (2022:£1,256,067) which represents 4 months (2022:5.5 months) of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities. The Directors have updated its organisational policy to ensure that approximately 6 months operating costs are maintained.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund the programmes it is supporting and to meet any emergencies that may arise.

Plans for future periods

A new organisational strategy (2023-2027) was launched in June 2023 as detailed below.

At its core, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's future strategy is to create spaces and environments that radiate a sense of sanctuary and welcome.

We envisage places of community that those on a cancer journey feel drawn towards and are not intimidated by. Our Support Centres will be strategically placed across Northern Ireland. They will provide flexibility in how people engage, from being able to drop-in and have a coffee with a cancer specialist to availing of more tailored, structured individual or group therapeutic support. Most importantly, we want people to experience and have access to a place of social connection and to have the opportunity to participate in and be part of a community where they feel comfortable and understood.

The look and feel of our Centres will be crucial to how patients and service users will interact with them. They will be thoughtfully and carefully designed to ensure that visitors experience a sense of being apart from the clinical environment of a hospital, or the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important to us that they are close to, but separate from, the places of diagnosis and treatment.

The Centres will offer space and opportunity for relaxation, reflection and solace as well as providing emotional and practical support along with access to information and advice relevant to the needs of each person and their family.

Every visitor who will cross the doorstep of a Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Therapeutic Support Centre will have their own story, their own set of unique fears, hopes and aspirations. We will welcome everyone as they are and where they are, when they take the courageous step to come in. We will be rooted in communities and equipped to embrace and provide the support network required for every person who invites us to join them on their cancer journey.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. To Be Your Local Cancer Voice

Be an effective advocate, operating in local communities and speaking up for all people with cancer in Northern Ireland.

By 2027 we will:

- Establish a network of bespoke, regional cancer support centres.
- Continue to deliver innovative and creative programmes to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
- Use local knowledge to shape campaign and lobbying efforts and influence effective public policy and practice.
- Be recognised as the local cancer voice in Northern Ireland through leading the All-Party Group for Cancer and participating in other forums.

2. To Prioritise Healthy Living

Increase public awareness of how to reduce the risk of cancer and promote healthier living.

By 2027 we will:

- Embed evidence-based educational and health promotional activities within our network of regional cancer support centres.
- Commit to prioritizing our work in areas of higher social deprivation and intentionally tackling health inequality.
- Develop innovative ways of connecting with marginalized and minority groups with tailored health promotion and educational campaigns.
- Lobby government on actions and policy that can support health promotion initiatives specifically in relation to the prevention of cancer.

3. To Champion Local Research

Fund world-class, innovative cancer research.

By 2027 we will:

- Invest in appropriate research to support the achievement of our mission.
- Fund research on cancers of unmet need.
- Support research into the personal and social outcomes of local people affected by and experiencing cancer.
- Influence the development and implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Northern Ireland and participate in All-Island cancer research initiatives.

4. To Sustain Our Impact

Grow local support for our work and services.

By 2027 we will:

- Grow a diverse funding portfolio to ensure the organisation has the financial base to meet its strategic aims.
- Create multi-purpose retail outlets to complement the cancer support centres.
- Develop and maintain our regional volunteer and supporter base.
- Attract and retain talent to continue to be an employer of choice.
- Communicate our story in compelling and imaginative ways to connect with those who rely on our services and our supporters.
- Ensure that Cancer Focus NI is legally compliant in all areas of its operations striving for best practice in governance at Board level and throughout the organisation.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 13 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Professor Mark Lawler (Vice Chairman)
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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;
- 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.

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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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has 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 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.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether management were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team including significant component audit teams and relevant internal specialists, including tax and valuations specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in operation, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included ongoing compliance with the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental for their ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
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13 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Year to 31 Mar 23			Period from
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	1,679,825	13,188	1,693,013	1,154,332
Charitable activities	6	130,794	998,809	1,129,603	611,886
Other trading activities	7	1,161,330	–	1,161,330	713,000
Investment income	8	28,812	–	28,812	24,919
Other income	9	800	49,915	50,715	65,369
Total income		<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>4,063,473</u>	<u>2,569,506</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	828,709	–	828,709	476,162
Costs of other trading activities	11	966,391	–	966,391	610,389
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>
Total expenditure		<u>2,999,440</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>3,961,747</u>	<u>2,263,181</u>
Net losses on investments	15	(37,158)	–	(37,158)	(11,781)
Net income		<u>(35,037)</u>	<u>99,605</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Transfers between funds		2,993	(2,993)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(32,044)</u>	<u>96,612</u>	<u>64,568</u>	<u>294,544</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>497,525</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>	<u>2,890,871</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>594,137</u>	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 24 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed asset held for sale	20	1,179,796	-
Tangible fixed assets	21	144,774	1,431,823
Investments	22	734,796	752,222
		<u>2,059,366</u>	<u>2,184,045</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	23	200,931	125,713
Cash at bank and in hand		1,345,054	1,345,209
		<u>1,545,985</u>	<u>1,470,922</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	24	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,277,041</u>	<u>1,134,389</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,336,407</u>	<u>3,318,434</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	25	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>
Net assets		<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		594,137	497,525
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		85,159	85,159
Other unrestricted income funds		2,570,687	2,602,731
Total unrestricted funds		<u>2,655,846</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>
Total charity funds	28	<u>3,249,983</u>	<u>3,185,415</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Boyd Carson FCA (Honorary Treasurer and
Chairman, Finance and Policy Committee)
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	64,568	294,544
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Net losses on investments	(3,736)	23,562
Other interest receivable and similar income	(28,812)	(24,919)
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	–	3,590
Accrued (income)/expenses	(90,151)	73,299
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(39,589)	(51,350)
Trade and other creditors	(24,705)	(134,632)
Cash generated from operations	(7,874)	249,753
Interest received	28,812	24,919
Net cash from operating activities	<u>20,938</u>	<u>274,672</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(11,356)	(41,590)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	4,058	–
Proceeds from sale of heritage assets	–	(3,590)
Purchases of other investments	(731,014)	(87,137)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	752,176	51,044
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>13,864</u>	<u>(81,273)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(34,957)	(27,018)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(34,957)</u>	<u>(27,018)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(155)	166,381
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,345,209</u>	<u>1,178,828</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,345,054</u>	<u>1,345,209</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 40 - 44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT9 6DX, Northern Ireland.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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 charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- 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 cost 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.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
 - 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 includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. 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.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

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.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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4. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	37,445	–	37,445
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,190	–	49,190
Give as you earn	159,610	–	159,610
Other income	15,620	–	15,620
Committed Giving	147,707	–	147,707
Fundraising events	931,827	–	931,827
Major Donor	–	13,188	13,188
Legacies			
Legacies	338,426	–	338,426
	<u>1,679,825</u>	<u>13,188</u>	<u>1,693,013</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Subscriptions in memoriam	33,274	–	33,274
Direct mail appeal/collection boxes	49,632	–	49,632
Give as you earn	119,452	–	119,452
Other income	9,450	–	9,450
Committed Giving	95,033	–	95,033
Fundraising events	549,019	–	549,019
Major Donor	–	90,000	90,000
Legacies			
Legacies	208,472	–	208,472
	<u>1,064,332</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,154,332</u>

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Provision for care services	34,604	540,422	575,026
Cancer prevention programmes	96,190	458,387	554,577
	<u>130,794</u>	<u>998,809</u>	<u>1,129,603</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Provision for care services	11,946	287,096	299,042
Cancer prevention programmes	49,112	263,732	312,844
	<u>61,058</u>	<u>550,828</u>	<u>611,886</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shop income	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>1,161,330</u>	<u>713,000</u>	<u>713,000</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest	5,434	5,434	282	282
Dividend income	<u>23,378</u>	<u>23,378</u>	<u>24,637</u>	<u>24,637</u>
	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>24,919</u>	<u>24,919</u>

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9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Furlough	—	—	—
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	—	—	—
Grants/Trusts	800	—	800
Refund	—	—	—
	<u>800</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>50,715</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Furlough	5,250	—	5,250
Dormant Accounts Fund NI	—	49,915	49,915
Sale of Assets	6,000	—	6,000
Grants/Trusts	1,750	—	1,750
Refund	2,454	—	2,454
	<u>15,454</u>	<u>49,915</u>	<u>65,369</u>

10. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>828,709</u>	<u>828,709</u>	<u>476,162</u>	<u>476,162</u>

11. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>966,391</u>	<u>966,391</u>	<u>610,389</u>	<u>610,389</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	121,729	30,000	151,729
Provision of patient care services	170,378	436,657	607,035
Cancer Prevention Programmes	422,832	405,344	828,176
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	–	26,268
Support costs	463,133	90,306	553,439
	<u>1,204,340</u>	<u>962,307</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	70,835	–	70,835
Provision of patient care services	142,285	201,337	343,622
Cancer Prevention Programmes	160,115	231,479	391,594
Policy and Public Affairs	36,900	–	36,900
Support costs	333,679	–	333,679
	<u>743,814</u>	<u>432,816</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

13. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Cancer research and scientific activities	151,729	5,665	157,394	74,519
Provision of patient care services	607,035	195,307	802,342	470,702
Cancer Prevention Programmes	828,176	195,307	1,023,483	518,673
Policy and Public Affairs	26,268	84,916	111,184	92,153
Governance costs	–	72,244	72,244	20,583
	<u>1,613,208</u>	<u>553,439</u>	<u>2,166,647</u>	<u>1,176,630</u>

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14. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs in charitable activities	Analysis of support costs in costs of raising funds	Analysis of support costs in costs of trading activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	288,411	25,448	25,448	339,307	179,505
Premises	103,460	9,128	9,128	121,716	74,000
Communications and IT	40,585	3,581	3,581	47,747	42,462
General office	42,533	3,752	3,752	50,037	68,038
Human resources	6,206	548	548	7,302	4,343
Governance costs	72,244	-	-	72,244	20,583
	<u>553,439</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>42,457</u>	<u>638,353</u>	<u>388,931</u>

15. Net losses on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Losses on listed investments	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>

16. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	114,551	65,659
Loss on disposal of heritage assets	3,008	3,590
Operating lease rentals	8,983	-
Foreign exchange differences	4,058	101
	<u>130,599</u>	<u>70,349</u>

17. Auditors remuneration

	Year to 31 Mar 23	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,408</u>	<u>9,600</u>

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18. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Year to 31 Mar 23	Period from 1 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,000,378	1,206,255
Social security costs	168,095	97,535
Employer contributions to pension plans	101,848	47,020
	<u>2,270,321</u>	<u>1,350,810</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 99 (2022: 93).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	–	1
£70,000 to £79,999	1	–
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The compensation paid to key management for employee services during the year totalled £351,648 (2022: £197,697).

19. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees did not receive remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2022: £Nil)

20. Fixed asset held for sale

	Asset held for sale
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	–
Additions	–
Transfers	1,808,233
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,808,233</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	–
Transfers	592,273
Charge for the year	36,164
At 31 March 2023	<u>628,437</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,179,796</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>–</u>

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21. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	1,808,233	941,897	159,079	2,909,209
Additions	-	11,356	-	11,356
Disposals	-	(77,345)	(48,023)	(125,368)
Transfers	(1,808,233)			(1,808,233)
At 31 March 2023	-	875,908	111,056	986,964
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	592,273	764,728	120,385	1,477,386
Charge for the year	-	69,901	8,486	78,387
Disposals	-	(73,287)	(48,023)	(121,310)
Transfers	(592,273)			(592,273)
At 31 March 2023	-	761,342	80,848	842,190
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	-	114,566	30,208	144,774
At 31 March 2022	1,215,960	177,169	38,694	1,431,823

22. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	752,176	46	752,222
Additions	731,014	-	731,014
Disposals	(752,176)	-	(752,176)
Fair value movements	3,736	-	3,736
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
Impairment			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023		-	-
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	734,750	46	734,796
At 31 March 2022	752,176	46	752,222

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

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22. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

Long-term investments which include UK Government stocks of £46 (2022: £46) and equity investments £734,750 (2022: £752,176) are held within the United Kingdom and exist primarily to provide an investment return for the charity. At the end of each investment term the monies received are expected to be reimbursed in further investment opportunities for the benefit of the charity.

23. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	81,563	21,164
Prepayments and accrued income	113,859	78,230
Other debtors	5,509	26,319
	<u>200,931</u>	<u>125,713</u>

24. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	41,032	29,394
Trade creditors	66,280	56,720
Accruals and deferred income	144,924	199,446
Social security and other taxes	7,012	38,598
Other creditors	9,696	12,375
	<u>268,944</u>	<u>336,533</u>

25. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>86,424</u>	<u>133,019</u>

26. Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 Apr 22	78,487	–
Amount released to income	(78,487)	–
Amount deferred in year	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>
At 31 Mar 23	<u>29,091</u>	<u>78,487</u>

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27. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £98,448 (2022: £45,404).

28. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	2,602,731	3,001,561	(2,999,440)	(247,007)	(37,158)	2,320,687
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
	<u>2,687,890</u>	<u>3,001,561</u>	<u>(2,999,440)</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>(37,158)</u>	<u>2,655,846</u>

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
General funds	2,441,348	1,878,763	(1,830,365)	124,766	(11,781)	2,602,731
Revaluation reserve	85,159	—	—	—	—	85,159
Designated Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>2,526,507</u>	<u>1,878,763</u>	<u>(1,830,365)</u>	<u>124,766</u>	<u>(11,781)</u>	<u>2,687,890</u>

The Trustees have set aside £250,000 to a designated fund for the Enniskillen Centre in the 2022/23 year.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	8,144	55,450	(56,892)	–	–	6,702
PHA Care in the Sun	35,000	67,978	(79,357)	–	–	23,621
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	50,000	251,746	(256,908)	–	–	44,838
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	29,117	(24,921)	(4,196)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,711	(10,191)	3,480	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	7,775	(4,369)	(3,406)	–	–
Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	–	6,334	(7,463)	1,129	–	–
The Big Lottery Next Steps	98,062	123,032	(96,971)	–	–	124,123
PHA Training	4,000	10,700	(7,837)	–	–	6,863
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	100,000	13,188	(30,000)	–	–	83,188
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,114	–	(4,200)	–	–	(1,086)

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Black Santa	–	–	–	–	–	–
Moy Park	–	–	–	–	–	–
Department of Health	85,885	282,510	(264,110)	–	–	104,285
Family Support - Community Fund	21,063	–	(2,094)	–	–	18,969
Hospital Saturday Fund	2,342	–	(628)	–	–	1,714
Elevate Programme	5,000	–	–	–	–	5,000
Support Your Girls	35,000	–	(16,625)	–	–	18,375
Dormant Funds NI	49,915	49,915	(90,306)	–	–	9,524
DOH Enniskillen	–	104,656	–	–	–	104,656
MSD Pharma	–	36,350	(4,350)	–	–	32,000
Southern Board Additional Funds	–	16,450	(5,085)	–	–	11,365
	<u>497,525</u>	<u>1,061,912</u>	<u>(962,307)</u>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>594,137</u>

Transfers have taken place in the year which relate to income received due to Counselling Services, as all conditions have been met and services have been delivered during the year, the remaining balance has been transferred to unrestricted reserves.

	At 1 Aug 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
PHA						
Smokebusters	22,975	19,610	(16,882)	(17,559)	–	8,144
PHA Care in the Sun	31,521	70,998	(49,121)	(18,398)	–	35,000
PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service	150,961	162,434	(156,478)	(106,917)	–	50,000
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service	12,618	18,617	(21,059)	(10,176)	–	–
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	2,992	4,304	(5,135)	(2,161)	–	–
Northern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	3,530	5,183	(3,931)	(4,782)	–	–

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service	5,492	4,222	(6,343)	(3,371)	–	–
The Big Lottery	–	–	–	–	–	–
Next Steps	95,734	90,443	(88,115)	–	–	98,062
PHA Training	3,707	10,700	(6,005)	(4,402)	–	4,000
James Birnie Will Charitable Trust	10,000	90,000	–	–	–	100,000
Bristol Myers Squibb	3,403	–	(3,403)	–	–	–
Black Santa	10,000	–	(6,886)	–	–	3,114
Moy Park	725	–	(725)	–	–	–
Department of Health	10,706	–	(10,706)	–	–	–
Family Support - Community Fund	–	141,255	(55,370)	–	–	85,885
Hospital Saturday Fund	–	23,062	(1,999)	–	–	21,063
Elevate Programme	–	–	(658)	3,000	–	2,342
Support Your Girls	–	–	–	5,000	–	5,000
Dormant Funds NI	–	–	–	35,000	–	35,000
DOH Enniskillen	–	49,915	–	–	–	49,915
MSD Pharma	–	–	–	–	–	–
Southern Board	–	–	–	–	–	–
Additional Funds	–	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>364,364</u>	<u>690,743</u>	<u>(432,816)</u>	<u>(124,766)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>497,525</u>

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

PHA Smokebusters

Smokebusters is a club for 9-11 year olds where every primary school in Northern Ireland is invited to enrol their primary six/seven class. Each student and teacher receives educational information and other resources about smoking and its harmful effects.

PHA Care in the Sun

This project was developed to make people more aware of the dangers of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Money is used to fund an educational campaign through leaflets, training, advertising and the development of a website.

PHA Belfast & South Eastern Central Cessation Service

This project offers smoking cessation advice and support to smokers in disadvantaged communities, workplaces and youth settings within PHA Belfast & South Eastern areas.

PHA Training

This project provides on line and face to face training on the topic of Stop Smoking. This was developed and provided over a three year period and has been extended into two further years until 2022.

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 28 hours per week counselling in the Belfast Trust Area.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Lagan Valley Area.

Northern Health & Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Antrim Area Hospital.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Counselling Service This contract provides an additional 7 hours per week counselling in the Southern Trust area.

The Big Lottery Next steps

The Next Steps Family Support Service funded by The Big Lottery. The funding received under the Empowering Young People Grant has enabled the existing family support service to expand. Two new family support workers have been employed increasing the geographic reach of the project. The work will also allow the expansion of existing bereavement support nights, writing for the future work and the creation of additional services such as a Young Peoples parliament and empowerment activity days.

Probation Board Northern Ireland

This was a bespoke service which delivered a Healthy Lifestyle Programme for offenders resident in PBNi approved premises in various locations across Northern Ireland. The programme complemented the work that Probation Officers and hostel staff are undertaking with the hostel residents in preparing them for a move to independent living

Elevate Programme Grant awarded to build capacity around addressing health inequalities in organisations. This includes training for staff on health inequalities, team building, capacity building and undertaking a scoping exercise with staff and service users to enhance organisational strengths in this area.

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28. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Hospital Saturday Fund

Grant awarded to recruit sessional art therapists to widen the scope of art therapy provision offered by Cancer Focus in Northern Ireland.

Will Charitable Trust

Grant awarded to provide funds for sessional counsellors and provide training and professional development opportunities for the counselling team staff.

One of our former trustees

Donation received from one of our Trustees. This will be used to fund cancer research.

29. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,570	–	1,324,570
Investments	734,796	–	734,796
Current assets	951,848	594,137	1,545,985
Creditors less than 1 year	(355,368)	–	(355,368)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net assets	2,655,846	594,137	3,249,983

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,431,823	–	1,431,823
Investments	752,222	–	752,222
Current assets	973,397	497,525	1,470,922
Creditors less than 1 year	(336,533)	–	(336,533)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(133,019)	–	(133,019)
Net assets	2,687,890	497,525	3,185,415

30. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

31. Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability exists to repay grants and Trust monies received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity. In the opinion of the Trustees, the terms of the Letters of Offers have been, or will be, complied with and no liability is expected.

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32. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2022	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,345,209	(155)	1,345,054
Debt due within one year	(29,394)	(11,638)	(41,032)
Debt due after one year	(133,019)	46,595	(86,424)
	<u>1,182,796</u>	<u>34,802</u>	<u>1,217,598</u>

33. Property Commitments

	Property 2023	Property 2022
	£	£
The charity has annual commitments under operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	-	49,600
In more than one year, but not more than five years	171,754	61,150
After five years	60,740	130,644
Total	<u>232,494</u>	<u>241,394</u>

34. Grant Commitments

The Charity have grant commitments of £151,191 (2022: £190,007) which relate to future grant payments which will be made when the recipient has fulfilled the grant conditions.

