

Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105248

Details

Status Received

Company number [64504](#)

Registered 2016-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Company is established to advance education, relieve sickness, assist vulnerable people such as those with disability and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among the inhabitants of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their environs in the Derry area and the Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter called “the area of benefit”) without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education about health issues and in particular to: a) promote healthy living and encourage the general public in the area of benefit to live a healthier life for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit; b) provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of amateur sport, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Arts, Community development, Counselling/support, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Victim support, Voluntary and community

sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£678,688	£671,219	£-64,697	16

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dermot O'hara		
John Mullan		
Laura Webb		
Liam Hegarty		
Mr Caomhan Logue		
Mr Liam Quigley		
Mrs Ann Mcduff		
Mrs Maureen Collins		

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Accounts

Charity number: NIC105248/ XT1867

Company number: NI064504

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Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum
Charity Number	NIC105248 / XT1867
Company Registration Number	NI064504
Registered Office and Operational Address	Foyle Valley Railway Museum Foyle Road Derry BT48 6SQ

Directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Ann McDuff
Maureen Collins
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Caomhan Logue
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty

Secretary	Brid Coyle
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Auditors	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Accountants and Registered Auditors 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
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Bankers	AIB (NI) Meadowbank Derry BT48 7TN
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Solicitors	MacDermott, McGurk & Partners 12 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ET
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The Board of Directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review is to improve the health & well being of the Bogside and Brandywell community.

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Charity Number	XT1867
Charity Commission Number	NIC105248

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ann McDuff
Maureen Collins
Caomhan Logue
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty

Company Secretary

Brid Coyle

Management Team

Mary Breslin	General Manager
Aisling Hutton	Health Programme Manager

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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Purposes and Aims

The Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum exists to advance education, relieve sickness, support vulnerable individuals-such as those with disabilities or the elderly-and promote the preservation and protection of health among the residents of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their surrounding communities, and the wider Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter referred to as "the area of benefit").

Our work is inclusive, without distinction based on age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political belief, or religious opinion. We achieve our aims by collaborating with statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and local residents. Our main objectives include:

- a) Promoting Healthy Living - Encouraging the local population to adopt healthier lifestyles for their long-term benefit.
- b) Improving Educational Facilities - Providing or supporting access to facilities that enhance educational opportunities and improve quality of life for local residents.

Our Activities

All our charitable activities are designed to promote education and preventative approaches to healthy living. They are delivered solely to advance our charitable purposes and ensure public benefit. The following outlines our main programmes and target groups:

Health Forum Programmes

We deliver a wide range of healthy living services to residents in the Bogside and Brandywell area, the Triax Neighbourhood Renewal area, and more broadly across Northern Ireland. In partnership with schools, businesses, and local communities, we offer health checks, Open College Network (OCN) qualifications, and health fairs. These initiatives address health inequalities and empower individuals through health literacy and informed decision-making. Key health issues we tackle include:

- * Sedentary lifestyles
- * Nutrition and diet
- * Mental health
- * Smoking

Older People and Adult Services

We coordinate a variety of activities to support older people and adults, including:

- Loving Life Living Longer (50+ project) in partnership with the Old Library Trust
- Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project
- Active Citizenship programmes
- Older people's clubs and other social groups
- Nutrition programmes and initiatives.

These initiatives are designed to build resilience, reduce social isolation, and mitigate health risks among older adults.

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Mental Health Initiatives

We provide frontline community mental health support for individuals of all ages. This includes:

- One-to-one therapeutic interventions
- Small group emotional wellbeing programmes
- Mental health awareness events
- Training and educational sessions

Our Communities in Transition project, delivered with the Old Library Trust, specifically supports individuals affected by alcohol-related issues. Funded by the Executive Office, it has been extended for another two years.

Health Forum Services (HFS) plays a key role in supporting the sustainability of our work. HFS delivers a range of training programmes and health checks to both businesses and the wider community, helping us remain aligned with our ethos and core values.

This area of work has grown significantly, and in 2024/25, the income generated through HFS has successfully funded two full-time positions and one part-time role within the organisation. As traditional funding becomes increasingly difficult to secure, we are committed to further developing this model as a best practice approach to sustainability. It not only reduces our reliance on external funding but also strengthens our capacity to deliver meaningful, community-based health initiatives.

Our Achievements

In 2024-2025, we are proud to be collaborating with the Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT) to support the integration of newly arrived and emerging communities from Syria, Sudan, and other conflict-affected regions. As part of this initiative, we are delivering a range of health and wellbeing projects tailored to the specific needs of these communities.

This work represents a significant achievement for the Health Forum, as it reflects our commitment to inclusivity, equality, and community cohesion. Many individuals from these backgrounds face complex challenges, including trauma, cultural and language barriers, and limited access to healthcare. By offering culturally sensitive health education, emotional support, and accessible services, we are helping to build trust, improve health outcomes, and promote a sense of belonging within our wider community.

This partnership not only strengthens our ties with statutory bodies like the WHSCT but also demonstrates the adaptability and reach of our services. Supporting the integration of displaced and vulnerable populations reinforces our ethos of promoting health for all, regardless of background or circumstance.

Our programmes play a vital role in reducing pressure on the NHS and statutory services by promoting early intervention, preventative care, and healthier lifestyle choices within the community. By addressing health and wellbeing at a grassroots level, we help individuals take greater ownership of their health, which in turn eases the burden on overstretched public services.

In addition to improving individual health outcomes, our initiatives also work to strengthen community connections, reduce social isolation, and foster a greater sense of resilience and belonging.

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To ensure we are delivering meaningful impact, we use validated monitoring and evaluation tools to measure the effectiveness of our programmes. These tools allow us to track measurable improvements in participants' physical and mental wellbeing, as well as their overall quality of life. This evidence-based approach not only informs our ongoing work but also reinforces our accountability to funders, partners, and the wider community.

Beneficiaries

We provide health improvement services to all members of the community, delivered in multiple venues to maximize accessibility. We also work in collaboration with:

- Primary and post-primary schools
- Local businesses
- Community and voluntary organisations
- GP practices and statutory agencies

While most of our services are provided free of charge, a nominal fee may apply to some programmes, this is part of the social enterprise element of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum.

Ensuring Our Purpose is Beneficial and Not Harmful

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work closely with statutory partners and funders to ensure that the benefits of our programmes clearly outweigh any potential risks. All our activities are evidence-based and evaluated using validated tools to measure the impact on participants' health and wellbeing.

Monitoring and Reviewing Our Impact

We conduct an annual review of our aims, objectives, and activities to assess their effectiveness and relevance. This includes evaluating the outcomes and impacts of each health initiative, ensuring alignment with our charitable purposes. In planning and reviewing our activities, we adhere to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Our directors consider how each planned activity will contribute to our overarching aims.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our Finance and Employment Sub-Group continues to monitor and strengthen our financial management processes. In the past year, we updated key policies-including those on redundancy and financial reserves-to better safeguard the organisation. The Health Forum remains proactive in identifying and securing new funding opportunities to ensure the sustainability of our programmes and services.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the Health Forum are currently by way of grant aid and contracts with a range of external bodies. The principal funders are Public Health Agency, National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), Western Health & Social Care Trust, Department for Communities, Urban Villages (TEO) and a variety of other small funders and income generation.

Reserves Status

Overall reserves for the financial year amounted to £274,154. Reserves for the year are split £258,806 unrestricted and £15,348 restricted reserves.

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The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should represent up to six months of the expenditure and provide for redundancy for all staff in the event of a gap or withdrawal of funding, this would total £125,000 (see note 12). The remainder of unrestricted reserves would be used for other programmes and salaries that may be a risk in future financial periods.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirement of the charity and the Board are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding for three months.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Following a series of strategic discussions between representatives of both charities, the Boards of the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum and the Old Library Trust have agreed that the preferred course of action is to merge the two organisations. The newly formed entity will be a charitable company limited by guarantee.

The first Board of the merged organisation will comprise equal representation from both the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum and the Old Library Trust. For a minimum period of two years from the date of completion, two Co-Chairs will jointly lead the Board- one from each of the original organisations. The proposed date for the merger to be complete is November 2025. Up until that date, either organisation reserves the right to withdraw from the process if significant concerns arise.

Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum remains committed to strengthening its capacity to deliver and innovate health improvement within its immediate target area. This may involve securing additional funding through grants or contracts with external bodies to support continued development and impact.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will continue to work with funders and grant makers to promote health improvement through partnerships in the area of benefit.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project - The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) provides support to 6 locations: Limavady, Strabane, four areas within Derry: Outer West, Outer North, Triax, Waterside with the overall aim to improve community health and wellbeing.

Loving Life, Living Longer Project - The aim of this cross-community partner health project is to adopt the five steps to wellbeing approach to provide a range of support and inclusion interventions and services to older residents' post COVID and during the increasing cost of living crisis. The project will address the complexities and impact of health inequalities for older residents living in the target TRIAX Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The provision will enhance community capacity and co-create a local steering/working group to ensure we are achieving an informed and impactful project.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee (Board of Directors)

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

A number of Directors will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Directors Induction and Training

Directors are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in a range of activities and events over several years. New directors receive a full induction. There is also a Staff Induction pack which is useful in terms of providing a good grounding in the management structure and working parts of the organisation.

Risk Assessment and Management

The Board of Directors are duty-bound to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

Internal Financial Risks are already minimised by the authorisation of all transactions for project expenditure. All financial matters are scrutinised by the Finance and Employment Sub Group on a regular basis, minutes are taken of the proceedings and relayed to the Board of Directors. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and service users.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has a Board of nine Directors who meet at least six times a year to receive Progress Reports from the General Manager relative to the various projects. The Board alternated its meetings between Project Progress meetings and Corporate meeting to ensure a healthy balance between progress on operational matters and building the corporate strength of the organisation.

The Board are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction and policies of the Charity. At present there are nine Directors on the Board from a range of backgrounds.

In an effort to maintain a good skills mix, directors are requested to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. Membership of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis by an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

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A system of delegation is in place whereby day to day responsibility for the strategic and full operational development of the charity rests with the General Manager who in turn provides line management to all project managers employed by the Health Forum. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the projects and services specified and that key performance indicators are met through a continuous system of personal action plans, line management, managers meetings, staff meetings and annual appraisal.

Employment and Finance Sub Group

The Charity has established an Employment and Finance Sub Group in order to deal with and provide focus to the charity's corporate responsibility in relation to all financial and relevant employment matters on a timely basis. The Sub Group meets around 6 times per year and one member of the Sub Group reports to each meeting of the Board of Directors. The General Manager and Office Manager also attend all meetings as requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The trustees (who are also directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis
4. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
5. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee (Board of Directors)

Members of the Board, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

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- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware;
and
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

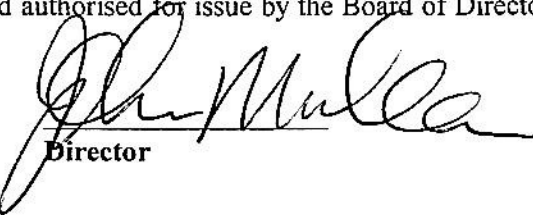
Small Company Provisions

The report has been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements are approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 8 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Director



Director

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Independent Auditor's Report to the directors of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its incoming resources and expenditure of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover 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.

Opinion 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 directors' annual report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' annual report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud;

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud lies with management and the board of directors of the charitable company.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

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, sector and the specific control environment which it operates in;
- the charities own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur, either as a result of fraud or error;
- representations and results from our enquiries with management and the board of directors regarding their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- enquiries of management relating to accounting estimates measurements, recognition criteria and justification of such amounts;
- any matters we have identified having obtained and reviewed the charities policies and procedures relating to;
 - * identifying and assessing if laws and regulations are compliant and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - * detection and response to the risk of fraud and whether they are aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud instances;

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* the internal controls designed to mitigate risks or fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations, and to minimise risk of management overrides of such controls.

- all matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud could occur and the potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The audit included assessing the procedures and evaluating the measurement of estimations. 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 required an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Audit responses to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures, testing the relevant documentation to assess compliance with the significant laws and regulations - those described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring with management and obtaining third party confirmation from the charitable company's solicitors regarding any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of board and management meetings, examine forecasting material in line with actual performance, identifying any potential fraud indicators or instances;
- reviewing Companies House and Charity Commission Northern Ireland correspondence, identify any late submissions or omissions of mandatory information;
- review correspondence with HMRC, identifying non compliance of specific information to be disclosed;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of data entries and adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charities objectives.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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.

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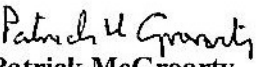
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 charitable company'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 the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company 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.


Patrick McGroarty
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
McGroarty McCafferty & Company
Statutory Auditor

2 Carlisle Terrace
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Date: 8 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income and Expenditure	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Grants & Sundry Income	2.	134,554	544,134	678,688	1,207,555
Total Incoming Resources		<u>134,554</u>	<u>544,134</u>	<u>678,688</u>	<u>1,207,555</u>
Resources Expended					
Management & Administration	3.	127,446	538,733	666,179	1,159,840
Governance costs	4.	-	5,040	5,040	5,040
Total Resources Expended		<u>127,446</u>	<u>543,773</u>	<u>671,219</u>	<u>1,164,880</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		7,108	361	7,469	42,675
Balances brought forward 1 April 2024		<u>251,698</u>	<u>14,987</u>	<u>266,685</u>	<u>224,010</u>
		258,806	15,348	274,154	266,685
Transfer of funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balances carried forward 31 March 2025	12.	<u>258,806</u>	<u>15,348</u>	<u>274,154</u>	<u>266,685</u>

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

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

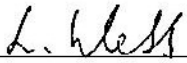
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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

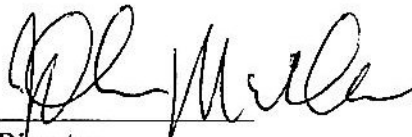
		2025		2024	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7.		11,212		14,811
Current assets					
Debtors	8.	62,626		108,985	
Cash at bank and in hand		265,013		249,175	
		<u>327,639</u>		<u>358,160</u>	
Current liabilities					
Bank loans and overdrafts		1,050		425	
Other creditors		56,448		94,073	
Accruals		7,199		11,788	
	9.	<u>64,697</u>		<u>106,286</u>	
Net current assets			<u>262,942</u>		<u>251,874</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	11.		<u>274,154</u>		<u>266,685</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			258,806		251,698
Restricted funds			15,348		14,987
Total funds	12.		<u>274,154</u>		<u>266,685</u>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 8 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Director



Director

Company Number: NI064504

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Statement of Cash flows
as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year		7,469	42,675
Depreciation and impairment		4,073	4,368
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors		46,359	131,857
(Decrease) / increase in creditors		(41,589)	(141,255)
Net cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities		<u>16,312</u>	<u>37,645</u>
Capital expenditure	7.	(474)	(869)
Increase in cash in the year		<u>15,838</u>	<u>36,776</u>
 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase/ (decrease) in cash in the year		15,838	36,776
Net funds at 1 April 2024		<u>249,175</u>	<u>212,399</u>
Net funds at 31 March 2025	13.	<u>265,013</u>	<u>249,175</u>

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1. Accounting policies

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Foyle Valley Railway Museum, Foyle Road, Derry, BT48 6SQ. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland with effect from 10 May 2016.

1.1. Accounting convention

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (SORP 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of appeal.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment	-	15% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line

1.6. Debtors & creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.7. Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are stated at cost at the financial year end.

1.8. Taxation

The company is a charity and is recognised as such by HM Revenue & Customs. As a result, there is no liability to taxation on any of its income.

1.9. Pension costs

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.10. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, bank overdrafts and bank loans. Bank overdrafts and loans are shown within current and long term liabilities.

1.11. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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1.12. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

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2. Income	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Restricted Income</u>		
Positive Aging Grant	14,373	15,784
Public Health Agency	101,570	126,108
DFC - FACT	92,159	54,917
TEO - Urban Villages	5,598	87,526
WHSCT NHIP	35,687	38,201
Active Citizenship	2,501	2,501
Honourable Irish	2,355	-
Save the Children	2,813	1,588
Oak HLC	2,562	11,903
Arts Council NI	-	8,000
NLCF - Love Living, Live Longer	116,900	98,400
NLCF - Dormant funds	30,625	23,844
NLCF - Social Prescribing	-	109,741
Developing Health Communities - NHIP	8,215	10,083
DHC - Menopause Matters	3,530	-
Community Foundation NI	19,360	213,741
Communities in Transition - OLT	32,441	41,319
WNP - Consensual Grant	15,997	-
NI Housing Executive	-	11,315
Derry City & Strabane District Council	7,660	1,059
TNL - FACT	1,586	101,848
ARC Rethink NI	-	13,741
Rank Foundation	21,234	33,659
Danny Quigley Fund	26,968	24,339
	<u>544,134</u>	<u>1,029,617</u>
<u>Unrestricted Income</u>		
Project & Administration Income	130,950	177,938
Donations & Fundraising	3,604	-
	<u>678,688</u>	<u>1,207,555</u>

(i) Restricted Funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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3.1. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Wages & salaries	68,631	272,433	341,064	559,017
Staff healthcare	730	781	1,511	1,027
Staff training	228	3,410	3,638	8,146
Staff pension costs	-	17,240	17,240	28,134
Programme & specialists services costs	25,850	147,517	173,367	381,055
Partner costs	-	54,929	54,929	38,827
Rent	4,347	20,625	24,972	44,298
Marketing	2,063	2,127	4,190	5,673
Repairs & maintenance	850	367	1,217	4,333
IT Support and computer costs	1,610	156	1,766	1,652
Telephone & internet	990	3,130	4,120	11,485
Photocopying & stationery	1,595	2,777	4,372	6,267
Insurance	3,500	3,951	7,451	10,091
Motor & travel expenses	2,009	913	2,922	6,597
Professional fees	5,100	2,275	7,375	34,410
Sundry expenses	35	-	35	1,051
Bank charges	1,293	18	1,311	1,766
Subscriptions	7,684	2,082	9,766	7,043
Bad debts	-	-	-	4,600
Donations	860	-	860	-
Depreciation of equipment	71	4,002	4,073	4,368
	<u>127,446</u>	<u>538,733</u>	<u>666,179</u>	<u>1,159,840</u>

4. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Auditors remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>5,040</u>

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5. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	4,073	4,368
Auditor's remuneration	5,040	5,040
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6. Staff costs

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	341,064	559,017
Staff healthcare costs	1,511	1,027
Pension costs	17,240	28,134
	<u>359,815</u>	<u>588,178</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Average number of employees	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	34,463	9,659	44,122
Additions	474	-	474
At 31 March 2025	<u>34,937</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>44,596</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	19,652	9,659	29,311
Charge for the year	4,073	-	4,073
At 31 March 2025	<u>23,725</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>33,384</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	<u>11,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,212</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>14,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,811</u>

8. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>62,626</u>	<u>108,985</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Credit cards	1,050	425
Other creditors	3,161	4,966
Deferred income (Note 10)	53,287	89,107
Accruals	7,199	11,788
	<u>64,697</u>	<u>106,286</u>

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10. Deferred Income		2025	2024
		£	£
	Balance at 1 April 2024	89,107	113,830
	Additions during the year	508,314	1,004,894
	Amounts released to income	(544,134)	(1,029,617)
	Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>53,287</u>	<u>89,107</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	403	10,809	11,212
Current assets	261,564	66,075	327,639
Current liabilities	(3,161)	(61,536)	(64,697)
	<u>258,806</u>	<u>15,348</u>	<u>274,154</u>

12. Movements in Funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Total restricted funds	14,987	544,134	(543,773)	-	15,348
Unrestricted funds:					
Total unrestricted funds	<u>251,698</u>	<u>134,554</u>	<u>(127,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,806</u>
Total funds	<u>266,685</u>	<u>678,688</u>	<u>(671,219)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,154</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted reserves total £258,806, the company aims to generate six months operational costs which in the event the organisation has a gap in funding in the future. The company estimates that £125,000 would be adequate reserves to cover such costs.

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13. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>265,013</u>	<u>249,175</u>

14. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions in the period under review.

15. Limited by Guarantee

The Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

16. Controlling interest

The ultimate control of the company rests with the board of directors.

17. Post Balance Sheet events

No significant events have taken place since the year end that would result in adjustments to 2025 financial information or inclusion of a note thereto.

Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105248

Accounts

Charity number: NIC105248/ XT1867
Company number: NI064504

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Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum
Charity Number	NIC105248 / XT1867
Company Registration Number	NI064504
Registered Office and Operational Address	Foyle Valley Railway Museum Foyle Road Derry BT48 6SQ

Directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Caomhan Logue
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty (Appointed 8 March 2024)

Secretary	Brid Coyle
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Auditors	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Accountants and Registered Auditors 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
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Bankers	AIB (NI) Meadowbank Derry BT48 7TN
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Solicitors	MacDermott, McGurk & Partners 12 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ET
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The Board of Directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review is to improve the health & well being of the Bogside and Brandywell community.

Company Number	NI064504
Charity Number	XT1867
Charity Commission Number	NIC105248

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Caomhan Logue
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty (Appointed 8 March 2024)

Company Secretary

Brid Coyle

Management Team

Aileen McGuinness General Manager (Resigned - February 2024)
Aisling Hutton Health Programme Manager
Bronagh Cooper Mental Health Co-ordinator (Resigned - July 2023)
Mary Breslin Older People & Adults Programme Manager
Michaela O Hagan Youth Programme Manager (Resigned - November 2023)

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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Purposes and Aims

The Health Forum is established to advance education, relieve sickness, assist vulnerable people such as those with a disability and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among the inhabitants of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their environs in the Derry area and the Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education about health issues and in particular to:

- a) Promote healthy living and encourage the general public in the area of benefit to live a healthier life for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit;
- b) Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

Our activities

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All charitable activities focus on the advertisement of education and preventative approaches in the promotion of healthy living and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- Health Forum Programmes - Providing a range of healthy living services and facilities to the population of the greater Bogside & Brandywell neighbours, the Triax Neighbourhood Renewal area, and, to an extent, across wider N. Ireland We engage with local and regional business, schools and communities to provide health checks, Open College Network qualifications and health fairs to address health inequalities, promote ways of self-care through health literacy and information to make better life choices. Key health initiatives we aim to address are:

- * Sedentary lifestyles
- * Nutrition and diet
- * Mental Health
- * Smoking

- Youth Programmes - Projects include Urban Villages Resilience Project, and the FACT Project funded through various bodies: National Lottery Community Fund - Empowering Young People, private and Department of Communities funding with Neighbourhood Partnership (FACT Project) that are designed to support young people to strive, and aspire to achieve their full potential.

- Older Peoples & Adult Activities - including Rethink, Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, Active Citizenship, Older people clubs and other projects - to build resilience of older people and adults and reduce risk of social isolation and ill-health.

- Social Prescribing Programme - with funding from National Lottery Community Fund to address the social, emotional and practical needs of those aged over 18 by linking them to sources of support and activities within their community, along with the Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing. This programme ceased in June 2023.

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- Mental health activities - The Right Time, Right Place project aims to provide front-line community support, connecting individuals of all ages to suitable sources of emotional, practical, and social mental health support through a variety of one to one therapeutic interventions, bespoke small group mental health and emotional well-being programmes, mental health promotion and awareness events and mental health training options, bring services that people could not afford, to their own community.

Our achievements

As the holder of the GSK IMPACT Award the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum strive to maintain a high level of standards across all services. This has seen the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum increase service provision with a new capital build 'The Shed' where people can come and socialise in the world of woodcraft to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing. We operate a referral pathway with Grangewood Acute Mental Health Hospital to support people at discharge to intergrade back into community life. These efforts all play a vital role in improving people's health and wellbeing, reducing the number of people accessing the NHS and statutory services and promoting social interactions to build community capacity.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum use a range of validated monitoring tools to measure the success of programmes in improving the Health and Wellbeing of participants. Over the year the Bogside Brandywell Health Forum engaged with a number of participants improving health and wellbeing through attendance at physical activity, nutrition, mental health and family health programmes.

Beneficiaries

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum offer health improvement services for all in our community. Services are offered in a number of venues to ensure maximum accessibility. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work in partnership with Primary and Post Primary Schools, Youth Service, Business Sectors, Community partners, and Voluntary partners, GP Practices and statutory partners in our programme delivery. On occasions participants pay a nominal fee for programmes however our social economy service is the income generation for the organisation.

Ensuring our purpose is beneficial and not harmful

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work closely with our statutory partners and funders to ensure the benefit of our work outweighs any harm. We ensure our work has sound research and validation and use validated tools to measure changes in participants.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key health improvement initiative and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Health Forum has, through the Finance and Employment Sub Group monitored and reviewed the Financial procedures within the Health Forum. In doing so it has updated its policies and adopted new policies in respect of redundancy and financial reserves which have served to benefit the organisation. The Health Forum continues to seek funding opportunities that can help sustain the project.

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Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Health Forum are currently by way of grant aid and contracts with a range of external bodies. The principal funders are: Public Health Agency, National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), Western Health & Social Care Trust, Department for Communities, Urban Villages (TEO) and a variety of other small funders and income generation.

Reserves Status

Overall reserves for the financial year amounted to £266,685. Reserves for the year are split £251,698 unrestricted and £14,987 restricted reserves.

The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should represent up to six months of the expenditure and provide for redundancy for all staff in the event of a gap or withdrawal of funding, this would total £125,000 (see note 12). The remainder of unrestricted reserves would be used for other programmes and salaries that may be a risk in future financial periods.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirement of the charity and the Board are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding for three months.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will ensure continued effort is to be made to bolster our capacity to deliver and innovate in respect of health improvement within the immediate target area which may require the securing of additional income from grant aid or contract with an external body or bodies.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will continue to work with funders and grant makers to promote health improvement through partnerships in the area of benefit.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project - The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) provides support to 6 locations: Limavady, Strabane, four areas within Derry: Outer West, Outer North, Triax, Waterside with the overall aim to improve community health and wellbeing.

Loving Life, Living Longer Project - The aim of this cross-community partner health project is to adopt the five steps to wellbeing approach to provide a range of support and inclusion interventions and services to older residents post COVID and during the increasing cost of living crisis. The project will address the complexities and impact of health inequalities for older residents living in the target TRIAX Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The provision will enhance community capacity and co-create a local steering/working group to ensure we are achieving an informed and impactful project.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee (Board of Directors)

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

A number of Directors will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Directors Induction and Training

Directors are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in a range of activities and events over several years. New directors receive a full induction. There is also a Staff Induction pack which is useful in terms of providing a good grounding in the management structure and working parts of the organisation.

Risk Assessment and Management

The Board of Directors are duty-bound to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

Internal Financial Risks are already minimised by the authorisation of all transactions for project expenditure. All financial matters are scrutinised by the Finance and Employment Sub Group on a regular basis, minutes are taken of the proceedings and relayed to the Board of Directors. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health & safety of staff, volunteers and service users.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has a Board of nine Directors who meet at least six times a year to receive Progress Reports from the General Manager relative to the various projects. The Board alternated its meetings between Project Progress meetings and Corporate meeting to ensure a healthy balance between progress on operational matters and building the corporate strength of the organisation.

The Board are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction and policies of the Charity. At present there are nine Directors on the Board from a range of backgrounds.

In an effort to maintain a good skills mix, directors are requested to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. Membership of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis by an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

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A system of delegation is in place whereby day to day responsibility for the strategic and full operational development of the charity rests with the General Manager who in turn provides line management to all project managers employed by the Health Forum. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the projects and services specified and that key performance indicators are met through a continuous system of personal action plans, line management, managers meetings, staff meetings and annual appraisal.

Employment and Finance Sub Group

The Charity has established an Employment and Finance Sub Group in order to deal with and provide focus to the charity's corporate responsibility in relation to all financial and relevant employment matters on a timely basis. The Sub Group meets around 6 times per year and one member of the Sub Group reports to each meeting of the Board of Directors. The General Manager and Office Manager also attend all meetings as requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The trustees (who are also directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
4. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
5. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee (Board of Directors)

Members of the Board, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

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- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware;
and

- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

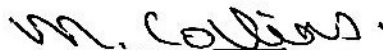
The report has been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements are approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by: -



Director

LAURA WEBB



Director

MAUREEN COLLINS

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Independent auditor's report to the directors of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover 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.

Opinion 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 directors' annual report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' annual report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the directors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud;

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud lies with management and the board of directors of the charitable company.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

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, sector and the specific control environment which it operates in;
- the charities own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur, either as a result of fraud or error;
- representations and results from our enquiries with management and the board of directors regarding their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- enquiries of management relating to accounting estimates measurements, recognition criteria and justification of such amounts;
- any matters we have identified having obtained and reviewed the charities policies and procedures relating to:
 - * identifying and assessing if laws and regulations are compliant and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - * detection and response to the risk of fraud and whether they are aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud instances;
 - * the internal controls designed to mitigate risks or fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations, and to minimise risk of management overrides of such controls.

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- all matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud could occur and the potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The audit included assessing the procedures and evaluating the measurement of estimations. 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 required an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Audit responses to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures, testing the relevant documentation to assess compliance with the significant laws and regulations - those described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring with management and obtaining third party confirmation from the charitable company's solicitors regarding any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of board and management meetings, examine forecasting material in line with actual performance, identifying any potential fraud indicators or instances;
- reviewing Companies House and Charity Commission Northern Ireland correspondence, identify any late submissions or omissions of mandatory information;
- review correspondence with HMRC, identifying non compliance of specific information to be disclosed;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of data entries and adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charities objectives.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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 charitable company's internal control.

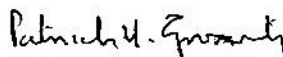
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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 charitable company'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 the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company 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.


Patrick McGroarty
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
McGroarty McCafferty & Company
Statutory Auditor

2 Carlisle Terrace
Derry
BT48 6JX

Date: 10 July 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Grants & Sundry Income	2.	177,938	1,029,617	1,207,555	2,301,590
Total Incoming Resources		<u>177,938</u>	<u>1,029,617</u>	<u>1,207,555</u>	<u>2,301,590</u>
Resources Expended					
Management & Administration	3.	228,741	931,099	1,159,840	2,307,437
Governance costs	4.	-	5,040	5,040	4,033
Total Resources Expended		<u>228,741</u>	<u>936,139</u>	<u>1,164,880</u>	<u>2,311,470</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(50,803)	93,478	42,675	(9,880)
Balances brought forward 1 April 2023		205,700	18,310	224,010	233,890
		154,897	111,788	266,685	224,010
Transfer of funds		<u>96,801</u>	<u>(96,801)</u>	-	-
Balances carried forward 31 March 2024	12.	<u>251,698</u>	<u>14,987</u>	<u>266,685</u>	<u>224,010</u>

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


All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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		Balance sheet			
		as at 31 March 2024			
		2024		2023	
Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7.		14,811		18,310
Current assets					
Debtors	8.	108,985		240,842	
Cash at bank and in hand		249,175		212,399	
		<u>358,160</u>		<u>453,241</u>	
Current liabilities					
Bank loans and overdrafts		425		7,449	
Other creditors		94,073		127,334	
Accruals		11,788		112,758	
	9.	<u>106,286</u>		<u>247,541</u>	
Net current assets			<u>251,874</u>		<u>205,700</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	11.		<u>266,685</u>		<u>224,010</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			251,698		205,700
Restricted funds			14,987		18,310
Total funds	12.		<u>266,685</u>		<u>224,010</u>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 10 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Director
LAURA WEBB



Director
MAUREEN COLLINS

Company Number: NI064504

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Statement of Cash flows
as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year		42,675	(9,880)
Depreciation and impairment		4,368	4,237
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors		131,857	(127,852)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors		<u>(141,255)</u>	<u>(201,509)</u>
Net cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities		37,645	(335,004)
Capital expenditure	7.	<u>(869)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase/ (decrease) in cash in the year		<u>36,776</u>	<u>(335,004)</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase/ (decrease) in cash in the year		36,776	(335,004)
Net funds at 1 April 2023		<u>212,399</u>	<u>547,403</u>
Net funds at 31 March 2024	13.	<u>249,175</u>	<u>212,399</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Foyle Valley Railway Museum, Foyle Road, Derry, BT48 6SQ. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland with effect from 10 May 2016.

1.1. Accounting convention

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (SORP 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of appeal.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment	-	15% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line

1.6. Debtors & creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.7. Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are stated at cost at the financial year end.

1.8. Taxation

The company is a charity and is recognised as such by HM Revenue & Customs. As a result, there is no liability to taxation on any of its income.

1.9. Pension costs

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.10. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, bank overdrafts and bank loans. Bank overdrafts and loans are shown within current and long term liabilities.

1.11. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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1.12. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

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2. Income	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Restricted Income</u>		
Positive Aging Grant	15,784	-
Public Health Agency	126,108	83,951
DFC - FACT	54,917	48,873
TEO - Urban Villages	87,526	65,846
WHSCT NHIP	38,201	34,751
Active Citizenship	2,501	-
St Cecilia's Management	-	30,680
Save the Children	1,588	-
Oak HLC	11,903	4,288
HLC - Lorag/ Alliance	-	1,600
Arts Council NI	8,000	5,970
St Mary's - Active Citizenship	-	1,251
NLCF - Love Living, Live Longer	98,400	-
NLCF - Dormant funds	23,844	-
NLCF - Social Prescribing	109,741	1,105,079
Developing Health Communities - NHIP	10,083	8,855
Community Foundation NI	213,741	210,580
NLCF - Empowering Young People	-	12,272
Communities in Transition - OLT	41,319	170,926
BBC Children in Need	-	19,686
NI Housing Executive	11,315	33,738
Derry City & Strabane District Council	1,059	20,766
TNL - FACT	101,848	93,132
ARC Rethink NI	13,741	61,875
Rank Foundation	33,659	20,615
Danny Quigley Fund	24,339	70,288
	1,029,617	2,105,022
<u>Unrestricted Income</u>		
Project & Administration Income	177,938	196,568
	1,207,555	2,301,590

(i) Restricted Funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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3.1. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Management & Administration				
Wages & salaries	89,220	469,797	559,017	718,594
Staff healthcare	1,027	-	1,027	1,361
Staff training	1,925	6,221	8,146	2,152
Staff pension costs	-	28,134	28,134	27,179
Programme & specialists services costs	35,386	345,669	381,055	661,627
Partner costs	-	38,827	38,827	761,386
Rent	44,298	-	44,298	31,759
Marketing	2,160	3,513	5,673	10,252
Repairs & maintenance	3,460	873	4,333	905
IT Support and computer costs	226	1,426	1,652	6,584
Telephone & internet	7,614	3,871	11,485	9,510
Photocopying & stationery	3,672	2,595	6,267	10,673
Insurance	10,091	-	10,091	8,340
Motor & travel expenses	3,752	2,845	6,597	19,625
Professional fees	15,720	18,690	34,410	17,391
Sundry expenses	340	711	1,051	499
Bank charges	126	1,640	1,766	1,904
Subscriptions	5,124	1,919	7,043	809
Bad debts	4,600	-	4,600	-
Donations	-	-	-	12,650
Depreciation of equipment	-	4,368	4,368	4,237
	<u>228,741</u>	<u>931,099</u>	<u>1,159,840</u>	<u>2,307,437</u>

4. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Auditors remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>4,033</u>

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5. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	4,368	4,237
Auditor's remuneration	5,040	4,033
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. Staff costs

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	559,017	718,594
Staff healthcare costs	1,027	1,361
Pension costs	28,134	27,179
	<u>588,178</u>	<u>747,134</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Average number of employees	<u>25</u>	<u>34</u>

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Motor	Total
	£	vehicles	£
		£	
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	33,594	9,659	43,253
Additions	869	-	869
At 31 March 2024	<u>34,463</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>44,122</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	15,284	9,659	24,943
Charge for the year	4,368	-	4,368
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,652</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>29,311</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	<u>14,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,811</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>18,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,310</u>

8. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>108,985</u>	<u>240,842</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Credit cards	425	7,449
Other creditors	4,966	13,504
Deferred income (Note 10)	89,107	113,830
Accruals	11,788	112,758
	<u>106,286</u>	<u>247,541</u>

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10. Deferred Income	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2023	113,830	391,905
Additions during the year	1,004,894	1,826,947
Amounts released to income	(1,029,617)	(2,105,022)
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>89,107</u>	<u>113,830</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	14,811	14,811
Current assets	256,664	101,496	358,160
Current liabilities	(4,966)	(101,320)	(106,286)
	<u>251,698</u>	<u>14,987</u>	<u>266,685</u>

12. Movements in Funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Total restricted funds	18,310	1,029,617	(936,139)	(96,801)	14,987
Unrestricted funds:					
Total unrestricted funds	205,700	177,938	(228,741)	96,801	251,698
Total funds	<u>224,010</u>	<u>1,207,555</u>	<u>(1,164,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,685</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted reserves total £251,698, the company aims to generate six months operational costs which in the event the organisation has a gap in funding in the future. The company estimates that £125,000 would be adequate reserves to cover such costs.

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13. Cash and cash equivalents	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>249,175</u>	<u>212,399</u>

14. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions in the period under review.

15. Limited by Guarantee

The Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

16. Controlling interest

The ultimate control of the company rests with the board of directors.

17. Post Balance Sheet events

No significant events have taken place since the year end that would result in adjustments to 2024 financial information or inclusion of a note thereto.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105248

Annual report

Charity number: NIC105248/ XT1867
Company number: NI064504

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum
Charity Number	NIC105248 / XT1867
Company Registration Number	NI064504
Registered Office and Operational Address	Foyle Valley Railway Museum Foyle Road Derry BT48 6SQ

Directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Caomhan Logue
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty (Appointed 8 March 2024)

Secretary	Brid Coyle
Auditors	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Accountants and Registered Auditors 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
Bankers	AIB (NI) Meadowbank Derry BT48 7TN
Solicitors	MacDermott, McGurk & Partners 12 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ET

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The Board of Directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review is to improve the health & well being of the Bogside and Brandywell community.

Company Number	NI064504
Charity Number	XT1867
Charity Commission Number	NIC105248

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Caomhan Logue
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Craig Johnston
Dermot O'Hara
Laura Webb
William Hegarty (Appointed 8 March 2024)

Company Secretary

Brid Coyle

Management Team

Aileen McGuinness General Manager (Resigned - February 2024)
Aisling Hutton Health Programme Manager
Bronagh Cooper Mental Health Co-ordinator (Resigned - July 2023)
Mary Breslin Older People & Adults Programme Manager
Michaela O Hagan Youth Programme Manager (Resigned - November 2023)

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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Purposes and Aims

The Health Forum is established to advance education, relieve sickness, assist vulnerable people such as those with a disability and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among the inhabitants of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their environs in the Derry area and the Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education about health issues and in particular to:

- a) Promote healthy living and encourage the general public in the area of benefit to live a healthier life for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit;
- b) Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

Our activities

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All charitable activities focus on the advertisement of education and preventative approaches in the promotion of healthy living and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- Health Forum Programmes - Providing a range of healthy living services and facilities to the population of the greater Bogside & Brandywell neighbours, the Triax Neighbourhood Renewal area, and, to an extent, across wider N. Ireland We engage with local and regional business, schools and communities to provide health checks, Open College Network qualifications and health fairs to address health inequalities, promote ways of self-care through health literacy and information to make better life choices. Key health initiatives we aim to address are:

- * Sedentary lifestyles
- * Nutrition and diet
- * Mental Health
- * Smoking

- Youth Programmes - Projects include Urban Villages Resilience Project, and the FACT Project funded through various bodies: National Lottery Community Fund - Empowering Young People, private and Department of Communities funding with Neighbourhood Partnership (FACT Project) that are designed to support young people to strive, and aspire to achieve their full potential.

- Older Peoples & Adult Activities - including Rethink, Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, Active Citizenship, Older people clubs and other projects - to build resilience of older people and adults and reduce risk of social isolation and ill-health.

- Social Prescribing Programme - with funding from National Lottery Community Fund to address the social, emotional and practical needs of those aged over 18 by linking them to sources of support and activities within their community, along with the Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing. This programme ceased in June 2023.

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- Mental health activities - The Right Time, Right Place project aims to provide front-line community support, connecting individuals of all ages to suitable sources of emotional, practical, and social mental health support through a variety of one to one therapeutic interventions, bespoke small group mental health and emotional well-being programmes, mental health promotion and awareness events and mental health training options, bring services that people could not afford, to their own community.

Our achievements

As the holder of the GSK IMPACT Award the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum strive to maintain a high level of standards across all services. This has seen the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum increase service provision with a new capital build 'The Shed' where people can come and socialise in the world of woodcraft to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing. We operate a referral pathway with Grangewood Acute Mental Health Hospital to support people at discharge to intergrade back into community life. These efforts all play a vital role in improving people's health and wellbeing, reducing the number of people accessing the NHS and statutory services and promoting social interactions to build community capacity.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum use a range of validated monitoring tools to measure the success of programmes in improving the Health and Wellbeing of participants. Over the year the Bogside Brandywell Health Forum engaged with a number of participants improving health and wellbeing through attendance at physical activity, nutrition, mental health and family health programmes.

Beneficiaries

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum offer health improvement services for all in our community. Services are offered in a number of venues to ensure maximum accessibility. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work in partnership with Primary and Post Primary Schools, Youth Service, Business Sectors, Community partners, and Voluntary partners, GP Practices and statutory partners in our programme delivery. On occasions participants pay a nominal fee for programmes however our social economy service is the income generation for the organisation.

Ensuring our purpose is beneficial and not harmful

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work closely with our statutory partners and funders to ensure the benefit of our work outweighs any harm. We ensure our work has sound research and validation and use validated tools to measure changes in participants.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key health improvement initiative and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Health Forum has, through the Finance and Employment Sub Group monitored and reviewed the Financial procedures within the Health Forum. In doing so it has updated its policies and adopted new policies in respect of redundancy and financial reserves which have served to benefit the organisation. The Health Forum continues to seek funding opportunities that can help sustain the project.

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Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Health Forum are currently by way of grant aid and contracts with a range of external bodies. The principal funders are: Public Health Agency, National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), Western Health & Social Care Trust, Department for Communities, Urban Villages (TEO) and a variety of other small funders and income generation.

Reserves Status

Overall reserves for the financial year amounted to £266,685. Reserves for the year are split £251,698 unrestricted and £14,987 restricted reserves.

The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should represent up to six months of the expenditure and provide for redundancy for all staff in the event of a gap or withdrawal of funding, this would total £125,000 (see note 12). The remainder of unrestricted reserves would be used for other programmes and salaries that may be a risk in future financial periods.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirement of the charity and the Board are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding for three months.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will ensure continued effort is to be made to bolster our capacity to deliver and innovate in respect of health improvement within the immediate target area which may require the securing of additional income from grant aid or contract with an external body or bodies.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will continue to work with funders and grant makers to promote health improvement through partnerships in the area of benefit.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project - The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) provides support to 6 locations: Limavady, Strabane, four areas within Derry: Outer West, Outer North, Triax, Waterside with the overall aim to improve community health and wellbeing.

Loving Life, Living Longer Project - The aim of this cross-community partner health project is to adopt the five steps to wellbeing approach to provide a range of support and inclusion interventions and services to older residents post COVID and during the increasing cost of living crisis. The project will address the complexities and impact of health inequalities for older residents living in the target TRIAX Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The provision will enhance community capacity and co-create a local steering/working group to ensure we are achieving an informed and impactful project.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee (Board of Directors)

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

A number of Directors will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Directors Induction and Training

Directors are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in a range of activities and events over several years. New directors receive a full induction. There is also a Staff Induction pack which is useful in terms of providing a good grounding in the management structure and working parts of the organisation.

Risk Assessment and Management

The Board of Directors are duty-bound to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

Internal Financial Risks are already minimised by the authorisation of all transactions for project expenditure. All financial matters are scrutinised by the Finance and Employment Sub Group on a regular basis, minutes are taken of the proceedings and relayed to the Board of Directors. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health & safety of staff, volunteers and service users.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has a Board of nine Directors who meet at least six times a year to receive Progress Reports from the General Manager relative to the various projects. The Board alternated its meetings between Project Progress meetings and Corporate meeting to ensure a healthy balance between progress on operational matters and building the corporate strength of the organisation.

The Board are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction and policies of the Charity. At present there are nine Directors on the Board from a range of backgrounds.

In an effort to maintain a good skills mix, directors are requested to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. Membership of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis by an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

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A system of delegation is in place whereby day to day responsibility for the strategic and full operational development of the charity rests with the General Manager who in turn provides line management to all project managers employed by the Health Forum. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the projects and services specified and that key performance indicators are met through a continuous system of personal action plans, line management, managers meetings, staff meetings and annual appraisal.

Employment and Finance Sub Group

The Charity has established an Employment and Finance Sub Group in order to deal with and provide focus to the charity's corporate responsibility in relation to all financial and relevant employment matters on a timely basis. The Sub Group meets around 6 times per year and one member of the Sub Group reports to each meeting of the Board of Directors. The General Manager and Office Manager also attend all meetings as requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The trustees (who are also directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
4. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
5. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee (Board of Directors)

Members of the Board, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

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Independent auditor's report to the directors of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover 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.

Opinion 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 directors' annual report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' annual report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the directors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud;

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud lies with management and the board of directors of the charitable company.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

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, sector and the specific control environment which it operates in;
- the charities own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur, either as a result of fraud or error;
- representations and results from our enquiries with management and the board of directors regarding their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- enquiries of management relating to accounting estimates measurements, recognition criteria and justification of such amounts;
- any matters we have identified having obtained and reviewed the charities policies and procedures relating to:
 - * identifying and assessing if laws and regulations are compliant and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - * detection and response to the risk of fraud and whether they are aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud instances;
 - * the internal controls designed to mitigate risks or fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations, and to minimise risk of management overrides of such controls.

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- all matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud could occur and the potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The audit included assessing the procedures and evaluating the measurement of estimations. 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 required an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Audit responses to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures, testing the relevant documentation to assess compliance with the significant laws and regulations - those described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring with management and obtaining third party confirmation from the charitable company's solicitors regarding any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of board and management meetings, examine forecasting material in line with actual performance, identifying any potential fraud indicators or instances;
- reviewing Companies House and Charity Commission Northern Ireland correspondence, identify any late submissions or omissions of mandatory information;
- review correspondence with HMRC, identifying non compliance of specific information to be disclosed;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of data entries and adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charities objectives.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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 charitable company's internal control.

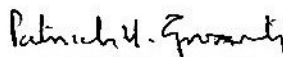
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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 charitable company'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 the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company 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.


Patrick McGroarty
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
McGroarty McCafferty & Company
Statutory Auditor

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BT48 6JX

Date: 10 July 2024

Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105248

Accounts

Charity number: NIC105248/ XT186'

Company number: NI06450.

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum
Charity Number	NIC105248 / XT1867
Company Registration Number	NI064504
Registered Office and Operational Address	The Gasyard Centre 128 Lecky Road Derry BT48 6NP

Directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Caomhan Logue
Craig Johnston (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Dermot O'Hara (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Laura Webb (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Robin Percival (Resigned 1 November 2023)
Jeanette Hutton (Resigned 1 November 2023)
Clare Gallagher (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Secretary	Brid Coyle (Appointed 1 November 2023) Majella Quigley (Resigned 31 October 2023)
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Auditors	McGroarty McCafferty & Co Accountants and Registered Auditors 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
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Bankers	AIB (NI) Meadowbank Derry BT48 7TN
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Solicitors	MacDermott, McGurk & Partners 12 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ET
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The Board of Directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review is to improve the health & well being of the Bogside and Brandywell community.

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Charity Number XT1867

Charity Commission Number NIC105248

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ann Mc Duff

Maureen Collins

Caomhan Logue

Liam Quigley

John Mullan

Craig Johnston (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Dermot O'Hara (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Laura Webb (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Clare Gallagher (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Jeanette Hutton (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Robin Percival (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Company Secretary

Brid Coyle

Management Team

Aileen McGuinness General Manager

Aisling Hutton Health Programme Manager

Michaela O'Hagan Youth Programme Co-ordinator

Bronagh Cooper Mental Health Co-ordinator

Clare Cook Social Prescribing Manager

Mary Breslin Older People & Adults Programme Manager

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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Purposes and Aims

The Health Forum is established to advance education, relieve sickness, assist vulnerable people such as those with a disability and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among the inhabitants of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their environs in the Derry area and the Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education about health issues and in particular to:

- a) Promote healthy living and encourage the general public in the area of benefit to live a healthier life for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit;
- b) Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

Our activities

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All charitable activities focus on the advertisement of education and preventative approaches in the promotion of healthy living and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- Health Forum Programmes - Providing a range of healthy living services and facilities to the population of the greater Bogside & Brandywell neighbours, the Triax Neighbourhood Renewal area, and, to an extent, across wider N. Ireland We engage with local and regional business, schools and communities to provide health checks, Open College Network qualifications and health fairs to address health inequalities, promote ways of self-care through health literacy and information to make better life choices. Key health initiatives we aim to address are:

- * Sedentary lifestyles
- * Nutrition and diet
- * Mental Health
- * Smoking

- Youth Programmes - Projects include Urban Villages Resilience Project, and the FACT Project funded through various bodies: National Lottery Community Fund - Empowering Young People, private and Department of Communities funding with Neighbourhood Partnership (FACT Project) that are designed to support young people to strive, and aspire to achieve their full potential.

- Older Peoples & Adult Activities - including Rethink, Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, Active Citizenship, Older people clubs and other projects - to build resilience of older people and adults and reduce risk of social isolation and ill-health.

- Social Prescribing Programme - with funding from National Lottery Community Fund & NI Housing Executive to address the social, emotional and practical needs of those aged over 18 by linking them to sources of support and activities within their community, as the lead partner for the Healthy Living Centre Alliance and Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing.

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- Mental health activities - The Right Time, Right Place project aims to provide front-line community support, connecting individuals of all ages to suitable sources of emotional, practical, and social mental health support through a variety of one to one therapeutic interventions, bespoke small group mental health and emotional well-being programmes, mental health promotion and awareness events and mental health training options, bring services that people could not afford, to their own community.

Our achievements

As the holder of the GSK IMPACT Award the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum strive to maintain a high level of standards across all services. This has seen the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum increase service provision with a new capital build 'The Shed' where people can come and socialise in the world of woodcraft to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing. We hosted the first mental health summit in Derry and have opened the first referral pathway with Grangewood Acute Mental Health Hospital to support people at discharge to intergrade back into community life. These efforts all play a vital role in improving people's health and wellbeing, reducing the number of people accessing the NHS and statutory services and promoting social interactions to build community capacity.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum use a range of validated monitoring tools to measure the success of programmes in improving the Health and Wellbeing of participants. Over the year the Bogside Brandywell Health Forum engaged with a number of participants improving health and wellbeing through attendance at physical activity, nutrition, mental health and family health programmes.

Beneficiaries

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum offer health improvement services for all in our community. Services are offered in a number of venues to ensure maximum accessibility. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work in partnership with Primary and Post Primary Schools, Youth Service, Business Sectors, Community partners, and Voluntary partners, GP Practices and statutory partners in our programme delivery. On occasions participants pay a nominal fee for programmes however our social economy service is the income generation for the organisation.

Ensuring our purpose is beneficial and not harmful

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work closely with our statutory partners and funders to ensure the benefit of our work outweighs any harm. We ensure our work has sound research and validation and use validated tools to measure changes in participants.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key health improvement initiative and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Health Forum has, through the Finance and Employment Sub Group monitored and reviewed the Financial procedures within the Health Forum. In doing so it has updated its policies and adopted new policies in respect of redundancy and financial reserves which have served to benefit the organisation. The Health Forum continues to seek funding opportunities that can help sustain the project.

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Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Health Forum are currently by way of grant aid and contracts with a range of external bodies. The principal funders are: Public Health Agency, National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), Western Health & Social Care Trust, BBC Children in Need, Urban Villages (TEO) and a variety of other small funders and income generation.

Reserves Status

Overall reserves for the financial year amounted to £224,010. Reserves for the year are split £205,700 unrestricted and £18,310 restricted reserves.

The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should represent up to six months of the expenditure and provide for redundancy for all staff in the event of a gap or withdrawal of funding, this would total £170,242 (see note 10 for total unrestricted reserves). The remainder of unrestricted reserves would be used for other programmes and salaries that may be a risk in future financial periods.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirement of the charity and the Board are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding for three months.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will ensure continued effort is to be made to bolster our capacity to deliver and innovate in respect of health improvement within the immediate target area which may require the securing of additional income from grant aid or contract with an external body or bodies.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will continue to work with funders and grant makers to promote health improvement through partnerships in the area of benefit.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project - The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) provides support to 6 locations: Limavady, Strabane, four areas within Derry: Outer West, Outer North, Triax, Waterside with the overall aim to improve community health and wellbeing.

Social Prescribing - work in partnership with Healthy Living Centres in N. Ireland and Community Groups associated with the Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing to scale our Social Prescribing Project to other communities.

Right Time, Right Place project is the first community mental health project in the Derry / Strabane District aimed at building a partnership approach across NRA's to improve the mental health of people in communities. The project is aiming to build community capacity and ensure the District is the first Trauma Informed District.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee (Board of Directors)

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

A number of Directors will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Directors Induction and Training

Directors are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in a range of activities and events over several years. New directors receive a full induction. There is also a Staff Induction pack which is useful in terms of providing a good grounding in the management structure and working parts of the organisation.

Risk Assessment and Management

The Board of Directors are duty-bound to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

Internal Financial Risks are already minimised by the authorisation of all transactions for project expenditure. All financial matters are scrutinised by the Finance and Employment Sub Group on a regular basis, minutes are taken of the proceedings and relayed to the Board of Directors. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health & safety of staff, volunteers and service users.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has a Board of eight Directors who meet at least eight times a year to receive Progress Reports from the General Manager relative to the various projects. The Board alternated its meetings between Project Progress meetings and Corporate meeting to ensure a healthy balance between progress on operational matters and building the corporate strength of the organisation.

The Board are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction and policies of the Charity. At present there are eight Directors on the Board from a range of backgrounds.

In an effort to maintain a good skills mix, directors are requested to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. Membership of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis by an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

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A system of delegation is in place whereby day to day responsibility for the strategic and full operational development of the charity rests with the General Manager who in turn provides line management to all project managers employed by the Health Forum. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the projects and services specified and that key performance indicators are met through a continuous system of personal action plans, line management, managers meetings, staff meetings and annual appraisal.

Employment and Finance Sub Group

The Charity has established an Employment and Finance Sub Group in order to deal with and provide focus to the charity's corporate responsibility in relation to all financial and relevant employment matters on a timely basis. The Sub Group meets around 8 times per year and one member of the Sub Group reports to each meeting of the Board of Directors. The General Manager and Office Manager also attend all meetings as requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The trustees (who are also directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board should follow best practice and:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
4. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
5. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee (Board of Directors)

Members of the Board, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Auditors

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

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- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

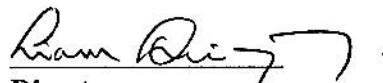
The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

The report has been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements are approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


Director
MAUREEN COLLINS


Director
LIAM QUIGLEY

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Independent auditor's report to the directors of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its incoming resources and expenditure of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover 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.

Opinion 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 directors' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' annual report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the directors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud;

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud lies with management and the board of directors of the charitable company.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

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, sector and the specific control environment which it operates in;
- the charities own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur, either as a result of fraud or error;
- representations and results from our enquiries with management and the board of directors regarding their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- enquiries of management relating to accounting estimates measurements, recognition criteria and justification of such amounts;
- any matters we have identified having obtained and reviewed the charities policies and procedures relating to;
 - * identifying and assessing if laws and regulations are compliant and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - * detection and response to the risk of fraud and whether they are aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud instances;
 - * the internal controls designed to mitigate risks or fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations, and to minimise risk of management overrides of such controls.

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- all matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud could occur and the potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The audit included assessing the procedures and evaluating the measurement of estimations. 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 required an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the UK Companies Act 2006, SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Audit responses to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures, testing the relevant documentation to assess compliance with the significant laws and regulations - those described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring with management and obtaining third party confirmation from the charitable company's solicitors regarding any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of board and management meetings, examine forecasting material in line with actual performance, identifying any potential fraud indicators or instances;
- reviewing Companies House and Charity Commission Northern Ireland correspondence, identify any late submissions or omissions of mandatory information;
- review correspondence with HMRC, identifying non compliance of specific information to be disclosed;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of data entries and adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of the charities objectives.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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 charitable company's internal control.

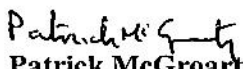
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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 charitable company'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 the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company 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.


Patrick McGroarty
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
McGroarty McCafferty & Co
Statutory Auditor

2 Carlisle Terrace
Derry
BT48 6JX

Date: 17 November 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Income and Expenditure	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Grants & Sundry Income	2	196,568	2,105,022	2,301,590	2,048,381
Total Incoming Resources		<u>196,568</u>	<u>2,105,022</u>	<u>2,301,590</u>	<u>2,048,381</u>
Resources Expended					
Management & Administration		206,486	2,104,984	2,311,470	1,909,125
Total Resources Expended	2.1	<u>206,486</u>	<u>2,104,984</u>	<u>2,311,470</u>	<u>1,909,125</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(9,918)	38	(9,880)	139,256
Balances brought forward 1 April 2022		200,379	33,511	233,890	94,634
		190,461	33,549	224,010	233,890
Transfer of funds		15,239	(15,239)	-	-
Balances carried forward 31 March 2023	10	<u>205,700</u>	<u>18,310</u>	<u>224,010</u>	<u>233,890</u>

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

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.


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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		18,310		22,547
Current assets					
Debtors	7	240,842		112,990	
Cash at bank and in hand		212,399		547,403	
		<u>453,241</u>		<u>660,393</u>	
Current liabilities					
Bank loans and overdrafts		7,449		2,427	
Other creditors		127,334		407,659	
Accruals		112,758		38,964	
	8	<u>247,541</u>		<u>449,050</u>	
Net current assets			<u>205,700</u>		<u>211,343</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	9		<u>224,010</u>		<u>233,890</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	10		205,700		200,379
Restricted funds	10		18,310		33,511
Total funds			<u>224,010</u>		<u>233,890</u>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 17 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Director
MAUREEN COLLINS


Director
LIAM QUIGLEY

Company Number: NI064504

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Statement of Cash flows
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year		(9,880)	139,256
Depreciation and impairment		4,237	4,237
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors		(127,852)	(66,383)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors		(201,509)	187,857
Net cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities		<u>(335,004)</u>	<u>264,967</u>
Capital expenditure	6.	-	(25,808)
Increase/ (decrease) in cash in the year		<u>(335,004)</u>	<u>239,159</u>
 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase/ (decrease) in cash in the year		(335,004)	239,159
Net funds at 1 April 2022		<u>547,403</u>	<u>308,244</u>
Net funds at 31 March 2023	11.	<u>212,399</u>	<u>547,403</u>

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1. Accounting policies

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is The Gas Yard Centre, 128 Lecky Road, Derry, BT48 6NP.

1.1. Accounting convention

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (SORP 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of appeal.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment	-	15% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line

1.6. Debtors & creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.7. Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are stated at cost at the financial year end.

1.8. Pension costs

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.9. Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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2. Income	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Restricted Income</u>		
Public Health Agency	83,951	101,461
DFC - FACT	48,873	-
TEO - Urban Villages	65,846	88,772
WHSCT NHIP	34,751	33,798
St Cecilia's Management	30,680	-
Clothworker	-	10,000
AXA Insurance	-	20,000
Oak HLC	4,288	8,592
WHSCT - CAWT	-	86,744
HLC - Lorag/ Alliance	1,600	6,040
Arts Council NI	5,970	3,030
St Mary's - Active Citizenship	1,251	-
WHSCT - CYPLP	-	15,583
NLCF - Social Prescribing	1,105,079	988,403
Developing Health Communities - NHIP	8,855	8,370
Community Foundation NI	210,580	60,810
National Museum NI	-	4,500
NLCF - Empowering Young People	12,272	99,546
Communities in Transition - OLT	170,926	81,140
BBC Children in Need	19,686	29,948
Awards for All	-	4,527
Active Citizenship	-	2,500
NI Housing Executive	33,738	34,513
Falls Programme	-	1,900
NI Co-Ownership	-	5,000
Derry City & Strabane District Council	20,766	6,492
TNL - FACT	93,132	-
ARC Rethink NI	61,875	57,101
Rank Foundation	20,615	-
University of Ulster	-	1,000
Power NI	-	1,000
Older People & TYT - OLT	-	2,498
Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership	-	23,680
Danny Quigley Fund	70,288	8,522
	<u>2,105,022</u>	<u>1,795,470</u>
<u>Unrestricted Income</u>		
Project & Administration Income	196,568	222,911
GSK	-	30,000
	<u><u>2,301,590</u></u>	<u><u>2,048,381</u></u>

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(i) Restricted Funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

2.1. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Wages & salaries	114,414	604,180	718,594	599,861
Staff healthcare	1,336	25	1,361	819
Staff training	1,303	849	2,152	3,373
Staff pension costs	-	27,179	27,179	29,864
Programme & specialists services costs	16,271	645,356	661,627	364,448
Partner costs	-	761,386	761,386	779,179
Rent	29,262	2,497	31,759	45,806
Marketing	1,860	8,392	10,252	17,928
Repairs & maintenance	759	146	905	3,348
IT Support and computer costs	4,615	1,969	6,584	14,861
Telephone & internet	5,827	3,683	9,510	9,669
Photocopying & stationery	1,642	9,031	10,673	6,221
Insurance	8,340	-	8,340	6,809
Motor & travel expenses	2,443	17,182	19,625	8,063
Audit fees	-	4,033	4,033	4,196
Professional fees	5,022	12,369	17,391	8,071
Sundry expenses	30	469	499	119
Bank charges	41	1,863	1,904	1,034
Subscriptions	671	138	809	1,219
Donations	12,650	-	12,650	-
Depreciation of equipment	-	4,237	4,237	4,237
	<u>206,486</u>	<u>2,104,984</u>	<u>2,311,470</u>	<u>1,909,125</u>

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3. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	4,237	4,237
Auditor's remuneration	4,033	4,196
	<u>4,033</u>	<u>4,196</u>

4. Staff costs

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	718,594	599,861
Staff healthcare costs	1,361	819
Pension costs	27,179	29,864
	<u>747,134</u>	<u>630,544</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Average number of employees	<u>34</u>	<u>30</u>

5. Taxation

As a charity, Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its chargeable objects. Accordingly, no tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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6. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Motor	Total
	£	vehicles	£
		£	
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	33,594	9,659	43,253
At 31 March 2023	<u>33,594</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>43,253</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	11,047	9,659	20,706
Charge for the year	4,237	-	4,237
At 31 March 2023	<u>15,284</u>	<u>9,659</u>	<u>24,943</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	<u>18,310</u>	-	<u>18,310</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>22,547</u>	-	<u>22,547</u>

7. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>240,842</u>	<u>112,990</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxes and social security creditor	-	1,856
Credit cards	7,449	2,427
Other creditors	13,504	13,898
Deferred income	113,830	391,905
Accruals	<u>112,758</u>	<u>38,964</u>
	<u>247,541</u>	<u>449,050</u>

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9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	18,310	18,310
Current assets	226,653	226,588	453,241
Current liabilities	(20,953)	(226,588)	(247,541)
	<u>205,700</u>	<u>18,310</u>	<u>224,010</u>

10. Movements in Funds

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Total restricted funds	33,511	2,105,022	(2,104,984)	(15,239)	18,310
Unrestricted funds:					
Total unrestricted funds	200,379	196,568	(206,486)	15,239	205,700
Total funds	<u>233,890</u>	<u>2,301,590</u>	<u>(2,311,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,010</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

11. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>212,399</u>	<u>547,403</u>

12. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions in the period under review.

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13. Limited by Guarantee

The Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

14. Controlling interest

The ultimate control of the company rests with the board of directors.

15. Post Balance Sheet events

No significant events have taken place since the year end that would result in adjustments to 2023 financial information or inclusion of a note thereto.

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum
Charity Number	NIC105248 / XT1867
Company Registration Number	NI064504
Registered Office and Operational Address	The Gasyard Centre 128 Lecky Road Derry BT48 6NP

Directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

Ann Mc Duff
Maureen Collins
Liam Quigley
John Mullan
Caomhan Logue
Craig Johnston (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Dermot O'Hara (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Laura Webb (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Robin Percival (Resigned 1 November 2023)
Jeanette Hutton (Resigned 1 November 2023)
Clare Gallagher (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Secretary Brid Coyle (Appointed 1 November 2023)
Majella Quigley (Resigned 31 October 2023)

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Accountants and Registered Auditors
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The Board of Directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review is to improve the health & well being of the Bogside and Brandywell community.

Company Number NI064504

Charity Number XT1867

Charity Commission Number NIC105248

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ann Mc Duff

Maureen Collins

Caomhan Logue

Liam Quigley

John Mullan

Craig Johnston (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Dermot O'Hara (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Laura Webb (Appointed 1 November 2023)

Clare Gallagher (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Jeanette Hutton (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Robin Percival (Resigned 1 November 2023)

Company Secretary

Brid Coyle

Management Team

Aileen McGuinness General Manager

Aisling Hutton Health Programme Manager

Michaela O'Hagan Youth Programme Co-ordinator

Bronagh Cooper Mental Health Co-ordinator

Clare Cook Social Prescribing Manager

Mary Breslin Older People & Adults Programme Manager

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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Purposes and Aims

The Health Forum is established to advance education, relieve sickness, assist vulnerable people such as those with a disability and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health among the inhabitants of the Bogside and Brandywell areas of Derry, their environs in the Derry area and the Western Health & Social Care Trust area (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education about health issues and in particular to:

- a) Promote healthy living and encourage the general public in the area of benefit to live a healthier life for the benefit of the general public in the area of benefit;
- b) Provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

Our activities

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All charitable activities focus on the advertisement of education and preventative approaches in the promotion of healthy living and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

- Health Forum Programmes - Providing a range of healthy living services and facilities to the population of the greater Bogside & Brandywell neighbours, the Triax Neighbourhood Renewal area, and, to an extent, across wider N. Ireland We engage with local and regional business, schools and communities to provide health checks, Open College Network qualifications and health fairs to address health inequalities, promote ways of self-care through health literacy and information to make better life choices. Key health initiatives we aim to address are:

- * Sedentary lifestyles
- * Nutrition and diet
- * Mental Health
- * Smoking

- Youth Programmes - Projects include Urban Villages Resilience Project, and the FACT Project funded through various bodies: National Lottery Community Fund - Empowering Young People, private and Department of Communities funding with Neighbourhood Partnership (FACT Project) that are designed to support young people to strive, and aspire to achieve their full potential.

- Older Peoples & Adult Activities - including Rethink, Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, Active Citizenship, Older people clubs and other projects - to build resilience of older people and adults and reduce risk of social isolation and ill-health.

- Social Prescribing Programme - with funding from National Lottery Community Fund & NI Housing Executive to address the social, emotional and practical needs of those aged over 18 by linking them to sources of support and activities within their community, as the lead partner for the Healthy Living Centre Alliance and Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing.

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- Mental health activities - The Right Time, Right Place project aims to provide front-line community support, connecting individuals of all ages to suitable sources of emotional, practical, and social mental health support through a variety of one to one therapeutic interventions, bespoke small group mental health and emotional well-being programmes, mental health promotion and awareness events and mental health training options, bring services that people could not afford, to their own community.

Our achievements

As the holder of the GSK IMPACT Award the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum strive to maintain a high level of standards across all services. This has seen the Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum increase service provision with a new capital build 'The Shed' where people can come and socialise in the world of woodcraft to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing. We hosted the first mental health summit in Derry and have opened the first referral pathway with Grangewood Acute Mental Health Hospital to support people at discharge to intergrade back into community life. These efforts all play a vital role in improving people's health and wellbeing, reducing the number of people accessing the NHS and statutory services and promoting social interactions to build community capacity.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum use a range of validated monitoring tools to measure the success of programmes in improving the Health and Wellbeing of participants. Over the year the Bogside Brandywell Health Forum engaged with a number of participants improving health and wellbeing through attendance at physical activity, nutrition, mental health and family health programmes.

Beneficiaries

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum offer health improvement services for all in our community. Services are offered in a number of venues to ensure maximum accessibility. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work in partnership with Primary and Post Primary Schools, Youth Service, Business Sectors, Community partners, and Voluntary partners, GP Practices and statutory partners in our programme delivery. On occasions participants pay a nominal fee for programmes however our social economy service is the income generation for the organisation.

Ensuring our purpose is beneficial and not harmful

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum work closely with our statutory partners and funders to ensure the benefit of our work outweighs any harm. We ensure our work has sound research and validation and use validated tools to measure changes in participants.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key health improvement initiative and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Health Forum has, through the Finance and Employment Sub Group monitored and reviewed the Financial procedures within the Health Forum. In doing so it has updated its policies and adopted new policies in respect of redundancy and financial reserves which have served to benefit the organisation. The Health Forum continues to seek funding opportunities that can help sustain the project.

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Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the Health Forum are currently by way of grant aid and contracts with a range of external bodies. The principal funders are: Public Health Agency, National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), Western Health & Social Care Trust, BBC Children in Need, Urban Villages (TEO) and a variety of other small funders and income generation.

Reserves Status

Overall reserves for the financial year amounted to £224,010. Reserves for the year are split £205,700 unrestricted and £18,310 restricted reserves.

The Board of Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should represent up to six months of the expenditure and provide for redundancy for all staff in the event of a gap or withdrawal of funding, this would total £170,242 (see note 10 for total unrestricted reserves). The remainder of unrestricted reserves would be used for other programmes and salaries that may be a risk in future financial periods.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirement of the charity and the Board are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding for three months.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will ensure continued effort is to be made to bolster our capacity to deliver and innovate in respect of health improvement within the immediate target area which may require the securing of additional income from grant aid or contract with an external body or bodies.

Bogside Brandywell Health Forum will continue to work with funders and grant makers to promote health improvement through partnerships in the area of benefit.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project - The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP) provides support to 6 locations: Limavady, Strabane, four areas within Derry: Outer West, Outer North, Triax, Waterside with the overall aim to improve community health and wellbeing.

Social Prescribing - work in partnership with Healthy Living Centres in N. Ireland and Community Groups associated with the Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing to scale our Social Prescribing Project to other communities.

Right Time, Right Place project is the first community mental health project in the Derry / Strabane District aimed at building a partnership approach across NRA's to improve the mental health of people in communities. The project is aiming to build community capacity and ensure the District is the first Trauma Informed District.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee (Board of Directors)

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

A number of Directors will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Directors Induction and Training

Directors are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in a range of activities and events over several years. New directors receive a full induction. There is also a Staff Induction pack which is useful in terms of providing a good grounding in the management structure and working parts of the organisation.

Risk Assessment and Management

The Board of Directors are duty-bound to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

Internal Financial Risks are already minimised by the authorisation of all transactions for project expenditure. All financial matters are scrutinised by the Finance and Employment Sub Group on a regular basis, minutes are taken of the proceedings and relayed to the Board of Directors. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health & safety of staff, volunteers and service users.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has a Board of eight Directors who meet at least eight times a year to receive Progress Reports from the General Manager relative to the various projects. The Board alternated its meetings between Project Progress meetings and Corporate meeting to ensure a healthy balance between progress on operational matters and building the corporate strength of the organisation.

The Board are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction and policies of the Charity. At present there are eight Directors on the Board from a range of backgrounds.

In an effort to maintain a good skills mix, directors are requested to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. Membership of the Board is reviewed on an ongoing basis by an ad-hoc Membership Committee.

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A system of delegation is in place whereby day to day responsibility for the strategic and full operational development of the charity rests with the General Manager who in turn provides line management to all project managers employed by the Health Forum. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the projects and services specified and that key performance indicators are met through a continuous system of personal action plans, line management, managers meetings, staff meetings and annual appraisal.

Employment and Finance Sub Group

The Charity has established an Employment and Finance Sub Group in order to deal with and provide focus to the charity's corporate responsibility in relation to all financial and relevant employment matters on a timely basis. The Sub Group meets around 8 times per year and one member of the Sub Group reports to each meeting of the Board of Directors. The General Manager and Office Manager also attend all meetings as requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The trustees (who are also directors of Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board should follow best practice and:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
4. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
5. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee (Board of Directors)

Members of the Board, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Auditors

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

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- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

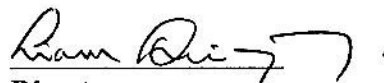
The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

The report has been prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements are approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


Director
MAUREEN COLLINS


Director
LIAM QUIGLEY

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Independent auditor's report to the directors of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its incoming resources and expenditure of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover 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.

Opinion 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 directors' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' annual report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the directors (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud;

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud lies with management and the board of directors of the charitable company.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

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, sector and the specific control environment which it operates in;
- the charities own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur, either as a result of fraud or error;
- representations and results from our enquiries with management and the board of directors regarding their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- enquiries of management relating to accounting estimates measurements, recognition criteria and justification of such amounts;
- any matters we have identified having obtained and reviewed the charities policies and procedures relating to;
 - * identifying and assessing if laws and regulations are compliant and whether they are aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - * detection and response to the risk of fraud and whether they are aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud instances;
 - * the internal controls designed to mitigate risks or fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations, and to minimise risk of management overrides of such controls.