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Company number: NI064504

BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM

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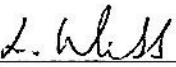
- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware;
and
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's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

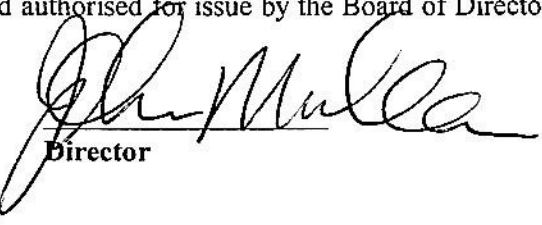
Small Company Provisions

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:

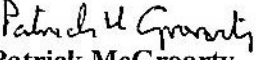
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting 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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BT48 6JX

Date: 8 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and Expenditure	Notes				
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		251,698	14,987	266,685	224,010
		258,806	15,348	274,154	266,685
Transfer of funds		-	-	-	-
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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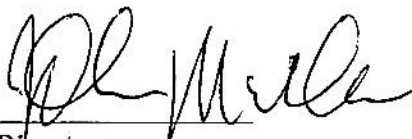
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

		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

BOGSIDE AND BRANDYWELL HEALTH FORUM
(A company limited by guarantee)

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.	<u>(474)</u>	<u>(869)</u>
Increase in cash in the year		<u><u>15,838</u></u>	<u><u>36,776</u></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><u>265,013</u></u>	<u><u>249,175</u></u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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 affects 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
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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	251,698	134,554	(127,446)	-	258,806
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.