

B Positive

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

B Positive was established as a charity on 6th April 2022 and is governed by the terms as set out in its constitution.

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a chairman; a secretary and a treasurer being elected from among the members at an annual general meeting. The Executive Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.
2. The Executive Committee may in addition appoint additional members to the Executive Committee as they see fit.
3. All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed provided that no honorary officer shall hold office for more than 5 consecutive years. On expiry of such a period, 1 year must elapse before any former honorary officer is eligible for re-election.
4. The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.
5. Nobody shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee who is aged under 18 or who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of the following clause.
6. No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Executive Committee whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Executive Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of the Charity.

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Objectives and activities

B Positive aims to help provide a more positive experience for children diagnosed with cancer in Northern Ireland as well as helping their parents and supporting the staff on the Haematology and Oncology ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children (Belfast).

During the year, we continued the successful rollout of our B Positive suitcases to every newly diagnosed child in Northern Ireland. Each large, branded suitcase contains items designed to offer comfort, dignity and practical support during what is often an urgent hospital admission. Inside each case is:

A special B Positive baseball cap to give confidence during hair loss

A branded washbag with toiletries for the child and both parents;

A soft blanket;

A bale of towels;

A 'Warrior' backpack for personal items.

In addition, we supply the ward with a selection of vouchers - Just Eat, Xbox, Playstation and Roblox. These are distributed by nursing staff to children during long and difficult hospital stays. These vouchers totalled over £6,000 this year.

Where possible, we also provide additional treats and experiences for families throughout the year. Notable support this year included:

A contribution of £1,000 towards a special trip for a child who had relapsed;

Funding (in partnership with Cancer Fund for Children) for a child awaiting transplant and their family to visit her favourite football team in Scotland;

In November 2024 we launched our Trauma Counselling Programme for nurses, recognising the emotional toll experience by the clinical staff who care for children with cancer. We are pleased to report a steady and meaningful uptake of this service, which we intend to expand where needed in the coming year.

As a family who has lived the childhood cancer journey, we know all of the above will be of great assistance to the families as they enter the ward.

Review of operations and future development

To date, B Positive has delivered over 100 suitcases to families across Northern Ireland. With an estimated 70-80 new diagnoses each year, this represents our minimum annual requirement to ensure that no newly diagnosed child goes without this essential support.

Throughout the year, we have continued to engage directly with parents of newly diagnosed children, offering advice, signposting, and compassionate guidance rooted in lived experience.

The charity remains committed to developing new forms of support for families and staff, strengthening our partnerships, and ensuring that every child diagnosed with cancer in Northern Ireland experiences compassion, comfort, and practical assistance from the moment of diagnosis.

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Review of finances

During this financial year, we generated incoming resources of £122,834. Outgoing resources totalled £66,996 leaving net incoming resources of £55,838.

Having reviewed the accounts, the Trustees believe that B Positive is in a strong and sustainable financial position, with adequate reserves to support ongoing operations and planned future initiatives. The Trustees are confident that the charity can meet all its stated objectives for the foreseeable future.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their statutory duties and have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. All activities undertaken by B Positive are designed to further our charitable purpose and deliver measurable public benefit to children with cancer, their families, and healthcare professionals in Northern Ireland.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Select the most appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and are appropriately disclosed.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with these responsibilities in preparing the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time, and to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud or other irregularities. Policies are in place to support these responsibilities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

108695

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. Watson', written over a dotted line.

D. Watson - Trustee