



TRUST CHARITY ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023/ 2024

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MAIN PHOTO - Our new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital, opening October 2024

PHOTO 2 - West Bromwich Albion football club visit our paediatrics department

PHOTO 3 - A member of our staff team at City Hospital

Foreword

Welcome to Your Trust Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for 2023/24, the final year of the charity operating under a Corporate Trustee model. We are the registered charity of Sandwell & West Birmingham (SWB) NHS Trust, which provides care for over 530,000 people within our catchment area.

I feel deeply honoured to become the new Chair of our independent charity, which will commence operations from 1st April 2024 and will continue to proudly support SWB NHS Trust's healthcare services. The charity has done extensive work with key stakeholders - our patients, people and population of Sandwell and West Birmingham - to shape our strategic direction from 2024 - 2029. This is closely aligned to the Trust's purpose to improve life chances and health outcomes, and we are excited to formally launch our new independent charity strategy and brand later in 2024.

From April 2023 to March 2024, we'd like to extend our thanks to a number of key grant funders. This includes the Roper-Hall Eye Foundation, who funded two innovative research devices based at Birmingham Midland Eye Centre, Astra Zeneca UK and Daiichi Sankyo UK who supported us to run community diabetes clinics, and both City Hospital and Sandwell League of Friends charities for aiding our department requests, which included digital activity tables for elderly patients. We also completed our SCORE contract with the Prince's Trust, which enabled us to engage with over 120 young people, with a hugely impressive 1 in 3 securing sustained employment.

I am also delighted to announce that we have now achieved our target £2m fundraising target towards the Trust's new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital, opening in late 2024. In particular, we'd like to thank Arts Council England, the Eveson Trust, and the Creative Lives Know Your Neighbourhood Fund for supporting initiatives based around the new hospital, as well as those amazing donors who supported our brave 110 participants in the charity zip wire event in July 2023.

This past year has charitable income almost double from the previous year, with higher-than-expected legacy income playing a factor in this. As the incoming charity Chair, I will work with our Trustees and staff team to ensure that we are spending this income to generate the best possible impact we can, as we support our patients, people and population in the years to come.

As a former patient of the Trust, I am also keen for our charity to engage with our local businesses, especially as the Midland Met will be the closest adult hospital to the centre of Birmingham. However, this will not be possible without your support. For our donors, supporters, and those in our community who have supported us so selflessly, I'd like to say a huge thank you. Your efforts in this past year have helped us make a huge difference, and I will ensure we continue to do this as an independent charity.

Steve Allen

Incoming Charity Chair



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About Your Trust Charity

Your Trust Charity - the registered charity of Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust - has the following mission:



To enhance the experience of all people using our services including staff, patients and their families. We will do this by providing additional facilities and supporting innovative projects that create a comfortable and secure environment



We exist to achieve the following four priorities:

1. Infrastructure & equipment

- Improving the organisation's environment and making the capital improvements to facilities
- Supporting integrated care across the estate of SWB NHS Trust and allied providers

2. Staff education & development

- Supporting the educational development of clinical and non-clinical staff
- Aims to secure the long term future of health and social care in Sandwell and West Birmingham
- To support education within the local community

3. Innovation & research

- Help the Trust to be a leader of innovation, pump priming activities, running pilots and testing out new ideas and technologies for care that enhances outcomes for local people

4. Community resilience

- Support communities to improve their health outcomes, enabling them to provide outstanding, compassionate care independent of statutory providers



SCORE programme intern



We Are Metropolitan

We are delighted to confirm that we have now achieved our £2m (net) campaign for We Are Metropolitan! The success of the most important and ambitious fundraising campaign in our history simply could not have been achieved without the support of so many fantastic supporters, who will help us make Midland Met more than a hospital.

The cost of building the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital is already paid for. But the charity, through our campaign, will now be able to fund things over and above core NHS funding, enhancing our hospital's ability to deliver exceptional care in a world class building.

We are so grateful indeed to our Campaign Council, with a huge thanks first and foremost to Peter Salt, Chief Executive of Salts Healthcare, who has successfully chaired our Council since we formally launched our campaign in March 2020. We'd also like to thank Henrietta Brealey, chief executive of the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, Deb Leary, president of the Chamber and CEO/Founder of Forensic Pathways, and Louise Pritchard, Principal at Bristnall Hall Academy, as well as our Trust

leaders including Dr Sarb Clare, Professor Derek Connolly, and Dr Nick Makwana.

In the last year we received the remainder of our grant from Arts Council England to fund a series of 'test and explore' projects at our existing sites as well as at Midland Met. We're also grateful to the Eveson Trust and the Creative Lives Know Your Neighbourhood Fund for supporting our plans to create enhanced volunteer support for our patients at the new hospital.

We also had an incredible 110 participants fundraise for us at the charity zip wire during our NHS 75th birthday celebrations in early July 2023. Their challenge was to ascend 120 feet in a crane cage lift, and then zip wire 220 metres alongside our new hospital! We are delighted that this event raised a gross amount of just over £32,000 - an unbelievable result. Our sincere thanks to Aperture Portraits, Big Bang Promotions and Daniel Baker Photography for supporting us at the event, as well as every one of our individual participants, corporate teams and those who sponsored them - and countless others who have helped our campaign!

We Are Metropolitan

Every penny raised will help us make a real difference in the following 3 areas:

1. Community spaces

Thanks to your support, we will fund a 3-metre stainless steel sculpture co-created with our critical care team, to celebrate over 10,000 patients who were successfully discharged during the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll also fund a community garden art installation in the grounds with our partner Spectra, and support activities within our 88-metre gallery space, one of the biggest in our region, showcasing exhibitions, visual art, and cultural education programmes.

2. A welcome, healing environment

Thanks to your support, we will fund a home corner play unit in our paediatrics department, as well as engaging vinyl artwork displays in our children's ward, teen zone and emergency department. We'll also fund equipment that will help our critically ill patients with their rehabilitation. This will ensure that healing and getting better is more than curing ailments - it is about creating a positive atmosphere.

3. Research & development

Thanks to your support, we are partnering with the University of Birmingham to fund 2 PhD studentships into leukaemia and ovarian cancer. Thanks to the grateful support of Listers Group, we're also working with Aston

University to fund 4 PhD studentships into cardiology and heart disease. Both groundbreaking projects will help us better understand conditions reflecting the growing ethnic diversity of our patients.

Our Art in Hospital programme, initiated by Your Trust Charity, has strived to establish a cultural hub at Midland Metropolitan University Hospital (MMUH), which would serve as an important resource for our staff, visitors, artists, and the broader community. In November 2021, Your Trust Charity celebrated a significant achievement by securing £98,500 from Arts Council England, earmarked for a series of 'test and explore' projects and initiatives. These projects were designed to lay the foundation for a ground-breaking arts, culture and community programme in collaboration with various cultural and community partners, with a particular emphasis on co-creation, learning, and nurturing creativity.

Our 'test and explore' projects, concluding in March 2024, included:

- The 'Bright Beginnings' project, establishing a creative partnership between hospital clinicians, Brushstrokes (a specialist migration community organisation), and Mothership (a local community arts organisation specialising in working with refugee and migrant mothers). This research and development initiative employed creative tools such as music, movement, and various creative activities to make maternity services more accessible.
- The 'Hope' sculpture, a collaboration between our ICU colleagues and Midlands based Artist Sculptor Jacob Chandler. This represents the hope of survivors receiving critical life-saving treatment within ICU, sharing our collective gratitude to the medics and clinicians for their dedication, selfless support, expertise and valour in our time of collective need during the pandemic and beyond. Hope will be on display at the south main entrance to our new hospital.
- Our audio trail commission with Overhear included the successful implementation of Pin-a-Poem workshops at Sandwell General Hospital. These

workshops engaged patients through creative expression and poetry, fostering a positive and uplifting environment within the hospital. Patients recovering from strokes and other life-changing illnesses shared their experiences of rebuilding their lives and finding strength within themselves.

- Abundance and Buzz Stop with Spectra, a neurodiverse arts company located in Sandwell, involved the creation of biodiverse and accessible garden spaces on previously unused patches of land, achieved through the collaboration of diverse teams of artists, designers, and horticulturists. Abundance was a large-scale environmental play sculpture devised and produced by Spectra in partnership with Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and co-commissioned by Creative Black Country, reaching over an audience of over 1,500. This led to the development of Buzz Stop, bringing to life a piece of un-used grass outside the main entrance of Sandwell General Hospital.
- Spectra also helped to develop our Arts Manifesto for Midland Met through 26 workshops, an open feedback display, and an online questionnaire. Participants spanned 2 - 85 years of age.
- Children's illustrator Ben Javens was commissioned to develop an illustration that introduces the new hospital to children under 10 years old. His work engaged over 1,000 children.
- We also investigated the potential of designating and managing the gallery at MMUH as a 'People's Gallery'. This included a young people engagement project to identify the most effective way to ensure young people can have an effective role in decision making, in response to the opportunity to create and run a large community-based gallery space
- We also recruited and trained a cohort of specialist arts volunteers to support the ongoing programme at MMUH.

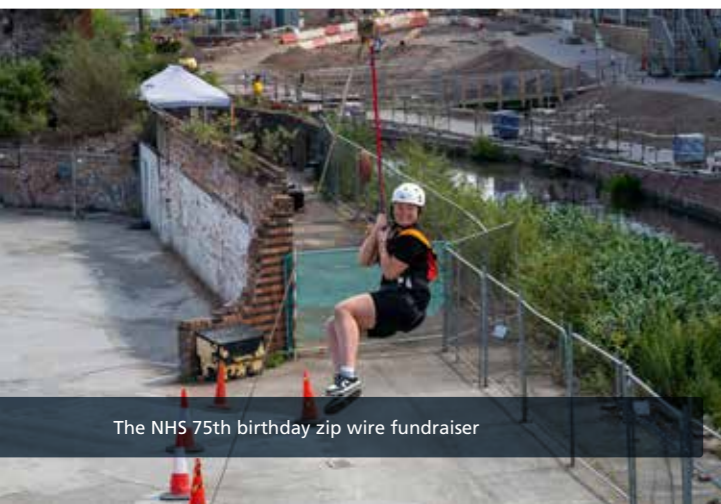
Staff feedback on Bright Beginnings included:

“ Amazing Project! ”

“ Very therapeutic doing the weaving ”

“ Loved the relaxation ”

The support from Arts Council England has been instrumental in catalysing significant changes within our Art in Hospital programme. Most notably we have been able to work with artist partners to develop and deliver bold and ambitious arts and cultural programmes co-designed by our community.



The NHS 75th birthday zip wire fundraiser



The Buzz Stop flower garden at Sandwell hospital campus

How you can get involved

- **Donate by cheque** to 'Your Trust Charity'
- **You can always fundraise for us** - we would love to hear your ideas. Contact us for an event registration form online and we will be in touch to support you
- **Direct Debit** - contact us at trustcharity@nhs.net or send a donation form back to us via Freepost
- **Bank transfer** - you can donate to us directly by bank transfer. Please contact us for our bank details
- **Leaving a gift in your will to Your Trust Charity** - a wonderful way to ensure you will still help make a difference beyond your lifetime
- **Follow us on social media:**



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Our Appeals

Your Trust Charity currently operates eight appeals (including a general appeal), complemented by a number of themes detailed below:

The current appeals and themes are as follows:

Your Trust Charity General Appeal

Women's & Child Health Appeal

- Neonatal Care
- Maternity
- Paediatrics
- Bereavement Services

Medicine & Emergency Appeal

- Cardiology
- Diabetes
- Respiratory Medicine
- Emergency Department
- Gastroenterology & Hepatology
- Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia

Surgical Appeal

- Cancer
- Breast Care
- Critical Care Services

Research & Development Appeal

- Neurology
- Rheumatology
- Cardiology
- Endocrine & Metabolic R&D

Community Appeal

- iCares
- Palliative Care
- Dementia Support

Birmingham Midland Eye Centre (BMEC) Appeal

We Are Metropolitan Appeal



What we have achieved

We can report total charitable income for the year of £1,559,000. Charitable expenditure was £911,000, with an overall surplus of £648,000, due to delayed expenditure relating to the new hospital. Based on our four priority areas of **infrastructure, education, innovation and community resilience**, and also including We Are Metropolitan, Your Trust Charity has spent the following during 2023-24:

Priority area	Amount (£)
Infrastructure & Equipment	179,000
Education & Development	87,000
Innovation & Research	261,000
Community Resilience	117,000
We Are Metropolitan	64,000
Total	709,000



The Nidek Gonioscope GS-1

Within **Infrastructure & Equipment**, the charity funds 'over and above' improvements to the Trust's environment, or purchases enhanced capital equipment supplied to the Trust. In the last year we have:

- Purchased the OcuMet Beacon device and the Nidek Gonioscope GS-1, both situated at our Birmingham Midland Eye Centre (BMEC). With grateful thanks to our ongoing relationship in receiving grant assistance via the Roper-Hall Eye Foundation, the OcuMet Beacon device can detect mitochondrial damage during the early stages of blinding eye conditions before we can detect

any retinal changes seen in the clinic. The Nidek Gonioscope GS-1 facilitates high quality imaging and will enhance clinical outcomes, training and research. Both devices are automated, easy to use, and only takes 5 minutes to image a patient. They will:

- Allow us to detect and treat retinal disease for example, uveitis, diabetic eye disease and macular degeneration before any irreversible visual loss occurs.
- Enable critical evaluation of the 'angle' of the eye, a critical structure in the front of the eye that regulates and maintains intraocular (eye) pressure. Post-operation, this will help us locate surgical devices used to lower eye pressure.
- Installed an outdoor gym at City Hospital with grateful thanks to our stage three grant from NHS Charities Together. Initially for staff to use, the intention is for the outdoor gym to have a long-term community benefit as the acute site is decommissioned and new housing is developed.
- Acquired a T4r recumbent bike for our cardiac rehabilitation patients. Combining lower and upper body movement, this builds strength and invigorates our rehabilitation patients.
- Bought digital test charts and tablet cases for our eye patients, thanks to a grateful patient donation. Our clinicians control the digital eye test chart remotely and wirelessly via tablet and can carry out a full and comprehensive visual exam with ease for adults to young children.



The new outdoor gym at City hospital campus

Our **Education & Development** priority supports the non-mandatory education of our staff, and also supports their ongoing health and wellbeing needs. In the last year we have funded:

- A contribution towards an MSc in Advanced Occupational Health for our Children's Therapies clinicians, enabling them to develop further expertise and best practice within their department.
- Delivering specialist musculoskeletal (MSK) support sessions to our staff through a dedicated series of clinics, as part of our NHS Charities Together stage three grant.
- Ongoing support for our clinicians to attend and deliver presentations at the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) annual congress. This continues to showcase the work of our clinical toxicology team and their patient benefits on an international stage.
- Supporting our palliative care team to access courses run by local hospices, specialist psychology training, as well as Art of Brilliance workshops. This helps the team to gain further knowledge in managing specific areas of complex care, as well as building a resilient team spirit.
- A range of wellbeing, team recovery, and specialist training days for our teams, including acute medicine, cardiac rehabilitation, clinical cardiology, critical care, gastroenterology, haematology, nuclear medicine, ophthalmology, paediatrics, and skin services. This has benefitted up to 500 clinical and non-clinical staff.

Our **Innovation and Research** priority supports our Trust to create pilot projects helping to uncover groundbreaking research into conditions that affect our diverse patient population. Thanks to a grant received from Astra Zeneca UK, our clinician Dr Parijat De was able to run 20 out-of-hours community diabetes clinics. This quality improvement research project aimed to engage with at least 800 patients with cardio, renal and metabolic disease. Using a search tool to identify patients at risk of developing complications and at risk of unplanned admission to hospital, this project supported them with an enhanced health review, along with optimisation of disease management. This enabled an evaluation and



audit of patient improvements, monitoring reductions in acute admission activity.

Dr De also secured grateful funding from Daiichi Sankyo UK to research into improving population metabolic health in a specific primary care network location within Birmingham. Here, a total of 600-800 high risk diabetes patients were identified, and two community clinics per week were run. This was to make sure their medication was having the desired effect in reaching their targets, with both clinical and biochemical follow up subsequently in the practice.

The charity supported our clinicians to produce a research poster on supporting patients with type 2 diabetes and obesity, which was displayed at the national Diabetes UK conference in 2024. Additionally, our anaesthetics and pain management clinicians were funded to publish three research papers, and have been invited to present at three national and international conferences, including the prestigious Congress Of The European Pain Federation (EFIC).

The charity also funded a 12-month research study entitled 'Coping with Type 1 diabetes and external examinations: understanding the challenges young people face'. This investigated into the real lived experiences of children and young people with Type 1 diabetes, when preparing and taking external significant exams (e.g., GCSE and A levels). By undertaking and transcribing semi-structured interviews with these young people, the data obtained was analysed to highlight their experiences of CYP with navigating the challenges of managing not only their blood glucose levels, but also the expectations of completing examinations without compromising their glycaemic control.

Measuring Impact: Our commissions and grant-aided programme

Community resilience is one of our largest areas of charitable expenditure. This continues to be a priority for further work programmes with our population and partners of other patient facing services. We actively use this area to measure and demonstrate our impact and beneficiary take-up by those accessing and using our services.

The evaluation of our charity funded projects looks at:

- Evidence, beneficiary feedback and take-up by patients, performance monitoring of indicators that helped us determine how the funds generated

from grant aided commissions and contracts were spent, and where there was potential scope to scale up the project.

- Contribution to our regional health and social care outcomes and where applicable how projects both add values and complemented regional employability objectives,
- Identifying and supporting of meaningful developments with stakeholders within our regional NHS Trust Charity catchment and the potential of co-developments with sector-based partnerships.



Having fun in the Abundance garden

Grants and Commissions

SCORE (Supporting Career Opportunities, Recruitment & Employment) - awarded payment by results contract by The Prince's Trust and Department of Health & Social Care

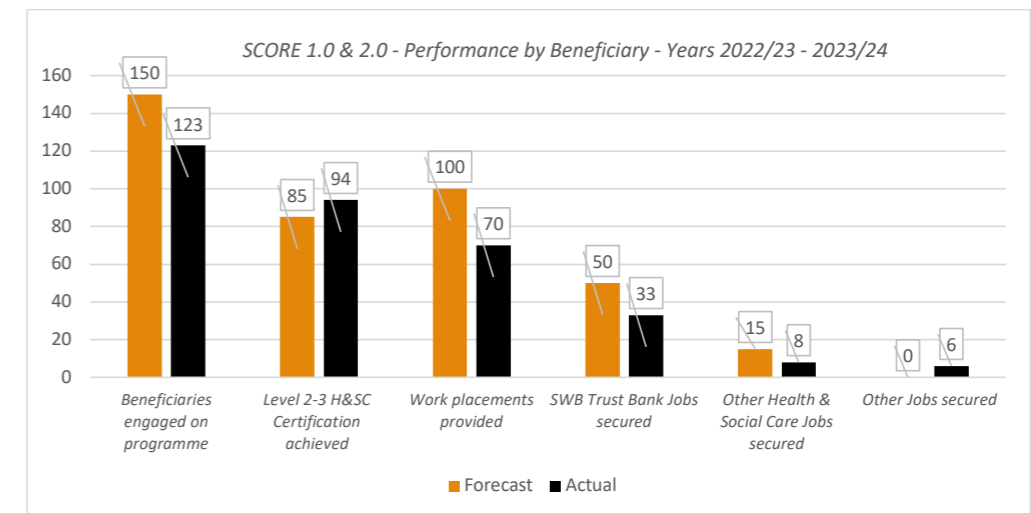
'SCORE' was a payment by results grant aided contract secured from The Prince's Trust and via the Department of Health and Social Care. Our in-house team worked alongside partners including SWB NHS Trust's Nursing and Midwifery team, Volunteers Services, Aston Villa FC Foundation, and local colleges. Our aim was to recruit, train and equip 16-30-year-olds from across the region, in readiness for them applying for and securing entry level jobs and apprenticeships.

SCORE's achievements on outcomes up to contract

completion date of 31st March 2024, were impressive. We are delighted to have engaged with 123 young people, with some 94 of them going on to achieve a level two or three health & social care qualification. In addition to this, some 41 candidates have secured jobs on average working a minimum 16 to 25 hours per week with SWB NHS Trust Bank, whilst others have been employed in more full-time roles within the local health & social care supply chain.

With almost one in three progressing into employment, our SCORE programme has proven to be a fantastic career development pathway for these young people. The input of the Charity has demonstrated how tangible co-development and co-financing of projects can create meaningful employment opportunities for the Trust's local population, and those interested in health and social care as a career.

Infographic 1 below highlights the uptake, progressions and outcomes achieved by young people who were involved on SCORE 1.0 and 2.0 employability programmes:



Domestic Abuse Service - awarded funding of £29,500 from Sandwell Safer Partnership (SSP) Project Start Date: November 2015

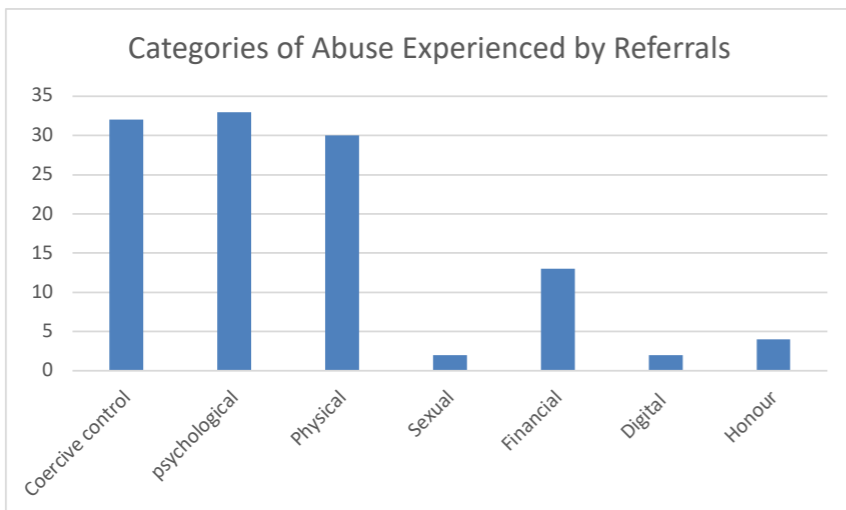
Your Trust Charity is grateful to Sandwell Safer Partnership for their ongoing grant support towards the Emergency Department Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (ED IDVA) project, which covers SWB NHS Trust's catchment

area. Two IDVAs are embedded in Sandwell and City Hospital ED departments respectively, and an Information Officer captures data across both sites. Both EDs will relocate from Sandwell and City Hospital to the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital in Smethwick towards the end of 2024. Since April 2020, victims of domestic abuse accessing SWB NHS Trust ED services has increased:

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total referrals to ED IDVA Service	241	264	334
Annual per cent increase		9.5	26.5
Cumulative three year per cent increase			38.6

Although referrals declined to 288 during 2023/24, there was a staff vacancy from late 2023, leaving only 1 IDVA available. This post has now been filled and 2 IDVAs will be in place when the emergency departments at Sandwell and City Hospital move to Midland Met. Demand for the service is anticipated to increase.

These cases indicate a number of complex and multiple presenting issues, including psychological, physical, sexual, financial, digital, honour and coercive control abuse. The service provides victims with earlier support and safeguarding, increasing their safety and reducing their impact on ED:



Comments included:

"I have had years of support and counselling and felt at times patronised. Thank you for talking to me you made me feel as if I was understood".

"I wasn't aware of the help available until I spoke to different people at the hospital. I never realised how much I needed the help and feel much better after speaking to the mental health team and you. Thank you I really appreciate you listening to my personal information and doing something with it that's so positive".

"Working as an emergency nurse practitioner in the minor injuries unit, I often sadly see patients present with injuries incurred from domestic assault. When I have referred to the service, which is also an easy process, they have supported almost immediately. The service spends lengthy periods with patients, they are a comfort, are diligent, have a really reassuring nature and they have gone the extra mile several times. They also kindly kept me informed of plans of care, particularly when I've been worried, to put my mind at rest. They are fundamentally important to us as a department."

Case Study:

'Clare' (a pseudonym), aged 24, had been physically assaulted by her ex-partner in front of their four children. Already had a non-molestation order was in place against the perpetrator which he had breached before, and no action had been taken. Clare felt let down by services both the police and children's services. Two of the children have special medical needs.

Clare discussed the physical assault that had been vicious, sustained and witnessed by the children. One of the children aged 6 had called the police. Clare was terrified that children's services would take her children who were currently with her mom. In slowly building a rapport with Clare, I listened to the abuse she had suffered both in the relationship and since she had left the relationship, as well as a lack of trust and fear of the services involved.

Clare felt that she was being blamed for being assaulted. I explained what Clare's rights were regarding an advocate, from children's services and the police. Clare agreed for me to contact her social worker and update on the safety plan. This meant Clare was not stuck in A & E while I looked for a place of safety for her, which she appreciated. Clare also consented for me to arrange a meeting with the Black Country Women's Aid so Clare could feel supported explaining her needs, which her worker kindly accommodated and attended the hospital.

Clare now is engaging with services in the community. Being able to link and support Clare while she regains trust in services and holding those to account that are not supporting has been challenging but worthwhile, although still ongoing.

Clare has said she is grateful to feel supported and that she can now see she is not to blame, which is a fantastic start.



Sandwell's accident & emergency department

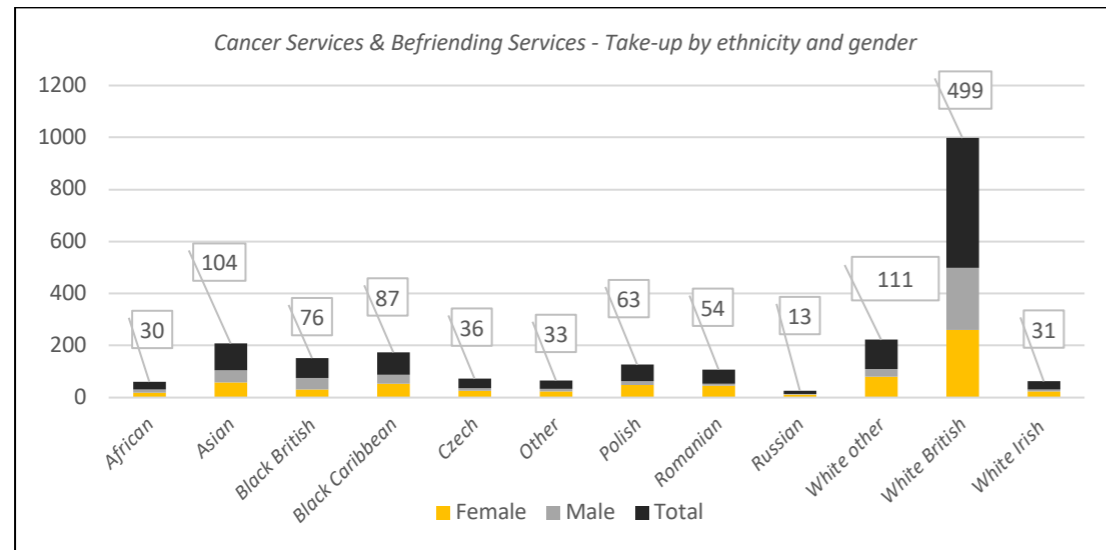
SWB Volunteer Befriending (Cancer Services) Local Support Service

Co-financed by NHS Charities Together and Your Trust Charity, this project provided cancer survival patients, their families and carers with high level input from highly trained staff and professionals. These included clinical and non-clinical personnel, and colleagues from Macmillan charity, forming an integral part of work with our cancer services team to develop a volunteer befriending project. The main objective was to meaningfully tackle some of

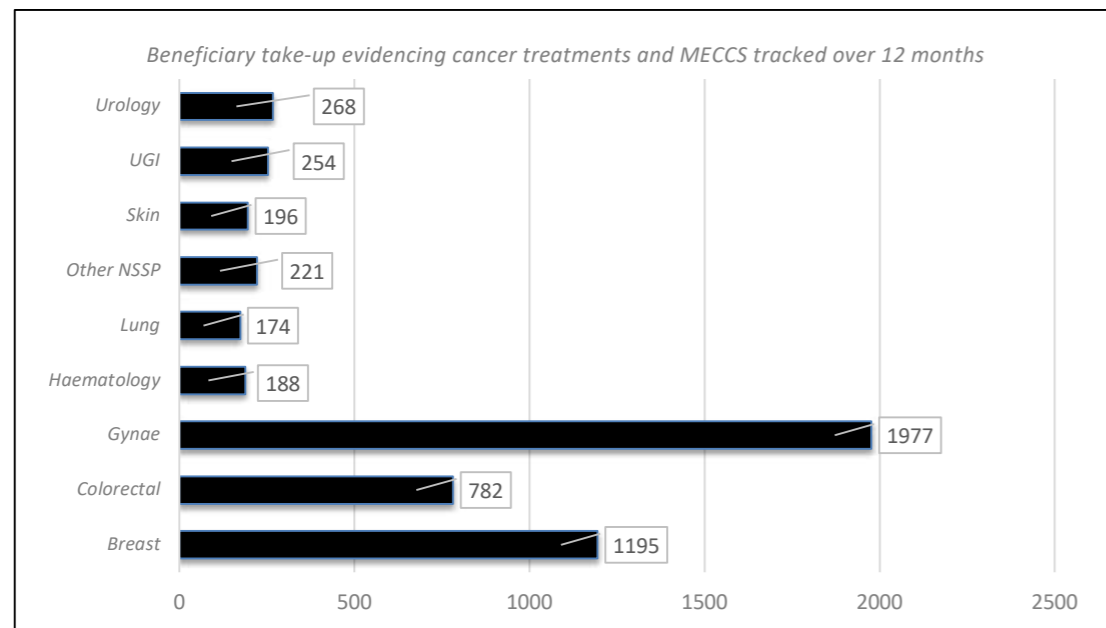
the main concerns faced by beneficiaries. This included complex challenges being encountered post-pandemic, especially loneliness and living in isolated conditions, alongside welfare poverty issues severely heightened as a direct result of the pandemic.

The summary provided Infographics 3, 4 and 5 below highlights the impact of the project as well as its broad mix of beneficiaries comprising of ethnicity, health challenges presented, and interventions provided.

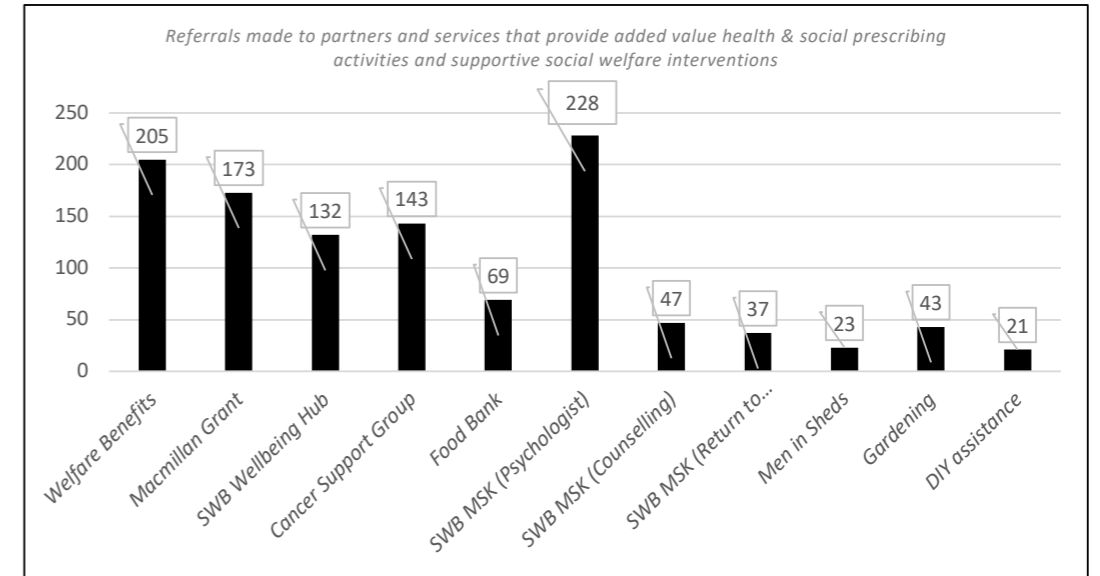
Infographic 3



Infographic 4



Infographic 5



Sandwell Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Pilot Project - allocated £171,584, awarded match-funding of £97,903 from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Inclusive Learning Services) Project Duration: September 2021 - September 2023

This project funded 2.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) advanced practitioner occupational therapists for children and young people (CYP) aged 2-19 presenting with sensory processing difficulties, in schools and the community of Sandwell. This was an integral strand of SEND engagement, in addressing health and social care inequalities within its identified catchment of local schools.

Over the delivery period, datasets collated from amongst CYP and schools engagement work undertaken has indicated 18 schools, 275 staff, and 834 CYP had been engaged. The project was reported to be valued by colleagues working within Inclusion Support and highly successful by parents and schools, with participating schools expressing an interest in buying in an Enhanced Occupational Therapy Service.

Comments included:

"We would love to be able to buy into the OT service as we do for our enhanced speech and language therapy service. We have a large number of children with significant sensory needs and this would be so beneficial in supporting us to meet their needs."

"It would be useful to have regular access to this support. I would be interested in accessing an enhanced service like that provided by speech and language therapists."

"I can't stress enough what a success the project was. Our children and staff benefitted greatly. If it were possible we would be keen to enter into an SLA for OT service, especially if M could continue to work with us." Comment from SENCO and Deputy Principal.

An outcome of the project is to respond to service level agreements requests from the participating schools. The charity is seeking to be involved in the ongoing funding of the specialist project occupational therapists, which would enable the Sandwell occupational therapy service to facilitate these requests.



Siamah Syed from the occupational therapy team

Fundraising and Working within our Community

We have been overwhelmed by the fantastic support of our donors, fundraisers and supporters for the incredible fundraising you have helped us with this year. We continue to make a huge difference thanks to your time and generosity. Thank you to each and every one of you.



A charity cake sale fundraiser at BMEC

Here is a selection of our many successful projects and fundraisers in this past year:

Johal's story

Johal has been a patient of Birmingham Midland Eye Centre (BMEC) for over 40 years, beginning from when he was a student in Cardiff and had to travel to and from our site for treatment. He knows that our clinicians are always very caring for him and for other patients and take their time when providing expert care. His treatment has included receiving a specialist lens which he still uses almost every day.

Johal has used the NHS his whole life and felt that this was the time to give something back and help the community. He feels quite fortunate that he and his family were able to support the charity and BMEC, and wanted to purchase something that would have a direct impact and benefit on all patients.

Through his donation, the charity was able to purchase digital eye charts which will save time for the clinicians, enabling patients to be seen quite quickly. Speaking on video, Johal said: "If you've used the NHS or the Trust's services for a number of years and it has helped you - if you are able to - it is rewarding to give a donation. This will have an impact on every patient that comes here for care".

Watch Johal's inspiring story, and why he wanted to give back to Your Trust Charity here:

<https://youtu.be/9BMm7JzK9lw?si=NwtjU-8c0UHEq1du>

Dr Clare takes on Berlin Marathon to raise awareness around wellbeing

A huge thank you to Dr Sarb Clare MBE, our Acute Medical Consultant and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, who took on the Berlin Marathon in September 2023. In completing her sixth marathon, Dr Clare incredibly raised over £3,000 for two charities, including our We Are Metropolitan fundraising campaign. This will help us enhance the garden area and the arts programme at our Trust's new super hospital, the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital, opening later in 2024.

Dr Clare said: "Our new hospital will not only treat some of the sickest patients in our community but will

also be a hub for our population. Providing areas of relaxation for patients, visitors and staff is something we are developing.

"A garden space will be abundant with greenery and enclosed areas where people will be able to sit and reflect. It will be a place for people to focus on their mental health and wellbeing. The arts programme at the new hospital is about bringing our community together and giving them an opportunity to take part in various activities, from crafts, to performance arts."



Dr Sarb Clare completes the Berlin Marathon

Cancer services raises £1,100 from cake sale

In October 2023, the Cancer Services team hosted their very own coffee morning in aid of two charities, including Your Trust Charity.

The event saw an array of delicious homemade cakes, samosas, a tombola, and a stand from Asda, set up in Sandwell Hospital's main reception area, with staff and volunteers serving up the delicious treats.

Jenny Donovan, Cancer Services Manager, said: "This year's event has been a sell-out, we had more people visit than in previous years. To bypass the £1,000 mark was just incredible – it's the most we've raised to date! The team and I were overwhelmed with the volume of delicious homemade cakes by our staff and volunteers

and were determined to raise more money than ever."

Money raised will help provide Your Trust Charity with additional funding to enhance the experiences of patients and their families.

Jo Harvey, Macmillan Trust Lead Cancer Nurse, said: "As a team we believe it's important to continue to raise awareness around cancer. We have various ways in which we do this from sharing informational videos about symptoms of cancer to the launch of our Cancer Hotline service which enables people who think they may have signs of the disease to call our specialist nurses who will assess them over the phone and decide if they need further investigations."



Raising funds for cancer services

Our Future Plans

The charity will become an independent charity during 2024, although we will remain primarily supporting Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust's healthcare services. A new five-year business plan and new charity brand has been developed, engaging with over 200 of our key stakeholders to date, and will be launched later in 2024.

For the year ahead, our new independent charity will work towards a vision of **improved life chances and better health outcomes in our communities and care systems**, as well as retaining the Trust's values of **ambition, respect and compassion**.

Proposed charity objectives within the next year are as follows:

Area	Objective	Key Performance Indicators
Patients	Monitor and measure high quality impact of charity projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDVA service BMEC equipment Midland Met enhancements - welcoming environment, community spaces, R & D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of surveys, case studies & questionnaires completed by patients Number of charity press releases Number of patients engaged in new charity brand re-launch
People	Support ongoing health, wellbeing & development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conferences, seminars, away days & end of year reviews Redevelopment of staff areas Volunteers non-pay support Engagement with Trust teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of charity workshops & QIHDS attended Number of staff & volunteers engaged in new charity brand re-launch
Population	Addressing health inequalities outside of our hospital walls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth employability Domestic abuse support Access to arts/cultural activity Addressing poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of case studies & impact assessment reports completed Numbers of population engaged in new charity brand re-launch
Partners	Be an anchor institution for health & social care in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladywood & Perry Barr Place BSOL ICS (Fairer Futures Fund) Sandwell Place Black Country ICS (Volunteering for Health) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new charity project co-developments, either as lead or representing NHS charity consortia Number of engagements with external partners i.e. VCS, schools/colleges Completion of Midland Met Campaign Council and campaign

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our donors, supporters, fund ambassadors and colleagues for your ongoing support. We cannot achieve our plans without you.

Monitoring our Fundraising Performance

A selection of our core key performance indicators for fundraising in 2023/24 were as follows:

Key Performance Indicator	Actual	Status
To achieve total income target of £1,190,000	1,559,000	■
To secure grants/trading target of £420,000	£197,000*	■
To generate between £3.37 to £5.88 per £1 spent on charity fundraising costs (or between 17p to 30p in every £1 spent)	£9.49* per £1 spent (or 11p in every £1 spent)	■

Our Supporters

We'd like to recognise the grateful support, through fundraising, grant aid and gifts in kind support from the following supporters of Your Trust Charity:

Organisations

 ABCD (Diabetes Care) Ltd	 Arts Council England	 Aperture Portraits	 AstraZeneca UK
 Aston University	 Balfour Beatty	 Big Bang Promotions	 Bristnall Hall Academy
 Cagni Williams	 Charities Aid Foundation	 Concept Photography	 Creative Black Country
 Daiichi Sankyo UK	 Daniel Baker Photography	 Dr Falk Pharma UK	 E & A Group
 Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) Ltd	 GL Education A Renaissance Company	 Golden Eagle Solutions	 Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce
 Listers Group	 Longlife Buildings Ltd	 Natural History Museum	 NHS Charities Together
 Prince's Trust	 RBC Brewin Dolphin	 Remedium Partners	 Roper-Hall Eye Foundation
 Salts Healthcare	 Sandwell Cultural Education Partnership	 Sandwell Lions	 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Inclusion Services)
 Sandwell Safer Partnership	 Sharegift	 Starbucks UK	 Steel & Alloy Processing
 Sewa Day West Midlands	 Thomas Dudley Ltd	 Tusker UK	 UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
 West Bromwich Albion Football Club	 West Midlands Pallets Ltd		

Individuals and Groups

Creative Lives Know Your Neighbourhood Fund

City Hospital League of Friends

Deb Leary

Dr Nick Makwana

Dr Sarb Clare

Elaine Shiels

Eveson Trust

Hadley Travel

Monica Tatton

Peter Salt

Professor Derek Connolly

Rachel Barlow

Sandwell Hospital League of Friends

Sarindar Sahota

Sean McGuinness

The Green Family

Tim Bradshaw

Appendix 1

Reference and administrative information

CHARITY NAME:

SANDWELL & WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO.

1056127

GOVERNING DOCUMENT:

DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 5 JUNE 1996
(Amended by Supplemental deed: 5th June 2003)
(Linked charities removed and funds transferred into main umbrella NHS charity: 10th May 2017)

CHARITY TRUSTEES:

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee, the Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (established by Statutory Instrument in March 2002 under the NHS and Community Care Act 1990). The NHS Trust Board comprises the Chairman, seven Non-Executive members and five Executive members. Non-Executive members are appointed by NHS Trust Development Agency (now NHS Improvement) and the Executive members are all Directors of the NHS Trust and comprise the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and Performance/Chief Finance Officer, Chief Nurse, Medical Director and the Chief Operating Officer.

The NHS Trust Board has devolved responsibility for the ongoing management of funds to a Charitable Funds Sub-Committee of the Board which administers the funds on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. The Committee meets four times a year. Representatives of the Charitable Fund Investment advisors are required to attend the Committee on at least a yearly basis to present appropriate investment reports.

Persons who have acted as voting members of the Trust Board at any time during the course of the financial year include:

Sir D Nicholson

A Argyle (Interim Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, appointed 2023)

R Hardy

L Harper

M Laverty

J Sharma (appointed 2023)

V Taylor

L Writtle

W Zaffar MBE (Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, employment ceased 2023)

R Beeken

M Anderson

J Newens

D McLannahan (seconded 2024)

M Roberts

S Sheppard (appointed 2024)

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

All Charities must have charitable purposes or aims that are for the 'public benefit'. This is known as the 'public benefit requirement'. 'Public benefit' is the legal requirement that every organisation set up for one or more charitable aims must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit if it is to be recognised, and registered, as a charity in England and Wales. There are two key principles, both of which must be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit. Firstly there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits and secondly the benefits must be to the public or section of the public. The Corporate Trustee confirms that it has had regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance where relevant.

The Charity has a main Umbrella Charity, formally known as **"Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Charities"**. The objects of this fund are registered as being:

"To apply the income for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the service provided by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust."

This main charity fund is considered to have NHS wide objectives and as such the Corporate Trustee considers this to be for the public benefit and as such complies with the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's main fund was established using the model declaration of trust and all the funds held on trust as at the date of registration were either included as part of this unrestricted fund or registered as part of separate restricted funds under the main umbrella charity. As of 10th May 2017, the previous linked charity structure was dissolved and merged into the main umbrella NHS charity, in line with the charity's appeals.

During 2017/18, continued consolidation of designated funds took place, with reduction to c. 100 funds in total.

Following a relaunch of the role in November 2019, fund ambassador(s) are appointed. Their responsibility is to ensure that the funds are spent accordingly, and to follow best practice in terms of appropriate charitable spend. Under a scheme of delegated authority approved by the Corporate Trustee these fund ambassadors have delegated authority for expenditure, excluding salaries, to spend up to £5,000 per request in conjunction with a nominated representative of the Chief Finance Officer. Requests less than or equal to £20,000 require the authority of the Fund Ambassador and the Chief Finance Officer; requests less than or equal to £50,000 require the authority of the Fund Ambassador, Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Executive Officer. Any request in excess of £50,000 requires the approval of the Charitable Funds Committee. In the case of any salary expenditure (including on costs) as part of a linked research programme then this will require the approval of the Fund Ambassador, Chief Finance Officer, and Director of Research & Development.

Restricted Funds

Individual fund ambassadors are requested to submit annual plans to the Corporate Trustee detailing how and on what the restricted funds are to be spent. The Corporate Trustee regularly monitors this spend against the available fund balance and takes appropriate action to ensure that funds are spent in a timely manner and in accordance with the donor's wishes..

Designated Funds

Where general donations are received on behalf of individual wards or departments of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, the Corporate Trustee has agreed to transfer the donations received to a fund designated for that particular ward or department. By their very nature these funds are generally held for the purposes of satisfying needs on a day to day basis rather than for long term projects. Internal controls prevent the possibility of these funds spending in excess of the outstanding balance.

Individual fund ambassadors for these wards and departmental designated funds are required to set out their intentions to spend the balance on these funds on an annual basis to the Corporate Trustee.

Other designated funds may be created from time to time by the Corporate Trustee in order to fund specific charitable activities.

It should be noted that the designation of funds does not commit the funds legally. Such designation may be cancelled by the Corporate Trustee if it is later decided that the Charity should not proceed or continue with the use or purpose for which the funds were originally designated.

Legal Duties

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that the funds are spent in accordance with the objectives of each fund and, by designating certain monies within the existing charities, the Corporate Trustee is able to respect the wishes of our generous donors to benefit patient care and advance the good health and welfare of patients, carers and staff.

Non-Executive members of the Trust Board are appointed by the NHS Trust Development Agency (now NHS Improvement) and Executive members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the NHS Trust Board. Members of the Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee are not individual trustees under Charity Law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the charitable funds. As defined in the updated Charitable Funds Policy, the duties of the Committee are to:

- Act in the best interests of the Charity
- Manage the Charity's resources responsibly, which includes protecting and safeguarding its reputation
- Act with reasonable care and skill

The Committee is authorised by the Trust Board to:

- To investigate any activity within its Terms of Reference. It is authorized to seek any information

it requires from any employee and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Committee.

- To instruct professional advisors and request the attendance of individuals and authorities from outside of the Trust with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary or expedient to carrying out its functions.
- To obtain internal information that is necessary and expedient to the fulfillment of its functions.
- Trustees are legally responsible for the Charity's fundraising. Operating effective control over the Charity's fundraising is a vital part of their compliance with legal duties as outlined in the commission guidance on the Trustee duties set out in "the essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do "(CC3).

The Trustees have the right to:

- Prevent the withdrawal of funds, which do not meet the conditions set out in these guidelines.
- Authorise expenditure from a fund if the Trustees believe this to be an appropriate use of resources.
- Cease to delegate their authority to a Fund Ambassador if they believe that the regulations in this document are not fulfilled. In this case they may appoint an alternative manager or take control of the fund themselves.
- Amend these Guidelines as and when necessary. Amendments will be communicated to all Fund Managers.
- Authorise investigation of a breach of this policy that may result in the matter being treated as a disciplinary offence under the Trust's disciplinary procedure.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of charitable funds are dealt with by the NHS Trust Finance Department which is located in Trinity House on the Sandwell General Hospital Site, Lyndon, West Bromwich, B71 4HJ. The NHS Trust levies a charge for providing this service which is reviewed on an annual basis.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A summary of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and placed on the Trust's Risk Register. A summary of responsibilities for managing those risks and the control and security systems in place to alleviate these risks are contained within the Risk Register. A summary of risks is below:

Financial Risk

- Expenditure is inappropriately high
- Expenditure is not spent for purposes intended, or inappropriately authorised
- Cash handling loss
- Loss of income due to poor investment arrangements of poorly performing market
- Income is not appropriated to specific funds, or not recognised when received
- Accounting transactions are inadequately recorded

Operational Risk

- Inadequate insurance cover
- Covid-19 pandemic limits ability to meet income targets
- Limited charity sector experience and level of involvement in management of the charity, inadequate delivery of services

Compliance Risk

- Risk in relation to VAT/Corporate Tax; legislation i.e. GDPR/Data Protection/Human Rights/Health & Safety/Employment law; and statutory accounts i.e. SORP compliance and accounting standards

Reputational Risk

- Risk of negative press and social media stories
- Risk that campaigns (i.e. Midland Met) do not achieve targets due to perception they are not funding enhanced services and do not represent value for money

Charity Independence Risk

- Risk of negative press and social media stories
- Risk that campaigns (i.e. Midland Met) do not achieve targets due to perception they are not funding enhanced services and do not represent value for money

The Charitable Funds Committee, Chair of Corporate Trustee, Chief Finance Officer, Associate Director of Finance, Director of Communications/Strategic Communications Adviser, Head of Financial Accounting & Systems, and Head of Trust Charity will regularly monitor, review and review on procedures in place and performance in relation to the above, obtaining professional advice where applicable.

The Corporate Trustee is content that the controls described have operated effectively during the year and therefore that the risks outlined have been mitigated.

The most significant ongoing risk to the Charity is the potential losses arising from a fall in the value of the investments held and the level of reserves available to offset the impact of any such losses. These have been carefully considered and there are procedures in place to review the investment policy and to ensure that both spending and financial commitments remain in line with income streams.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND NETWORKS

The Charity continues to be a member of NHS Charities Together, the trading name of the Association of NHS Charities. This organisation ensures that the Charity is kept informed and fully updated on all current and developing issues in relation to charitable funds. Concerns are highlighted and the knowledge shared with similar organisations.

The Charity has a small in-house team, and each member is involved in fundraising activities. The charity also has a number of volunteers supporting our fundraising activities. SWBH NHS Trust Charities did not contract any third-party suppliers in a professional fundraiser or commercial participator capacity during 2023/24.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Charities abide by the Fundraising Promise and Code of Conduct of the Institute of Fundraising and are registered with the Fundraising Regulator. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016. Charity staff and volunteers are familiarised with the code of conduct to ensure that it is applied properly.

The charity website outlines the complaints policy for the public and clearly explains how an individual can complain. The charity received no complaints during the 2023/24 financial year and no complaints in the previous year.

The charity responds to all complaints within 10 days. Complaints are dealt with in-line with the fundraising complaints policy. Any serious complaints are escalated to the Head of Trust Charity, Director of Communications and Corporate Trustee to consider lessons learnt. The charity reports to the Fundraising Regulator on the totality of complaints. The charity is also signed up to the Fundraising Preference Service to enable individuals to opt out from receiving fundraising communications. The charity actioned no requests from this service last year.

Safeguarding and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy and Safeguarding Children policy are available from the Trust and details are contained on the Trust website. In addition to these policies the Trust has an agreed operating procedure to protect vulnerable people. Charity staff and volunteers are familiarised with this policy and procedure to ensure that it is applied properly.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Corporate Trustee of the Charity. By working in partnership with the Trust, the charitable funds are used to the best effect for public benefit. When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use charitable funds, the Corporate Trustee has due regard to the main activities, objectives, strategies and plans of the NHS Trust.

REVIEW OF 2023/2024 - FINANCES

The Financial information presented below is drawn from the Charity Accounts 2023/24.

Income and Expenditure

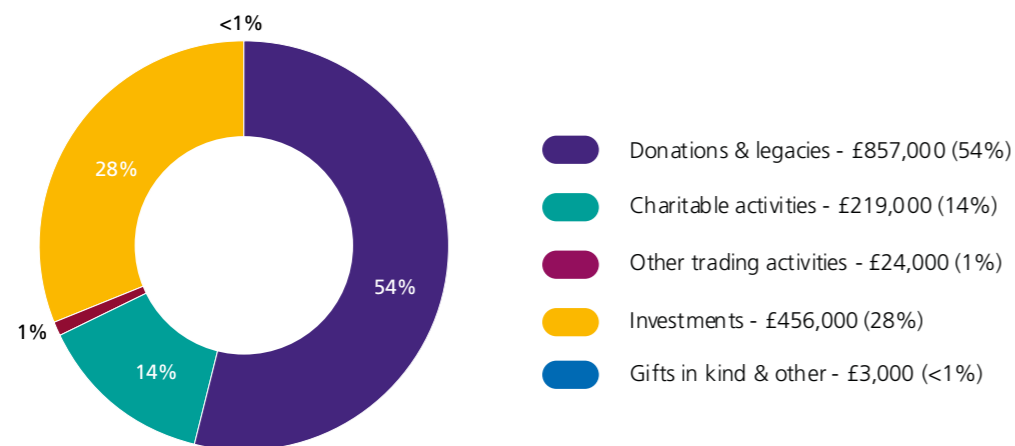
The table below summarises the overall analysis of the income and expenditure position for 2023/24:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's
OPENING FUND BALANCE (1 April 2023)*	3,306	3,070	6,376
ADD:			
Donations / Legacies / Grants and other incoming resources for the year	169	934	1,103
Interest and Dividends for the year	186	270	456
LESS:			
Expenditure for the year	-427	-484	-911
I&E SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	69	883	952
Investment gains (losses) recognised in the year	-	-	-
CLOSING FUND BALANCE (31 March 2024)	3,375	3,953	7,328

The net assets of the Charity as at 31 March 2024 were £7,328 million (2023: £6,376 million). Overall net assets increased during the year by £0.952 million.

The Charity received a total of 1,559,000 from the following sources:

Income sources received by the charity in 2023/24



The Charity's fundraising efforts continues to rely upon the generosity of the general public through individual, regular, corporate, event and in memory donations, campaigns, gifts in wills, a staff lottery, grants from commercial and non-commercial organisations, royalties, and income from investments held to fulfil its objectives. The considerations given by the public usually represent the excellent standard of care received from the staff of the hospital or healthcare service whilst they, or a relative or a friend, were being treated, or to assist the

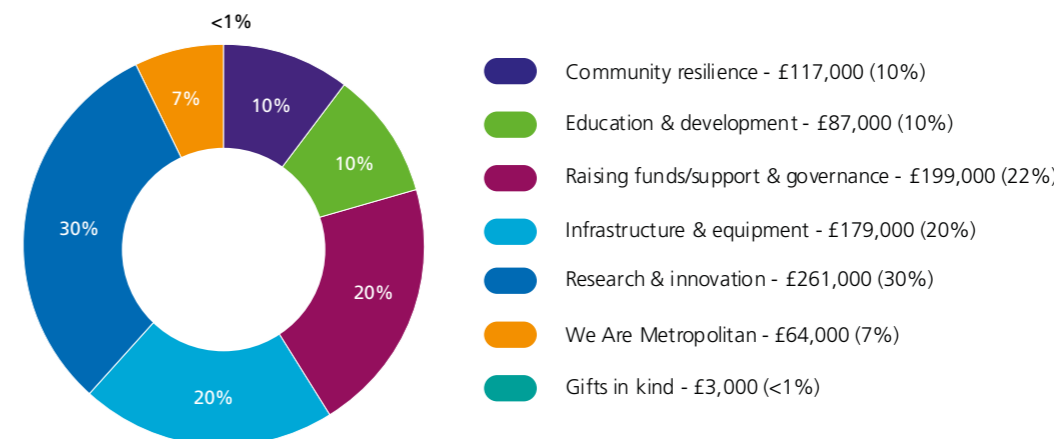
Trust in providing additional facilities and comforts for patients. Grants from commercial organisations are usually given in support of ongoing charitable medical research in various clinical areas. Grants from non-commercial organisations primarily represent income from trusts, foundations, commissions, or for added-value activities. The income received from investments (i.e. company dividends, bank interest and royalties) is apportioned quarterly.

The Charity committed £911,000 during the year to enhance the experience of all people using services, including our patients, people and populations. This reflects an overall surplus of £952,000 Your Trust Charity's strategy continues to focus on spending our donations wisely in line with donor wishes. Our priority areas (also

including We Are Metropolitan) are as follows:

- Infrastructure & equipment
- Education & development
- Research & innovation
- Community resilience
- We Are Metropolitan

Expenditure areas incurred by the charity in 2023/24



Investments

The Corporate Trustee is empowered under the declaration of trust to invest funds in stocks and shares. Following a re-tendering exercise in January 2020, the Corporate Trustees appointed Brewin Dolphin to provide continuing advice in respect of the management of investments.

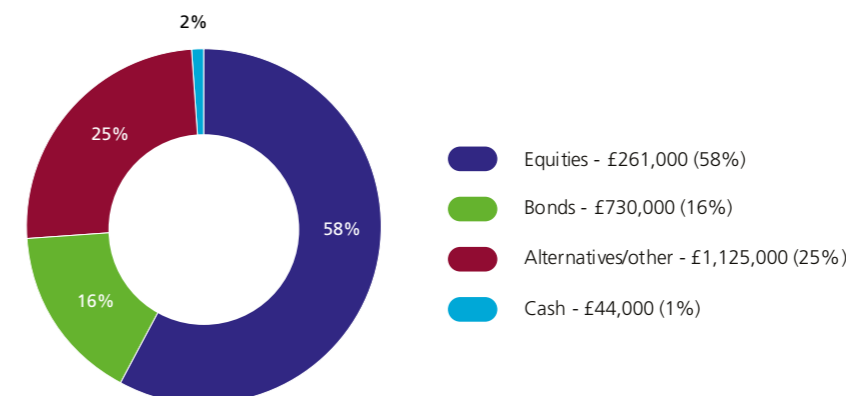
The risk category has been agreed by the Corporate Trustee, and the portfolio meets the agreed ethical investment criteria. The investment managers select investments and adjust the structure of the portfolio to achieve objectives. There was an increase in values overall during 2023/24, and over a three-year annualized basis

the charity's portfolio has outperformed the Asset Risk Consultants (ARC) Steady Growth Index. This benchmark is made up from over 4,000 charity portfolios managed by over 35 different investment managers. However, there was an underperformance against the Benchmark Risk Category 6. The Corporate Trustee expects the position to continue improving, and is currently reviewing its investment policy.

Cash is held in deposit accounts, to ensure the charity has sufficient liquid cash resources to meet the liabilities of the charity.

The managed investments of the Charity at 31 March 2024 were £4,523,000. The asset allocation was as follows:-

Asset allocation of the charity's investments in 2023/24



STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

The Corporate Trustee updated the charity investment policy in November 2019. The following statements are extracted from the policy:

1. Your Trust Charity's financial investments will yield the best financial return within the level of risk considered to be acceptable. This return can then be spent on the charity's aims.
2. The charity will utilise professional investment managers to support the active implementation of its investment policy and their performance is reviewed annually.
3. The charity's assets are held in financial investments (shares, equity investments, hedge funds, cash), in line with ethical restrictions and the risk profile of the charity.
4. The Charity objectives for investment are:
 - 4.1 For the Corporate Trustee to periodically review the way in which the portfolio is managed by the investment manager, with a view to exploring short- and long-term positioning within portfolios, as well as alternative options.
 - 4.2 For investment to maximise returns on free reserves and provide an ongoing source of funding.
 - 4.3 To protect and enhance the value of the Charity's assets in order to maintain the purchasing power of the funds when taking

into account the effects of inflation using the published UK CPI rate, [tax] and fees.

- 4.4 To ensure the performance target is measured and defined within the target period of 3-5 years, the Committee wish the investment managers to generate 3.5% +CPI on a net of fee basis.
- 4.5 The Charitable Funds Committee expects investment income to cover, at a minimum, the support, governance and contingency costs of the charity. This is £120,000.
5. The charity's beneficiaries are all linked to the Trust whose primary aims are healthcare related. The Corporate Trustee have therefore decided to preclude investment in companies with any direct investment in tobacco, alcohol and arms, as they are specifically contrary to the objectives of the charity to enhance the care of patients. Furthermore, the investment manager is expected to conduct screening for companies in relation to modern slavery.
6. For the purpose of facilitating the Trustees with the process of monitoring the portfolio the investment manager will be required to provide the Charitable Funds Committee with quarterly performance, asset allocation and currency allocation data together with copy valuations in accordance with the Committee's instructions.

RESERVES POLICY

The charitable funds committee has established a reserves policy as part of their plans to provide long term support to the four priority areas of the charity, along with the We Are Metropolitan campaign:

- Community Resilience
- Infrastructure and equipment
- Research
- Education and Development

The charitable funds committee calculate the reserves as that part of the charity's unrestricted income funds that is freely available after taking account of designated funds that have been earmarked for specific departments, wards and projects. These projects include core activities and forward planning commissions, in line with the four priority areas.

The free reserves currently stand at £0.1m and are calculated as follows:

- Total unrestricted funds £3.3m
- Less designated funds (£3.2m)
- Total free reserves £0.1m

The proposed target range within the current reserves policy is between £1m to £1.5m. The reserves held are currently below our target range due in large part to the ongoing expenditure of core activities and forward planning commissions.

The charitable funds committee expects that designated funds will be spent within three to five years. The committee continue to review balances held in designated funds through a 'dormant funds pathway', to determine whether inactive funds are likely to be committed soon, and the extent to which there is a continuing need identified for any particular designated fund(s). Where it is decided that the designation is no longer necessary or the designated fund is inactive, the funds are closed and transferred to reserves.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Corporate Trustee to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these accounts the Corporate Trustee is required to:

- apply accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), disclosing and explaining any material departures in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Corporate Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with charity law. The Corporate Trustee is also responsible for establishing and monitoring a system of internal control and establishing arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

The Corporate Trustee confirms that they have met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirement for preparing the accounts on a going concern basis.

Appendix 2

SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES OTHER LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNT - SANDWELL & WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES - 2023/2024

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and accounts for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of expenditure over income for that period


In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice requires that the trustees:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the recommendations of the SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- State whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed and the rules of the charity, within the framework of trust law. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by the trustees under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. The trustees have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to the trustees to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Corporate Trustees

Chairman	Date
	08/01/2025

Corporate Trustee	Date
	08/01/2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Charities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Charities ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flow and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter – financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to note 1a) in the financial statements which indicates that that financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than a going concern following the post year end transfer of the activities, assets and liabilities to the new independent charity. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our

report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011, and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation, Health and safety legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of grants and legacy income, and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Charitable Funds Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, designing audit procedures over income, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
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Date: 25 January 2025

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Appendix 3

SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



SANDWELL & WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS		Charity Number	1056127
Annual Accounts For The Period			
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Note	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds	Prior Year
			Funds	Income	Funds	Funds	Funds
			£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Notes 2 & 4)							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	S01	101	756	-	857	178
Gifts in kind			3	-	-	3	2
Charitable activities	2	S02	43	176	-	219	255
Other trading activities	2	S03	23	1	-	24	29
Investments	2	S04	186	270	-	456	371
Separate material item of income	2 & 4	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other		S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total		S07	356	1,204	-	1,559	834
Resources expended (Note 5 & 6)							
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	S08	(199)	-	-	(199)	(207)
Charitable activities	3	S09	(224)	(484)	-	(708)	(873)
Gifts in kind	3 & 4	S10	(3)	-	-	(3)	(2)
Other		S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total		S12	(427)	(484)	-	(911)	(1,082)
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)			(71)	720	-	648	(247)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		S13	140	164	-	303	(292)
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items		S14	68	883	-	952	(539)
Transfers between funds		S15	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):		S16	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds *	18	S19	68	883	-	952	(539)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		S20	3,306	3,070	-	6,376	6,195
Total funds carried forward		S21	3,375	3,953	-	7,328	6,376
		S22					

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total This Year	Total Last Year
		Funds	Income	Funds	£000	£000
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 8) B04	2,063	2,416	-	4,479	4,190
Total fixed assets	B05	2,063	2,416	-	4,479	4,190
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 9) B07	26	31	-	57	180
Investments	(Note 8) B08	-	-	-	-	47
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 11)	B09	1,316	1,542	-	2,858	2,121
Total current assets	B10	1,342	1,573	-	2,915	2,347
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 10) B11	31	36	-	66	161
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	1,312	1,537	-	2,849	2,186
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	3,375	3,953	-	7,328	6,376
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	3,375	3,953	-	7,328	6,376
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 14)	B18	-	3,953	-	3,953	3,070
Unrestricted funds (Note 14)	B19	3,375	-	-	3,375	3,306
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	3,375	3,953	-	7,328	6,376
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy		
			Sir David Nicholson	08/01/2025		
			Dinah McLannahan	08/01/2025		

CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNT - SANDWELL & WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES- 2023/2024

Notes on the accounts**1. Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of preparation**

The Charity is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The trustees consider whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Following the decision by Trustees to set up an independent charitable company and transfer the assets and operation to the new charity (see note 13), the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. The Trustees do not consider it necessary to make any adjustment to the accounting policies for recognition, measurement or presentation.

In future years, the key risks to the SWBH Charities are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

(b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified as restricted.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. SWBH Charities' restricted funds tend to result from appeals for specified purposes.

Those funds which are not restricted income funds, are classed as unrestricted income funds which are sub analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 26.1

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year but deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

(d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

(e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met:

- There is a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grant

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant
- We have made a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised but a contingent liability is disclosed.

(g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit

(h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable

(i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 4.

(j) Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. Other investments are included at the trustees' best estimate of market value.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors. Further information on the SWBH Charities investments can be found in note 16.

(k) Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

(l) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments,

(m) Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt. Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

(n) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening carrying value (or purchase date if later).

(o) Key Accounting Judgements and estimation of uncertainty

Gifts in kind are accounted for when the charity has entitlement, can be valued accurately, and there is reasonable probability of receipt. Management use judgement to arrive at an appropriate value of gifts in kind.

There are no other significant judgements that management has made in the process of applying the Charity's accounting policies. There are no key assumptions concerning the future, nor other key sources of estimation uncertainty which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 2 Analysis of income

	Analysis				
	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total funds £000	Prior year £000
Donations and legacies:					
Individual Donations	52	10	-	62	43
Corporate Donations	0	-	-	0	8
Legacies	47	649	-	696	1
Fundraising Event - External	0	0	-	0	5
Gift Aid	1	0	-	1	1
Midland Metropolitan University Hospital	-	97	-	97	120
Total	101	756	-	857	178
Gifts in Kind					
Gifts in kind	3	-	-	3	2
Total	3	-	-	3	2
Charitable Activities:					
Collections	1	-	-	-	-
Grant for the Provision of Goods and Services	37	150	-	187	152
Appeals/Campaigns	-	-	-	-	-
Grant for the Core Funding or General in Nature	5	-	-	5	102
Midland Metropolitan University Hospital Grants	-	27	-	27	-
Total	43	176	-	219	255
Other Trading Activities:					
Sale of Merchandise	4	-	-	4	5
Fundraising Event- Internal	14	0	-	14	4
Lotteries	4	-	-	4	4
Course Fees	-	-	-	-	-
General Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorships	1	1	-	2	16
Total	23	1	-	24	29
Income from Investments					
Interest Received	54	-	-	54	31
Dividends	132	-	-	132	121
Conversion of Endowment Funds into Income	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on Disposal of a Programme Related Investment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income Not Listed	-	-	-	-	-
Royalties from the Exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights	-	270	-	270	218
Total	186	270	-	456	371
Separate Material Item of Income					
Separate Material Item of Income	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:					
Other	0	-	-	0	0
Total	0	-	-	0	0
	356	1,204	-	1,559	834

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 3 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis				
	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total funds £000	Prior year £000
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurred seeking donations	0	-	-	0	20
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	180	-	-	180	169
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	19	-	-	19	18
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	199	-	-	199	207
Expenditure on charitable activities *					
Charitable Activities	224	484	-	708	873
Total expenditure on charitable activities	224	484	-	708	873
Gifts in Kind					
Gifts in Kind Recognised	3	-	-	3	2
Total	3	-	-	3	2
Other					
Salary recharges	-	-	-	-	-
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
support costs	-	-	-	-	-
bank & investment charges	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	427	484	-	911	1,082

Other information:

* Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Total prior year
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Community Resilience	109	-	8	117	253
Education and Staff Development	81	-	6	87	115
Infrastructure and Equipment	166	-	13	179	71
Research & Innovation	243	-	18	261	361
Midland Metropolitan Hospital	59	-	5	64	72
Total	659	-	50	709	873

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)
Note 4 Extraordinary items

£3,000 worth of gifts in kind was provided during 2023-24 by our corporate and community partners.

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)
Note 5 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost (examples)	Community Resilience	Education and Staff Development	Fundraising cost	Infrastructure and equipment	Other	Research & Innovation	MMH	Grand total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£
Salary Recharges- Fundraising Cost	-	-	180	-	-	-	-	180
Salary Recharges	37	-	-	-	-	122	-	160
Audit	1	1	-	2	-	3	1	9
Support cost	7	5	-	10	-	15	3	40
Bank & Investment Charge	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	45	6	180	12	1	140	4	390

Support costs have been apportioned based on total theme expenditure.

Section C Notes to the accounts**Note 6** Details of certain items of expenditure**Audit fees**

The audit fee for the year was £8,250 plus VAT.

This year £000	Last year £000
9	9

Section C Notes to the accounts (cc)**Note 7** Grantmaking

The charity paid grants to external organisations totalling £149,582.00

Individual grants of > £10,000 were made to the following institutions:

<i>Name of institution</i>	£
<i>Aston University</i>	<i>57,042</i>
<i>University of Birmingham</i>	<i>35,000</i>
<i>BMEH Alumni Association</i>	<i>10,500</i>
<i>Mothership Projects</i>	<i>10,000</i>

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)
Note 8 Investment assets
8.1 Fixed assets investments (please provide for each class of investment)

	Cash & cash equivalents	Listed investments	Investment properties	Social investments	Other	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Carrying (fair) value at beginning of period	47	4,190	-	-	-	4,237
Add: additions to investments during period*	-	541	-	-	-	541
Less: disposals at carrying value	-	(556)	-	-	-	(556)
Less: impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: Reversal of impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add/(deduct): transfer in/(out) in the period	3	0	-	-	-	3
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	303	-	-	-	303
Carrying (fair) value at end of year	44	4,479	-	-	-	4,523

*Please specify additions resulting from acquisitions through business combinations, if any.

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Please note that Fair Value in this context is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. For traded securities, the fair value is the value of the security quoted on the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List or equivalent. For other assets where there is no market price on a traded market, it is the trustees' or valuers' best estimate of fair value.

8.2 Please provide a breakdown of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet differentiating between those held at fair value and those held at cost less impairment.
Analysis of investments

	Fair value at year end	Cost less impairment
	£000	£000
Cash or cash equivalents	44	-
Equities	2,624	-
Bonds	730	-
Alternative assets	838	-
Other investments	287	-
Total	4,523	-
Grand total (Fair value at year end+Cost less impairment)		

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)
Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

9.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors

	This year	Last year
	£000	£000
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	57	180
Other debtors	-	-
	57	180

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)**Note 10 Creditors and accruals**

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

10.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £000	Last year £000	This year £000	Last year £000
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	13	117	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	53	44	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	66	161	-	-

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)**Note 11 Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)

Short term deposits

Cash at bank and on hand

Other

Total

This year £000	Last year £000
-	-
2,068	-
790	2,121
-	-
2,858	2,121

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 12 Fair value of assets and liabilities

12.1 Please provide details of the charity's exposure to credit risk (the risk of incurring a loss due to a debtor not paying what is owed) , liquidity risk (the risk of not being able to meet short term financial demands) and market risk (the risk that the value of an investment will fall due to changes in the market) arising from financial instruments to which the charity is exposed at the end of the reporting period and explain how the charity manages those risks.

As Debtors are immaterial, the charity is not exposed to Credit risk.

12.2 Please give details of the amount of change in the fair value of basic financial instruments (debtors, creditors, investments (see section 11, FRS 102 SORP)) measured at fair value through the SoFA that is attributable to changes in credit risk.

There have been no changes in fair value due to credit risk.

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 13 Events after the end of the reporting period

Please complete this note events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

Please provide details of the nature of the event

No events have occurred after the reporting date which require reporting.

Provide an estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made

No estimate is required as there have been no events that require reporting.

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 14 Charity funds

14.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and UR - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and losses £000	Fund balances carried forward £000
THE OAKLEY THEATRE EQUIPMENT FUND	R	BMEC THEATRE EQUIPMENT	823	6	-	-	-	829
PHARMACY	R	PHARMACY ROBOT- MMH	127	-	-	-	-	127
MIDLAND METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL - LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH	R	RESEARCH POSTS UHB	210	-	(35)	-	-	175
MIDLAND METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL- APPEAL FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH DEVELOPMENTS AT MIDLAND MET HOSPITAL	271	123	(109)	-	-	285
CANCER DEVELOPMENT	R	ENHANCING CANCER RESEARCH	137	-	-	-	-	137
CHILDREN'S THERAPIES TRUST FUND	R	GRANTS/ROYALTIES	651	270	(112)	-	-	808
OPHTHALMIC/BMEC RESEARCH AND TRAINING FUND	R	ENHANCING EYE TRAINING AND RESEARCH	156	45	(76)	-	-	125
LEONARD DYER LEGACY	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF TOXICOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	41	-	(12)	-	-	29
WoW Project Fund	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERS	109	51	(0)	-	-	58
IDVA FUND	R	GRANT - INDEPENDENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE PROJECT	0	27	(27)	-	-	0
BREAST RESEARCH FUND	R	ENHANCING BREAST SURGERY AND SURGERY RESEARCH	44	-	-	-	-	44
ACADEMIC CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH	R	ENHANCING CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-
EYE OCULUS COURSE FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF OPTHALMOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	39	-	-	-	-	39
G008VOL	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERS	53	70	(59)	-	-	64
SKIN GENERAL PURPOSES FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF DERMATOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	79	34	(1)	-	-	112
SWBH REVALUATION RESERVE	R	UNREALISED GAINS FROM INVESTMENTS	350	-	-	-	-	350
Restricted Income Fund	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	-	644	-	-	-	644
OTHER FUNDS	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	(20)	35	(52)	-	163	126
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	R		3,070	1,203	(484)	-	163	3,953
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	UR	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	3,306	353	(424)	-	140	3,375
Total Funds			6,376	1,556	(908)	-	303	7,328

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Note 14 Charity funds (cont)

14.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and losses £000	Fund balances carried forward £000
THE OAKLEY THEATRE EQUIPMENT FUND	R	BMEC THEATRE EQUIPMENT	822	1	-	-	-	823
PHARMACY	R	PHARMACY ROBOT- MMH	127	-	-	-	-	127
MIDLAND METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL - LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH	R	RESEARCH POSTS UHB	128	82	-	-	-	210
MIDLAND METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL- APPEAL FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH DEVELOPMENTS AT MIDLAND MET HOSPITAL	182	167	(88)	-	-	271
CANCER DEVELOPMENT	R	ENHANCING CANCER RESEARCH	237	(100)	-	-	-	137
CHILDREN'S THERAPIES TRUST FUND	R	GRANTS/ROYALTIES	660	199	(205)	-	-	651
OPHTHALMIC/BMEC RESEARCH AND TRAINING FUND	R	ENHANCING EYE TRAINING AND RESEARCH	178	45	(67)	-	-	156
LEONARD DYER LEGACY	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF TOXICOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	62	-	(21)	-	-	41
WoW Project Fund	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERS	109	-	(0)	-	-	109
IDVA FUND	R	GRANT - INDEPENDENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE PROJECT	109	(91)	(18)	-	-	0
BREAST RESEARCH FUND	R	ENHANCING BREAST SURGERY AND SURGERY RESEARCH	44	-	-	-	-	44
ACADEMIC CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH	R	ENHANCING CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH	47	(47)	-	-	-	-
EYE OCULUS COURSE FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF OPTHALMOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	39	-	-	-	-	39
G008VOL	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERS	40	92	(79)	-	-	53
SKIN GENERAL PURPOSES FUND	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF DERMATOLOGY STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	46	34	(1)	-	-	79
SWBH REVALUATION RESERVE	R	UNREALISED GAINS FROM INVESTMENTS	349	-	-	-	-	349
OTHER FUNDS	R	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	205	176	(237)	(23)	(141)	20
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	R		3,394	559	(719)	(23)	(141)	3,070
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	UR	ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE OF STAFF, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES	3,521	275	(362)	23	(151)	3,306
Total Funds			6,915	834	(1,082)	-	(292)	6,376

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Note 14 Charity funds (cont)

14.3 Transfers between funds		Amount £ '000s
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	Simplification of the Charity structure was continued this year in order to report to the Charitable Funds Committee.	-
Between endowment and restricted funds	No endowment funds held	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	No endowment funds held	-

14.4 Designated funds

All unrestricted funds are considered to be designated with the exception of:
HOSPITAL GENERAL FUND 0012
TRUST CHARITY 2111

Of the Charity's Designated Funds, the following Material Fund balances are detailed below:-

Fund	Balance £	Purpose	Spend Plan
7005-1 COVID-19	233,628.42	Enhancing the experience of staff, patients and their families relating to Covid-19	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
5193 OPHTHALMIC SUPPORT FUND	217,929.49	Enhancing the experience of ophthalmology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0082 Amalgamated Oncology Fund - Historical	155,538.75	Enhancing the experience of oncology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0915 ADMIN APPORTIONMENT - HOLDING	149,392.07	Enhancing the experience of staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0045 UROLOGY FUND	144,492.45	Enhancing the experience of urology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
1375 CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY	85,672.07	Enhancing the experience of cardiology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
5186 BREAST SURGERY FUND	83,036.42	Enhancing the experience of breast surgery staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0097 RESPIRATORY MEDICINE FUND	79,914.69	Enhancing the experience of acute respiratory staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
9020 T&O CHARITY FUND	76,659.37	Enhancing the experience of T & O staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
1035 LEASOWES INTERMEDIATE CARE CE	72,257.39	Enhancing the experience of Leasowes staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
5085 X-RAY DEPARTMENT	62,892.86	Enhancing the experience of imaging staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
UPPER GI BLUES	62,644.90	Enhancing the experience of patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0056 MICROBIOLOGY NO 2 FUND	47,796.93	Enhancing the experience of pathology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0180 GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATO	42,274.26	Enhancing the experience of gastroenterology/hepatology staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
7005 Your Trust Charity-Micro Grant Programm	42,120.09	Enhancing the experience of staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0146 CRITICAL CARE (ITU) SERVICES	38,253.14	Enhancing the experience of critical care staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
6030 Palliative Care Fund	36,847.03	Enhancing the experience of palliative care staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
0102 Emergency Medicine Fund	36,713.79	Enhancing the experience of ED staff, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25
2009 CANCER	33,604.31	Enhancing the experience of Cancer, patients and their families	Fundraising team are liaising with Fund Ambassador's to establish a spend plan for 2024/25

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Note 15 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

15.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

15.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

15.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

FALSE

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust is considered to be related party. The Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (members of the Corporate Trustee are also members of the Trust Board) had a turnover in 2023/24 of £726,059,000 (£697,248,000 in 2022/23) with a reported surplus of £29,148,000 (surplus £50,760,000 in 2022/23).

The Charitable funds reimbursed Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust £179,892 (£204,985 2022/23) for the costs of staff employed by the Trust but working on behalf of the Charities and for the purposes of the Charities in 2023/24.

The Charitable funds has an amount owing to Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust of £13,461 at 31 March 2024 (£116,673 at 31 March 2023).

16.1 Volunteers

Your Trust Charity is very proud to be supported by a number of volunteer roles that are essential to the functioning of the team:

- Fund Ambassadors – we have over 100 charitable funds overseen by SWBH staff who are volunteering their time as fund managers. They have delegated authority from the Trustees and manage how the charity's designated funds should be spent.

- Staff Fundraisers – Members of staff from various wards, services or departments are involved in fundraising activities both onsite at SWBH and offsite i.e. challenge events

- External Fundraisers – we have a small but growing number of fundraisers who participate in external challenge events to raise money for us – often through online fundraising pages i.e. Justgiving

- Charity Volunteer Resource – we have future plans to develop a charity specific volunteer resource as part of our 5 year fundraising strategy

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
Note 17	Additional Disclosures	
<p>The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.</p>		
<p>There are no significant matters for the Charity to disclose that are not covered in others notes in these accounts.</p>		

Note 18

CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNT - SANDWELL & WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST CHARITIES- 2023/2024

Cash flow for year ending 31st March 2024

	Notes	Total Funds 31st March 2024 £000	Total Funds 31st March 2023 £000
Cash flows from operating activities		(1,532)	(501)
Net Cash used in operating activities		<u>(1,532)</u>	<u>(501)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	8		
Interest Income		186	153
Proceeds from sale of investments		556	530
Purchase of investments		(541)	(563)
Net Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>201</u>	<u>120</u>
Increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in year		(1,331)	(381)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	11	2,121	2,502
Total Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u><u>790</u></u>	<u><u>2,121</u></u>

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	31st March 2024 £000	31st March 2023 £000
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	952	(539)
(Gains)/Losses on investment	0	0
Unrealised Gains/Loss on investment	(303)	292
Dividends and interest from investments	(186)	(153)
(increase)/decrease in debtors	122	31
(increase)/decrease in short term investments	(2,021)	33
Increase/(decrease)in creditors	(96)	(165)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u><u>(1,532)</u></u>	<u><u>(501)</u></u>

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