

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity

Annual Report
2024/25



Caring for people with heart and lung disease

Charity Registration Number 1052813

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Chairman's welcome

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2024/25.

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity exists to support Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital in all that it does. Whether this is the purchasing of the latest and best equipment, providing funds for additional facilities for our patients and their families or supporting new and ground breaking research.

The charity, like many others, continues to operate in a difficult economic climate. Despite this our fantastic supporters have helped us raise nearly £635,000 during the year - helping us to make a real difference to the lives of our patients, their families and our staff.

Some examples of the charity's work this year include the provision of two new ultrasound machines enabling the speedy delivery of intravenous antibiotics for patients living with Cystic Fibrosis, support for an educational Virtual Reality system for training medical and associated professionals, the purchase of specialist software to provide clearer imaging of the heart for patients with Adult Congenital Heart Disease and the refreshing of Robert Owen House the patient family accommodation centre for those who have travelled with their loved ones to access our specialist services.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the on-going support of our valued donors. Whether they challenge themselves in a tough mudder, run marathons, climb mountains or jump out of aeroplanes – or simply send a donation. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude and thanks.

JOHN DOYLE
Chair
LHCH Charity



Key highlights of our year

- Over £330,000 distributed in grants across the three main aims of the charity.
- Over 10,000 people (patients, families and staff) benefitted from charity support.
- Regular giving increased by 5% and Lottery players increased by 5%
- Contactless giving boards introduced across the hospital site and being well used
- Most successful Christmas Campaign ever organised raising £70,000 to benefit Cystic Fibrosis patients



Who we are

The Object of LHCH Charity is:-

"For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the service provided by Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust."

Aims of LHCH Charity:-

LHCH Charity aims to support Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital in its care and treatment of patients, their families, and staff by:



The latest and the best

LHCH Charity ensures that wherever possible our dedicated medical staff have access to the very latest and best equipment and training. In this way we can ensure that our patients are always receiving the most up to date treatments available.



Tomorrow's medicine today

Research undertaken at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital could change the way heart and lung medicine is practised in the future. LHCH Charity supports these developments which help to change the future for generations to come.



Extending the excellence

Providing additional amenities and support for our patients, their families, and our staff. A prime example of this is supporting family members who have loved ones receiving end of life care with the provision of parking passes so that is one less thing they have to worry about.

By doing this LHCH Charity ensures that its legal purpose is fulfilled

How we achieve our aims

The strategy for achieving our aims breaks down into two separate strands:-

1. Working with the hospital and medical staff to identify areas of support which meet the aims and objectives of the hospital.
2. Developing fundraising strategies to achieve successful completion of campaigns for the identified areas.

1) Identification of areas for support

LHCH Charity, in conjunction with the Charity Steering Group, Charitable Funds Committee and the Executive Team of the hospital, identify projects that have criteria which fit within the three main aims. The projects are broken down by size in terms of cost into short, medium or longer term projects.

In addition, each of the Funds which sit underneath the charity umbrella have been requested to complete a form indicating how they propose to spend monies within each 12-month period. The recommendation for each Fund is that, in line with best practice, at least 33% of the Fund's opening balance is spent within the year – unless they are planning on accumulating funds towards a specific service or item of equipment.

2) Fundraising Strategy for identified projects.

The Head of Fundraising produces a yearly strategy which identifies the potential for fundraising for the short term aims (usually required within the financial year) as well as providing details of plans for achieving medium and long-term goals. This strategy includes Income and Expenditure projections as well as a Fundraising Ratio Cost. This is approved by the Charitable Funds Committee and then ultimately the Corporate Trustee.

The Fundraising Strategy is then evaluated at each meeting of the Charitable Funds Committee in relation to its progress in achieving the support required for each of the projects.

How LHCH Charity fundraises

LHCH Charity is guided in all of its fundraising by the Code of Fundraising Practice. Campaigns are run and managed by the charity's staff. The charity does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participators in generating funds.

LHCH Charity and Social Investment

LHCH Charity was not involved in any social investment during the past 12 months.

LHCH Charity and Grant Making.

LHCH Charity was not involved in making grants to external organisations during the past 12 months but did make grants to internal projects as per our aims and objectives.

LHCH Charity and donated goods, services, and volunteers.

The charity does occasionally receive goods for re-sale at its offices in the hospital. These are recorded as gifts in kind items and processed through the till with other purchased merchandises. If a gift equalling more than £1,000 is received, then this is reported to the Charitable Funds Committee for noting.

The charity did not work with any volunteers during the past 12 months.

Public Benefit

At the core of every charity is the requirement to provide benefit to the public. This is the foundation of their charitable status, and each charity must demonstrate how this requirement is met through their aims and activities.

The focus of our activities is to benefit the public who utilise the services of Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust. This hospital mainly serves the communities of Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales, Lancashire, and the Isle of Man, all of whom have equal access to its facilities. Charitable expenditure is made by way of direct grants to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, to enhance the patient care already provided.

The Corporate Trustee refers to the Charity Commission guidance on achieving public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and in the planning of future activities.

During the year, the funds raised were distributed to provide a wide range of benefits, over and above, what would be expected from statutory sources to our patients, their families, and our staff.

By providing these grants the agents of the Corporate Trustee have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers or duties.



Our achievements

The latest and the best

Support for Cystic Fibrosis Patients

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital is a nationally and internationally recognised centre of excellence for the care of people with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). CF is an inherited condition where a faulty gene affects the production of the slippery mucus that protects the organs. People living with CF have an “over-production” of this mucus which can damage organs, particularly the lungs and causes repeated chest infections.

These infections can often lead to lengthy stays in hospital as medical teams seek to find the very best ways of treating the infections using the most potent mixture of antibiotics. These antibiotics are delivered intravenously (using a vein). However as this is a process that is repeated many times veins inevitably become harder to locate which delays the care that they need.



Thanks to the help of our supporters, we were able to purchase two new ultrasound machines which provide real time guidance in the location of viable veins so that the potentially life-saving care that they need can be provided as rapidly as possible.

Extending the excellence

A clearer view

The Adult Congenital Heart Disease service at LHCH is one of the largest units in the world and each and numbers are expected to grow with an estimated 1,500 to 2,500 new patients annually.

Many of these young people will have had multiple surgical procedures during their childhood leaving their hearts more fragile to traditional operations. So, there is an increasing need to provide minimally invasive procedures to correct abnormalities using catheterisation. The key to the success of these procedures, especially for those whose hearts may not be a “standard” shape or size is having detailed images of the heart prior to any procedures.

LHCH Charity helped the service by supporting the purchase of a specialist piece of software which provides a 3D and extremely detailed images of the heart allowing interventional cardiologist to make clear decisions about treatment as well as making procedures more accurate and quicker – allowing us to care for more patients.

Tomorrow's Medicine Today

The future is virtual

Virtual Reality and Simulation are playing an increasingly important part in the training and education of not only medical students but qualified professionals and whole teams by replicating real life scenarios in a completely patient safe environment. It allows for the testing of systems to ensure they are robust and allows for the measurement of training and educational progress for both individuals and teams alike.



As part of its support of medical training and education LHCH Charity has supported the purchase of a Virtual Reality Display System which can be used as a “proof of concept” tool to incubate ideas for research or clinical applications as well as providing educational and training benefits to all staff.

Monitoring our Performance

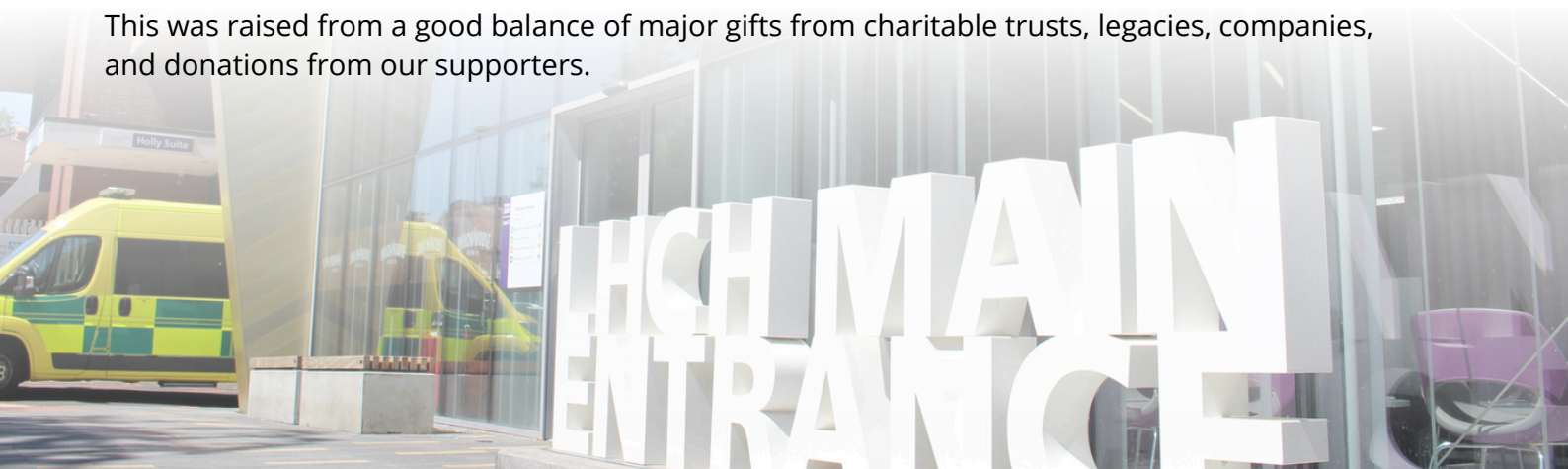
LHCH Charity, through the Charitable Funds Committee and ultimately the Corporate Trustee, benchmark its performance in a number of ways: -

- It identifies fundraising projects and measures its fundraising achievement against the target set for the completion of each project.
- It reviews the external factors which may affect the charity including national and local economic forecasts.
- It provides comparator information with similar charities and measures itself against them in terms of performance, percentage fundraising costs and return on investment.



Despite the difficult economic conditions LHCH Charity continued to make good progress with its income reaching a target of £635,000 during the year – despite a fall in legacy income of some £50,000.

This was raised from a good balance of major gifts from charitable trusts, legacies, companies, and donations from our supporters.



How our supporters helped

Our supporters continue to provide outstanding assistance in helping LHCH Charity make a difference for our patients, their families, and our staff. During the year they showed, once again, that they would go to extraordinary lengths to raise funds including: -

E Viva Espana!

Running 26.2 miles in the scorching Spanish sun in Ibiza isn't everyone's idea of a wonderful time but to honour the memory of a close family friend that's just what Jack Riley did. Completing the course in 3 ½ hours and raising a fantastic £1,425 in the process.

Jack said: "The heat was ruthless, and I was struggling to walk two days after the race, but it was worth it to support your wonderful charity."

Well, we think you are pretty wonderful too Jack!



Cerrigydrudion Parties On!

After his first attempt at organising a Charity Night to thank LHCH for the care he received following an aortic valve replacement was thwarted by Covid, Guto Goddard finally got to say his "Thank You" in September 2023.

Guto says: "It was an incredible evening with a raffle, auction, dancing, and live music from the "Second Sons " who brought the house down! In fact, I think I can say it's one of the best charity nights I have ever been too."

We want to thank all Guto's friends, family and in fact the whole village who all turned up at the White Lion for the event – raising nearly £3,000 in the process! To add to the total Guto's mum Margaret who turned 80 this year raised a further £800 at her own birthday celebration. What a family and what a village – you are all amazing!!!



Grant's Second Chance at Life

Royal Navy Veteran and Fitness Instructor Grant Williams was rushed to LHCH after he collapsed on a run with his group who were training for the Manchester Marathon. On arrival it was found that all four main arteries to his heart were blocked and he needed a quadruple bypass – an operation which lasted 5 ½ hours.

Since his recovery Grant has dedicated himself to raising as much as he can for the hospital that saved his life. After initially setting himself a target of £10,000 he has now raised an incredible £16,000 and he's still going strong. We can't thank him enough for all his truly marvellous support.

Of course, not everyone ran marathons, partied the night away or just did everything they could think of! There are those who knit, bake cakes, hold family fun days, play our lottery, make a regular gift or just donate. However, you did it though your support is so valued and appreciated and our gratitude simply can't be measured. Thank you!



How You Can Help

You can get involved with LHCH Charity by:-



Ringling the Charity Office on: 0151 600 1409



Emailing us at enquiries@lhchcharity.org.uk



Writing to us at: LHCH Charity, Thomas Drive, Liverpool L14 3PE

Structure, governance and management

Charity Structure

LHCH Charity is an umbrella charity which holds a number of individual funds under one Charity Registration Number (Charity Registration Number 1052813). The overall responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Corporate Trustee i.e., the Board of Directors of Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

The Charitable Funds Committee is established as a Committee of the Board of Directors of Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Foundation NHS Trust in order to ensure that the Trust's duty as Corporate Trustee of its Charitable Funds has been discharged.

The Charitable Funds Committee operates within the Terms of Reference authorised by the Board of Directors of Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The Committee has no executive powers other than those specifically delegated in its Terms of Reference which are: -

- Develop the strategy and objectives for the Charity for consideration and approval by the Corporate Trustee
- Oversee the implementation of an infrastructure appropriate to the efficient and effective running of the Charity.
- Oversee the development and delivery of the Fundraising Strategy, as aligned to the Trust's annual plan.
- Oversee the expenditure of the Charity.
- Oversee the Charity's investment plans.
- Monitor the performance of all aspects of the Charity's activities and ensure that it adheres to the principles of good governance and complies with all legal requirements.
- Act as the Committee that discharges the Board's responsibilities (as sole Corporate Trustee) as they relate to the charitable funds under the Trust's custodianship.
- Ensure that the charitable funds held by the Trust are managed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory and statutory frameworks, and in accordance with the guidance on NHS Charities set out by the Charity Commission.

- When in this role act solely in the best interests of the Charity and in a manner consistent with the Charity Commission's requirements and expectations of the Corporate Trustee.
- Oversee the Charity's strategy, governance, major plans, and key risks on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.
- Establish, prioritise, and approve major fundraising projects in accordance with the strategy and approve financial expenditure items in accordance with delegated authority levels set out in Standing Financial Instructions.
- Monitor the performance of fundraising and marketing activity, ensuring that the return on investment is satisfactory and that income targets are met.
- Devise and implement an investment strategy for the charity, including the appointment and monitoring of any investment managers.
- Ensure the approval and submission of statutory returns, annual accounts, and Trustee's Report in accordance with the Charity Commission's State of Recommended Practice.
- Approve any policies and procedures required for the effective management of the Fund.
- Members of the Charitable Funds Committee attend quarterly Charitable Funds meetings.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Non-Executive Members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the Council of Governors and Executive Members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the Nominations and Remuneration Committee (Executive). Members of the Board of Directors and the Charitable Funds Committee are not individual Trustees under charity law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

Trustee Training and Induction.

The Trust sees Trustee training as important and has provided access to resources and materials including:

- As a member of NHS Charities Together they regularly receive updates from this source. In addition Trustees were able to attend a number of courses organised by NHSCT including "Legal Issues for Charities", "Accounting, Audit and Governance", and "Festival of Trusteeship".
- Trustees also have the opportunity to access the Resource Library provided by the Fundraising Regulator which has a wide range of guidance for Trustees.
- Trustees have regular meetings with CCLA (the Charity's Investment Managers) who provide briefings on the status of the current portfolio, the results and predicted future performance.

Trustee Duties

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each Fund and by designating funds, the Trustee respects the wishes of our generous donors for the advancement of health or saving lives, to provide patient and staff benefit or for the advancement of education and research.

Day to Day Management

The Trust has in place a Scheme of Reservation and Delegation to support the day-to-day management of the Charity.

The Head of Fundraising oversees the day to day running of the Charity and the planning of its fundraising activities. The Head of Financial Services acts as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the charitable funds during the year.

The Charity does not directly employ any staff. The Charity funds staffing costs of fundraising and administrative staff who run and support the Charity. These staffing contracts are held by the Foundation Trust and recharged accordingly. Pay grades for those working within the Charity are set using NHS Pay Scales.

Related Parties

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being Corporate Trustee of the Charity. The accounts of the Charity are not consolidated into the accounts of the Trust as they are not material.

Charitable Funds

The Charity's Unrestricted Fund was established using the Model Declaration of Trust and all funds held on trust as at the date of registration were part of this unrestricted fund. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original fund are added to those fund balances within the existing charity.

Risk Management

Using the NHS Trust's own Risk Register policies and procedures, the Trustees have considered potential risks to which the charity is exposed. The LHCH Charity Risk Register is reviewed annually by the Charitable Funds Committee.

There are no major risks that have been identified.

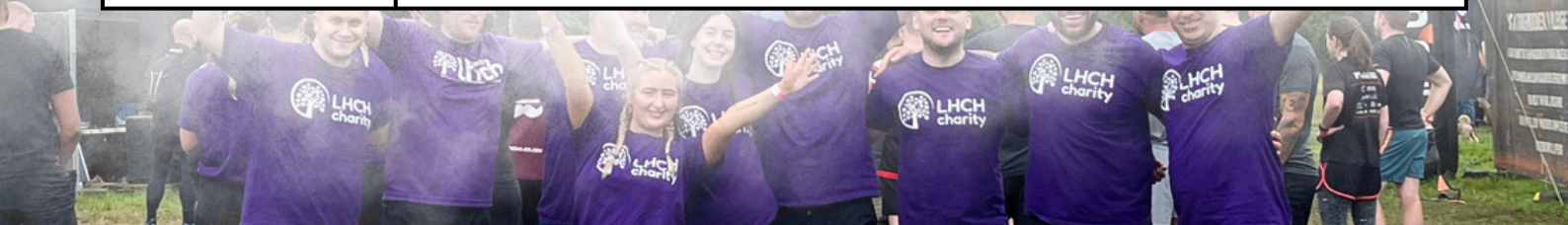


Contact us, Trustee and Advisors

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity
(Previous names, The Heart Appeal, the Merseybeat Appeal)
Registered Charity Number: 1052813

Members of the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Board of Directors who served during the financial year were as follows:

Name	Title
Val Davies	Chair (Until 31 st March 2025)
Bob Burgoyne	Senior Independent Director and Non-Executive Director (Until March 2025)
Margaret Carney	Deputy Chair and Non-Executive Director
Nicholas Brooks	Non-Executive Director
Julian Farmer	Non-Executive Director (Until July 2024)
John Doyle	Non-Executive Director
Claudette Elliott	Non-Executive Director
Anne Marie Davies	Associate Non-Executive Director
Liz Bishop	Chief Executive (Until 31 st March 2025)
Manoj Kuduvalli	Medical Director
James Thomson	Chief Finance Officer
Joan Matthews	Director of Nursing
Jonathan Mathews	Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer



Principle Financial Advisors	Investment Broker	Independent Examiner
National Westminster Bank Plc Natwest Building Brampton Road Newcastle Under Lyme ST5 0QX	CCLA Investment Management Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET	Xeinadin North West Limited First Floor, The Foundation, Herons Way, Chester Business Park, Chester, CH4 9GB

Responsibility for the on-going management of funds is delegated by the Corporate Trustee to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the funds on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. The names of the people who served as agents for the Corporate Trustee, as permitted under Regulations 16 of the NHS Trust's (Membership and Procedures) Regulations 1990 were as follows:

Name	Title	
Bob Burgoyne	Senior Independent Director and Non-Executive Director	Until March 2025
Nicholas Brooks	Non-Executive Director	
Julian Farmer	Non-Executive Director (Until July 2024)	Until July 2024
John Doyle	Non-Executive Director	From July 2024
Liz Bishop	Chief Executive	(Until 31 st March 2025)
James Thomson	Chief Finance Officer	

Principal office

The principal office for the Charity is:-

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity
Thomas Drive, Liverpool, L14 3PE

For more information on LHCH Charity please visit our website at www.lhchcharity.org.uk



Financial Review

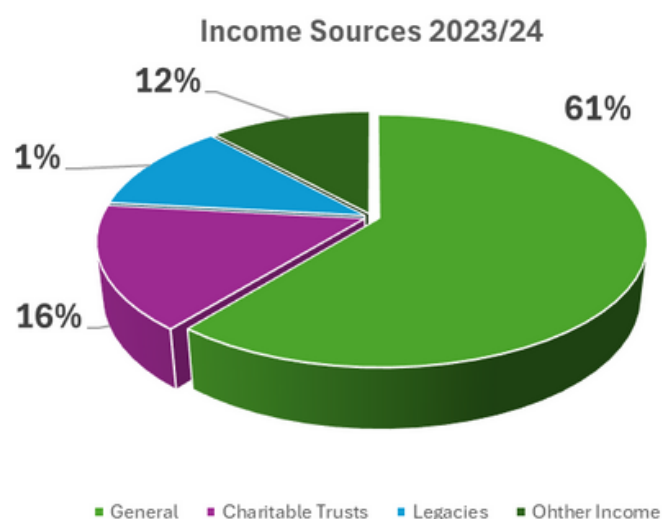
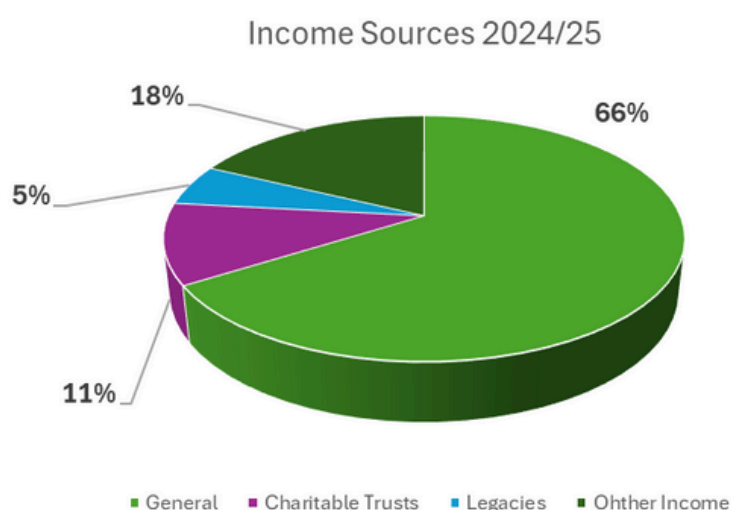
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost basis, with the exception of investments which are included at re-valued amounts. The financial statements have been prepared on the on-going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015)" issued in March 2015, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1st January 2015.

The net assets of the charitable fund as of 31st March 2025 were £1,278k (2023/24 £1,229k), an increase of £49k during the financial year. Total incoming resources this year amounted to £635k (2023/24 £729k). Legacy income was lower than the year before amounting to some £34k compared to £85k in the previous year.

Of the total expenditure of £573k (2023/24 £1,170k), expenditure on charitable activities was £331k (2023/24 £942k) and expenditure on raising funds was £238k (2023/24 £224k).

Income summary table

Income	2024-25	2023-24
General	£419,378	£443,633
Charitable Trusts	£67,500	£116,000
Legacies	£34,450	£84,763
Income from investments and other activities	£113,411	£85,041
Total	£634,739	£729,437



Going Concern

The Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue as a going concern. Expenditure is discretionary and balanced against the reserves policy requirements. Accounting for income and expenditure is on an accruals basis to ensure all committed expenditure is reflected in the reporting process, and the Charity has sufficient resources to meet all its committed expenditure for 12 months from the date that the financial statements were approved by the Charitable Funds Committee.

Reserves policy

The Trustee is under a legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable time of receiving them. In order to comply with this duty, the Trustee has developed a reserves policy to explain the level of reserves held and set out how they will be managed.

The Reserves Policy applies to unrestricted funds, and states that the level of reserves should be sufficient to:-

- Ensure stability of grant funding.
- Cover between one to three years administration, fund-raising, and support costs; and
- Maintain the level of investments at its current level in order to mitigate against significant fluctuations in the levels of donations.

Therefore, the Trustee considers it prudent that the target range of unrestricted reserves is between £500,000 and £1,500,000 to ensure that the Charity can run efficiently and meet the needs of its beneficiaries. The balance sheet shows that the unrestricted reserves is £1,278k at the end of the financial year which is within the reserves range required by the Policy.

Restricted Funds are excluded from this Policy, in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance, as they are subject to specific trusts and are not fully expendable at the discretion of the Trustee.

On an annual basis, the funds will be examined to ensure compliance with this Reserves Policy.

Plans for the Future

In the coming years LHCH Charity aims to continue its work in raising funds to support Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. In particular during the next twelve months, we are seeking to expand our work in under-represented funding streams such as corporate income and widen our community and events activities. In addition, although planning for major capital campaigns had several setbacks during the financial year, we will continue to work with medical staff to identify potential schemes for inclusion in major fundraising.



Investment Policy

The Charity conforms to the investment powers given by the Charity Commission order for an NHS umbrella charity and the Trustee Act 2000.

Charitable funds are invested by the Chief Finance Officer in accordance with the Trust's policy and subject to statutory requirements.

The members of the Charitable Funds Committee review the performance of investment and banking at the quarterly meetings. The Committee has decided that the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) is to be used for the investment of charitable funds. In year, the Committee has chosen to invest their monies in the COIF Charities Ethical Fund as this aligns with the Trust values and overall strategy as there are tighter restrictions on alcohol, tobacco, and fossil fuels.

Amounts to be invested with COIF are decided by the Charitable Funds Committee. The amount originally invested in COIF was £400K. A further £300K was invested in September 2021. In May 2024 we withdrew £300k. This investment has a current market value, as of 31st March 2025 of £978k (31/03/24 £1,291k).

At the end of the financial year the charity held £615k (2023/24 £664k) in an instant access bank account. The Charity has adopted the Trust's policy on investments meaning that all cash balances must remain in a comparatively liquid form. All investments resulting must be realisable and have maturity not exceeding three months. The Charity has one investment with COIF, which can be withdrawn within seven days – in line with Trust policy.

Cash Deposits are invested in accordance with the Trust's Treasury Management Policy which has been adopted by the Charity.

Short-Term Investments should be invested with banks rated A+ Moody's rating.

Long-Term Investments should be invested with banks rated A+ Moody's rating. Dividends received are allocated to individual designated funds in proportion to their average closing balances for the relevant quarter.

The risk associated with the normal fluctuation in the value of investments are mitigated by holding investments in a diversified fund of investments and by only investing funds not required in the short or medium term.



Funds Expenditure Policy

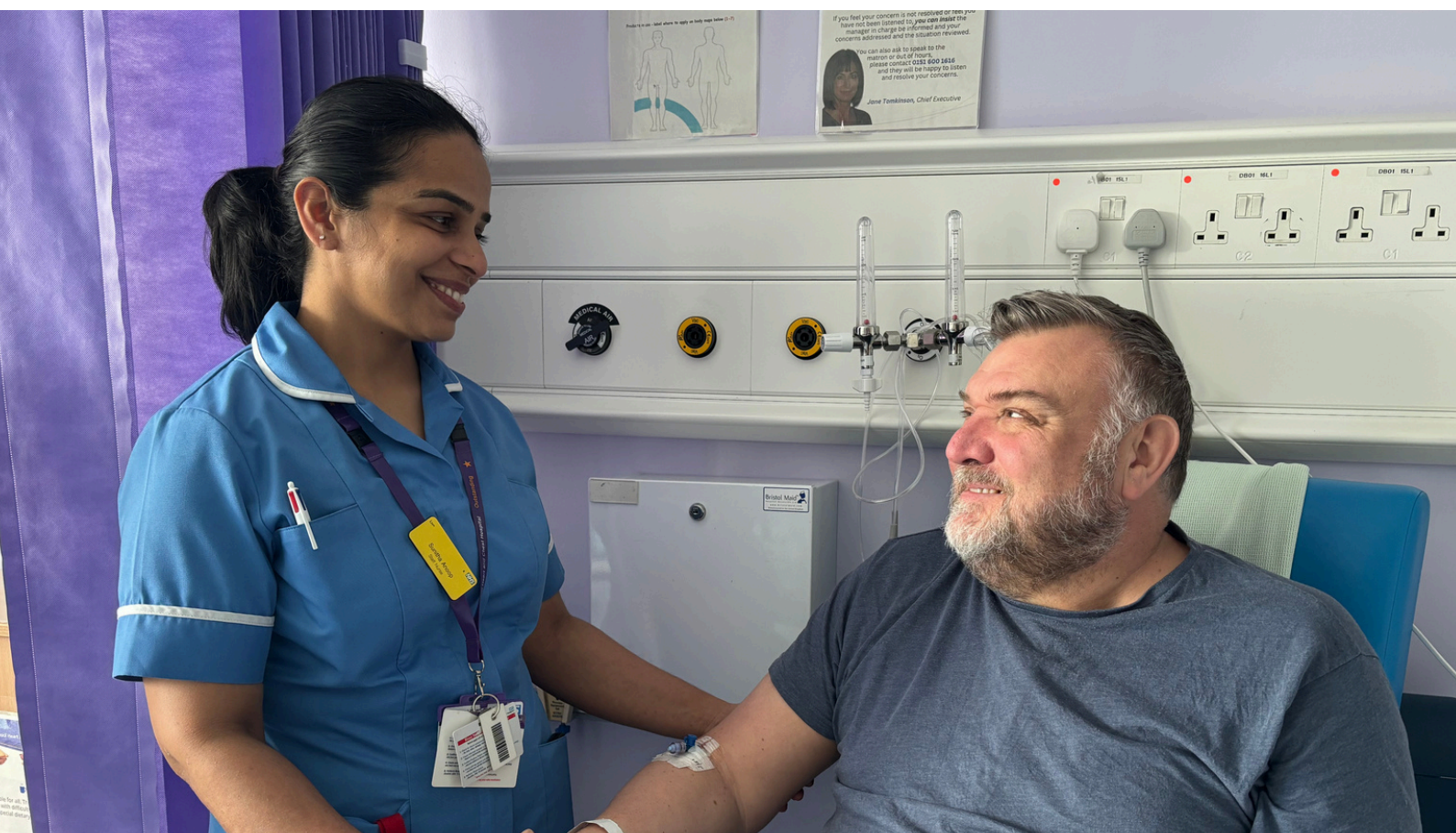
Expenditure against any Charitable Fund is conditional upon the item being within the terms of the appropriate fund and the procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

Before expenditure is incurred consideration is given to the following: -

- The funds may be used for the benefit of hospital staff (both clinical and support) as long as it is line with the objective of the fund, and it does not go beyond what a good employer would consider reasonable to provide.
- The funds cannot be used to campaign or lobby on behalf of the Trust.
- It should comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2006 on the Public Benefit Test where there is an identifiable benefit or benefits, and this benefit must be to the public or section of the public.
- Should generally not be spent for the benefit of specific individuals.
- To supplement the remuneration (directly or indirectly) of offices.

The authorised signatories must consider the following:

- That the expenditure is within the general and specific restrictions placed upon the funds (the authorising officer must be aware of these).
- Must be applied for the purposes set out in the Governing Document.
- That the funds are not freely available from other sources.
- Must be applied with complete fairness between persons who are properly qualified to benefit from it.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIVERPOOL HEART AND CHEST HOSPITAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts Liverpool Heart and chest Hospital (Charity No: 1052813) for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 20 – 32.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Trustee Responsibility Statements.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether application accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets for the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustee:

John Doyle

Chair of Charitable Funds Committee

James Thomson

LHCH Chief Finance Officer
Financial Trustee