



Trustee's Annual Report & Accounts

For the year to 31st March 2025

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity

Registered Charity No. 1048659



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Chairman's welcome

I am delighted to present the 2024/25 annual report for Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity known to staff, patients, and supporters as Three Wishes.

This year we have once again, had the great pleasure of working with colleagues throughout the Foundation Trust who so generously gave up their time to take part in fundraising events and activities to support Three Wishes. Details of some of these events can be found on pages 4 to 11.

On behalf of the Charitable Trust Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters, fundraisers and volunteers for their hard work, commitment, and continued generosity throughout the year and for your most valuable contribution to the welfare and wellbeing of our patients, visitors, and staff.

Francine Thorpe, Interim Chair



Your support, our appreciation

The mission of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity is to further improve the environment and experience of our patients through purchasing equipment and enhancing services across all sites. This is achieved by the incredible support the charity receives from fundraisers, volunteers, those donating in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of the great care and service they have received.

The motivation and commitment shown by our supporters, is heartwarming and inspiring. All donations received make a real difference to our patients.

We are immensely grateful to the many generous and committed members of our community who have helped to raise funds for our Charity. On behalf of our service users, carers, and staff we send our appreciation to everyone who has helped to make 2024-25 a successful year.

Fundraiser Stories

Whilst the Charity does not employ a dedicated fundraising manager, fundraising is encouraged throughout the Foundation Trust and we have been fortunate to have received support from both the public and employees of the hospital in raising funds for the Charity this year.

The following highlights some of the fundraising events that took place this year.

Manchester 10k

After Kate delivered her daughter at 32 weeks she wants to give back to the neonatal to help other parents going through similar situations

Kate ran the 10k after only giving birth 16 weeks before and raised over £1,000 for the unit. This has allowed the unit to purchase 5 nanny blankets, which monitors the baby's breathing when out of an incubator which is vital equipment for the unit.



Community Assessment Unit

Our CAU team raised £569 doing an Easter raffle to raise money for equipment for their upcoming patient engagement sessions. This enabled the unit to purchase equipment to engage their patients and get them moving.



Tesco Wigan

Tesco Wigan raised £422.50 for our In Pink campaign for breast screening where funds raised will go towards improving patient experience within breast screening at Thomas Linacre Centre.



Outpatients Teams

Our Outpatients teams are some of our biggest supporters and regularly hold raffles and have events. This year there have been numerous raffles including at Easter and they also held a "Time for a Cuppa" Event raising £581.00 for specialist services. All the staff on Outpatients at Leigh donated items for a Christmas raffle. There were three hampers to be won and one was kindly donated by the fruit and veg stall that visits WWL sites. A total of £315.05 was raised and all money donated to Specialist Services. Big thank you to all staff involved throughout 24/25 and of course everyone that bought tickets and got involved.



WWL Euro Football competition

In lead up to The UEFA European Football Championship of 2024 starting, the Steps4Wellness team hosted their own WWL Euros 2024 5-a-side football tournament. The tournament took place on Wednesday 5th June at St Peters High School, Orrell, Wigan. With all proceeds going to the Trust's Three Wishes charity, they raised £175 towards our healthcare heroes fund, which is a fantastic achievement.



Sofology – “George Odair Annual Hike”

In memory of their Sofologist, George Adair, who passed away. George, better known as Porgy by his mum, left behind his Mum, Dad and brother. George's kind, caring nature, dry sense of humour, terrible taste in music, and even his obsession with Everton, will be deeply missed by Pete, the wider parts team and many other special friends that George made in his 6 years with the business. In his memory the team decided to do a hike to raise funds and raised around £5000 with an initial target of £500. They have decided to make this an annual event in memory of their colleague and friend which will benefit Orrell Ward.



Cancer care Christmas party fundraiser

On the 12th December they had a Christmas evening support group for the Metastatic Breast Patients and their families at the Wigan Cricket club, and it was a great success which raised over £300

It was ran by Kate Tomkinson Specialist Secondary Breast Nurse, Nicola Dawber Secondary Breast support worker, Kathryn Holroyd Macmillan information Deputy Manager, Phillip Maxwell Acute oncology nurse & Hannah Reid Trainee Breast & Bowel ANP. They had a raffle that had some amazing prizes donated from local shops such as Omniplex Cinema, Wigan Warriors, Café Nero, Boots, Uncle joes mint balls etc. All the money was donated to the WWL Charitable funds for the cancer care services. They had entertainment from the Pemberton Brass band and the Friday Feeling singers who came free of Charge for the event. There was a little Christmas Market that was attended by Missysbeautybakes, Prevent breast cancer, Jaks candles & Crafts, Bows by Chrstine, Crafty Claire & Dominiques Wax melts.

Patients feedback "What a great night it was last night, Thanks to the staff for everything they do for us you really are the best" "I had a great time, up dancing....Trust me I never dance" "First time, Had a fabulous night, Me & my daughter loved it" "Had a wonderful night. Thanks to the team for organising it, looking forward to seeing everyone at the next support group"



Haigh Aspull and Blackrod Christmas Tractor Run

Haigh Aspull and Blackrod Christmas Tractor Run raised over £5,500 for our babies and childrens fund.

The event had a convoy of Tractors all displaying lights and christmas displays, had a pizza van, raffle and even Santa made an appearance! As well as this a local school “Aspull church Primary School” joined in and also raised money for the cause.



Christmas Jumper

Summat to Ate chose us as their charity and their staff donated all their tips from a Christmas jumper day which they matched to make a donation of over £200 for our babies and childrens fund.



Raffles and collection tins

Various departments accross the trust have done Raffles and Tombolas over the year to raise money. Along with our collection tins this has raised in excess of £8,000. We would like to say WELL DONE to these departments and thank you for your continued support.

Fundraising Heroes

Several successful Just Giving pages have been created over the year to raise funds for our Charity and we are extremely grateful to all of those who have chosen Three Wishes as their Charity of choice.

We are constantly amazed by the generosity of our local community; the people of Wigan are constantly fundraising for Three Wishes, and we are extremely grateful for all support and help. Whilst we thank every one of you, we would like to say a special thank you to those who donated to the following Just Giving pages which have generated over £1,000 in donations:

- Haigh, Aspull and Blackrod Tractor run, £5,372.31 was raised for Babies and Childrens
- Otis Voice, £4,074.59 was raised for Babies and Childrens
- Sofology's Fundraiser in memory of George Odair. £6,125.71 for our Surgery Fund
- 4 rounds of golf in 24 hours, £2,334.97 was raised for our Cancer Care fund.

Campaigns

Otis Voice

During the year the Charity's Otis' Voice campaign was launched and raised over £4,000. The aim of this campaign is the make WWL more accessible to all in particular our paediatric A&E department. Jessie who is one of our "lived patient experience" volunteers has launched the campaign with her son Otis as the focus with the aim being that any child accessing the hospital will all receive the same experience and that their patient experience should be tailored to their needs.

The goal is to create a space in paediatric A&E where any child who needs it can access a quiet space which meets all their needs.

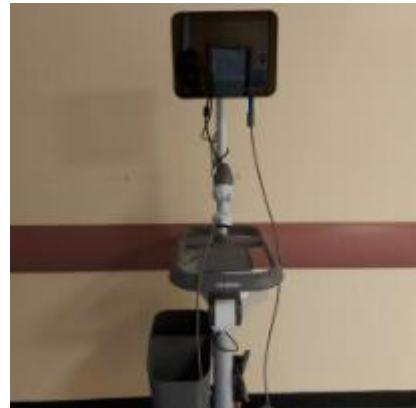
The difference we make to our patients.

During the year, the Charity spent £287k on equipment and patient comforts aimed at enhancing the patient experience when visiting hospital.

Some of our key purchases and how these have made a difference to our patients are detailed below.

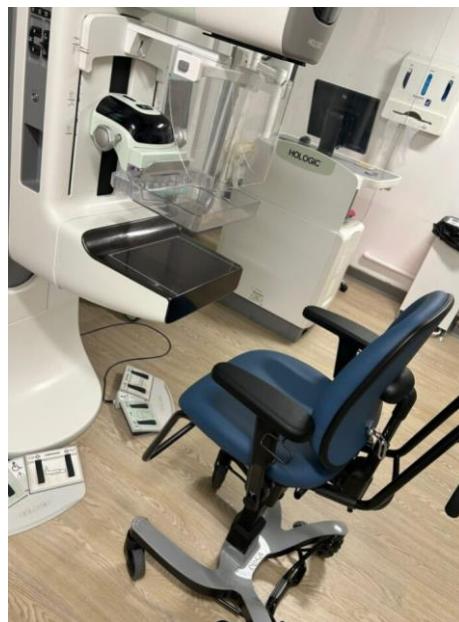
ECG Machines, Philips Efficia Monitors and Bladder Scanner

The charity has purchased 7 ECG machines, 3 Efficia Monitors and 1 bladder scanner in 24/25 which are being used at both Royal Albert Edward infirmary and Wrightington. In being able to purchase these machines this has allowed ECGs to be performed quicker and has led to a reduction in the time a patient is complaining of chest pain whilst awaiting treatment. The additional bladder scanner has again sped up diagnosis and enable patients to be discharged more timely. The monitors are being used in the Cardiac Cath Lab and are of a greater quality for monitoring patients whilst in the lab.



Mammography Chairs

The purchase of the chairs allows any patient with any physical restrictions to be imaged in an electric manoeuvrable chair. This allows the patient to feel more comfortable and allows the radiographer to be able to perform a mammogram to a high diagnostic quality to aid in the detection of Breast Cancer or Breast abnormalities. The purchase of the Mammography Chairs has created a positive imaging experience for patients with physical restrictions to be imaged to a high diagnostic standard to assist in the detection of Breast Cancer. This will in turn encourage reattendance of Breast Screening appointments for patients with physical restrictions.



Jolly Trolley

The jolly trolley was purchased for our community assessment unit. The aim being to get patients up and moving whilst enjoying themselves. It is an interactive resource which includes karaoke!



Throughout the year we have also purchased a doppler tilt table for cardiology, stress balls, essential oils and aromatherapy inhalers for chemotherapy patients, portable massage chairs for cancer patients, a CPR chest compression device which aids CPR in emergency situations, upgraded relatives and staff rooms, clini cart trolleys, bariatric wheelchairs, chemo pumps, gym equipment for physios, hand print kits and lots lots more. We value every donation made to allow us to purchase everything that we do.

Future Plans

At the time of preparing the Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/25 the Charity is working on delivering its 5-year strategy to support the long-term growth and resilience of the Charity.

After working with a local fundraising professional and some key themes emerging we have implemented some plans for going in to 25/26. We will have a charity manager who will be responsible for updating policies and encouraging fundraising, as well as working with the wider organisation to encourage Three Wishes to become the charity of choice and to encourage the wider Wigan Borough to become engaged with the charity.

Raising funds is challenging; the cost of living is placing extra burdens on households and there are a number of charitable organisations competing for extra resources in our area. We aim to address this by undertaking a stepped approach to addressing these challenges from quick wins in the short term, to consolidating donations from significant and longer-term sources, with targeted and sustainable growth being the final aim.

We are excited about where this journey will take us and look forward to supporting the hospital we serve in achieving their vision of providing the best possible healthcare for the local population of the Wigan Borough and surrounding areas through the funds that we generate. Looking into 25/26 we are excited to start a partnership with Baby G who will raise money for Neonatal and is going to be purchasing 2 larger items for us in 25/26. We will also be launching a campaign for our Pearl Suite on maternity which is a project to update our bereavement room for families and we will also be “opening” our new biokills lab which has been funded through Wrightington Wish this year.

Objectives of the Charity

Statute

The Charity is committed to spend in line with the statutory public interest benefit criteria. It is additionally guided by its specific objects and mission statement, below.

The principal objectives and purposes of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity, as set out in the trust deed, are as follows.

“To provide for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service”.

The Charity works alongside the Foundation Trust to ensure that the advancement of healthcare is achieved daily. The Charity's approved mission statement is as follows.

“The mission of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity is to further improve the quality of patient care, through staff training, purchasing medical equipment and enhancing the patient environment and experience. This is achieved through the generosity of the public and by fundraising activities, events and appeals.”

Structure, governance, and management

Corporate Trustee

The sole corporate trustee of the charity is Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust. The Charity was established in accordance the National Health Services (Consequential Provision) Act 2006.

The Corporate Trustee is managed by its Board of Directors which consists of executive and non-executive directors. It has responsibility for ensuring that the NHS body fulfils its duties in managing the charitable funds. Members of the Foundation Trust Board are not individual trustees under Charity Law, but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. They fulfil the Trustee's legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund in pursuit of public/patient benefit, and independently determine the Charity's strategy through meetings of the Charitable Trust Committee.

The Charity adopted the working name 'Three Wishes' in 2012. The full current name of the Charity is Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity.

Charitable Trust Committee

The Foundation Trust is the sole trustee of the Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity, registered charity number 1048659, ("the Charity") in its corporate capacity.

The corporate trustee has powers under section 11 of the Trustee Act 2000 to appoint and delegate to agents. This power includes appointing a committee, membership of which is not necessarily restricted to its directors.

The corporate trustee also has powers under the Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act 2014 power of advancement as set out in Chapter 16, Section 9.

The Foundation Trust has duly established and appointed the Charitable Trust Committee as a committee to administer the charitable funds. Members of the Charitable Trust Committee act as agents of the Foundation Trust.

Independence

To retain independence and balance in its decision making the Charitable Trust Committee membership comprises of:

- Three (3) Non-Executive Directors, one of whom shall be Chair.
- Chief Finance Officer
- Chief Nurse
- Deputy Chief Executive
- Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
- Director of Strategy and Planning

The members of the Charitable Trust Committee who served during the year were drawn from those Corporate Trustee Board members listed above.

All executive and non-executive directors of the Foundation Trust are members of the Charitable Trust Committee and are entitled to attend and vote at any meeting.

Corporate Trustee's appointments

The methods of appointment to the key governance roles within the Board of Directors and Council of Governors of the Corporate Trustee are reported in the Corporate Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 and contained within the Corporate Trustee's Constitution. Copies of these documents can be obtained by contacting the Foundation Trust (see Reference and administrative details), and the Annual Report can be viewed on the Foundation Trust website.

Public interest benefit

The Corporate Trustee ensures that the *public benefit* criteria, as detailed in the Charities Act 2011, are met by demanding that each funding application is critically assessed against those criteria via the Charity's internal expenditure guidance. Applications are prioritised and rejected or approved based on the availability of funds and compliance with the policy.

Funds are used to provide benefit to a wide range of patients, and any funds used for staff enablement are only allocated to projects that will directly benefit patients.

Management and delegation

The day-to-day management of the Charity's funds is delegated to individual fund committees made up of a variety of staff members and independent governors. Each divisional committee has approved terms of reference and the following remit.

- Monitor spending throughout the financial year.
- Review, consider and, when appropriate, approve applications for charitable expenditure in their area.
- Ensure that the funds are used effectively within their remit, in line with donors' wishes.
- Continually review financial controls and Standing Financial Instructions confirming that all expenditure is totally consistent with their fund's objectives and the Charity's Expenditure Guidance policy.

The Foundation Trust's Financial Services department is responsible for the financial administration of the Charity and ensures that all expenditure is compliant with internal policy and charity law.

Reference and administrative details

Principal office

The principal office for the Charity is.

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
The Elms
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Wigan Lane
Wigan
WN1 2NN

Administration and records

The accounting records and day-to-day administration of the funds are undertaken by Finance located at Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan WN1 1XX.

Donations and fundraising enquiries and assistance

Email: ThreeWishesCharity@wwl.nhs.uk

Board of Directors

Mark Jones	Chairman
Mary Fleming	Chief Executive
Sanjay Arya	Medical Director
Juliet Tait	Chief People Officer
Sarah Brennan (from 9 Sep 24)	Chief Operating Officer
Claire Wannell (to 30 Jun 24)	Chief Operating Officer
Tabitha Gardner	Chief Finance Officer
Richard Mundon	Deputy CEO
Kevin Parker-Evans	Chief Nurse
Paul Howard (to 31 Dec 24)	Director of Corporate Affairs
Anne-Marie Miller	Director of Communications
Nigel Kee (from 8 Jul 24 to 27 Sep 24)	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Clare Austin	Non-Executive Director
Rhona Bradley	Non-Executive Director
Mark Wilkinson (from 1 Nov 24)	Non-Executive Director
Ian Haythornthwaite (to 31 Oct 24)	Non-Executive Director
Simon Holden (from 1 Jul 24)	Non-Executive Director
Lynne Lobleby (to 31 Dec 24)	Non-Executive Director
Francine Thorpe	Non-Executive Director
Julie Gill	Non-Executive Director
Mary Moore	Non-Executive Director

*All of the members were in post for the 12-month period to 31st March 2025 except where indicated. Mark Jones retired on 22nd June 2025 and Francine Thorpe is the Interim Chair.

The Trustees have access to qualified and dedicated internal resources including Trust secretary and the Finance team. They also can seek external advice when required. The professionals concerned maintain CPD as part of their professional development.

Advisors

The following services were retained by the Charity during 2024/25

Bank

National Westminster Bank PLC
Sovereign Business Park
Kingscroft Court
Wigan
WN1 3AP

Independent Examiners

Voicey & Co LLP
8 Winmarleigh Street
Warrington
Cheshire
WA1 1JW

Registered administrative details and overview are also available on the Charity Commission website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Risk management

The Charity's key systems are designed and implemented by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Charity therefore benefits from the Foundation Trust's robust internal control and risk management framework.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed are identified and mitigating actions considered in meetings of the Charitable Trust Committee.

The main risk to which the Charity is currently exposed is competition from other charities resulting in reduced public profile and associated decline in income streams. Several mitigations are in place and the risk is monitored through Charitable Trust Committee.

Income and expenditure are monitored at Charitable Trust Committee as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves and to ensure that the Charity is well-positioned to meet its objectives throughout the year.

The Trust's Audit Committee sets aside dedicated time to discuss the audit of the charity accounts and risk related matters.

Financial review

Reserve's policy

The Charity is not at risk of incurring expenditure on unforeseen emergency or operational costs and is not reliant on regular income streams. Divisional fund expenditure is regularly monitored against fund balances and can be readily controlled, overspending risk is therefore mitigated and there is no risk to short-term deficits in its cash budgets.

The total funds held by the Charity on 31st March 2025 was unrestricted £1,176k (£1,211k, 2023/24) and restricted £19k (£19k, 2023/24).

To meet the administrative fee and pre-approved commitments during the year the Corporate Trustee set a target reserve of £16k for 2024/25 (£24k, 2023/24).

Investment policy

Background

By law, the Charity must ensure it spends any income received within a 'reasonable period of receipt'. Charities should not hold substantial unspent reserves as a matter of course. However, where NHS charitable funds have surplus monies not needed to fund immediate charitable activities, trustees may elect to invest some or all this surplus to generate additional income to fund future activities.

All investment decisions

- must comply with the Trustee Act 2000 and have regard to the Act's standard investment criteria; and
- must be informed by proper professional investment advice.

The investment policy of the Corporate Trustee is to deposit fund balances in short-term interest-bearing accounts. This decision is based upon the intention in the short term to spend the funds, such that long-term investment would not be appropriate.

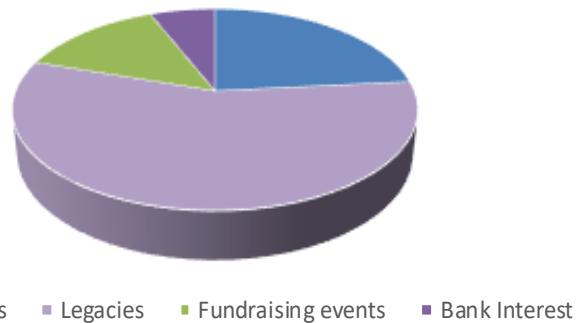
Annual review of income and expenditure

Incoming resources

The Charity relies upon donations and legacies as its main source of income.

Total income for 2024/25 as per the graph below, was £290k (£389k, 2023/24) of which legacy income totalled £164k (£79k, 2023/24)

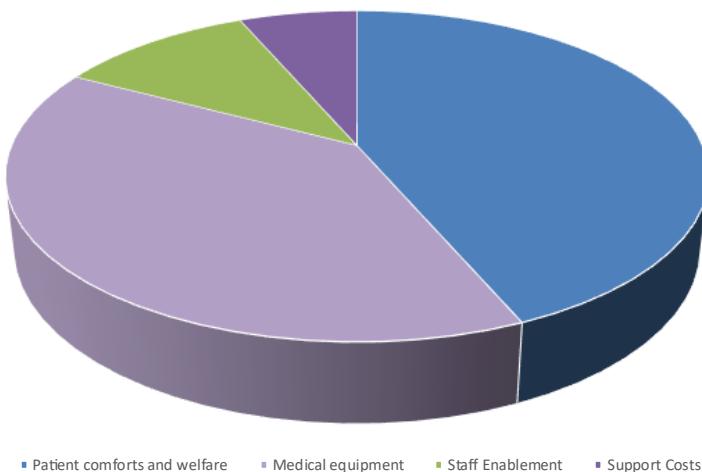
Income received as at 31 March 2025



Resources Expended

Total expenditure for the year was £324k (£362k, 2023/24) broken down as per the graph below:

Expenditure as at 31 March 2025



Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The Corporate Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee 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 Trustee to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements that give a true and fair view, the Trustee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 in operation; keep proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and which enables the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements in the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (accounts and Reports) regulations, and the provisions of the trust deed.
 - Safeguard the assets of the Charity, therefore taking reasonable steps in the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Corporate Trustee confirms that it has met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirements for preparing the accounts. The financial statements set out on pages 23 to 33 attached have been compiled from, and are in accordance with, the financial records maintained by the Corporate Trustee.

The Corporate Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By delegated authority on behalf of the Corporate Trustee

F Thorpe
Chairman* Date: 20 November 2025

Trust Board Director Date: 20 November 2025

** The Board may authorise another Board member to sign in place of the Chairman.*

Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Jonathan Urmston BA ACA
Voisey & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants
8 Winmarleigh Street
Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1JW

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st March 2025

Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Donations and legacies	3	232	0	232
Income from charitable activities	4	40	0	40
Income from investments	5	18	0	18
Total	290	0	290	389
Expenditure				
Raising funds	6	(1)	0	(1)
Charitable activities	9	(324)	0	(324)
Total	(325)	0	(325)	(362)
Net income/(expenditure)	(35)	0	(35)	27
Net movement in funds	(35)	0	(35)	27
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,211	19	1,230	1,203
Net movements in funds for the year	(35)	0	(35)	27
Total funds carried forward	1,176	19	1,195	1,230

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	31-Mar-25 £'000	31-Mar-25 £'000	31-Mar-25 £'000	31-Mar-24 £'000	31-Mar-24 £'000	31-Mar-24 £'000
Current assets						
Debtors	11	6	0	6	27	0
Cash	12	1,212	20	1,232	1,192	24
Total current assets	1,218	20	1,238	1,219	24	1,243
Current liabilities						
Creditor Accruals	13	(43)	0	(43)	(13)	0
Net current assets	1,175	20	1,195	1,206	24	1,230
Total net assets	1,175	20	1,195	1,206	24	1,230
The income funds of the charity						
Restricted income funds	17	0	19	19	0	19
Unrestricted income funds	17	1,176	0	1,176	1,211	0
Total charity funds	1,176	19	1,195	1,211	19	1,230

Approved by the Corporate Trustee and signed on its behalf:

F Thorpe
Chairman*

Date: 20 November 2025

Trust Board Director

Date: 20 November 2025

* The Board may authorise another Board member to sign in place of the Chairman.

Statement of Cash flows for the year ending 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Cash flows from operating activites					
Net expenditure for the reporting period (SOFA)	15	(2)	0	(2)	9
Net cash provide by (used in) operating activities		(2)	0	(2)	9
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest received	18	0	18		18
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activites		18	0	18	18
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		16	0	16	27
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		1,192	24	1,216	1,216
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		1,208	24	1,232	1,243

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the going concern basis and have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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) issued in October 2019 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.

1.2 Going Concern

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The COVID pandemic has had an impact on the charity's fundraising income for unrestricted funds although this is partially offset by the generous donations made by members of the public.

The key risks to the Charity's continuing going concern status are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustee has arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

1.3 Funds structure

The Charity holds two types of funds. Unrestricted and restricted.

Unrestricted funds comprise of those funds which the Corporate Trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives. Designated sub-funds are created to attempt to honour donors' (unbinding) wishes by keeping the benefit within the donors chosen division with spending decisions being delegated to those divisions.

Designated funds could be used by the Corporate Trustee at its discretion to earmark funds for specific future purposes. Any funds held within a designated sub-fund can be merged or transferred within the general purposes fund at any time, at the discretion of the Trustee, in accordance with the Health Service Act 1977.

Restricted funds are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 18.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value 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.

1.5 Incoming resources Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind, such as food and care packages are not accounted for when they are accepted and immediately distributed unless a single donation is material.

Where gifts in kind are held before being distributed to beneficiaries, they are recognised at fair value as stock until they are distributed.

1.6 Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources 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 the conditions for income recognition are met.

1.7 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure. Contractual obligations are recognised as goods or services are supplied to either the Foundation Trust or the Charity.

The Charity does not make grants to third parties.

1.8 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the same category of resources expended as the underlying purchases.

1.9 Charitable activities

The costs of *charitable activities* include all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the Charity. These costs comprise the direct costs of charitable purchases, and an apportionment of overhead and support costs as shown in note 9.

1.10 Tangible fixed assets

The Charity's sole asset is a finance and fundraising piece of software that is held at historic cost.

1.11 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs). The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.12 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

The Corporate Trustee does not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

2 Related party

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charity.

During the year, none of the members of the Trust Board, Charitable Trust Committee or senior Trust staff, or parties related to them, were beneficiaries of the Charity, and none of these individuals have undertaken any material transactions with the Charity or received honoraria, emoluments, or expenses in the year.

Board members, and other senior staff, take decisions on both Charity and exchequer matters, but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete, and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public. The Corporate Trustee has purchased Directors and Officers liability insurance.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000		Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Donations	68	0	68		269	0	269
Legacies	164	0	164		79	0	79
Total	232	0	232		348	0	348

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000		Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Fundraising events	40	0	40		23	0	23
Total	40	0	40		23	0	23

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000		Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Bank Interest	18	0	18		18	0	18
Total	18	0	18		18	0	18

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000		Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Just Giving costs	1	0	1		1	0	1
Total	1	0	1		1	0	1

7 Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals and did not receive any grant income during the year.

8 Analysis of staff costs

The Charity does not directly employ any members of staff.

9 Analysis of charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly - revenue funding		* Grant funding of activities		** Governance & support costs		Sub total		Total £'000
	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	
Patient comforts and welfare	141	0	0	0	10	0	151	0	151
Medical equipment	12	0	115	0	9	0	136	0	136
Staff enablement	35	0	0	0	2	0	37	0	37
Total	188	0	115	0	21	0	324	0	324

* The Charity made payments to Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the purchase of fixed assets during the financial year.

**Governance and support costs are apportioned on a pro rata basis of 50% on income received during the period and 50% on the closing fund balances at the end of the reporting period.

Prior year comparatives are detailed below:

	Activities undertaken directly - revenue funding		* Grant funding of activities		** Governance & support costs		Sub total		Total £'000
	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	
Patient comforts and welfare	167	0	0	0	11	0	178	0	178
Medical equipment	21	0	141	0	12	0	174	0	174
Staff enablement	8	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	9
Total	196	0	141	0	24	0	361	0	361

* The Charity made payments to Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the purchase of fixed assets during the financial year.

**Governance and support costs are apportioned on a pro rata basis of 50% on income received during the period and 50% on the closing fund balances at the end of the reporting period.

9.1 Support and Governance Costs

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000	Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Financial Administration and governance	22	0	22	16	0	16
Independent Examination	2	0	2	2	0	2
TOTAL	24	0	24	18	0	18

10 Independent Examiners Remuneration

The estimated Independent Examiners' remuneration of £1,800 and which is inclusive of VAT (£1,800 2023/24) relates solely to the independent examination of these accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

11 Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000	Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Accrued income	6	0	6	27	0	27
Total debtors	6	0	6	27	0	27

12 Analysis of cash

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000	Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Cash in bank	1,212	20	1,232	1,192	24	1,216
Total cash	1,212	20	1,232	1,192	24	1,216

All cash balances are held in a NatWest current account.

13 Analysis of current liabilities

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000		Unrestricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-24 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Creditor Accruals	(43)	0	(43)		(13)	0	(13)
Total creditors	(43)	0	(43)		(13)	0	(13)

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

	Unrestricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Restricted 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-25 £'000	Total funds 31-Mar-24 £'000
Net income income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(35)	0	(35)	27
Adjusted for				
Interest receivable	(18)	0	(18)	(18)
(Increase) in debtors	21	0	21	0
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	30	0	30	0
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2)	0	(2)	9

15 Contingent assets and liabilities

The Charity has no contingent assets or liabilities.

16 Commitments

The Charity has no commitments undisclosed in the Balance Sheet.

17 Analysis of Material Funds

The Charity has 13 funds. Individual funds with material balances, are detailed below:

	01-Apr-24 balance b/f £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	31-Mar-25 balance c/f £'000
Restricted Fund				
Leigh Legacy	19	0	0	19
Total restricted funds	19	0	0	19
Unrestricted funds				
Babies and Children	38	41	(28)	51
Cancer Care	220	87	(73)	234
Heart and Lung	345	61	(83)	323
Minds and Memory	95	3	(1)	97
Patients Wish	77	12	(18)	71
Wrightington Wish	343	15	(67)	291
Other Unrestricted Funds	93	71	(55)	109
Total unrestricted funds	1,211	290	(325)	1,176
Total funds	1,230	290	(325)	1,195

The objectives of material funds held on 31st March 2025 are detailed below:

- Wrightington Wish to support services at Wrightington Hospital
- The Heart and Lung Fund for the provision of cardiology and respiratory services.
- The Patient wish fund provides patient comforts across all sites.
- The Cancer Care Fund supports cancer services and the Cancer Care Centre at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary.
- The Babies and Children's Fund Supports babies and children services across all sites including Rainbow Ward and the Neonatal Unit.
- Minds and Memories looks after our Elderly patients including dementia and stroke services.