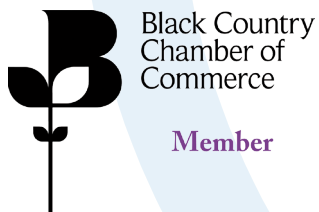




The Royal Wolverhampton
NHS Trust Charity
Registered Charity No:1059467

Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22





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Message from our Chair

Sue Rawlings

Following another difficult but successful year, I am delighted to present the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity.

As ever, we could not achieve what we do without our many supporters and the tireless work of fundraisers, both in the hospital and in our surrounding community and businesses. People who have given of their time, effort and generosity. We have again received vital support from partners and funders.

We undertook an independent Strategic Review, and we now have a plan moving forward to further develop the charity and expand the team. As always, we have to thank members of the Communications and Finance teams for their hard work. I also want to say a personal thank you to our outgoing Charity Fundraising Manager Leanne Bood who has worked tirelessly, over a number of years, to develop and improve the charity, building wonderful connections with donors, the community and staff alike. I wish her well in her next role. We will also be losing Rachel Robinson, our Digital Engagement Officer, who also moves on to pastures new – again, thank you Rachel for all your hard work and support.

We welcome Amanda Winwood as our new Charity Development Manager and Amie Rogers as our new Community Fundraiser.

This year, we were again able to support a wide range of projects across many departments and directorates – many of which are highlighted in the body of this report. We also continued to support patients and staff through the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to the generous donations and gifts received.

Key highlights of our year:

- Former Wolves director Kevin Threlfall and his wife Gillian donated £100,000 to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity to buy equipment for the Trust's Heart and Lung Centre. This is the largest donation raised by an individual in the last 11 years.
- Two charities donated over £30,000 to fund equipment to help Wolverhampton breast care patients. The 5/344 Transport and General Workers Union Benevolent Scheme (ex-Goodyear workers) and the Maureen Parkes Breast Care Fund have each donated £15,127.35 for equipment to support breast care patients treated at New Cross Hospital.
- A cancer support centre here at New Cross Hospital was given a near £10,000 upgrade to create a more comfortable area for patients – thanks to our charitable funds. The Macmillan Information Centre provides practical and emotional support for patients and their families as they navigate their cancer journey.

Finally, thank you again to all who have done so much to help us support our staff, patients and their families. We are so grateful to all of you, without whom we could not have achieved what we have this year.



Sue Rawlings
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee



About the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity

At The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, we are dedicated to improving the experience and outcomes for our staff, patients, and our local community. The people and patients of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust are at the heart of what we do.

Our mission is to enhance patient care and help families and carers in Wolverhampton, by transforming hospital and community-based services. We do this through funding "added extras" - items, projects, research, staff training and services – that are over and above those provided by the NHS. This is what drives our charity, inspires our fundraisers, and connects us to Wolverhampton's warm, friendly, and diverse population.

We work alongside The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, raising funds to support our staff to deliver the very best possible care and to help adults and children across Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. With the help of our wonderful community, our fundraising efforts make a real difference to patient outcomes.

Whether people come to hospital for routine procedures, medical investigations, or for lifesaving, cutting edge treatment we understand that needing NHS care can be a worrying time. Every day the fundraising of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity helps to ensure that visits to our hospitals and our services are as comfortable, reassuring, friendly and positive as possible.

Trust Overview

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust is one of the largest healthcare providers in the Black Country and West Midlands, providing primary, secondary, community and tertiary care services to a combined population of 450,000 people. The Trust provides 850 beds at our New Cross site (including intensive care beds and neonatal cots), 56 rehab beds at West Park Hospital, and 54 beds at Cannock Chase Hospital. They are the largest employer in Wolverhampton, with more than 10,500 staff. This means that the charity supports in the region of 460,500 beneficiaries year on year.

The Trust provides services in the following locations:

- **Cannock Chase Hospital** - General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Breast Surgery, Urology, Dermatology, Medical Day Case investigations and treatment (including Neurology and Endoscopy) Inpatient rehabilitation beds.
- **Community Services** - More than 20 community sites providing services for children and adults, Walk-in Centres, and Therapy and Rehabilitation services.
- **Primary Care** - Nine GP practices.
- **New Cross Hospital** - Secondary and tertiary services, Maternity, Accident & Emergency, Critical Care and Outpatients.
- **West Park Hospital** - Rehabilitation, Inpatient and Day Care services, Therapy services and Outpatients.

The Trust also successfully host Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) and the West Midlands Local Clinical Research Network (WMCRN), and have done since its establishment in April 2014.

The Trustees' Mission

The mission of the charity is to make a real difference to the patients of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, their families and the staff that treat them, above and beyond that provided by the NHS. We support the Trust to realise its vision to be an NHS organisation that continually strives to improve the outcomes and experiences for the communities they serve.

Public Benefit

In planning the charity's activities, careful consideration is given to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. We must also comply with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011. We support the work of the Trust however there is a clear distinction between what the Trust is required to provide as an NHS organisation and what is additional public benefit. The application of charitable funds leads to the enhancement of patient care and experience – regardless of our patients background or personal circumstances.

Charity funds are used to provide the following:

- Additional facilities to enhance the healing environment
- Additional equipment to enhance patient care and experiences
- Opportunities for additional staff training, above and beyond mandatory training
- Opportunities for further medical knowledge through research.

Getting involved and supporting your local hospital and patients of the Trust couldn't be easier. Simply call the fundraising team on (01902) 447293 or contact us on social media –



TheRWTCharity on Twitter



Facebook



@therwtcharity on Instagram

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities can be found below as at 31 March 2022 with comparatives to the previous year. The complete set of Accounts can be found on pages 52-65.



Total Incoming Resources	Unrestricted £000	Restricted £000
Donations and Legacies - £484k	480	4
Grants - £257k	227	30
Fundraising - £67k	65	2
Investment income - £78k	49	29
Total - £886k	821	65

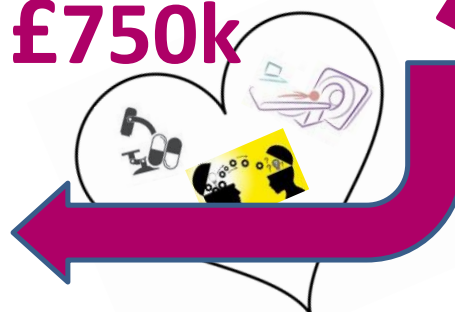
Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted £000	Restricted £000	Endowment £000	2021/22 £000	2020/ 21 £000
Total incoming resources	821	65	0	886	1,164
Total expenditure	(612)	(138)	0	(750)	(865)
Net gains/(losses) on investment	(16)	(8)	0	(24)	318
Net income/(expenditure)	193	(81)	0	112	617
Transfer between funds	(5)	5	0	0	0
Total brought forward	1,838	999	82	2,919	2,302
Total at 31 March 2022	2,026	923	82	3,031	2,919

Expenditure

	Unrestricted £000	Restricted £000
Raising funds - (£101k)	(101)	0
Charitable activities - (£645k)	(507)	(138)
Other expenditure - (£4k)	(4)	(0)
Total - (£750k)	(612)	(138)

£750k



Did you know you can also increase your donation without having to pay more? Included in the Donations and Legacies and Fundraising income above, is an additional £36k which has been raised through the Gift Aid scheme in 2021/22.

How does Gift Aid work?

Gift Aid is a scheme run by the government that enables charities to increase the value of donations made by reclaiming basic rate tax that has been paid on the gift. At the moment, we can claim 25p per £1 donated, so on a gift of £100, we will actually receive an extra £25, at no cost to the donor.

The Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022 can be found below with the comparatives to the previous year.

Balance Sheet

	2021/22	2020/21		2021/22	2020/21
	£000	£000		£000	£000
Fixed Asset Investments	2,691	2,715	Endowment funds	82	82
Debtors & Prepayments	42	24	Restricted funds	923	999
Cash	806	326	Unrestricted funds		
Creditors	(508)	(146)	- Designated	1,921	1,732
Net Assets	3,031	2,919	- Non-designated	105	106
			Total Funds	3,031	2,919

A few helpful definitions:

Throughout this report you may see some terminology you aren't familiar with. Hopefully these next few paragraphs will help you understand the Charity's financial position.

Fixed asset investments - investments held in Shorter (low risk) or Longer (higher risk) Term Investment Portfolios.

Current assets - cash held plus debtors. Debtors - money paid in after the year end relating to the year, accrued income - money due in for activities taken place in the year, prepayments - payments made in year relating to the next year and so have been removed from the Statement of Financial Activities expenditure.

Current liabilities - creditors falling due within one year for money owed to others for expenses chargeable in the year.

Liabilities - creditors falling due after more than one year for money owed to others for expenses chargeable for previous years.

Net assets - Total assets minus total liabilities.

Endowment funds - represent funds that are held as capital in perpetuity so that only the income is available for distribution.

Restricted income funds - represent money which is held by the Trustees which can only be used for specified purposes. These funds are supervised either by the Fund Advisors within the ward, department or specialty concerned or the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer for more generic purposes.

Unrestricted income funds - are funds available to be spent within the objects of the Charity which can legally be spent wholly at the discretion of the Trustees. In practice, respecting the non-binding preferences expressed by donors, the Trustees have sub categorised the unrestricted income funds under two headings.

- **Designated (earmarked) funds** - represent separate funds which the Trustees have created to accord with sections 90 and 91 of the National Health Service Act 1977 which require that the Trustees respect, as far as practicable, the specific intentions of the gifts received through wards, departments and specialties. By designating funds the Trustees ensure that those gifts are channelled towards charitable purposes in those areas. These funds are supervised by Fund Advisors from the wards, departments and specialties concerned.
- **Non-designated funds (general/reserves)** - represent those funds available for distribution by the Trustees at their discretion which have not been restricted or earmarked and can be used as reserves should the need arise. These funds are supervised by the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer.

Annual summary

The last 12 months have been very different to the previous 12 months for various reasons. Fundraisers have been able to participate in events again which is great news, but sadly people have also found times hard physically, emotionally and financially. They may have lost loved ones through COVID or have been impacted by long COVID and even jobs have been at risk from the effects of COVID.

Not only has this impacted our fundraisers but our staff and patients. Staff sickness levels have been high from the aftermath of COVID and it's still very much in the forefront of peoples daily lives, wards are still having to isolate to ensure the safety of our patients. We have been able to support patients and staff over the last 12 months with the following purchases to offer support and comfort to those who find themselves in hospital and for those looking after them.

- Patients and staff Christmas presents to help bring some joy to those found in hospital over the festive period, whether being cared for or providing the care
- Aromatherapists for patients in Oncology
- Welfare rights support provided to renal patients
- Comfort packs for patients that have been admitted to hospital with no toiletries
- Fruit hampers for nutrition and well being week
- Activity packs for dementia patients
- Toys for Paediatric Audiology patients
- Microwave, fridge and furniture for the parents flat in the Neo Natal department
- Arts and crafts activities for patients on the Neuro Rehab Unit
- Comfortable chairs for patients in various departments such as Oncology and Renal providing comfort whilst receiving chemotherapy or dialysis for several hours a day
- Installation of TV's at Pond Lane Renal Unit

More details on what has been purchased can be found later in the report.



Impact of COVID-19

The pandemic has been incredibly hard, not only on our staff, but Wolverhampton as a whole, the city was a COVID-19 'hotspot', as well as being particularly hard hit by the contraction in the economy.

Challenging as it was, COVID-19 has also showcased the true determination and commitment of our staff and of the people of Wolverhampton to come together and support each other.

The pandemic also highlighted some key areas of focus for the NHS, which has helped to shape the way our charity will move forward and support the Trust, and everyone associated with it, as we emerge from what has been the most challenging period in its history.

We will support our NHS colleagues' commitment to ensuring everyone has equal access to our services, saving lives and improving health outcomes for our diverse community with a key focus on:

- Staff wellbeing
- Improving the patient experience
- Opportunities to further medical knowledge through research
- Engaging with our local community
- Developing partnerships
- Tackling health inequalities

Owing to the exceptional circumstances and the uncertainty of the current environment, this strategy intentionally focuses on the strategic direction for a shorter timeframe than usual - the 2022/ 23 and 2023/ 2024 financial years. This allows us to develop our usual longer-term strategy once there is more certainty over the environment in which we operate.

Aim

The charity actively supports projects that enhance the delivery and experience of care for all patients and their families. This includes the provision of additional equipment or equipment that is of a higher specification than NHS funding can provide, funding projects that enhance the healing environment, provision of funding for additional training and any other resources that will help make a real difference.

We are grateful for all the support we receive; however, we have further aspirations to enhance patient care and experiences that require us to be ambitious in our income generation activities. We will strive to increase the value of monetary and non-monetary donations we receive year upon year.

Our work

Fundraising and working within our community

Former Wolves director donates £100,000 to specialist cardiology centre

Former Wolves director Kevin Threlfall and his wife Gillian donated £100,000 to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity to buy equipment for the Trust's Heart and Lung Centre. This is the largest donation raised by an individual in the last 11 years.

Mr and Mrs Threlfall, from Perton, gifted the generous amount after staff from the Trust saved Mr Threlfall's life following a heart attack in 2014. Since then he has been under the care of Dr Sanjiv Petkar, Consultant Cardiologist at RWT and his team.

Mr Threlfall wanted to show his appreciation for the 'first class' care he received he wanted to fund some equipment for the cardiology team – outside of what they are able to get via the NHS.

The donation will be used for numerous pieces of equipment and in house research projects.

Dr Petkar said the funds for equipment would make a huge difference for the department. I am overwhelmed and extremely grateful for this amazing donation to our department. We will use the funds to buy various pieces of equipment including 10 Holter monitors".



Kevin Threlfall and wife Gillian hand over a cheque for £100,000 to consultant cardiologist Dr Sanjiv Petkar at New Cross Hospital, after surgeons saved his life



Kelly Pritchard and Audrey Bartholomew

both charities for £1,474.00!"

Kelly said: "I am extremely grateful for this kind donation. Everyone worked so hard to come up with inventive ways to raise this money. This generous donation will go towards supporting those with a cancer diagnosis in Wolverhampton and the Black Country and I can't thank them enough."

Dudley college students fundraise for Macmillan Centre at New Cross Hospital

Each year the students select a charity to fundraise for. Due to Audrey one of the lecturers and some of the students' personal reasons, they made the decision this year to split the monies raised between Macmillan and Cancer Research UK.

Audrey said: "The past two years have been difficult due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have been unable to visit other classes due to staying in bubbles and of course lockdowns. So we all came together and sold to family, friends and work colleagues. Yes it was hard, but they achieved what they wanted to do, and gave cheques to

Couple raise £5,000 for Maternity Unit in memory of daughter

A couple raised nearly £5,000 for the Willow Suite, a bereavement suite within the maternity ward at New Cross in memory of their daughter. Sunny Edwards was born sleeping at 8.52pm on Sunday, August 8th 2021 about halfway through Abbie's pregnancy. The couple found out that Sunny's heart had stopped beating two days prior.

Abbie Rodger, 27, and her partner Josh Edwards, 25, both from Bilbrook cycled around 94 miles / 151km from Wolverhampton to Oxford on the last day of Baby Loss Awareness Week, on Friday, October 15th. Abbie's father George also joined for the ride.

"The time we got to spend with our little girl in the Willow Suite, and the care, kindness and patience of the midwives and other staff from New Cross was a lifeline in the most traumatic and heart-breaking time of our lives," said Abbie.

Carole Sadler, Bereavement Midwife added: "Raising awareness of baby loss for their daughter Sunny, they have supported each other and given back to the Willow Suite. Using the money raised for families like themselves, they have created a beautiful birth environment under such sad and heart-breaking circumstances. They are truly inspirational."



Abbie Rodger and Josh Edwards, with Kirsty Malcolm, Specialist Midwife for Bereavement Services

Couple's Fundraising Supports Launch of DadPad on NNU

A recent launch of DadPad on the NNU at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has been supported by a generous donation of £2,760 thanks to fundraising by Kiran and Ramesh.



The DadPad is an essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS. The guide aims to reduce a dad's anxiety by encouraging him to get involved and gain in confidence. It also guides on how to create a strong bond and healthy attachment with their baby.

Kiran and Ramesh raised this donation in memory of their beautiful son, Milan. Milan was born prematurely on April 21st 2020 and sadly passed away on the Neonatal Unit on the April 29th 2020. "When Kiran heard about the Neonatal DadPad she immediately felt this is something they wanted to support. Following their own experience, they knew how much this would provide additional benefit for our fathers on the NNU".



From left to right: Nicky Farrington and Liz Mckie

Young fundraiser spreads some Christmas cheer

A grateful schoolgirl has really stepped up for fellow patients at New Cross Hospital by completing a fundraising walk to buy Christmas toys – raising nearly £2,658.19.

Seven-year-old Amelia Smith, from Codsall, has been setting herself challenges for fundraising walks since she was just three years old.

Amelia has several health conditions including Arthroprognosis, club foot and dislocated hips.

Mum Louise said: “Amelia has always wanted to do something around Christmas time, and has always wanted to help others.

“Previously she has fundraised for Birmingham Children’s Hospital as Amelia has received a lot of treatment there. But this year she has spent more time at New Cross Hospital.

“One day whilst she was at the hospital, she saw an oncology patient and decided that was the department she wanted to fundraise for.”



Amelia Smith



Amelia Smith and Wolfie

She started from Molineux Stadium at 10am Saturday 4 December, where she was surprised by Wolves mascot, Wolfie. He gave her a Wolves rucksack containing snacks, a warm hat, and other Wolves goodies. She then set off on the 2.2-mile journey to New Cross, accompanied by her parents Louise and Adrian Smith and her brother Jayden.

Amelia had originally planned to use her newly adapted bike to complete her challenge, but on hearing she wouldn’t receive it in time, she was determined to still go ahead, using a combination of her walking frame and pushing herself along in her wheelchair.

But there was another surprise when she got to Molineux – representatives from the bike company were there to lend her one, meaning she could use the bike and her walker for the journey.

Charities donate £30,000 worth of equipment to help breast care patients

Two charities have combined to donate over £30,000 to fund equipment to help Wolverhampton breast care patients.

The 5/344 Transport and General Workers Union Benevolent Scheme (ex-Goodyear workers) and the Maureen Parkes Breast Care Fund have each donated £15,127.35 for equipment to support breast care patients treated at New Cross Hospital.

The money raised has been used to buy three lipomodelling pieces of equipment – two Vibrosat PRO units and one Microaire handset.

Lipomodelling – or fat grafting – is the process of relocating fat to improve the shape, volume, consistency and profile of breast tissue, which is widely applied following breast cancer surgery.

Demand for lipomodelling has increased in recent years as it helps to provide a better aesthetic outcome for patients.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) previously had only one such machine – which was also funded by the 5/344 TGWU Benevolent Scheme – but having only one restricted the number of cases that could be done as the handsets must be sterilised after each procedure.

Having more handsets and machines means more than one lipomodelling case can be done in one theatre list and can also be used by two surgeons if they are operating on the same day.

This will help to reduce waiting times and if one of the machines fails, this operation could still go ahead.

RWT Charity Development Manager, said: “We are so grateful to the charities for their generosity and support. Their joint donation will make a real difference to the care we can give our patients and we thank both organisations wholeheartedly.”



From left to right: Paul Baugh, Secretary and Administrator of the 5/344 Transport and General Workers Union Benevolent scheme, Tony Latham and Brian Davis, who are both members of the fund and Porters, Kate Lees, Assistant Directorate Manager, General Surgery, Dr Senthum Mylvaganam and Dr Tapan Sircar, who are both Consultant Surgeons on the Breast Care Unit, Sandra Spence-Turton, Sister for Breast Care Surgery, Sheila Edwards, Trustee of the Maureen Parkes Breast Care Fund and Cyril Barrett, Chair and Trustee of the 5/344 Transport and General Workers Union Benevolent scheme.



Dr Tapan Sircar, Consultant Surgeon on the Breast Care Unit, holding one of the Vibrosat machines and Sandra Spence-Turton, Sister for Breast Care Surgery

No tricks, just treats donated to young patients this Halloween

A local mother of two has dressed up as Mrs Halloween Queen to donate goody bags to young patients on the children's ward at New Cross Hospital.

Surinder Mann, from Oxley in Wolverhampton, created 40 Halloween buckets containing items such as activity packs, sweets and treats, pencils and other items. The items were donated by local corporate supporters such as Eggfree Cake Inn, Claire's Accessories, Scrummy Kits on Facebook, The Entertainer, Tesco, Morrisons, Co-op and other supermarkets.

With help from her daughter Kiran, 12, they put all the donations together to create these fantastic Halloween buckets.

Explaining why she chose to make her donations this year, Surinder said: "I thought about the children who may not have a chance to go trick or treating this year. I thought it would be a good idea for Mrs Halloween Queen to bring some treats for the young patients.

"I dressed up as Mrs Halloween Queen last year also, where I put together a creative Halloween competition, including pumpkin carving and drawing for local children.

"Mrs Halloween Queen was an original idea of mine. I have always enjoyed celebrating Halloween and getting into the Halloween spirit.

"I am amazed by all of the companies and people who have supported me. Thank you to all my colleagues who made donations also."

Rachel Robinson, Community and Events Fundraiser for The RWT Charity, said: "Being in hospital during one of the holiday periods can be difficult for our young patients as they may miss out on the celebrations. We're very grateful to Surinder and everyone who has offered their support as this means they have something to enjoy during their stay."

Tablet donation to benefit patients

A generous Walsall couple with the help of family and friends have donated to help patients who are receiving dialysis treatment.



Tim and Karen Dhesi have donated 22 Samsung tablets to the Renal unit at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust in memory of a special family member. The couple made the donation in memory of Tim's grandma, Swaran Khera, who died aged 73 last year from kidney failure. Tim explained that when his grandma died the whole family was solemn and that his wife tried to do something positive. Karen decided to set up a GoFundMe page and raise some money so they could say thank you to New Cross Hospital for the care and support received.

He added: "When we decided what we were going to do with the money raised, we knew we had to get something that would help patients. We thought to ourselves how dialysis can be quite long and arduous and I remember when some of the TVs never used to work on the unit so there wasn't much to do in those hours. "Luckily for my grandma she had a big family so she could always call someone and they would always be around to keep her company. However, not everyone is so lucky and may have to go through this on their own - especially if they are older which is why we bought 22 tablets for patients to use while they are having treatment.

"We went to Currys and bought heavy duty holders too as well as a gift card and chocolates for the staff on the ward."

When asked what the staff on the unit's reaction was, Tim and Karen said: "They were happy, some were even crying. It was a heart-warming experience."



From left to right: Sukhvinder Mann, Surinder Mann, Kiran Mann

Toy donation to brighten up Christmas for children in hospital

Christmas has come early for New Cross Hospital's youngest patients after receiving a generous donation of toys.

More than 300 toys were dropped off in December for the children's ward following a fundraising campaign by Hit the Dhol, specialists in educational Asian Dhol drumming workshops for schools and colleges.

The group were inspired to make the donation following a performance at the Trust's Christmas lights switch-on earlier this month.

One of the members of the group, nine-year-old Guvi Jhalli wanted to collect toys for children who will have to sadly spend this Christmas in hospital. He launched the toy donation on his ninth birthday.

He said: "After being at the hospital I wanted to help and make the children who are in hospital happy this Christmas.

"A massive thank you to everyone who helped us and donated and even till this morning the donations have been coming in.

"It is amazing seeing all the community come together and donate all these gifts. I hope the children like them."

Rachel Robinson, Digital Engagement Fundraising Officer, said: "We are so very grateful to Hit the Dhol for thinking of us and the young patients at the Trust this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who supported their collection and contributed.

"We were amazed with the huge amount of toys they have donated."



Celebrity support nets £6,000 for Neonatal Unit

A kind-hearted fundraiser who has persuaded stars including I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! winner Danny Miller to promote her cause has donated £6,000 to support sick babies and their families at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Mckala Harrold, 46, from Bilston – a premature twin herself, born at 28 weeks at New Cross – used the power of social media through her 3,000-strong Facebook group called Celebrity Random Raffle to raise the money.

Friends join raffles at £2 a time to win a £1,000 prize and every year, Mckala donates all the money to a good cause.

This time she chose the Neonatal Unit in response to suggestions on the page. The cash will go towards the parent meal voucher scheme to help fund meals and drinks when babies are being cared for, as well as refurbishing parent facilities on the unit.

Danny, Jamie and Samia appeared in her garden because of COVID-19 restrictions at the time and Scott's appearance was inside, at Gilbert's in Willenhall.

"It's been a huge collective effort," said Mckala, who has extended an open invitation for anyone to join the group. "Friends invite other people to join the group and it's just grown. As a thank you for their support, I invite people to come and meet a celebrity so they can have a bit of a treat.



From left: friend Kirsty Hadlington and Mckala Harrold holding the cheque. In the background, from left, Sarah Crowshaw, Neonatal Unit Ward Manager, Amy Addis, Neonatal Nurse, Kate Cheshire, Deputy Head of Nursing and Midwifery and Nikki Farrington, Specialist Nurse for Bereavement and Family Support



Montage of Mckala Harrold with the celebrities who have supported her cause

Cancer patient's donation to 'marvellous' oncology team

A big thank you to Maureen Manns and family for their kind donation of £1,500 to the Deanesly Centre (cancer services) at New Cross Hospital.

Maureen, who lives in Bilston, was diagnosed with stage 4 throat and mouth cancer after an abscess was spotted by her dentist. The 74-year-old was urgently referred for testing and describes being in 'shock' to be told this mouth pain, which she hadn't thought much of, was in fact cancer.

After 30 days of radiotherapy and eight months of hospital appointments, Maureen is now in remission and feels "well within herself". The big adjustment she explains is being unable to eat some solid foods and instead must use a 'feeding peg' on her.

When asked about the care she received she replied: "They were absolute marvellous, I can't thank them enough – especially Mr Rehman who has been so helpful and friendly."

Daughter Marie added: "The care received from the staff was second to none. Even during the busy Christmas period where she was so unwell – and admitted onto the ward – the committed staff always ensured she was cared for and attended her radiotherapy sessions. The team were wonderful and without them, our mum would not be here today."

And in an effort to thank the team for the excellent care, a fundraising trip to Snowdown was organised in July by Marie's nephew Kyle Rowson with several volunteers from their local pub, the Rocket Pools Inn Bar in Bilston. The pub also rallied round with collection tins and raffles across a period of a week, helping to raise enough for new equipment or equipment repairs for the centre.

Marie's sister Louise explained how generous the local community has been while rallying round to support their mum. "It's been a tough 18 months for people, what with the COVID-19 pandemic, but even people who are struggling have been able to donate money towards this and it's truly been heart-warming," she said.

"A big thank you to all those who donated and also a thank you to Church Street Dental Practice (Bilston) who made sure mum was seen quickly after suspecting a problem."

Stephen West, Head of Operational Radiology, was able to receive the cheque from the family in the garden of the Deanesly Centre. He said: "All of us within Oncology really appreciate the time and effort that goes into supporting the Centre with charitable monies. We are much obliged to Maureen and her family in their support."

Sweet treat for Macmillan Cancer Centre

A staff member at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust raised nearly £300 from a cake sale and raffle to raise funds for the Macmillan Centre at New Cross Hospital.

Tracey Challenor, 41, from The Scotlands in Wolverhampton wanted to host the cake sale on the 41st birthday of her sister-in-law Louise. Louise passed away just after her 40th birthday in October 2020, after being diagnosed with appendiceal cancer.

One month later, Tracey's father-in-law Vernon Williams passed away from oesophageal cancer. This made Tracey's fundraising this year even more important to her.

Colleagues and staff based on the Urology Outpatient department supported Tracey by donating cakes for the sale, as well as some raffle prizes. Two professional cake makers also contributed, one of which was a good friend of Louise. By the end of the day Tracey raised a fantastic £298.47.

Tracey, a HCA at New Cross Hospital, said: "I'm really pleased that all of the money I have raised today will benefit the Macmillan Centre at New Cross, where I also work."

Andeana Andreas, Departmental Manager/ Senior Sister for Urology OPD, said: "Tracey only joined the team in Urology Outpatients in June and is a fantastic addition to our team. When she approached me about hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan, we were excited to support her.

"Tracey has worked really hard to secure some amazing raffle prizes and a huge amount of cakes for donations. It has been five years since we hosted a cake sale for Macmillan in the department, raising £240. Patients and staff have been extremely generous and it was a lovely day."

Kelly Pritchard, Support and Information Centre Manager for Macmillan, said: "I'd really like to thank Tracey, their kindness and generosity in raising funds for the Macmillan Centre means we can implement much needed support for patients such as treatment comfort packs. I can't thank them enough for the fundraising that they continually do for the centre."

Lady Tiffany's Tributes

The family of the longest patient to stay on the children's ward at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust have been fundraising in her memory.

Lady Tiffany's Tributes has been set up to build Tiffany's legacy after she sadly passed away on 20th September 2020 aged three. Tiffany's conditions meant that she was unable to go home; Doctors advised that her brain stem had been affected after suffering from extensive bleeding to her brain and lungs prior to birth. With her Mom, Stacey Benjamin- Mcfarlane, by her side every day, the family and medical team did everything to bring as much happiness to Tiffany as possible. During Tiffany's life, she spent less than three months at home.



As part of their on-going support, Stacey's son Ricardo, seven, and mother Linda Swan visited New Cross Hospital to donate comfort packs for parents and patients. They also donated special cups to be used as "hugs in a mug" for when parents or patients need a little pick me up.

The Community Champions at a local Morrisons and Asda have been able to support the family by donating toiletries for the comfort packs. Nicky Hampton, who has been following Tiffany's story, also held raffles to raise money towards the total fundraising.

Neo Mattress



A Wolves fanatic and charity fundraiser raised more than £13,000 for The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity.

Jason Guy, who lives in Cannock, decided to raise funds for the Trust's Neonatal department at New Cross Hospital after his baby daughter Olivia was treated there.

We are so grateful for all of the wonderful ways Jason has fundraised for us over the past year, from selling his book 'Tales from the Tape', to the Three Wise Men following a Star – Steve Bull – from Birmingham Children's Hospital to New Cross Hospital.

During the sale of 'Tales from the Tape' an anonymous supporter made a generous donation of £5,000 via the Steve Bull Foundation. This enabled the NNU to purchase their own specialist Neo Mattress using charitable funds, which would have normally had to be hired for a daily cost.

The Neo Mattress is specifically designed for neonates that have been compromised and are at high risk of skin breakdown.

Ebuwa Humphreys, Neonatal Matron, said: "We are deeply appreciative of the kindness shown to our department. We give our heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown to us with this wonderful gesture."

Corporate and External Donations

Local superstore support youngest patients

A Peaky Blinders-inspired dress up morning, tombola and bring and buy sale organised by staff at Tesco have all added up to £1,000 for the Neonatal Unit at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Sara Dawson, Community Champion of the Tesco store on the Marston Road, Wolverhampton along with colleague Carolyn Aldridge, hosted a range of fundraising activities on behalf of the store.

They chose to support the Neonatal Unit after Carolyn's step grandson was born prematurely in August 2021 at 24 weeks, weighing 1 lb 10 oz, and was cared for on the unit.



Their fundraising included an in-store raffle made up of donations from colleagues and Tesco, a tombola, and a bring and buy tabletop sale. One staff member bears a resemblance to Cillian Murphy's character Thomas Shelby in Peaky Blinders and this inspired a dress up morning.

Further support from Tesco allowed the duo to create two hampers for staff which were donated alongside a framed "thank you" message and onesies for patients.

Carolyn said: "I think the staff do such an amazing job on the Neonatal Unit. I really wanted to donate the hampers for them in addition to our fundraising as they should be rewarded as well."

Matron for Neonatal Services, Ebuwa Humphreys, said: "Thank you on behalf of our staff and families on the neonatal unit. We appreciate your compassion and generosity."



Ramadan Radio's Appeal for Children's Ward

We were recently selected as the charity of choice to be supported by Ramadan Radio during the Islamic holy month.

Ramadan Radio Wolverhampton is a not-for-profit faith-based radio station connecting the community and empowering unity. This year their station manager, Alvina Ali, got in touch with us to set up an appeal to raise money for the Children's Ward.

RWT Charity Development Manger, along with staff from the ward, including Senior Matron Julie Plant, attended the station during the appeal held on Friday, 23rd April. We were overwhelmed by the level of support pledged by the local community, and a total of £4,748.00 was raised from the appeal.

We are very grateful to them for getting in touch to learn more about the hospital and offer this fantastic support.

Easter

Our annual community support did not fail us again this year we had an 'eggcellent' amount of easter eggs donated to ensure our patients were still able to celebrate whilst being in hospital. Our supporters included Café Wolves, The Bumpy Foundation, Olivia's Closet, Thaper Food and Wine Store a huge thank you to them for bringing smiles to many faces.



The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity wins regional business award

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity has been recognised for supporting patients and their families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

An annual event, The Black Country Chamber of Commerce Business Awards celebrates the resilience, adaptability and outstanding contribution of local businesses and organisations.

In a glitzy awards ceremony, which took place last night (Thursday, November 11th) at Wolverhampton Racecourse, the charity was crowned winner in the Kindness in the Community' category.

The official charity of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), which looks after New Cross, West Park and Cannock Chase Hospitals, the charity was recognised as having supported over 11,000 staff members and 450,000 patients and families throughout a challenging and unprecedented time for the NHS.

The judges were impressed by how the charity adapted during the pandemic, commenting on how innovative ideas helped to drive donations whilst using funds to invest in technology that kept people connected during periods of restricted visiting.

Sue Rawlings, Chair of The RWT Charity, added: "It's fantastic to see The RWT Charity get such prestigious recognition for the amazing work they do. Leanne, Rachel, Emma Greybanks (RWT Charity Accountant) and Zoe Lees (Charitable Funds Officer) have gone above and beyond to keep our staff and patients smiling at a stressful and uncertain time. I'm incredibly proud of the positive impact they've had and for embracing the Trust values of being 'Kind and Caring'

"This work however would not be possible without our incredible supporters – a big thank you to all the individuals, businesses, community groups and faith groups who have helped us. From PPE, the comfort packs and monetary donations, we're extremely grateful for it all."

The team's incredible fundraising work is ongoing as we continue throughout the pandemic.



Leanne Bood, Charity Development Manager and Rachel Robinson, Community and Events Fundraiser, attended the event.

Events

Cousins complete fundraising walk in memory of grandfather

Two ten-year-olds put their best foot forward to raise money for the Trust's charity in memory of their grandfather, who was a member of staff at New Cross Hospital.

Trevor Johnson passed away at New Cross Hospital on October 16th 2020 last year from COVID-19. He was a highly valued and much-loved member of the portering team at the Trust, which he joined in 2013.

Cousins Kayla Brice and Amelia Jones, from Warstones, created a crowd funding page to raise money in memory of their grandad.

They recently completed their challenge by walking more than 11 miles from Trevor's house in Tettenhall, to New Cross Hospital, and then on to their houses in Warstones in one day. Staff working at New Cross Hospital came out to lend their support and spared the time to give them a cheer when they passed by.

Rachel Robinson, Community and Events Fundraiser for the Trust Charity, said: "A big well done to Kayla and Amelia! We want to thank them both so much for their fundraising for the ICU and Maternity Ward."

Their grandmother, Maureen Johnson, added: "I am so proud of what the girls have achieved."

The girls have well surpassed their target, having raised a total of £1,485



Doctors on the run to raise money for children



Dr Minoth Kanagaratnam, Dr Elke Reunis, Dr Julie Brent, Dr Ash Holt, Dr Katherine Shelley and Ambra Righetti

A group of medics set themselves a challenge to run and raise up to £15,000 for equipment to help vulnerable children attending their department at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Ten members of staff from A21 Paediatric Assessment Unit at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust signed up to the Great Birmingham Run on Sunday, May 1. Nine ran the 10k race and one attempted the half marathon (13.1 miles).

Ambra Righetti, Trainee Paediatric Advanced Nurse Practitioner, had the idea to run the race to raise money to buy an ultrasound (USS) machine for the ward – and persuaded five paediatric consultants and four paediatric registrars to sign up. The machine will help cannulate children, helping those in particular who visit often.

Originally from Italy, Ambra, 29, has worked at the Trust since 2015 and now lives in Birmingham. She said: "This is such a great opportunity to spend time with the amazing paediatrics team while raising money for a good cause and getting into shape."

Dr Julie Brent, Consultant Paediatrician, ran the half marathon. Dr Brent, who is from Birmingham and has worked on A21 for eight years, said: "I run every week, 8.5 miles but slowly, so decided I would do the half marathon instead as more of a challenge."

Dr Brent, who also enjoys tennis, cycling and swimming, added: "I have run the half marathon twice before, around 10 years ago, but I'm that much older now and wanted to see if my body can still do it. "I've been running every week since start of lockdown. I can run a long way but I want to speed up. I am hoping to complete it in two hours."

To date the team have raised £2,464 of their target.

Cycling back to the 60s

A 60s band member and his family are fundraising to thank the staff at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust who cared for him after suffering from a stroke.

In August 2020, John O'Hara, 75, from Claregate, was rushed to New Cross Hospital with a suspected stroke. Whilst on the Acute Stroke Ward his condition deteriorated after suffering a large bleed on the brain.

John was the lead vocalist of The Californians, one of the best known Wolverhampton recording groups during the 1960s.

His son, Ben, 45, from West Sussex, set himself the challenge of cycling 500 miles throughout May in order to express the family's gratitude for the "exceptional teams" who cared for his dad. Ben also hopes to raise some money and make a donation to them both.

"Words cannot express our thanks for the team of consultants, doctors, nurses, physio therapists, occupational therapists and anyone else who tirelessly worked to not only keep Dad alive, but furthermore, get him back to living a normal life. They dealt with both Dad and us as a family with the utmost dignity and compassion and never gave up," said Ben. "The staff in both the stroke ward and West Park rehabilitation unit are real life super-heroes who we witnessed continually going over and above their normal duties. We will be eternally grateful."

Rachel Robinson, Community and Events Fundraiser, said, "We are so grateful for the large amount of support Ben and his family have received in the short time that his JustGiving page has been open. We wish Ben lots of luck in completing his impressive challenge."

Ben set himself a target of £500 on his just giving page which was quickly hit, with the total now standing at £2,326.25 including Gift Aid as at 31st March 2022.



Pam's pedal power for Neonatal Unit

A devoted mum who tragically lost her baby is getting on her bike with 50 others, saddling up to cycle 7,200 miles between them to raise £1,000, to date they have raised £2,938.25.

Pam Harvey planned to cycle the length of the Route 66 highway, which runs from Chicago to Los Angeles in the United States – a distance of 2,400 miles – to raise money for the Neonatal Unit (NNU) at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Pam, 44, lost son Louis on September 5, 2019 after he suffered a series of serious illnesses following his premature birth at just 25 weeks and two days. He was just 52 days old when he passed away on the NNU.

Since Louis's death, Pam has dedicated much of her time to raising money for the unit and staff where he spent all of his short life, raising just under £8,000 for the Integrated Critical Care Unit (ICCU) and the Neonatal Unit – both at New Cross Hospital – and other neonatal wards at Christmas. Her Facebook page, Because of Louis, which started in December 2019, has more than 1,100 followers.

Her latest fundraising idea is to cycle the gruelling distance on an exercise bike at Xhersize gym in Bridgtown, Cannock, but on hearing about the challenge, gym owner Julie Tolley, 45, pledged to match Pam's effort.

Word soon spread and now around 50 Xhersize members have signed up to do 2,400 miles collectively, meaning Pam, Julie and the other members will be cycling 7,200 miles between them. They had promotional T-shirts made emblazoned with the distance, courtesy of Grayson Design & Print in Cannock.

What is perhaps surprising is that many of those who have signed up – around 40 women and 10 men – are in the 70-80 years old category, as Xhersize has specialist equipment tailored to more mature members and those with health conditions.

Happy Birthday NHS!

More than 1,500 miles cycled to raise funds for Trust Charity

The Wolverhampton Filipino Cyclists Association have completed their second charity bike ride to raise funds in aid of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity in celebration of the NHS' birthday.



The group of cyclists also took part in the charity fundraising event '72 Miles in July' in 2020, where individuals asked friends and family to sponsor them to cycle, walk or even hop for 72 miles throughout the month of July. Those taking part could complete the miles throughout the month or during one day.

In a single day on Sunday, July 18th 2021 members followed the route from Wolverhampton to Birmingham, then on to Tamworth, back to Birmingham, before finishing in Wolverhampton. It took the members 13 hours and 28 minutes to cycle 73.04 miles, raising £348.75 an astonishing achievement for them all!



From left, Julie Tolley, Wendy Bullock and Pam Harvey

Santa and his reindeer bring a smile to patients in hospital over Christmas

Santa and his reindeer took some time out of their busy schedule to bring a smile to patients at New Cross Hospital this Christmas Eve.

Patients, relatives and staff enjoyed a surprise visit from George and Mistletoe the reindeer, as well as the man in red himself.

The visit, which was arranged by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, lifted the spirits of the patients who will be spending the festive season in hospital.

Some of the Trust's oldest and youngest patients received the unusual visit from Santa's little helpers.

Dawn Stait, 65, from Cannock, has been in hospital since Monday and will be spending Christmas in hospital.

She said: "Christmas has been so difficult, and I haven't been able to help with things like picking out the tree so seeing the reindeer here today has made it feel much more like Christmas. It was magical to see them."

Another patient, Anne Archer, 72, from Birmingham, said she was over the moon to see real life reindeer. She added: "I am a real animal lover so to actually see real life reindeer it has lifted my spirits. I am hopefully going home on Monday so I will be having a delayed Christmas with my family then."

It was also a big thumbs up from 82-year-old Joe Ball and 79-year-old Valerie Beddow who are both patients on the elderly care ward.

Sharon Chambers, Sister, was delighted to welcome the special guests on site. She said: "I wasn't exactly sure what was happening but I knew something exciting was going on today so I swapped my shift to make sure I was in and I'm so happy I did, it's been fantastic."

On the Children's Ward nine-year-old Riley Hickman was thrilled to see the reindeer. He was in hospital following an ear operation.

He said: "It was amazing to see Santa and his reindeer. They were so cool to see. I did not expect to see that. It was so nice to see. I am

hoping Santa visits me tomorrow, I have been good and I am hoping for a phone."

Riley's mum Michelle Hickman added: "He's been really down about coming into hospital in the build up to Christmas but this has definitely put a smile on his face. He's heading home today so we're really pleased he won't miss out on Christmas at home with the family."

Natasha Wade, who is mum to three-year-old Ava Findley, was also pleased to be heading home, but only after meeting St Nick himself! "It's just absolutely magical", she explained.



Julie Plant, Senior Matron – Children's Services, said it was a huge morale boost for staff.

She added: "After another difficult year, this visit has been a real morale boost for everyone. We try and do all we can to make our patients smile – and this certainly has done so."

This visit was made possible thanks to the Phoenix Children's Foundation Charity, who spend their time bringing cheer and joy to vulnerable or poorly children and adults.

Anita Withers from the charity said: "These reindeer have a lovely temperament and they're great with young children. As their trainer it takes a lot of time building trust with the animals, but it's so rewarding when trained bringing them out and about to meet people, particularly when it's making people smile again."

Football shirt Friday

To show our support for England being in the Euro finals our charity arranged 'Football Shirt Friday'. A big thank you to staff at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust who are supporting our charity today for Football Shirt Friday! It was great to see so many staff donning their shirts and bringing some cheer to our patients and getting them in the mood to watch the match. We raised £270.80.



Trust Celebrates #NHSBigTea Virtually

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity celebrated the #NHSBigTea virtually by providing 11,000 packs of goodies for staff and volunteers.

The Big Tea, a national celebration of the NHS on its 73rd birthday, saw the workforce from New Cross Hospital, Cannock Chase Hospital, West Park Hospital, the community sites and GP surgeries all celebrate, socially distanced, with a cuppa at 3pm on Monday July 5 2021.

The decision to celebrate virtually was due to the temporary suspension of a pilot roll-out scheme of visiting across medical and surgical wards following an increase of COVID-19 cases in the community.

However, marquees outside the Emergency Department and Heart and Lung Centre at New Cross Hospital were specially decorated for the occasion to allow staff and volunteers to enjoy a socially distanced brew, while tea-themed activities took place virtually.

Councillor Greg Brackenridge, the Mayor of Wolverhampton officially opened the ceremony virtually at 3pm. He said: "On behalf of everyone in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area, we are extremely proud of everything you have done to keep us safe – we know how important you are. The NHS is the best example of what Britain has done."

Outpouring of Thanks awards were presented virtually by members of the Trust's executives to staff. The winners received framed certificates for making a difference to patients' lives, their families and colleagues.

These went to Mike Grinsell, volunteer (at West Park Hospital), Sally Whitehouse, Healthcare Assistant from the Phoenix Centre (for the Community), Prescribing Support Team (for GP practices) and volunteers the League of Friends (for Cannock Chase Hospital). Councillor Sandra Samuels, Deputy Mayor of Wolverhampton and a retired nurse, presented an Outpouring of Thanks award to the Respiratory Physio Team (for New Cross Hospital).

Generous donations from Costa, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco enabled the Trust to hand

out fantastic prizes to staff who won a tea-themed word search, while an ongoing online competition saw colleagues asked to guess how many tea bags were in a vase.

Leanne Bood, RWT Charity Development Manager, said: "We were delighted to be able to stage the Big Tea celebrations, albeit virtually, and it was wonderful that so many staff enjoyed a socially distanced cuppa. It was unfortunate we couldn't stage live events, but it didn't stop staff enjoying the #NHSBigTea."

Personal Care Packs, a social enterprise who produce customised care and wellbeing items for the NHS, supplied the packs to for staff at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and Walsall Healthcare Trust. All profits from the sales of care packs are gifted to its sister charity, Giving World.

Sujata Sabharwal, Director of Personal Care Packs, said: "We are delighted and honoured to work with RWT and WHT on their Big Tea initiative, putting together 16,000 Big Tea snack packs to say a huge thank you to frontline staff."

While the Big Tea was a chance to celebrate the NHS, it remains a challenging time for staff. In view of this, the Chaplaincy Team placed a prayer tree and rainbow prayer cards in the chapels at New Cross Hospital, Cannock Chase Hospital and in the first floor meeting room at West Park Hospital.

This gesture gave staff the opportunity to quietly reflect for a short time and to complete a prayer request and hang it on the tree, if they so wished. The team also ensured information leaflets and cards were available for staff to access bereavement or occupational health or chaplaincy support, if required.



From left, Leanne Bood, Fundraising Co-ordinator, and Rachel Robinson, Charity and Events Organiser

Wear it Pink

We loved seeing so much pink today at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust for #WearItPink - thank you again to everyone who helped us support breast cancer awareness and our fundraising to help make a real difference, we raised £415.57.



Christmas came to RWT!

Christmas came to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust after the big festive lights switch-on at New Cross Hospital.

Staff were joined by many others online to kick off the festive celebrations, which saw the area outside the Emergency Department and all the Christmas trees around the site lit up.

They were serenaded by the RWT Singers, the organisation's staff choir, who sang Christmas songs, and Hit The Dhol Community Interest Charity (CIC), the Indian drumming band who also kicked off Wolverhampton city lights.

The guest of honour was Rosemary Steel, after clocking up an amazing 50 years' service with the Trust.

Mother of two and grandmother of two Rosemary, who is Specialist Respiratory Physiologist – Oxygen Lead from Westcroft near New Cross Hospital, officially turned on the lights, along with Prof. David Loughton CBE, Chief Executive of the Trust.

Prof. Loughton said: "I'm delighted to join Rosemary to proudly switch on our Christmas lights. The hospital grounds look incredible, and I am glad that we can bring a little bit of festive cheer to those who find themselves needing our help during the Christmas period."

Rosemary's daughter Rebecca Steel, who is a district nursing sister at the Trust, watched her mum turn on the lights and said it was a very proud moment.



Big Christmas lights switch on outside Emergency Department at New Cross Hospital.

She said: "My mom shows true dedication and love for everything she does, she has always been my inspiration in life. We as a family are very proud of her and her 50 years' service to RWT."

Antonio Jhalli from Hit The Dhol CIC, said: "A big thank you for giving our students the opportunity to play at the hospital. They had a great time."

The event, which was organised by the RWT Charity, raises awareness of the organisation's appeal for donations, which will support the Trust's 0-19 children's services.

The Charity's Fundraising Development Manager said: "It's an honour and a privilege to support this year's Christmas lights switch-on. It is a major boost for our staff and patients and a highlight in everyone's calendar."

Students from 'Hit The Dhol' also decided to do a toy appeal and were to donate some Christmas presents to the Children's Ward on December 17.

Volunteering at RWT

Introduction

The Trust continues to be fortunate to have the support of volunteers, who are unpaid members of our local community who offer their time willingly to help.

As always, we hold provision of a positive patient experience at the forefront of our volunteering activity, and we aim to place volunteers into roles which complement, but do not replace, paid members of staff. Volunteers add an important 'extra' factor to helping us provide a positive patient and visitors experience in Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

Review of 2021- 2022:

Community Clinical Volunteer role

Following on from the success of our community Clinical Volunteer role during 2020, we decided to continue offering this role during 2021. We carried out further recruitment of up to 75 volunteers, every 3 months.

Volunteers were provided with training in bed making, nutrition and serving refreshments, dementia, and infection prevention.

The role of the volunteers continues to be extremely successful. While preparing the volunteers to help out on wards with practical support to staff and patients, especially important during staff shortages as a result of the pandemic, and also winter pressures, volunteers can also be booked flexibly to help out in other ad-hoc roles as and when.

Rehabilitation Activity Programme

During 2021- 2022, several volunteers stepped forward to support activities for patients in wards at West Park Hospital, and Fair Oak ward, Cannock Chase Hospital, to access a range of themed activity days and suitable activities- either at bedside or in day rooms.

Activities include arts and crafts, simple baking, quizzes, bingo, gardening, and reminiscence type activities. Themes covered Easter, the Football Euro Championships, Halloween, and Christmas!

We are very grateful to the Trust Charity for funding activity resources as part of this programme.

Youth Volunteer Programme

During this period we were fortunate to be awarded 12 month funding by the Pears Foundation to develop youth volunteering in the Trust. As part of this volunteers age 16-21 years were offered enhanced support to access RWT volunteer opportunities. The programme ended in May 2022 and was very successful, providing 132 young people with enhanced supportive placements, and strengthened our network and partnership working with local schools and colleges.

Numbers

During 2021- 2022 we recruited an additional 183 volunteers to support the Trust in a variety of roles

Looking Forward 2022- 2023

During 2022- 2023 we will continue to recruit community clinical volunteers and expand the reach of the role to newly requested services. We will enhance support within our frailty team and dementia outreach services to patients.

We will continue to offer support with patient activities in rehabilitation areas.

We will continue to link in with our communities to ensure volunteer opportunities are accessible and available to all sections of our community and work with local partners.

We will evaluate and develop volunteer training and support.

And we will evaluate the volunteer services we provide to ensure they are truly making an impact.

Dedicated fundraisers and volunteers celebrated

Supporters of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity have been acknowledged for their dedicated support, as part of the charity's 25th anniversary celebrations.

The charity works to enhance patient care in hospitals in Wolverhampton and Cannock and are marking their 25th anniversary on 25 November 2021.

As part of the celebrations, the organisation held the RWT Charity and Volunteer Awards on November 25th to thank all their dedicated supporters and volunteers and give them the recognition they rightly deserve.

Due to the government social distancing guidelines and legislation, this year's celebration was hosted as a virtual event.

Councillor Greg Brackenridge, the Mayor of Wolverhampton, opened the event and said: "It really is quite staggering when you see the work that both our NHS and our volunteers have done to support the most vulnerable during these really difficult times. So thank you all sincerely for your service.

"I'm looking forward to seeing some of the award winners today from our voluntary sector and charities.

"Thank you for all of your service which is very much appreciated on behalf of the city of Wolverhampton. Thank you for inviting me to open the event today."

RWT Charity Development Manager, said: "The support our charity has been given over the last 25 years has meant we have been able to raise nearly £19.6 million since being registered onto the Central Register of Charities in 1996.

"Without their support, the charity would not have been able to have helped enhance patient care and experience at the Trust."

The awards are:-



Volunteer of the Year Winner: Phil Weaver

Phil joined the Trust as a volunteer in June 2019 before the pandemic and has provided unwavering support throughout, volunteering four days a week without fail.



Winner: Polly Cartwright

Polly has provided unstinting support before and during the pandemic, giving her time to support AMU twice a week.



Winner: Eve Adam

Eve is very passionate about all aspects of medicine and patient care, and she has undoubtedly displayed this in abundance during her time with the Trust.



Winner: Eloise Dowell

Most recently, Eloise has helped patients on the Neuro Rehab ward at West Park Hospital with an activities programme funded by the Trust Charity, which provides various activities for patients to engage with to support their rehabilitation and give them the best patient experience possible.



Fundraising Champion Award

Winner: Jason Guy

To date, Jason has raised and donated a total of £13,726.91 and he isn't stopping there! With future fundraising plans underway, he hopes to soon pass the £15,000 mark.

Fundraising Champion Award Highly commended: Pamela Harvey



Following the tragic loss of her son Louis, Pamela has fundraised to help support staff, patients, and their parents on NNU.



Young Fundraiser Award

Winner: Ricardo Benjamin-Mcfarlane

Ricardo is the sibling of Tiffany, who sadly passed away September 2020. Since then Ricardo has helped his and Tiffany's mum Stacey and grandmother Linda to support the ward in making things as easy as possible for patients, their siblings and parents.



Corporate Charity Ambassador of the Year

Winner: Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club

The Trust and the club have always had a close working relationship. FOSUN, Wolves' owners, donated additional personal protective clothing (PPE) to the Trust to help protect staff and patients in their fight against COVID-19 throughout 2020. This included 41,000 surgical face masks, 2,200 coveralls, 6,500 protection masks, and 400 pairs of goggles.

Wolves Foundation senior managers Tom Warren and Lee Smith pictured.



Highly commended: Alveen Biggs

Alveen, former Community Champion for Tesco Willenhall, has been an avid supporter of the Charity and helped support projects to support our young patients and their siblings, patients with dementia and wider Trust charity fundraising opportunities

NHS Charities Together Grant

BAME End of Life Project awarded £100,000 through the NHS Charities Together Black Country & West Birmingham STP Partnership.

The BAME End of Life Project is being delivered in partnership with The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and Compton Care to support patients and their families who are living with complex and incurable conditions.

The project provides a key link for patients and their families to help access care and the necessary support, liaising between services providing specialist support to patients and families across Wolverhampton.

A BAME support worker has been recruited to empower patients to increase their choices for end-of-life care from community and acute settings, ensuring care is accessed in the right time and setting.

The project duration is for two years and commenced March 2021 and has achieved the following results:

Number Onboarded Via RWT Referral	Number Onboarded Via RWT Matrix In-reach	Number Onboarded Via Compton Care Referral	Number Onboarded Via Compton Care In-reach	Number of Patients needing follow-up	Number Referred into other services	Number Awaiting 1st Appointment
0	42	4	2	18	9	30

Staff resources significantly impacted this project during Q3, due to Support Worker leaving the role in September and one of the Project Leads (Compton Care) being off long term sick. Further work to be made to ensure that project outcomes can be achieved when issues like this arise.

The project will continue in 2022/23 and a final evaluation will be in the next annual report giving clear outcomes.

Spend

Refurbishment of cancer support centre

Our cancer support centre at New Cross Hospital has been given a near £10,000 upgrade that will create a more comfortable area for patients – thanks to charitable funds.

The Macmillan Information Centre provides practical and emotional support for patients and their families as they navigate their cancer journey.

Until recently, the centre had an open plan layout located on the main hospital corridor. Noise from the corridor often made difficult and personal conversations even more challenging.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's Charity has funded a £9,930 refurbishment of the centre to ensure the area is as comfortable as possible for visitors and they have the privacy they need when seeking support and advice.

Funds have also been used to provide soundproofing and better quality, more comfortable furniture and lighting which has meant when patients and relatives meet with the team a warm and welcoming environment awaits them.

Kelly Pritchard, Macmillan Information and Support Centre Manager, said: "We are so grateful for the upgrade to our important support centre.

"We wanted to make sure we provided an environment patients feel comfortable to talk to us in – so making it more private has been well received."

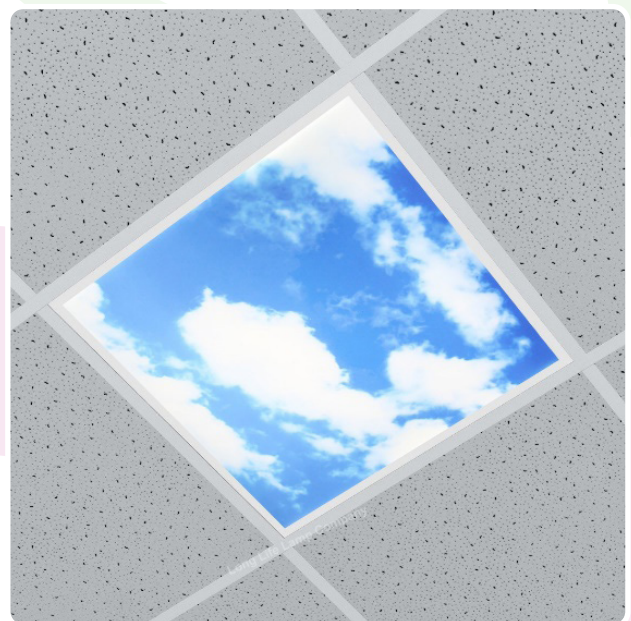
Blue sky and cloud ceiling tiles - £2,600

Relaxing ceiling tiles were funded in our Gynaecology department treatment rooms for our ladies whilst undergoing examination and treatment as part of investigation and diagnosis of cancer. The aim is to provide a safe comforting environment for our women and to reduce any feelings of anxiety with giving them something nice to focus on. The benefits of improving our environment is supported by evidence that demonstrates welcoming, calming environments promote an improved experience and has a positive impact on patients (The Kings Fund 2010).

Improving the patient experience in outpatients means we can continue to drive forward what we can offer in our department. This impacts us with a reduced need for inpatient procedures, meaning our women can benefit from shorter hospital stays and 'one stop' style see and treat clinics.



Kelly Pritchard, Macmillan Support and Information Centre Manager, in the newly-refurbished centre



Recliner chairs for parents on Neonatal Unit - £2,788.80

Recliner chairs were purchased to help make parents stay more comfortable and encourage mothers to be able to feed their child in a comfortable manner and encourage kangaroo care (skin to skin). Having reclining chairs also allows for partners to stay overnight with mom and baby giving much needed support.



Ophthalmology Spectralis OCT machine - £75,061.06

A SPECTRALIS OCT examination provides detailed clinical information about the condition of the retinal layers. The examination can help identify early signs of disease in the retina and on the optic nerve head. Glaucoma patients were waiting longer periods for review due to demand. Purchasing the additional OCT will allow an increased number of patients to undergo examination to check the condition of their eye with results reviewed 'virtually' by a clinician

Therapeutic activity boxes for Dementia patients - £4,788.95

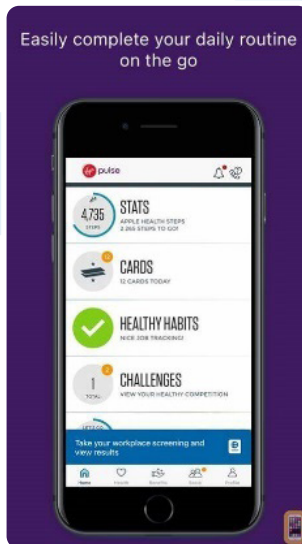
Activity equipment and boxes for patients with dementia in outpatient and short stay waiting areas across the Trust were purchased to improve the quality of care and the patient journey for people with dementia and their carers by adding something that is above and beyond what would normally be expected in these circumstances. Patients with dementia can often get restless and agitated when having to wait for appointments / procedures in an unfamiliar hospital environment. Their carers can feel helpless and embarrassed by their associated behaviours. These therapeutic activity boxes will provide sensory, activity and reminiscence materials to help calm and distract patients whilst they must wait for and even during their appointments / procedures. They will enable a much more comfortable experience for the patient and carer and in some circumstances may contribute to the avoidance of non-compliance or aborted / wasted appointments.



LED lighting for delivery suite, triage and maternity induction unit - £1,500

Striving for a homely, tranquil birth environment is preferential in supporting women's experiences but is also further validated with research into the hormonal physiology of birth. Odent (1994) states 'the balanced secretion of hormones is a delicate matter, highly responsive to external conditions and psychological states'.

Delivery suite can adopt the same philosophy as birth centres; to allow women to have a seamless transition between the home environment and the delivery suite. The funding has allowed in making the environment more conducive to the delicate cascade of hormones. The adaptations will be simple, embracing tools such as aromatherapy and mood lighting.



Virgin Pulse Go fitness app - £8,000

VP go is personalised wellbeing for staff at their fingertips. It offers daily tips that work around busy schedules, personal guided journeys that let you choose how to get healthier and weekly mini health challenges, allowing you to compete with colleagues and other teams. This initiative has been to engage all RWT staff to support their mental health and wellbeing following a very intense and busy period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By supporting our staff they in turn will be able to support their patients, colleagues and family members.

Comfortline chairs - £4,329.60

Comfort chairs were purchased for the Durnall unit within the Deanesly Centre. Comfortline chairs will provide patients with a more comfortable and positive experience when receiving their treatment which is often over a long period of time.



How you can support us

Getting involved and supporting your local hospital and community services couldn't be easier. You might consider attending one of our events or even host your own and help us raise vital funds.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

Direct into bank account:

- Bank: Co-Operative Bank Sort code: 08-90 19
- Account number: 50101166
- Account name: The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity
- Please state the Trust Fund i.e. General Purposes TF

By post:

Please make cheques payable to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity.

Please write on the back of the cheque which fund you would like to donate to, e.g. General Purposes Trust Fund, and send to; General Office, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP

By a donation on our 'Just Giving' site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/royalwolvesnhstrust>

Please complete a donation form and return it along with your donation to the RWT charity.



**Did you know you can also increase your donation without having to pay more?
An additional £36k has been raised through the Gift Aid scheme in 2021/22.**

How does Gift Aid work?

Gift Aid is a scheme run by the government that enables charities to increase the value of donations made by reclaiming basic rate tax that has been paid on the gift. At the moment, we can claim 25p per £1 donated, so on a gift of £100, we will actually receive an extra £25, at no cost to the donor.

Great! Can I Gift Aid my donations?

To qualify for Gift Aid, you need to be a UK taxpayer and have paid enough tax to cover the amount of tax reclaimed by all charities on all your donations for each tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next). Apart from tax on income from a job or self-employment, other types that are acceptable are:

- Tax deducted at source from savings interest
- Tax on state pension and/or other pensions
- Tax on investment or rental income (including tax credits on UK dividends)
- Capital Gains Tax on gains

Other taxes such as VAT and council tax do not qualify, nor does any non-UK tax.

When completing your donation form or making a donation via an online platform, simply complete the gift aid declaration, provide your postal address and we'll do the rest!

*thank
you!*

Looking Forward

Our objectives for 2022-2024



We will increase the visibility, profile and understanding of the charity within the hospitals and our local community.



We will strive to increase the value of monetary and non-monetary donations we receive year upon year, to ensure that we can continue to enhance the care and experiences of patients, their families, and our staff.



We will deliver an effective, accessible grants programme to support Trust improvements to services and the patient environment.



We will actively encourage applications to fund projects that further enhance and improve the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers.



We will actively encourage applications to fund research projects that will further medical knowledge through research.



We will actively seek opportunities for collaboration with our colleagues from both statutory and non-statutory organisations and build and strengthen partnerships with key health and voluntary sector organisations to deliver greater impact.



We will embrace the digital agenda and utilise opportunities to raise further awareness of the charity with stakeholders as well as actively support projects that embrace technology and innovative ways of working.



Trustees - Custodians of the Charity

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Funds governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity has the authority to recruit up to eight trustees who together make up the Board of Trustees. They are unpaid volunteers who set the strategy for the Charity and make sure it is implemented. Trustees elect a Chairman from amongst their number who chairs the meetings of the Board of Trustees and takes a more active role in supporting the Charity Chief Executive in the management of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed under arrangements made by the Secretary of State for Health under Section 51 of the NHS Act 2006 Vacancies are advertised and all potential Trustees must be interviewed and recommended by a panel consisting of two members of the Charity and one external assessor Candidates must show knowledge of, and an interest in, the hospital and the community it serves and be willing to give the time necessary Trustees are also selected to give the Charity a good mix of relevant professional skills, such as finance, investment and fundraising

Trustees serve a fixed term of no more than four years (renewable to a usual maximum of ten years in total). New Trustees receive an induction pack consisting of the governing documents, previous trustee reports and accounts, relevant Charity Commission guidance, and policies and procedures of the Charity. They are also given a tour of the Trust. Appropriate training is provided in areas including Charity law and administration, investment management and charity finance. The Charity's professional advisors provide helpful guidance, and membership of NHS Charities Together gives the Trustees access to regular conferences and training events.

The Charity has a Corporate Trustee: The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. The members of the NHS Trust Board who served during the financial year were as shown on the page opposite



Trustee	Role within The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Prof. A-M Cannaby	Chief Nursing Officer
Mr A Duffell	Chief People Officer
Mr J Dunn	Non-Executive Director
Mr R Dunshea	Non-Executive Director, Senior Independent Director, Chair of Audit Committee, Chair of Innovation & Research Committee
Ms R Edwards	Non-Executive Director (to 24 November 2021), Chair of Quality Governance Assurance Committee
Mr S Evans	Chief Strategy Officer
Ms S Evans	Director of Communication and Stakeholder Engagement (from Jan 2021)
Prof. S Field	Chair, Non-Executive Director
Mr J Hemans	Non-Executive Director, Chair of People and Organisational Development Committee
Prof. D Loughton CBE	Chief Executive Officer, Chair of Management Committee
Prof. S Mahmud	Chief Innovation, Integration and Research Officer (to 14 May 2021)
Ms M Martin	Non-Executive Director, Chair of Finance and Performance Committee, Chair of Remuneration Committee
Ms G Nuttall	Chief Operating Officer
Dr J Odum	Chief Medical Officer
Dr B McKaig	Chief Medical Officer (from 12 July 2021)
Ms T Palmer	Director of Midwifery
Prof. A Pandyan	Associate Non-Executive Director (to 31 March 2022)
Ms S Rawlings	Non-Executive Director (to 30 September 2021), Associate Non-Executive Director (from 1 October 2021), Chair of Trust Charity
Mr M Sharon	Strategic Advisor to the Board
Mr K Stringer	Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Chief Executive
Prof. L Toner	Associate Non-Executive Director (31 October 2021), Non-Executive Director (from 1 November 2021), Chair of Clinical Ethics Committee
Ms D Hickman	Director of Nursing (from 8 November 2021)
Mr M Levermore	Associate Non-Executive Director (from 7 February 2022)
Ms A Heseltine	Associate Non-Executive Director (from 7 February 2022)
Ms J Jones	Associate Non-Executive Director (from 7 February 2022)
Ms L Cowley	Non-Executive Director (from 1 February 2022)
Mr K Bostock	Director of Assurance (from 1 January 2022)

How we organise the Charity

The main Charity, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, registered charity number 1059467, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on 27 November 1996 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Charity is constituted of circa. 94 individual funds. The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of fund held and disclose separately all material funds. Please refer to pages 52-65.

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted, held and administered as funds and property on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 2006 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990. The Charity has no employees but reimburses the NHS Trust for the financial and other services it provides. The Charity relies on the NHS Trust to identify the appropriateness of funding requests.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust as the Corporate Trustee has devolved responsibility for the on-going management of funds to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the funds on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. This Committee was formed in 2006.

The names of those people who served as agents for the Corporate Trustee, as permitted under the NHS Trusts (Membership and Procedures) Regulations 1990 were as follows:

- Prof. Steve Field CBE - Chairman
- David Loughton CBE - Chief Executive
- Kevin Stringer - Chief Financial Officer
- Sue Rawlings - Non-executive Director
- Roger Dunshea - Non-executive Director

Principal Charitable Fund Advisers to the Board

The Chief Executive of the NHS Trust (David Loughton CBE) and Chief Financial Officer (Kevin Stringer) have day to day responsibility for the management of the Charitable Funds under a scheme of delegated authority by the Corporate Trustee. They must personally and together, on behalf of the Corporate Trustee, approve all expenditure over £10,000 with an upper limit of £50,000. Expenditure in excess of £50,000 on a particular project must be authorised by the Trust Board of the Corporate Trustee.

Mr Kevin Stringer was the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Charitable Funds during the year.

Principal Office

The principal office for the Charity is:

Chief Financial Officer
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Hollybush House
New Cross Hospital
Wolverhampton
WV10 0QP

Wider Networks

RWT Charity is one of over 400 NHS linked charities in England and Wales who are eligible to join NHS Charities Together. As a member charity, we have the opportunity to discuss matters of common concern and exchange information and experiences, join together with others to lobby government departments and others, and to participate in conferences and seminars which offer support and education for our staff and members of the charitable funds committee.

Related Party Relationships

The Charity holds a related party relationship with The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. The transactions with these parties have been disclosed in note 17 of these financial statements.

Trustees of the Charity



**Sue Rawlings -
Non-Executive Director**

Appointed July 2013 (Served as an Associate Non-Executive Director from October 2012). Re-appointed as an Associate Non-Executive Director in October 2021.

Ms Rawlings is a Chartered Certified Accountant who has worked in the public, private and voluntary sector. For 20 years, until 2020, she was a partner of the consultancy firm RHCS, a well-established, highly skilled consultancy firm working with a range of cross sector clients from the voluntary community/charitable and public sectors. She has extensive experience in evaluating the effectiveness of public expenditure and has worked, for example, with the British Red Cross in various parts of the country, conducting needs assessments, developing performance monitoring, and carrying out evaluations.

She worked with voluntary and community sector organisations to develop their business planning, their future sustainability and identify their impact. Previously a local improvement advisor appointed via IDEa to the Regional Improvement Efficiency Partnership in the West Midlands, she was, until recently, a Trustee of both the Beacon Centre for the Blind and a Director of Beacon4Life CIC. Ms Rawlings is now trustee and treasurer for Stay – a supported housing charity based in Telford and a trustee and treasurer of Telford Christian Council.

Committee Attendances in 2021-2022: 4/4

Declaration of interests

- Trustee and Company Director of Telford Christian Council Supported Housing – STAY
- Trustee and Director of Faith based Charity in Telford – Telford Christian Council (from 01/11/2021)



**Professor David Loughton CBE -
Chief Executive.**

Appointed 2004

Professor Loughton joined our Trust in 2004 having had extensive experience as a Chief Executive within the NHS. During his career he has developed a new Medical School with Warwick University and achieved financial close on a £400 million new hospital Private Finance Initiative (PFI). He has now turned around one of the 17 most financially challenged Trusts in the NHS, whilst improving the quality of care provided to patients. Professor Loughton is a member of the National Institute for Health Research Advisory Board.

Committee Attendances in 2021-2022: 1/4

Declaration of interests

- National Institute for Health Research – Member of Advisory Board
- Chair of West Midlands Cancer Alliance
- Chief Executive Officer (from 01 April 2021)



**Prof. Steve Field CBE -
Chairman of the Board**

Appointed 1 April 2019

Professor Field holds a number of roles at various organisations including Chair at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Trustee at Nishkam Healthcare Trust and a Trustee for Pathway Healthcare for Homeless People.

Prior to his role of Chair, he was Chief Inspector of General Practice, Primary Medical Services, and Integrated Care at the Care Quality Commission (CQC). He has held several board positions in the NHS including, Deputy National Medical Director at NHS England, Regional Postgraduate Dean for NHS West Midlands, and Chair of the NHS Inclusion Health Board at the Department of Health. He also held the position of Chair of The Royal College of GPs and has been a faculty member at the Harvard Macy Institute of Harvard University in the USA. He has been awarded a number of honorary degrees and also holds academic appointments at the University of Birmingham and the University of Warwick.

Committee Attendances in 2021-2022: 0/4

Declaration of interests

- Nishkam Healthcare Trust Birmingham – Trustee
- Chair, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Honorary Professor - University of Birmingham
- Honorary Professor – University of Warwick
- Director of EJC Associates
- Trustee for charity, Pathway Healthcare for Homeless People



**Kevin Stringer -
Chief Financial Officer**

Appointed 2009

Mr Stringer is a qualified accountant with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and holds a Masters qualification in Business Administration (MBA). With more than 30 years of experience in the NHS, 20 of those years as a Director, he has experience of commissioning and provider organisations.

His experience covers:

- Primary Care, Community Services and Commissioning (with successor organisations being Walsall CCG and Birmingham cross-city CCG)
- Secondary and Tertiary Care (at University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals)
- Specialist Secondary Care (Birmingham Children's Hospital Foundation Trust where he helped the Trust secure FT status)
- Regional NHS Planning and Oversight (West Midlands Regional Health Authority) .

His role is to provide professional advice to the Board and wider Trust to ensure delivery of the Board's financial strategy, key statutory financial targets and ensure good internal control.

He is a member and advocate for Healthcare Financial Management (HFMA) having been a past Chair of the West Midlands Branch where he is now the Treasurer.

Committee Attendances in 2021-2022: 3/4

Declaration of interests

- Treasurer, West Midlands Branch – Healthcare Financial Management Association
- Member of CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
- Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit - brother-in-law is the Managing Director
- Interim IT Director and SIRO at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Interim Director of Finance at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust



**Roger Dunshea -
Non-Executive Director**

Appointed April 2014

Mr Dunshea has worked in the NHS in Scotland, Wales, and England in a variety of positions including Staff Nurse, Project Manager, Clinical General Manager and Executive Director roles. Between 1997 and 2013 he was a Director with OFWAT (the economic regulator of the water sector in England and Wales) with responsibilities covering finance, information systems, human resources, and procurement. He has been the Chair of Governors at a Central Birmingham High School and a Non-Executive Director with the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust.

His other current roles are independent member of the Welsh Government's Education and Public Services audit and risk assurance committee and Chair of the audit committee of the Geological Society. He is volunteer warden with Natural England. He is a Chartered Public Finance Accountant and Fellow of the Geological Society.

Committee Attendances in 2021-2022: 4/4

Declaration of interests

- Geological Society of London – Member of Audit Committee (from 14/12/2018)
- Independent member of the Welsh Government Audit and Risk Committee for Education and Public Services
- Independent Member of Judicial Appointments Commissions ARAC (from 01/07/2021)



Structure, Governance and Management

All the Charity's funds are pooled for investment purposes and the official pooling scheme was registered with the Charity Commission on 24 June 1998.

For management purposes all funds held and received by the Charity fall into one of the following categories:

- Endowment funds - funds where the capital must be held in perpetuity and only the income generated can be used for charitable purposes
- Restricted funds - funds received which have specific restrictions set by the donor
- Unrestricted funds - funds received which have no restrictions attached to their use.

Within the unrestricted category separate designated funds have been established which reflect the wishes of donors to help named wards and departments in the hospital. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the already established funds are added to those fund balances. Where the donations and gifts are not attributable to already established funds, new funds are set up. In this way the Corporate Trustee fulfils the legal duty to ensure that all funds are spent in accordance with the objectives of each fund and that the wishes of donors are always considered.

Unrestricted funds form the largest category with £2,026,000 of funds at 31 March 2022. There are charitable funds for most clinical specialties (e.g. medicine or ophthalmology) and for some wards and departments within specialties.

Non-Executive members of the Trust Board are appointed by the NHS Appointments Commission 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 objective of the Charitable Funds Committee is to provide strategic direction to the Charity and ensure that it is managed and administered in accordance with the Charity's purposes. The Committee is responsible for:

- Determining a charitable funds strategy and setting annual objectives
- Ensuring that charitable funds are managed in line with the measures and actions set out in the strategy
- Ensuring any fundraising elements of the strategy work within recognised good practice frameworks and identify methods of fundraising appropriate for the Charity
- Determining a charitable funds investment policy and monitoring performance of any investments made in line with governing documents and the Trustee Act 2000
- Appointing and considering the performance of any investment advisors or managers
- Ensuring Trust policies and procedures are adequate, that financial controls are in place to account for all funds received and that governance arrangements are appropriate and effective
- Ensuring that timely annual reports and accounts are produced and an unqualified external audit opinion is received.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the Finance Department located at The Clinical Skills and Corporate Services Centre, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton WV10 0QP.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified and considered. They have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The Trustee is confident that reliance can be placed on the management arrangements in place, which include internal and external audit services, to minimise any risk to the funds. The most significant risks identified are the possible losses from a fall in the value of the investments and the level of reserves available to mitigate the impact of such losses.

The investments are held by the Investment Fund Managers who act in accordance with the agreed investment policy and are subject to regular review. In addition, unrealised gains and losses are allocated to funds at agreed intervals. Procedures in place ensure that both spending and firm financial commitments remain in line with income. Income is covered by the Standing Financial Instructions and there is an agreed boundary for the receipt of donations. This policy has been communicated to staff.

There is an agreed expenditure and reserves policy together with a tight approval procedure which gives the Corporate Trustee confidence that the expenditure will remain within the limits of the Charity's resources.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

This can be found at the beginning of this report on page 5.

Investment Management

Surplus funds are pooled and invested in order to maximise income, whilst minimising risk for the Charity.

Income and cash, gains and losses are distributed equitably across the Charity funds. The income from investments amounted to £77,879.25 (£81,000 in 2020/21).

Throughout 2021/22 the investments were split into two portfolios.

- A Shorter Term Portfolio which aims to achieve a consistently attractive level of income, coupled with the potential for long-term capital appreciation whilst aiming to preserve the value of the capital over the short-term
- A Longer Term Portfolio which is invested to achieve long-term capital and income growth. Achieved with a broadly diversified global portfolio covering the world's principal stock, bond and currency markets, together with investments in "alternative" assets such as property and hedge funds.

During the year the Trustees requested both the Shorter and Longer Term Portfolios continue to hold a 50:50 split of the overall investments.

At the year end the Shorter Term Portfolio held £1,222,664 and the Longer Term Portfolio held £1,468,339. Both portfolio's were split between investment types. The two portfolio's together were split in the following way. £1,290,563 – 48% (2021: £14,30,077 – 49.4%) was invested in equity based investments, £1,306,414 – 48.5% (2021: £1,227,134 – 45.2%) was invested in longer fixed interest bearing government and other securities and £94,025 – 3.5% (2021: £147,827 – 5.4%) was held as liquid assets including cash. This total sum invested decreased by £24,035 from 2020/21.

The Charity does not own any investment properties.

The Charity has an investment policy that was reviewed in November 2021. See page 43.

A reflection on the last 12 months, from Sarasin & Partners LLP

Investment returns for the period were positive. Markets once again were led by the United States, with Europe and to a lesser extent the UK providing support. Against a backdrop of a third successive year of double-digit gains for equity markets in 2021, investors were braced for a less certain outlook in 2022. However, the extent and nature of the volatility experienced in the first quarter was beyond most investors' expectations. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is first and foremost a human tragedy. It does, however, exacerbate the worries that gripped markets before the invasion; namely that inflation would prove to be higher and longer-lasting than initially thought, and that interest rates would need to rise as a result, thereby denting the values of most major asset classes.

Throughout the period, the portfolio continued to benefit from its holdings in cyclical companies and technological leaders such as Rio Tinto and Microsoft respectively, in addition to Gold, a longstanding safe haven in times of heightened volatility. During the twelve months we gradually increased the charity's exposure to high quality, defensive businesses. In particular, defensive pharmaceuticals such as Merck & Co., Amgen, and Medtronic, all of which proved beneficial, whilst also showing strong potential for growth in the period ahead.

With regard to income, distributions for the long-term portfolio were reduced only very slightly (c7%), maintaining our commitment to protect the Trust from the income cuts experienced elsewhere. The reduction was flagged to the trustees well in advance and we expect income receipts to be matched over the following 12 month period.

Policies

Investment Policy

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.

The investment objective for the long term portfolio is to generate a return in excess of inflation over the long term whilst generating an income to support the on-going activities of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity.

The investment objective for the short term portfolio is to preserve the capital value with a minimum level of risk. Assets should be readily available to meet unanticipated cash flow requirements.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity has approximately a 50/50 split for investments between long term and short term, in order that unanticipated cash flow needs can be met.

The Charity's ethical investment policy precludes direct or indirect investment in companies that generate more than 10% of revenues from alcohol, armaments, gambling, pornography and will not invest in tobacco.

Expenditure policy

The charitable funds that the Charity manages, and from which grants are made, are held as endowment funds (expendable or permanent), restricted funds and unrestricted funds (designated or non-designated).

It is the Trustees' policy to ensure that all grants made from these funds are used in accordance with the purposes of the individual fund and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity's purposes and aims.

Individual funds' purposes include research, equipment, and patient and staff welfare.

The definitions of endowment, restricted and unrestricted funds are detailed below:

- Endowment funds – funds where the capital must be held in perpetuity and only the income generated can be used for charitable purposes
- Restricted funds – fund received which have specific restrictions set by the donor
- Unrestricted funds – funds received which have no restrictions attached to their use.

All of the different types of funds have fund advisors who facilitate local decision making and offer expertise in the particular area of the fund.

The fund advisors have delegated powers and responsibility to authorise expenditure in line with the Trust's Authorised Limits Schedule contained within the Standing Financial Instructions (SFI's). The fund advisors can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area up to a level of £5,000 per transaction subject to any specific donor wishes. The deputy chief operating officers have delegated powers and responsibility to authorise transactions up to £10,000. For expenditure in excess of these limits they make recommendations to the chief executive and chief financial officer who have authority limits up to £50,000. Any transactions over this limit must go to the Trust Board for authorisation.

All of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity's restricted and unrestricted funds can be spent at any time. Grants from these funds are applied for by fund advisors.

In 2020/21 a restricted fund was established for the grants received from NHS Charities Together, the majority of which has been spent during 2021/22. The remaining balance will be spent during 2022/23 with approval from the NHS Charities Together.

Reserves policy

The Corporate Trustee acknowledges that it is the donors' intention that their contributions be used as soon as possible to enhance the service provided by the Trust. Consequently, it is the policy of the Charity that significant reserves are not held. The Charity does not intend to increase fund balances unless this is as a result of significant donations or legacies. However, from time to time, balances are held in particular areas until sufficient funds have been donated to make specific purchases.

The trustee has established a reserves policy as part of their plans to provide long term support to the services provided by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. The Trustee calculates the reserves as that part of the Charity's unrestricted income funds that is freely available, after taking account of the designated funds, which have been earmarked for specific service purposes, in accordance with the stated Charity Objectives.

Total funds of the charity were £3,031,000 (2021 £2,919,000) of which £2,026,000 (2021: £1,838,000) are unrestricted funds, £923,000 (2021 £999,000) restricted funds and £82,000 (2021: £82,000) were endowment funds

The free reserves currently stand at £105,000 and are calculated as follows:

Total unrestricted funds £2,026,000

Less designated funds (£1,921,000)

Total free reserves £105,000

The Trustees intend that designated funds are spent within a reasonable period of receipt and therefore, foresee a need only to maintain reserves sufficient to provide certainty of funding to cover the administrative, fundraising and governance costs of the Charity in the short term. The Trustee aims to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately a year of non-designated, unrestricted charitable expenditure. The Trustee considers that this level will provide sufficient funds in the short term, to cover costs in the event of unforeseen circumstances which prevented the operation of the Charity in the longer term.

The Trustee reviews the balance held in designated funds, in accordance with the provisions of the NHS Acts relating to charitable funds, to determine whether these funds are likely to be committed in the near future and the extent to which there is a continuing need identified for any particular designated fund(s). Any inactive funds are closed and transferred appropriately. Additionally, within the level of designated funds held, the Trustee ensures that there are sufficient funds held to cover a fluctuation in the value of funds held in investments.

The policies specific to the Charity reserves are as follows:

- To maintain systems to forecast levels of expenditure and income to determine reserve requirements
- To ensure the level of reserves are secured
- To monitor and review the policy periodically to ensure it remains suitable for the Charity's need
- The Corporate Trustee has reviewed the reserves policy in the light of the Charity Commission's published guidance CC19 – Charities' Reserves.

Further details

Principal professional advisers

Auditors - External

WR Partners
Belmont House
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SY2 6LG

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Stoke-on-Trent
ST1 5BB

Bankers

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1-2 Dudley Street
Wolverhampton
WV1 3EN

Solicitors

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Investment Fund Managers

Sarasin & Partners LLP
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
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EC4M 8BU

Full accounts

This annual report comments on some of the features of the full accounts which are provided on the following pages for your information. Copies of the full accounts have been lodged with the Charity Commission and carry an unqualified audit report.

The text and accounts shown in this report were approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2022 and is signed on their behalf by the Chair.



Sue Rawlings -
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 & 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, 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 in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 November 2022
and signed on their behalf by:



Sue Rawlings
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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 course of 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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

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

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have reviewed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement and identified the principal's risks, implementing a series of testing procedures to provide us with sufficient comfort to issue our opinion.

We reviewed the charities regulatory environment to ensure we could that it had acted in accordance with the framework relevant to the charity and its environment and identify any instances on non-compliance.

We also assessed the charity's internal control procedures to ensure we could appropriately scrutinise these controls and establish whether our understanding of the control environment was sufficient to supplement our additional testing procedures.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and charity awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew Malpass BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)



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Charity Accounts 2021 - 2022

Statement of Financial Activities incorporating income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	2021/22 Total funds £000	2020/21 Total funds £000
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Donations and legacies	3	480	4	0	484	590
Grants	3	227	30	0	257	256
Other trading activities	3	65	2	0	67	237
Investments	12	49	29	0	78	81
Total incoming resources		821	65	0	886	1,164
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	(101)	0	0	(101)	(58)
Charitable activities	4	(507)	(138)	0	(645)	(797)
Other expenditure		(4)	0	0	(4)	(10)
Total expenditure		(612)	(138)	0	(750)	(865)
Net gains/(losses) on investment		(16)	(8)	0	(24)	318
Net income/expenditure		193	(81)	0	112	617
Transfer between funds		(5)	5	0	0	0
Net movements in funds		188	(76)	0	112	617
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1,838	999	82	2,919	2,302
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2022		2,026	923	82	3,031	2,919

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	2021/22 Total funds £000	2020/21 Total funds £000
Fixed assets						
Investments	11	1,686	923	82	2,691	2,715
Total fixed assets		1,686	923	82	2,691	2,715
Current assets						
Debtors	13	42	0	0	42	24
Cash and cash equivalents	14	806	0	0	806	326
Total current assets		848	0	0	848	350
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(508)	0	0	(508)	(146)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		340	0	0	340	204
Total assets less current liabilities		2,026	923	82	3,031	2,919
Net assets		2,026	923	82	3,031	2,919
The funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	16			82	82	82
Restricted income funds	16		923		923	999
Unrestricted income funds		2,026			2,026	1,838
Total Charity funds		2,026	923	82	3,031	2,919

Signed:



Sue Rawlings
Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee
Date: 22 November 2022

The note at pages 55 to 65 form part of these financial statements.

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

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Net income/(expenditure) for 2021/22 (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	112	617
Adjustment for:		
(Gains)/losses on investments	24	(318)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(78)	(81)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(18)	(19)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	362	(58)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	402	141
Cash Flow	Total funds	Total funds
	2021/22	2020/21
	£000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	402	141
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	78	81
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	78	81
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	480	222
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	326	104
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	806	326

1. General information

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity is an unincorporated charity in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 40 of this report.

2. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity with regard to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statement.

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 (page 45) and reserves (page 47) 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 either as:

- a restricted fund or
- an endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub analysed between those where the trustee has the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment).

The Charity has three permanent endowment funds, all of which are invested within the long term portfolio and the return from this investment is transferred into either an unrestricted fund or a restricted fund dependent on the restrictions placed on the fund by the donor.

c) Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable (more likely than not) that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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 then the relevant income is not recognised in the year but deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

d) 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.

Gifts of tangible assets such as microwaves and fridges are recognised as a donation at fair value (market price) on receipt and charitable expenditure when they are distributed.

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

e) Incoming resources from legacies

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

f) Incoming resources from endowment funds

The incoming resources received from the invested endowment fund are transferred to the restricted or unrestricted fund as per the donors request.

g) Other incoming resources

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

h) 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.

i) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grant

The Charity is not a grant giving organisation.

j) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include some staff recharges, costs of administration, external audit costs and IT support. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 6.

k) 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 activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs which include expenses for fundraising activities and a recharge paid to a related party, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (see note 17). The recharge is used to pay the salaries and support costs of the Charity's fundraising team.

l) 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 6.

m) 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 trustee's 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 RWT Charity investments can be found in note 11.

n) Debtors

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

o) 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, usually in 90-day notice interest bearing savings accounts.

p) 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.

q) 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).

r) Staff costs and pensions

The Charity does not have any staff. All staffing costs are recharged from The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

3 Income

a) Analysis of Donations, Legacies and Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021/22	Total 2020/21
Donations from individuals	304	4	308	162
Corporate donations	40	0	40	227
Legacies	136	0	136	201
Grants	227	30	257	256
	707	34	741	846
<i>2020/21 Total funds £000</i>	<i>589</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>846</i>	

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public, relatives of patients and staff.

Donations of goods, to the value of £9,839 2021/22 (£5,642 2020/21), are included in income valued at their market value. All of these donations have been distributed during the year.

In 2021/22, the Charity did not receive any grants from the NHS Charities Together Covid-19 emergency appeal (2021: £254,000). The breakdown for the prior year was as follows; Stage 1 Emergency Grant £102,000, Stage 1 Second Wave Staff Wellbeing and Patient Care Grant £100,000, Starbucks Distribution £2,000 and Stage 2 Community Partnership Grant £50,000. Applications have been put forward in 2022/23.

b) Analysis of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021/22	Total 2020/21
Community	12	2	14	19
Individuals	0	0	0	0
Events	53	0	53	217
Corporate	0	0	0	1
	65	2	67	237
<i>2020/21 Total funds £000</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>237</i>	

4 Expenditure

a) Analysis of Raising Funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2021/22 £000	Total 2020/21 £000
Fundraisers costs	87	0	87	49
Support costs	14	0	14	9
	101	0	101	58
<i>2020/21 Total funds £000</i>	58	0	58	

b) Analysis of Charitable Activities

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total funds 2021/22 £000	Total funds 2020/21 £000
Purchase of new medical equipment	306	0	306	224
Patients welfare and amenities	233	37	270	168
Staff welfare and amenities	60	9	69	395
Research	0	0	0	10
	599	46	645	797
<i>2020/21 Total funds £000</i>	722	75	797	

5 Grant funding

The charity did not undertake any direct charitable activities on its own account during the year. All of the charitable expenditure was in the form of grant funding.

Grants were approved in favour of the partner organisations, principally the RWNHST to carry out activities that will benefit patients and their families. The Charity incurred expenditure with third parties in pursuance of those grants or reimbursed expenditure incurred by them.

6 Allocation of support costs and overheads

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities.

The bases of allocation used are as follows:

- time: based the charity's two staff members' timesheets
- direct allocation: where a cost is wholly attributable to a particular activity.
- expenditure: this is a proportion based on the fund balance at the start of the year. This is used where the trustee considers this is a more equitable treatment to avoid disadvantaging funds with high volume, low value transactions.
- salaries: this is proportionate to staff salaries where costs are related to the employed staff.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2021/22 £000	Total 2020/21 £000	Basis
External audit	2	5	7	6	Direct
Financial services	11	38	49	46	Time
Support admin costs	0	0	0	27	Time
Other administration costs	1	3	4	5	Expenditure
	14	46	60	84	
<i>2020/21 Total funds £000</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>84</i>		

7 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

Remuneration for the Board of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust is provided in The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust 2021/22 published Accounts available on the Trust website, and as such remuneration and expenses with regards to the Charitable Funds Committee is not separately identified.

8 Analysis of staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

The Charity has no employees (2020/21 none). Costs for staff incurred by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust are recharged to the Charity in the form of a Financial Services management fee along with the Fundraiser's salary. The management fee for the year amounted to £49,228 (2020/21 £46,264) and the Fundraisers' salaries amounted to £80,603 (2020/21 £43,256). The Charity does not directly pay salaries national insurance or pension contributions (2020/21 £Nil).

Analysis of staff costs recharged by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Fundraisers salary	81	43
Financial services	49	46
	130	89

9 Transfers

There were transfers of £5,022 (2020/21 £5,411) during the year, between the New Cross General Purpose Fund and RWT Singers during the year.

10 Auditor's remuneration

External auditors' remuneration of £6,600 including VAT (2020/21 £6,048 including VAT) related solely to the audit with no other additional work undertaken (2020/21 £Nil).

11 Investments

	31 March	31 March
	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Movement in fixed asset investments		
Market value at 1 April	2,715	2,397
Less disposals at carrying value	0	0
Add: additions to investments at cost	0	0
Add net gain (loss) on revaluation	(24)	318
Market value as at 31 March	2,691	2,715

Net movement is made up of the revaluation of investments (£24,035) at the year end, and decrease in the balance of cash held (£1.39) as part of the investment portfolio.

	31 March	31 March
	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Analysis of market value		
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	2,691	2,715
	2,691	2,715

	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£000	%	£000	%
Fixed asset investment by type				
Equities	1,291	48.0	1,340	49.4
Fixed Income (Inc Bonds)	853	31.7	977	36.0
Property	82	3.0	35	1.3
Other	371	13.8	215	7.9
Liquid Assets (Inc Cash)	94	3.5	148	5.4
	2,691	100	2,715	100

The Trustee's consider the value of the investments to be supported by their underlying assets.

12 Analysis of gross income from investments and cash on deposit

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2021 £000
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	78	81
	78	81

13 Debtors

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2021 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	42	24
	42	24

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2021 £000
Co-Operative Bank Account	806	326
	806	326

15 Creditors

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2021 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade creditors	490	117
Other creditors	13	29
Deferred Income	5	0
	508	146

16 Analysis of charitable funds

a) Endowment funds

i) Analysis of endowment fund movements

ii) Details of permanent endowment funds

	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2021 £000
A General Purposes Fund	26	26
B W.H.Fowler Trust	14	14
C Nell Phoenix Fund	42	42
	82	82

Name of permanent endowment	Description of the nature and purpose of each permanent endowment
A General Purposes Fund	to earn interest for the benefit of the non designated fund of the RWT Charity
B W.H.Fowler Trust	to earn interest for the benefit of the designated Maternity & Gynaecology fund within the Obstetrics and Gynaecology area
C Nell Phoenix Fund	to earn interest for the benefit of the restricted fund which is to provide musical entertainment for nursing staff

b) Restricted funds

i) Analysis of restricted fund movements

Name of fund	31 March 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains & losses £000	31 March 2022 £000
A Joan Jones	102	3	(2)	0	(1)	102
B Edith Mary Jeavons	4	0	0	0	0	4
C Nell Phoenix Fund	40	2	(4)	0	(1)	37
D Cystic Fibrosis Funding	2	0	0	0	0	2
E Sheila Whiting Legacy	70	2	(1)	0	0	71
F Marjorie Ferguson Legacy	1	0	0	0	0	1
G Legacies - CCH General Purpose -	20	0	0	0	0	20
H Rotary Dowding Millicent Jessica Dwight -	229	7	(4)	0	(2)	230
I Legacy	18	1	0	0	0	19
J Swan Fund	2	4	(1)	0	0	5
K Cancer Centre Fund Kenneth Arthur Hollins - CCH	29	1	0	0	0	30
L Dialysis Centre New Cross General Purposes	84	3	(2)	0	(1)	84
N - Legacies	221	37	(5)	5	(2)	256
O RWT Singers	7	2	(6)	0	0	3
P Individual funds < £500	1	0	0	0	0	1
Q Arts & Heritage Fund	2	0	(1)	0	0	1
R COVID-19	167	3	(112)	0	(1)	57
	999	65	(138)	5	(8)	923

ii) Details of restricted funds

Name of fund		Description of the nature and purpose of each fund
A	Joan Jones	to provide medical equipment to the Renal, Oncology, Vascular and Cardiac Units
B	Edith Mary Jeavons	to provide medical equipment to RW Trust
C	Nell Phoenix Fund	to provide musical entertainment for nursing staff
D	Cystic Fibrosis Funding	to support patients and their families who suffer with Cystic Fibrosis
E	Sheila Whiting Legacy	to support Rheumatology services at Cannock Hospital
F	Marjorie Ferguson Legacy	to support the services provided at the Rehabilitation Day Unit at Cannock Hospital
G	CCH General Purpose - Legacies	to support services at Cannock Hospital
H	Rotary Dowding	to support services at Cannock Hospital
I	Millicent Jessica Dwight Legacy	to provide equipment to RW Trust
J	Swan Fund	to support End of Life Care with in the Trust
K	Cancer Centre Fund	to provide a top class facility for Cancer Patients in the area
L	Kenneth Arthur Hollins - CCH Dialysis Centre	to provide support within the Cannock Hospital Dialysis Centre
M	Special Fund for Nano Bubble Pump	for the provision of a Nano Bubble Pump
N	New Cross General Purposes - Legacies	to support services at New Cross Hospital
O	RWT Singers (Choir)	to improve staff morale and enhance patient and visitor experience around the Trust
P	Individual Funds <£500	Lindsay Clift Memorial Fund is to support patient safety by way of training or providing vital monitoring equipment, Calabar Wolverhampton VISION 2020 Link is to support staff training with links to other countries, Arts in Health Trust Fund is to support delivery of the Trust's Arts In Health Programme
Q	Arts & Heritage	to provide additional resources that; contribute to and enhance the healing environment, therapeutic art activities for patients, their families and staff and to record the history of and the advancements of healthcare at RWT.
R	COVID-19	to provide support to patients and staff as part of the COVID-19 recovery

restricted funds

i) Analysis of unrestricted funds movements

	31 March 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains & losses £000	31 March 2022 £000	
Designated funds							
A	Anaesthetics	74	17	(10)	0	(1)	80
B	Medical Directorate	278	89	(27)	0	(2)	338
C	Haematology & Oncology	391	145	(93)	0	(3)	440
D	Cardiac Services	197	163	(38)	0	(2)	320
E	Renal Unit	32	12	(5)	0	0	39
F	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	65	21	(12)	0	(1)	73
G	Ophthalmology	160	220	(281)	0	(2)	97
H	Orthopaedics	105	9	(7)	0	(1)	106
I	Paediatrics	157	55	(45)	0	(1)	166
J	Surgical Directorate	79	4	(6)	0	0	77
K	Clinical Support	5	0	(2)	0	0	3
L	Wolverhampton Medical Institute	10	0	(1)	0	0	9
M	Other Smaller Funds	92	12	(13)	0	(1)	90
N	Community Nursing	6	0	0	0	0	6
O	Research Funds	81	2	(5)	0	(1)	77
		1,732	749	(545)	0	(15)	1,921
Non-designated funds							
P	General Purposes Funds	106	72	(67)	(5)	(1)	105
		1,838	821	(612)	(5)	(16)	2,026

c) Unrestricted funds continued

ii) Details of unrestricted funds

	Name of area	Description of the nature and purpose of each area
A	Anaesthetics	benefit of the Anaesthetics Directorate
B	Medical Directorate	benefit of the Medical Directorate
C	Haematology & Oncology	benefit of the Deanesly Centre and Cancer Services
D	Cardiac Services	benefit of the Cardiothoracic Directorate
E	Renal Unit	benefit of the Renal Unit
F	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	benefit of the Maternity & Gynaecology Directorate
G	Ophthalmology	benefit of the Ophthalmic Directorate
H	Orthopaedics	benefit of the Orthopaedic Directorate
I	Paediatrics	benefit of the Paediatric Directorate
J	Surgical Directorate	benefit of the Surgical Directorate
K	Clinical Support	benefit of Clinical Support Services
L	Wolverhampton Medical Institute	benefit of the Wolverhampton Medical Institute
M	Other smaller funds	benefit of Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care, Ear Nose and Throat, Theatres, Therapy Services, Nurse Training, Chaplaincy etc.
N	Community Nursing	benefit of the Community Nursing Teams
O	Research Funds	to support Research projects at the Trust
Unrestricted funds - Non designated funds		
P	General Funds	benefit of New Cross Hospital

Trustees have exercised their discretion to set aside part of the unrestricted funds for designated purposes. The designation applied has taken account the wishes expressed by the donor when the funds were given. Designated funds remain unrestricted as Trustees can remove the designation at anytime.

17 Related party transactions

During the year neither the Corporate Trustee nor members of the key management staff or parties related to it has undertaken any material transactions with or received any remuneration or expenses from The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity. As part of the normal course of business the Charity has made payments totalling £355,610 (2020/21 £876,344) to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust as Corporate Trustee of the Charity. In 2021/22 an amount of £489,691 (2020/21 £57,635) was owing to the Trust at 31 March 2022. The total income of the Corporate Trustee in the year ended 31 March 2022 amounted to £817,270,000 (2020/21 £743,285,000) and the adjusted retained surplus amounted to £4,454,000 (2020/21 £243,000).

18 Commitments

The Charity has commitments totalling £35,559 at 31 March 2022 (2020/21 £68,399) arising from requisitions placed for which the relevant goods and services have not been received. These commitments relate to unrestricted and restricted funds.

19 Donations in kind

Donations in kind have been made to aid the Charity's mission to support The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. Donations to the value of £9,839 (2020/21 £6,562) have been included in the accounts this year for items of clothing, toys for the children's ward, knitted blankets, sensory items and other kind gifts that help make the patients stay better. All of these items will be used for some time to come. We also received several offers of kindness for the staff and patients of the Trust and the wider community for items such as care packages, hand creams, lip balms, food and drink. The value of these items were estimated at £8,781 (2020/21 £103,370).

When received, all items were distributed as soon as possible and shared amongst the whole of the Trust.

