



The Brompton Fountain
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2024

The Brompton Fountain

Registered Charity 1110339



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 (Period start date)

To 31st December 2024 (Period end date)

Charity name: The Brompton Fountain Royal Brompton & Harefield Family Support Group

Working name: The Brompton Fountain

Charity registration number: 1110339

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide support to former, present and future patients of the Paediatric Unit of The Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust (and any successor hospital(s)) ('The Unit'), their parents and families.2. To provide or assist in the provision at the unit of equipment, facilities, and services not normally provided by the statutory authorities.3. The support and promotion of research for the public benefit into the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular & respiratory disease.4. Any purpose ancillary to 1. to 3. above.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Young patients and their families are at the very heart of everything we do. Each year we welcome more members to groups, more attendees at our events and take more phone calls, emails, and messages.</p> <p>During 2024 we held several events in the community for 'Brompton Families'. Events included various trips and a large Christmas party. All events were very well attended and received excellent feedback from guests.</p> <p>We held internal hospital events, including children's activity afternoons, parents' coffee afternoons, parents pamper evenings, and seasonal events such as our Halloween trick or treat and Christmas Santa's Grotto.</p>

		<p>The Brompton Fountain supported and facilitated the meetings of Trailblazers, a youth forum for 13–25-year-old patients of Royal Brompton and Harefield hospitals. They provide feedback to the hospitals regarding their own experiences as young patients. The group met for regular catch-up discussions, as well as regular planned activities. These activities included online escape rooms, music/painting workshops, virtual bake-alongs, and online games.</p> <p>Bereaved families were supported throughout the year in various ways, through meetings and telephone communications. Memory boxes were created and distributed, along with fingerprint memory jewellery.</p> <p>The charity also funded and co organised the annual hospital Remembrance Day. This is a formal occasion for bereaved families, featuring a non-religious service with music and readings, refreshments, and a balloon release.</p> <p>Additional support was provided to children and families in a large variety of ways.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have read and have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not currently provide grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We received help from our team of highly valued and enthusiastic volunteers – at fundraising events such as cake sales, seasonal fairs and with the coordination of small community support activities.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Large numbers of families with sick children were helped and supported within the hospital, at home and within the local community. This work was led by our Family Support Team. The charity continued to build and maintain strong relationships with staff members within the hospital and supported various teams with funds for equipment, resources, and activities.</p> <p>Membership figures grew, due to regular ward visits and through social media. The charity Facebook and Twitter accounts were extremely popular, being updated daily and encouraging interaction between members.</p> <p>The charity built further relationships with businesses, gaining their support. Fundraising figures continued to grow due to increased family contact and general awareness of the charity and hospital. Many local events such as family fun days, cake sales and sponsored activities were undertaken bringing in valued funds.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The charity's fundraising team liaised with families, supporters, and corporate partners to build our fundraising income.</p> <p>Those wishing to carry out activities or hold events to raise funds were given full support and advice.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity remains strong financially.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Brompton Fountain is committed to maintaining a minimum level of reserves of £160,000 at any one time which represents over 6 month's running costs (approximately £100,000) plus an emergency level of charity support costs (approximately £60,000). The Trustees recognise the need for annual budgets and updated rolling forecasts through the year to take into account changes in financial circumstances to manage and mitigate potential shortfalls in fundraising income and related reductions in expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£160,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds are in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's main sources of income are community fundraising, direct donations from families and via our corporate partners. We also carry out Brompton Fountain led events and activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We do not currently make any investments but keep all cash on deposit.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by a resolution
Risk Management		The Board of Trustees has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity has and confirms that systems have been established to enable a Risk Register to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage such risks.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are given an induction pack and full briefing on charity policies and procedures. They also undergo an enhanced DBS check.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has seven trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Brompton Fountain Royal Brompton & Harefield Family Support Group
Working name	The Brompton Fountain
Registered charity number	1110339
Charity's principal address	Royal Brompton Hospital Sydney Street London SW3 6NP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Dr M Rigby	Chairman		
C Milner	Secretary		
V Borwick			
Professor P Daubeney			
Professor L Fleming			
N Nyoni			
L Strachan			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Trudy Nickels – Chief Executive

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Name: MICHAEL LAURENCE RIGBY

Title: DOCTOR.

Signature: 

Date: 31. 10. 25.

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) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) comply with applicable accounting standards, including FRS 102, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (c) state whether a statement of recommended practice applies and has been followed, subject to any material departures which are explained in the financial statements;
- (d) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (e) prepare the financial statements on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

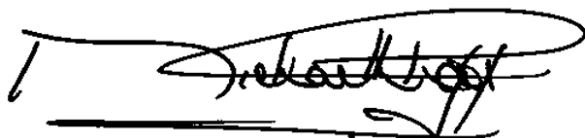
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with current law.

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. Insofar as the trustees are aware:

- (a) there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- (b) the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report is approved by the trustees of the charity.

By order of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Rigby', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dr Michael Rigby
Chair of Trustees

Date: 31st October 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Brompton Fountain Royal Brompton & Harefield Family Support Group (Charity no 1110339) on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

- (1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:
 - the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
 - the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
 - the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Chaweevan Williams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Verdant Accountants Limited
20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU

Date: 31 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	Funds	Funds
				£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	427,874	-	427,874	327,453
Charitable activities	2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	2	4,814	-	4,814	4,967
Investments		300	-	300	-
Total Income		432,988	-	432,988	332,420
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	76,909	-	76,909	41,791
Charitable activities	3	334,658	-	334,658	300,457
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		411,477	-	411,477	342,248
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers and investment gains/(losses)		21,511	-	21,511	(9,828)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		21,511	-	21,511	(9,828)
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		21,511	-	21,511	(9,828)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January	11	233,023	-	233,023	242,851
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 December		254,534	-	254,534	233,023

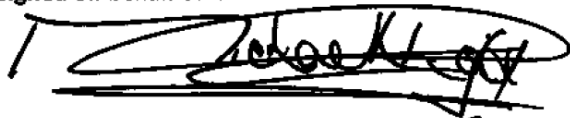
The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements. All activities relate to continuing operations.

Charity Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

				31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	6	-	-	-	3,000
Debtors	7	75,814	-	75,814	75,190
Investments		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	229,736	-	229,736	201,281
Total current assets		305,550	-	305,550	279,471
Creditors: amounts falling due					
within one year	9	(51,016)	-	(51,016)	(46,448)
Net current assets		254,534	-	254,534	233,023
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after one year		-	-	-	-
Total net assets		254,534	-	254,534	233,023
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	11	254,534	-	254,534	233,023
Revaluation reserve		-	-	-	-
Total charity funds		254,534	-	254,534	233,023

The financial statements of The Brompton Fountain Royal Brompton & Harefield Family Support Group Charity, registered number 1110339, were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31st October 2025

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Dr Michael Rigby – Chairman

Notes forming part of these Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Financial Statements are prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Board of Trustees have considered the working capital and cash flow requirements and consider that the current and forecast cash resources are sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the Charity for at least 8 months.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

b. Key judgements and estimates

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

c. Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

d. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

e. Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes the generation of voluntary funds, the salary costs, the associated administration and cost of fundraising events, such IT, printing and stationery, and postage.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs identified as wholly or mainly incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs constitute direct costs together with apportionment of support costs and governance.

Accounting Policies (continued)

- f. Pension Costs
Pension costs for the defined contribution scheme are charged to the accounts on an accruals basis in accordance with FRS 102 and SORP 2015. Details of the pension schemes are disclosed in note 5 to the accounts.
- g. Employee Benefits
Expenditure is recognised for all employee benefits resulting from their service to the Charity during the period.
- h. Stock
Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- i. Debtors
Debtors are amounts owed to the Charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.
- j. Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity.
- k. 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.

2. Analysis of Income

		2024	2023		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	385,973	-	385,973	303,604
	Gift Aid	41,901	-	41,901	23,849
	Legacies	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-
	Total donations and legacies	427,874	-	427,874	327,453
Charitable activities:	General	-	-	-	-
	Total charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Merchandise Sales	4,814	-	4,814	4,967
	Other	-	-	-	-
	Total other trading activities	4,814	-	4,814	4,967
Income from investments:	Interest income	300	-	300	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-
	Total income from investments	300	-	300	-
Total Income		432,988	-	432,988	332,420

There was income in 2023 analysed under charitable activity income that has been restated to donations and gifts based on charity SORP (FRS102) guidance.

3. Analysis of Expenditure

		2024	2023		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurring seeking donations	76,909	-	76,909	41,791
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail, publicity	-	-	-	-
	Database development costs	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on raising funds	76,909	-	76,909	41,791
Expenditure on charitable activities:	Charitable activities	334,568	-	334,568	300,457
	Other	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	334,568	-	334,568	300,457
Total expenditure		411,477	-	411,477	342,248

4. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,320	1,140
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	-	-

5. Pension Costs

Defined contribution pensions of £7,323 (2022 £5,461) were charged to support costs as unrestricted expenditure.

6. Stocks

	2024	2023
Analysis of stock	Total	Total
	£	£
Charitable activities	-	-
Other trading activities	-	3,000
Total stock	-	3,000

No stock was pledged as security for liabilities. Stock for resale is now expensed as minimal in value.

7. Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
Analysis of debtors	Total	Total
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	1,000
Prepayments and accrued income	75,814	74,189
Other debtors	-	-
Total debtors and prepayments	75,814	75,189

8. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2024	2023
Analysis of cash at bank and in hand	Total	Total
	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	229,736	201,281
Other	-	-
Total cash at bank and in hand	229,736	201,281

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Analysis of creditors	Total	Total	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Other loans	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	45,397	30,583	-	-
Taxation and social security	4,735	13,776	-	-
Other creditors	884	2,089	-	-
Total creditors and accruals	51,016	46,448	-	-

10. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2023 Analysed by Fund Type

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	212,139	-	212,139	186,211
Charitable activities	2	107,304	8,010	115,314	118,557
Other trading activities	2	4,967	-	4,967	6,516
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total Income		324,410	8,010	332,420	311,284
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	41,791	-	41,791	42,934
Charitable activities	3	292,447	8,010	300,457	269,559
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		334,238	8,010	342,248	312,493
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers and investment gains/(losses)					
		(9,828)	-	(9,828)	(1,209)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(9,828)	-	(9,828)	(1,209)
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,828)	-	(9,828)	(1,209)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 January	11	242,851	-	242,851	244,060
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 December		233,023	-	233,023	242,851

11. Charity Funds

Year end 31 December 2024:

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward 01/01/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward 31/12/24
			£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	R	Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Funds	U	General Charitable Activities	233,023	432,988	(411,477)	-	-	254,534
Other Funds	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds			233,023	432,988	(411,477)	-	-	254,534

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

Year end 31 December 2023:

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward 01/01/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward 31/12/23
			£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant	R	Equipment	-	8,010	(8,010)	-	-	-
General Funds	U	General Charitable Activities	242,851	324,410	(334,238)	-	-	233,023
Other Funds	N/A	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds			242,851	332,420	(342,248)	-	-	233,023

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

12. Analysis of Staff Costs, Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

There were 6 employees (2023: 5) during the year.

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Salaries and wages	175,942	144,524
Social security costs	11,749	8,020
Pension costs	3,970	2,746
	191,661	155,290

All of the staff are employed directly by the Charity.

No employee received emoluments (gross salary, excluding pension contributions but including benefits-in-kind) over £60,000.

13. Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or expenses or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

14. Post Balance Sheet Events

None.