REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08413881 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1154278

HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE LTD

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The organisation aims to be a strong, independent, and effective champion for people that use health and social care services. The organisation will continue to influence health and care services and seek to improve joined-up care for the people of Derbyshire.

Its aims and objectives are:

1. To be an independent, free-standing body that is respected for its independence and trusted by residents and stakeholders.
2. To enable people to share their views and concerns about their local health and social care services.
3. To provide a health and social care information and signposting service for the people of Derbyshire.
4. To give authoritative, evidence-based feedback to organisations across the health and care system as a valued system partner.
5. To be an exemplary Healthwatch that is a valued, authoritative organisation within the health and care system.
6. To address emerging issues by being flexible, responsive, and agile.
7. To actively highlight inequality, and pay attention to the voices that can most struggle to be heard.
8. To influence service development across health and care services by representing the views of people in Derbyshire.
9. To extend reach across Derbyshire, through local champions.
10. To liaise with and alert local and national stakeholders of health and social care service concerns.
11. To operate as a viable, sustainable entity, that is strong, well-led, and well-governed.
12. To use our human and financial resources in a way that achieves the greatest impact.
13. To be a great place to work and volunteer, as an organisation that demonstrates through action the value it places on our staff and our volunteers.

Public benefit

The charity's Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The organisation works towards a vision to see consumers of health and social care services being put centre stage so that service providers and commissioners listen to what they have to say and use their voices to shape, inform and influence service delivery and design.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE
The work of Healthwatch Derbyshire is achieved by:

Exploring key topics and themes, and planning engagement to collect insight.
Routinely sharing patient and service user's feedback with organisations, to help improve how services are delivered and designed.
Writing reports on specific topics, containing recommendations for improvement to have impact.
Representing the voice of patients in key strategic meetings in the health and care system
Running a programme of activity for Enter and View Representatives, who can visit and observe health and care settings and write a report.
Developing communication systems to collect feedback, report on our activity and outcomes, and raise awareness of the Local Healthwatch movement.
Examples of our work this year include collecting insight from people in Derbyshire about the NHS App, and sharing this feedback with the NHS Transformation Directorate team to help improve the NHS App. We have also collected information around Home Care workers' views on infection prevention and flu vaccines and have influenced the communications around vaccinations for this group. We have also spoken to people who work in routine and manual job roles, and Derby and Derbyshire residents more broadly, about their views on smoking. We have carried out Enter and Views with our Volunteer Authorised Representatives at a local GP practice, local pharmacy and a hospital pharmacy. These visits have all had significant outcomes and impact.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Principal funding sources
The principal funding source for the organisation comes from a contract with Derbyshire County Council to perform the Healthwatch statutory function. Income is classified as un-restricted funds.

Healthwatch Derbyshire had a total income of £359,652 for the year ended 31st March 2026, working to ensure value for money and effective use of our resources.

Reserves Policy
Healthwatch Derbyshire's Board of Directors recognise that to demonstrate prudent financial management a sum of money, identified as reserves, must be maintained. These reserves are retained to demonstrate resilience and ensure the sustainability of Healthwatch Derbyshire's mission and services, to manage risks associated with unexpected changes in income or expenditure, and to take advantage of new opportunities in accordance with Healthwatch Derbyshire's objectives. Reserves will be identified to ensure Healthwatch Derbyshire can satisfy legal obligations to staff, suppliers, funders and others in the event of closure of the organisation.

Three months of operational costs should ideally be maintained as unrestricted funds in order to meet the Charity's objectives.

The unrestricted reserves held at 31st March 2026 were £176,609 (2025 - £220,371). This equates to at least three months of operational costs based on projected expenditure.

Operating Efficiency
Healthwatch Derbyshire has effective governance and monitoring systems in place, overseen by both the Finance and Audit and Governance subgroups of the Board.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity was originally incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 on 21 February 2013 as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were amended by special resolution on 9 July 2013. It was registered as a charity on 18 October 2013.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

A director (who also serves as a trustee and management group member) must be aged 18 years or older. Directors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting or by other directors. For full details of the appointment and duties of directors please refer to the Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

The Trustees delegate management responsibilities to the Chief Executive, and also delegate certain functions to subgroups. Each subgroup has specific terms of reference and a chair appointed by the trustees.

These delegations are controlled by requiring regular reporting from the Chief Executive and the subgroups to the Board of Trustees. Trustees acknowledge that such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve Healthwatch Derbyshire's charitable purposes, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Through the oversight of both the Finance and Audit, and the Governance subgroups, Trustees review the effectiveness of the system of internal control and risk management.

Wider network

Healthwatch Derbyshire is part of a national network of Healthwatch organisations in England.

Future of Local Healthwatch

The Government intends to introduce a health reform bill which, if enacted, will abolish the local Healthwatch network across the country, including Healthwatch Derbyshire. The directors will continue to closely monitor this situation and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08413881 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1154278

Registered office

Unit 14 Riverside Business Centre
Foundry Lane
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Trustees

Mrs D Gould
Mr T M Broadley
Mrs H Parry-Payne
Mr A Garrett
Dr F Marshall
Mrs H Severns
Dr J Hall (resigned 17.11.25)
Mrs V Sweetmore
Mr C Hardman

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
G S Gilbert FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 June 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs D Gould - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE LTD

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Healthwatch Derbyshire Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

G S Gilbert FCA

CAMERON HUGHES LTD
Chartered Accountants
Derby

Date: 22 JUNE 2026

HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		358,065	-	358,065	432,670
Investment income	2	1,587	-	1,587	22,997
Total		359,652	-	359,652	455,667
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Cost of provision of services		384,461	-	384,461	383,891
Other		18,953	-	18,953	9,550
Total		403,414	-	403,414	393,441
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(43,762)	-	(43,762)	62,226
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		220,371	-	220,371	158,145
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		176,609	-	176,609	220,371

The notes form part of these financial statements

HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE LTD

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	3,771	2,905
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	-	14,345
Cash at bank		178,195	206,721
		178,195	221,066
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,357)	(3,600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		172,838	217,466
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		176,609	220,371
NET ASSETS		176,609	220,371
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		176,609	220,371
TOTAL FUNDS		176,609	220,371

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2026

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 June 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs D Gould - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,587	22,997

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,040	4,169
Hire of plant and machinery	1,330	1,320

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

Travel costs amounting to £277 (2025 - £257) were reimbursed to 1 (2025 - 1) trustees during the year ended 31 March 2026.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Charitable activities	11	11

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2025	4,002	21,394	25,396
Additions	-	4,906	4,906
At 31 March 2026	4,002	26,300	30,302
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	3,422	19,069	22,491
Charge for year	116	3,924	4,040
At 31 March 2026	3,538	22,993	26,531
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	464	3,307	3,771
At 31 March 2025	580	2,325	2,905

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments	-	14,345

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Other creditors	1,517	-
Accrued expenses	3,840	3,600
	5,357	3,600

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9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,771	-	3,771	2,905
Current assets	178,195	-	178,195	221,066
Current liabilities	(5,357)	-	(5,357)	(3,600)
	176,609	-	176,609	220,371

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,371	(43,762)	176,609
TOTAL FUNDS	220,371	(43,762)	176,609

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	359,652	(403,414)	(43,762)
TOTAL FUNDS	359,652	(403,414)	(43,762)

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10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,204	87,332	59,835	220,371
Restricted funds				
Mental Health Grant	70,743	(25,106)	(45,637)	-
Living Well	14,198	-	(14,198)	-
	84,941	(25,106)	(59,835)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	158,145	62,226	-	220,371

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	480,773	(393,441)	87,332
Restricted funds			
Mental Health Grant	(25,106)	-	(25,106)
TOTAL FUNDS	455,667	(393,441)	62,226

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,204	43,570	59,835	176,609
Restricted funds				
Mental Health Grant	70,743	(25,106)	(45,637)	-
Living Well	14,198	-	(14,198)	-
	84,941	(25,106)	(59,835)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	158,145	18,464	-	176,609

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	840,425	(796,855)	43,570
Restricted funds			
Mental Health Grant	(25,106)	-	(25,106)
TOTAL FUNDS	815,319	(796,855)	18,464

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Commissioned work	36,950	136,663
Grants	321,115	296,007
	358,065	432,670
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,587	22,997
Total incoming resources	359,652	455,667
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	285,918	279,910
Pensions	15,904	14,005
Publicity costs	14,574	13,351
Travel expenses	6,528	9,487
Staff development costs	160	116
Volunteer costs and expenses	1,363	1,492
Room hire	1,637	1,371
Event costs	660	482
	326,744	320,214
Support costs		
Management		
Hire of office equipment	1,330	1,320
Insurance	2,710	2,675
Light and heat	1,280	1,004
Telephone	5,989	7,342
Postage and stationery	256	209
Sundries	6,309	5,246
Cleaning	1,108	1,215
Rent	12,540	12,540
IT support	23,100	19,175
Personal development	600	-
Subscriptions	7,977	9,144
Board expenses	277	257
Depreciation	4,040	4,169
	67,516	64,296

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Management		
Finance		
Bank charges	272	309
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,280	2,130
Independent examiner's fees	1,560	1,470
HR professional fees	5,042	5,022
	8,882	8,622
Total resources expended	403,414	393,441
Net (expenditure)/income	(43,762)	62,226

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements