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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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

The principal objects of the charity are to promote the physical and mental health of patients and their families throughout the UK suffering from conditions including congenital heart disease and heart disease acquired during childhood. This is achieved through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and practical advice together with the advancement of public education and research in respect of these heart conditions.

Mission

Chuf’s mission is to drive positive change to enable pioneering innovation and the delivery of holistic services to provide lifelong benefit for Heart Heroes and their families.

Vision

Chuf’s vision is to support pioneering services that will positively impact Heart families, inspire hope and enable Heart Heroes to reach their full potential.

Fundraising disclosures

The charity is required to report how it deals with fundraising from the public. The charity does not use a professional fundraiser or commercial participator to raise funds. Any monies raised direct from the public follows all guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and UK law in every respect. We respect the privacy and contact preferences of all public donors.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Achievements and performance

2025/26 marked the beginning of a new strategic chapter for Chuf, shaped by a clear ambition to make an even greater difference for Heart Heroes and their families through our three guiding pillars:

Holistic: To help shape a more compassionate, joined-up approach to cardiac care that improves the experiences and outcomes of Heart Heroes and their families.

Lifelong: To stand alongside our Heart Heroes from the moment they need specialist care, supporting them throughout their journey and into the future.

Innovative: To provide vital funding for advances in cardiac care, ensuring Chuf's support reaches the areas of greatest need and helps transform lives through innovation.

To help turn this vision into meaningful action, the Board identified a number of key priorities to guide delivery of our strategy:

- **Expanding geographical impact:** We will continue to build Chuf's presence and reach across all hospitals in the North East and Cumbria network, so that more heart families can benefit from our support.
- **Working with partners as an advocate for change:** By working alongside partners and like-minded organisations, we aim to broaden our reach, strengthen our voice and create lasting change for our beneficiaries.
- **Driving sustainable fundraising growth:** We will grow the charity's income over the next three years to secure the long-term sustainability needed to match our ambitions for Heart Heroes and their families.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our donors and supporters, our work in 2025/26 has continued to make a life-changing difference to Heart Heroes, their families and the medical and carer teams who support them.

By continuing to grow our fundraising activity, we have been able to invest in services, commit to high-value innovative equipment for the Heart Unit at Newcastle Hospitals Trust, and support research that helps ensure Heart Heroes have access to the latest technology, expertise and care.

Heart Heroes and their families remain at the heart of everything we do. Alongside funding innovative and transformational care, we remain deeply committed to living our core values in ways that bring comfort, dignity and hope to every family we support:

Always there: We know that some moments are incredibly hard. By facing those moments together and standing beside families every step of the way, we help make even the most difficult times feel a little less overwhelming.

Champion the little things: We believe that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact. The moments we create may seem simple, but they can bring comfort, joy and reassurance when families need it most.

Commit to doing the right thing: We strive to go above and beyond to achieve the best possible outcomes, always acting with compassion, integrity and a determination to make a meaningful difference.

A place for everyone: Chuf is here for everyone affected by childhood heart disease — from children and young people to adults, parents, fundraisers and medical professionals. Everyone has a place in the Chuf family, for life.

<u>Impact within our holistic strategic aim:</u>

At Chuf, we understand how overwhelming hospital stays and periods of uncertainty can be for cardiac families. We also recognise the extraordinary role parents and carers play in providing love, comfort and stability through every stage of treatment and recovery. Our family-focused projects are designed to strengthen those vital bonds, helping relationships remain a powerful source of resilience, reassurance and hope when they are needed most.

Our support for Heart Hero families in and beyond hospital is extensive, with many longstanding initiatives continuing to provide comfort, practical help and moments of connection for families facing long and often difficult stays. Together, these projects offer a lifeline of support at some of the most challenging times in a family's journey.

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In 2025/26 we continued to invest in the core holistic projects that remain the backbone of our support for Heart Heroes and their families:

Enhancing life in hospital:

We continued to fund weekly music therapy sessions, with over 250 hours delivered during the year. Our partnership with Nordoff and Robbins continues to go from strength to strength, providing meaningful holistic support to Heart Heroes facing long stays in hospital and creating moments of comfort, expression and connection when they are needed most.

We also continued to fund weekly Little Music Stars sessions, with 40 hours of interactive singing and play for our pre-school Heart Heroes and their families in hospital. These sessions bring joyful shared experiences, encourage development and offer precious moments of normality during difficult times.

Our Clown Doctor programme remains a cornerstone of our holistic support on the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital. With 1,741 individual visits with young patients and 2,716 interactions with friends and family members, it has prompted thousands of smiles, giggles and moments of fun for Heart Heroes, families and staff, helping to lighten the emotional weight of life in hospital.

We continue to champion holistic projects that support Heart Heroes at different stages of their journey. This includes funding Baggins Bears, with more than 1,600 given after surgery to date, personalised transplant and VAD journals for patients on the journey to transplantation, and initiatives that improve day-to-day life in hospital. From celebrations and decorations to bringing Chuf events directly to families who cannot attend, such as the Chuf Toddle, Family Fun Day and Christmas Party, these moments help create comfort, joy and lasting memories during some of the most challenging times.

Practical support while in hospital:

We continue to provide practical, meaningful support for families facing long stays in hospital, working closely with multidisciplinary teams across the Children's Heart Unit to respond quickly when help is needed most. Through discretionary funds, our NHS colleagues are able to offer timely support that can make a real difference in difficult moments. Over the past twelve months, this has included birthday gifts for Heart Heroes, breakfast and snack items for family rooms, and pizza nights that help lift spirits and provide a welcome break from the realities of hospital life.

In the past twelve months, we have funded over 5,000 meals for families living in hospital, helping to ease some of the financial and emotional pressure that comes with being away from home. We have also provided 45 Cuski Miniboos to support bonding between babies and their families when they cannot be together at all times. Other practical projects, such as installing a coffee machine in the parents' room on our intensive care unit and funding devices and subscriptions so families can stream films together, have helped create comfort, connection and small but important moments of normality.

Recognising the challenges parents face when trying to visit their child in hospital, especially those travelling from outside the region, Chuf continues to invest in secure asynchronous video messaging to help families stay connected. In 2025/26, we funded vCreate for a fourth year, helping families capture precious moments and maintain connection when they cannot always be at the bedside. By championing the little things, we help loved ones share moments of joy and reassurance, however small, amidst the stress and uncertainty.

"V Create was a great tool which allowed us to create a picture diary for our son, and allowed us to see pictures of how he was doing whilst not at the bed side. I found it extremely difficult leaving him over night, but seeing the images of him asleep, made me feel more settled. The platform allowed the nurses to capture some lovely images - such as birthday celebrations, first bath, and when we first took him for a walk off the unit etc. It is such a valuable tool, and us as parents really appreciated the time the nurses took to capture such moments, but also for v create to be an accessible tool in such an emotional environment, and to give us photos we can share and keep forever."

For many years, Chuf has provided practical support through breastfeeding packs, emergency washbags and access to travel reimbursement through our hardship fund. We also continue to fund emergency accommodation for families unable to stay in Scott House immediately, working closely with trust teams to ensure support is available when families need it most. In 2025/26 Chuf funded approximately 175 nights of emergency accommodation for families.

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Our ongoing commitment to ensuring that the Children's Heart Unit has access to the very best play facilities has also seen continued investment in art and craft materials, as well as indoor and outdoor toys, helping children play, explore and simply be children, even during long stays in hospital.

We continue to provide practical support to families at every stage of their journey. Over the last year, our bereavement support has grown to ensure that memories are captured and families receive beautiful keepsakes when leaving hospital without their Heart Hero. Our second Wave of Love memorial event took place on the coast in South Shields, bringing families together to remember their loved ones and support one another. Chuf also continues to support the trust chaplaincy team with the Heart Unit's annual memorial service.

Support beyond hospital:

We continue to provide practical support for families as they leave hospital, working closely with the liaison nursing team to help make the transition home feel safer and less overwhelming. In 2025/26, we funded an additional ten sats monitors. Alongside INR testing kits and baby scales, this home monitoring support is instrumental in enabling safe discharge, helping to reduce the risk of readmission and giving families and clinicians greater reassurance as Heart Heroes recover at home.

As part of our support after discharge, families are also able to continue their relationship with our very special Clown Doctors through our Very Special Meetings programme. Because we have seen first-hand the comfort, connection and joy these relationships can bring, we have extended this support beyond the walls of the Freeman Hospital so Heart Heroes can continue to feel cared for at home and during outpatient appointments.

The virtual Clown Doctor programme is designed to build on the trusted relationships Heart Heroes develop while in hospital, offering encouragement, familiarity and moments of fun once they are back at home. The programme has been a resounding success and, in the last year, 192 Very Special Meetings have taken place. We plan to continue growing this partnership with the medical team so that more families can benefit from this ongoing source of support.

Alongside our practical support in hospital and at home, we continue to create opportunities for families to come together, because the encouragement they give one another is invaluable. Events such as our Christmas Party and Chuf Toddle create joyful memories, strengthen connections and remind families that they are part of a wider community of support. We are especially grateful to the Sir Graham Wylie Foundation for sponsoring the annual Chuf Toddle, enabling all sponsorship raised to be used in direct support of our charitable work, and to Crowne Plaza Newcastle for sponsoring our annual Chuf Christmas Party.

New holistic programmes:

When a child is cared for on the Children's Heart Unit, their brothers and sisters are on that journey too. They often show remarkable patience, kindness and resilience while their family navigates an incredibly difficult time. To recognise the important role they play, we were proud to introduce our Sibling Packs. Each pack includes a Super Sibling certificate, a special badge and a wristband — small but meaningful tokens to help siblings feel seen, valued and proud of the support they give. Through this initiative, we want every sibling to know that they matter too and that their strength is recognised by the Chuf family.

Working in partnership with the North East and North Cumbria Congenital Heart Disease Network, Chuf is funding a new project to support the wellbeing of parents and carers staying at the Freeman Hospital. The initiative offers weekly one-hour physical activity sessions at Scott House every Wednesday. Led by a qualified physical trainer and parent of a Heart Hero, these sessions create space for connection, positive distraction and gentle movement, while highlighting the importance of physical activity for mental wellbeing during prolonged and stressful hospital stays.

Feedback from the program has been incredibly positive with a Heart Mum sharing:

"Hi, I'm currently sat in Scott House my son is PICU after having an operation to go on a VAD in December. Whilst I've been here I've started attending fitness classes with a couple of other mums and I just wanted to say what a difference it has made to us. It's so nice to be able to have something which is for us which improves our metal health and puts us in such a good mood with everything going on."

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Working closely with management teams across the Heart Unit, Chuf has also launched a programme of wellbeing activities throughout the year. On the first Wednesday of each month, the Chuf team delivers Wellbeing Wednesday for staff, families and Heart Heroes across the unit. From activities such as glass painting and therapy treatments to a trolley filled with thoughtfully chosen treats designed to create a mindful moment, the programme has been warmly received, with many staff and families describing it as their "*favourite day of the month"*. Wellbeing Wednesday is a powerful example of how Chuf continues to champion the little things that can make a big difference.

Impact within our Innovative strategic aim:

At Chuf, we are committed to funding innovation in cardiac care in ways that deliver both clinical progress and compassionate support for Heart Heroes and their families. By investing where need is greatest, we help ensure that children, young people and adults affected by congenital heart disease can access care that is not only advanced, but also more responsive to the emotional and practical realities of their journey.

We have continued to fund the first Specialist Neonatal Physiotherapist on a UK cardiac unit, committing to three years (2024–2026) of support. This pioneering role is helping some of the unit's youngest and most vulnerable patients by providing specialist developmental care, supporting parents to feel more confident in caring for their baby, and helping staff create calmer, more nurturing clinical environments, including the Chuf funded redecorated nursery. Through initiatives such as the Cuddle programme and a growing team of advocates, this support is strengthening early bonding, improving family involvement and ensuring that compassionate care is embedded from the very beginning. The impact is felt across the whole unit, with every baby aged 0–6 months receiving one-to-one support from the specialist team, representing around 30% of all admissions.

We also continue to work alongside the NHS to meet needs beyond statutory provision, helping to ensure that Heart Heroes and their families receive the highest possible quality of care. In 2025/26, this included continuing our support through the North East and North Cumbria Congenital Heart Disease Network so that more children and families can benefit from specialist care closer to home, reducing some of the stress, travel and disruption that so often comes with treatment. Through Chuf's ongoing support specialist training and education continues to be delivered via the Congenial Heart Disease Network which supports the objective of delivering care closer to home for cardiac patients in our region.

New Innovative support:

Recognising that wellbeing is not only physical, we have been working with the North-East and North Cumbria Congenital Heart Disease Network to fund psychological care research across our region during 2025/26. This grant has enabled the Cardiac Network and Psychology team to better understand the emotional wellbeing needs of heart patients and families, identify gaps in support, and shape a future programme that will help the NHS and Chuf provide more accessible and meaningful emotional wellbeing resources. The insight shared by Heart Heroes and their families through this work has been invaluable, and in 2025/26 we began developing an action plan and responding to many of the issues raised.

This work has grown from years of listening carefully to patients and families through the Network's participation group, which has helped shape priorities. A clear and consistent message has emerged: many people affected by congenital heart disease feel isolated, overlooked and unsure where to turn for trusted wellbeing support. In response, plans for the wellbeing hub are being developed to create a safe and welcoming virtual space that people can access throughout every stage of life with Congenital Heart Disease. The hub is intended not only as a source of information and signposting, but as a place of connection and belonging for patients, families, professionals, peers and partner organisations.

Searching for support can be confusing and emotionally draining, particularly at times of stress. The hub is being designed with clinical experts to ease that burden by bringing Congenital Heart Disease-specific wellbeing information into one familiar and accessible place. Co-designed with those it is intended to support, it will help people find the right information more easily and return to it whenever they need reassurance, guidance or connection along the lifelong journey with congenital heart disease.

For professionals as well as families, resources are often spread across multiple places, making it harder to access the right support at the right time and increasing the risk of inconsistency. The hub will bring together psychologically informed, tiered support in one place, helping patients, families and professionals navigate periods of challenge with greater confidence and clarity. By improving access to reliable information and signposting, it aims to make support more equitable, joined-up and compassionate for everyone affected by CHD.

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We look forward to launching the hub in 2026/2027 and continue to evolve as we learn from feedback, ensuring it remains relevant, responsive and shaped by the changing needs of patients, families and the workforce.

Building on our Seven Appeal, launched in 2023 to raise vital funds for new echocardiography machines, we are proud that within two years we have delivered all seven innovative machines across the North East and Cumbria. These machines are already improving care for cardiac patients across the region, with clinicians and support staff highlighting the difference they are making to diagnosis, treatment and overall patient experience. Their 3D capability allows for more detailed investigation with less invasive procedures, while portable and regionally based machines are helping more families access specialist care closer to home. At a time when NHS services continue to face significant pressure, this support helps ensure that children and families benefit from state-of-the-art equipment that can save lives, speed up care and reduce the burden of travel and uncertainty.

Impact within our Lifelong strategic aim:

Building on our support for the Adult Congenital team at the Freeman Hospital, we have continued to fund devices and subscriptions that help adult patients stay connected to loved ones and access entertainment during long hospital stays. We also continue to provide ‘boredom buster boxes’ and a welcome pack for every adult congenital patient admitted for an extended period. Alongside this, our discretionary fund enables specialist ACHD nurses to respond with compassion in moments that matter, helping to celebrate birthdays and milestones and supporting time away from the ward where appropriate, so that patients and families feel cared for as people, not just as patients.

Alongside championing the small things, we recently supported the development of a seven-bedded Heart Failure Unit for patients awaiting heart transplantation, many of whom are inpatients for a long time and come to think of the unit as home. The unit has a dedicated day room, and Chuf supported its redecoration, including the purchase of a sofa, to create a more welcoming space where patients can watch TV, play games and spend time away from the bedside.

Following patient feedback, Chuf partnered with the North East and North Cumbria Congenital Heart Disease Network in 2024/25 to launch a project focused on the wellbeing of ACHD patients, many of whom spend long periods as inpatients at the Freeman Hospital. The Movement for Wellbeing project continues to provide weekly sessions of gentle movement and activity that encourage social connection, offer positive distraction and highlight the important link between physical movement and emotional wellbeing. This programme is making a meaningful difference each week, creating opportunities for adult Heart Heroes to move, laugh and enjoy moments of connection and lightness during difficult periods in hospital.

During 2024, Chuf committed to pump-prime an expansion of Occupational Therapy support for Heart Heroes on the Children’s Heart Unit. In 2025, this developed into the establishment of a full-time service, with the aim of demonstrating just how vital this support is not only during a child’s time in hospital, but also in helping them recover well and return home more safely. We know that long hospital stays can limit opportunities for normal developmental activity, affecting milestones, confidence and longer-term outcomes. This service provides individual and group occupational therapy that reflects home and community experiences, helping children build functional independence, social skills and emotional wellbeing, while also supporting parents to feel more involved and prepared for life beyond the ward. Alongside funding the salary of this role, we have invested in specialised equipment to ensure this service can deliver the greatest possible benefit to patients and families.

We recognise how important it is for cardiac families to feel part of a supportive community, especially as their journey continues beyond hospital. Each year, Chuf helps Heart Heroes and their families attend and compete in the British Transplant Games, creating opportunities for confidence, celebration and connection. In 2025, Chuf supported families to travel to the British Transplant Games in Oxford, where children and young people could take part alongside other transplant recipients, enjoy sport on a level playing field and create proud, lasting memories with loved ones cheering them on. These experiences offer much more than a sporting event; they help families feel seen, supported and inspired by what is possible.

“We have been attending the Transplant games since 2002 and decided to compete as a way to meet other families who have been in the same position as us, and so Charlie and his sisters could meet and make friends with other children who will be going through similar experiences as they grow up. It has helped the children to build confidence to try new sports, meet new people and to feel part of something very special. The children all love sports stacking, and this year Charlie hopes to show off his swimming skills in the pool. Taking part, winning medals and the camaraderie and friendship within the team is priceless and something we all feel very lucky to be a part of.”

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Financial review

Given the charity's substantial cash balances and the flexibility of spend on charitable giving over the coming 12 months, the trustees are satisfied with the position and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

In line with Charity Commission guidelines the trustees monitor the level of reserves held to ensure they are being used to help achieve the objectives of the charity. Reserves of £522,083 have been designated towards ensuring that we can fund existing salaries and services at the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and to cover nine months running costs at the charity. Free reserves (ie those not tied up in Fixed assets or designated) amount to £244,898 (2025: £158,629). The charity has £697,390 invested to provide additional income to fund future services.

Financial performance

Chuf receives absolutely no statutory funding and relies wholly upon money and support given to us by the public, from businesses and granted by trusts and foundations. We are honoured that so many continue to trust in Chuf and see value in collaborating with the charity; generously donating time, services and funding. The charity is pleased to report a financially successful period.

We have raised £799,620 throughout the year thanks to our fantastic supporters and donors, alongside the efforts of our dedicated fundraising team and wonderful volunteers.

Fundraising activities undertaken by the charity are carried out with reference to the Code of Fundraising Practice. We are also registered with the Fundraising Regulator and abide by its best practice recommendations. All complaints received by the charity are recorded and investigated in line with the charity's complaints procedure/ policy. During the year we received no complaints. As a charity, we do not use the services of professional fundraisers, external call centres or external sales canvassing companies to support our fundraising activities.

The funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2026 is £773,266 with cash and cash equivalents amounting to £569,288. Creditors total £568,790 representing in the main provisions for grants awarded not yet paid of £465,274.

Gifts in kind

The Crowne Plaza Newcastle once again supported our annual Chuf Christmas party providing venue and food completely free of charge, representing a cost saving of approximately £7,000. Thank you also to Transcedit for sponsoring our # TeamChuf Great North Run vests for a fourth year, representing a cost saving of approximately £3,000. The Sir Graham Wylie Foundation continued to provide sponsorship of our annual Chuf toddle covering all expenditure (£15,000) so that fundraising associated with the event can be spent on charitable purposes. The Sir Graham Wylie foundation also generously match fund the first £5,000 raised by our toddle participants to double the impact of their support. Special thanks to Sir Graham and the team at Close House.

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year. The Board, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

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Going concern

Given the charity's substantial cash balances and the flexibility of spend on charitable giving over the coming 12 months, the trustees are satisfied with the position and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Plans for future periods

As we look ahead to 2026/27, we remain committed to making the very best use of our resources to support Heart Heroes and their families, while continuing to be a values-led organisation with beneficiaries at the heart of everything we do. This next year will mark the second year of our strategic period, with a strong focus on delivering meaningful impact through our three key strategic aims: holistic, innovative and lifelong. Alongside this, we will continue to invest in family support services, work closely with beneficiaries to better understand gaps in provision, and advocate for change that leads to more effective and compassionate support.

Funded by Chuf and delivered in partnership with TIN Arts, the Clown Doctors programme has brought joy, calm and confidence to thousands of Heart Heroes since 2006. In 2026, we will celebrate the programme’s remarkable impact through a series of activities, including insight-led films, birthday celebrations and a Clown Doctor-themed Chuf Toddle.

During 2026/27, we also look forward to launching the online wellbeing hub, developed in partnership with the NENC CHD Network, the psychology team at Newcastle Hospitals Trust, and Heart Heroes and their families. This new resource will respond directly to the support needs identified through our work together and aims to provide accessible, meaningful wellbeing support for generations of Heart Heroes living with a heart condition.

We also continue to recognise the importance of ESG and remain committed to delivering against our action plan in this area. Equality, diversity and inclusion objectives, including progress, challenges, opportunities and learning, are reviewed annually at both committee and Board level, and we continue to be proud to operate as a real living wage employer.

On behalf of everyone at Chuf, thank you. Your support continues to make a real difference, enabling Chuf to be here for hearts, for families, for life.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Structure, governance and management
Nature of governing document

The Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) was established on 27 October 1983 by declaration of a trust deed (registered charity number 512224). It became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (registered charity number 1160831) on 11 March 2015 with the same name in order to take advantage of the new legal form for charities, with the assets from the original charity transferred to the new entity on 30 April 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees include medical staff, parents of Heart Heroes and professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, including finance, legal and HR.

There is no time limit on the terms of appointment of the trustees. The Chair of the charity carries out an appraisal of the trustees on an annual basis as part of a review of their contribution to the Board, as well as reviewing the diversity of skills, experience and people within the Board to ensure that the Board remains fit for purpose to meet the charity's strategic objectives and to provide meaningful oversight of the charity.

Organisational structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution, but effective day-to-day management is delegated to the Director of Fundraising and Operations and staff within the charity.

Risk management

The Board is satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks the Charity is exposed to. Risks are monitored on an ongoing basis and a plan is developed which is regularly reviewed.

Mr A Berry (appointed 28 November 2022)
Ms A Brook (appointed 28 March 2022)
Mr A Campbell (appointed 1 January 1993)
Mr D Crossland (appointed 8 June 2017)
Mr I Hollingsworth (appointed 25 September 2012)
Ms J Lightley (appointed 6 July 2020)
Ms J Moore (appointed 31 March 2009)
Mr D Reid (appointed 28 March 2022)
Mr C Johnson (appointed 13 May 2024)

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 trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:
Ivan Hollingsworth
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Mr I Hollingsworth (appointed 25 September 2012)
Trustee

Date: 04 October 2026

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed by:
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Date: 05 October 2026

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Current financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2026 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	**3**	311,026	-	123,489	434,515	548,731
Other trading activities	**4**	365,105	-	-	365,105	323,593
Investments	**5**	24,082	-	-	24,082	29,914
Total income		700,213	-	123,489	823,702	902,238
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	**6**	286,672	-	-	286,672	253,025
Charitable activities	**7**	460,162	-	270,263	730,425	766,539
Total expenditure		746,834	-	270,263	1,017,097	1,019,564
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	55,389	-	-	55,389	12,215
Net income/(expenditure)		8,768	-	(146,774)	(138,006)	(105,111)
Transfers between funds		77,501	(77,501)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**9**	86,269	(77,501)	(146,774)	(138,006)	(105,111)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		158,629	599,584	153,059	911,272	1,016,383
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		244,898	522,083	6,285	773,266	911,272

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Prior financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**3**	292,911	-	255,820	548,731
Other trading activities	**4**	323,593	-	-	323,593
Investments	**5**	29,914	-	-	29,914
Total income		646,418	-	255,820	902,238
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**6**	253,025	-	-	253,025
Charitable activities	**7**	663,778	-	102,761	766,539
Total expenditure		916,803	-	102,761	1,019,564
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	12,215	-	-	12,215
Net income/(expenditure)		(258,170)	-	153,059	(105,111)
Transfers between funds		105,899	(105,899)	-	-
Net movement in funds	**9**	(152,271)	(105,899)	153,059	(105,111)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		310,900	705,483	-	1,016,383
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		158,629	599,584	153,059	911,272

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	**16**		697,390		629,055
Current assets					
Stocks	**17**	11,642		10,663	
Debtors	**18**	63,736		62,706	
Cash at bank and in hand		569,288		963,450	
		644,666		1,036,819	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	(568,790)		(754,602)	
Net current assets			75,876		282,217
Total assets less current liabilities			773,266		911,272
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**22**		6,285		153,059
Unrestricted funds - general	**24**		244,898		158,629
Unrestricted funds - designated	**23**		522,083		599,584
			773,266		911,272

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 04 October 2026

Signed by:

Ivan Hollingsworth

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Mr I Hollingsworth (appointed 25 September 2012)

Trustee

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	**29**		(405,298)		14,802
Investing activities					
Purchase of investments		(198,365)		(161,336)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		185,419		132,749	
Investment income received		24,082		29,914	
Net cash generated from investing activities			11,136		1,327
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(394,162)		16,129
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			963,450		947,321
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			569,288		963,450

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CHUF (CHILDREN'S HEART UNIT FUND)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund) is a registered charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund) governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention other than for investments which are held at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	3 years straight line

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Short term leasehold property improvements	3 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	3 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity’s contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgments 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.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees do not consider there to have been any significant judgments that were required in the process of applying the company's accounting policies.

Estimates included within these financial statements include depreciation rates and accruals for employment costs (holiday pay). None of the estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements are considered to carry significant estimation uncertainty, nor to bear a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and gifts	247,572	123,489	371,061	261,303	255,820	517,123
Legacies	63,454	-	63,454	31,608	-	31,608
	311,026	123,489	434,515	292,911	255,820	548,731

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Fundraising events	309,066	261,601
Shop income	56,039	61,992
Other trading activities	365,105	323,593

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Income from listed investments	13,517	14,424
Interest receivable	10,565	15,490
	24,082	29,914

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	97,034	74,231
Staff costs	141,775	130,698
	238,809	204,929
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	41,415	42,128
Investment management	6,448	5,968
Total costs	286,672	253,025

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Direct costs		
Support of Charitable activities	438,662	480,696
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	286,788	281,093
Governance	4,975	4,750
	730,425	766,539
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	460,162	663,778
Restricted funds	270,263	102,761
	730,425	766,539

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8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	127,839	115,347
Administration costs	46,055	49,792
Professional fees	75,278	77,935
Accountancy fees	24,974	24,709
Website and IT Expenses	12,642	13,310
Governance costs	4,975	4,750
	291,763	285,843
Analysed between:		
Unrestricted funds	291,763	285,843

9 Net movement in funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	4,975	4,750

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, no trustees were reimbursed any expenses.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
	7	7

Employment costs	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	225,797	207,666
Social security costs	18,053	15,385
Other pension costs	25,764	22,994
	269,614	246,045

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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11 Employees **(Continued)**

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	110,698	110,250

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025
Gains/(losses) arising on:	£	£
Revaluation of investments	55,389	12,215

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Intangible fixed assets

	Website costs
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	7,200
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	7,200
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	-
At 31 March 2025	-

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Short term leasehold property improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	3,000	4,451	7,451
At 31 March 2026	3,000	4,451	7,451
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2025	3,000	4,451	7,451
At 31 March 2026	3,000	4,451	7,451
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2026	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2025	629,055
Additions	198,365
Valuation changes	55,389
Disposals	(185,419)
At 31 March 2026	697,390
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	697,390
At 31 March 2025	629,055

The charity held investments amounting to more than 5% of the total market value within the following shareholdings:

Columbia Thread Inv FDS (UK) £37,986
BNY Mellon Investment Funds £39,790
Vanguard Funds Plc S&P 500 ucits ETF USD £51.892

The historical cost of the investment held at 31st March 2026 was £594,460 (2025: £547,604)

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17 Stocks

	2026	2025
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	11,642	10,663

18 Debtors

	2026	2025
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	63,736	62,706

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2026	2025
		£	£
Other taxation and social security		5,744	4,286
Deferred income	**20**	46,311	20,831
Trade creditors		27,472	212,424
Other creditors		479,897	511,824
Accruals		9,366	5,237
		568,790	754,602

20 Deferred income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other deferred income	46,311	20,831

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	46,311	20,831
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2025	20,831	17,014
Released from previous periods	(20,831)	(17,014)
Resources deferred in the year	46,311	20,831
Deferred income at 31 March 2026	46,311	20,831

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21 Retirement benefit schemes

	2026	2025
Defined contribution schemes	**£**	**£**
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	25,764	22,994

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Seven Appeal	151,814	-	(161,814)	10,000	-
Event Prizes	500	-	(500)	-	-
The Toy Trust	745	-	(745)	-	-
Catherine Cookson	-	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Summer Toddle Event	-	16,750	(15,000)	-	1,750
Christmas Activities	-	5,500	(5,500)	-	-
Hadrian Trust -Clown Doctors	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
British Transplant Games	-	1,250	(1,250)	-	-
Neonatal specialist	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Ward 25 Adult Day room	-	10,400	(9,330)	-	1,070
Clinic Refurbishment	-	7,584	(7,584)	-	-
TSG Foundation -Psychology Hub	-	17,500	(17,500)	-	-
Winn -Music therapy	-	15,000	(14,535)	-	465
Accenture-Wellbeing Group	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Eid Celebrations	-	505	(505)	-	-
Transcendit - GNR Vests	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
	153,059	123,489	(270,263)	-	6,285

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22 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Feeding Families	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Christmas party	-	17,000	(17,000)	-	-
Seven Appeal	-	203,325	(51,511)	-	151,814
Neonatal Specialist Physio	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Bereavement support	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
TSG Grant IT expense	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Music therapy	-	4,250	(4,250)	-	-
Event prizes	-	500	-	-	500
Toys and furniture	-	745	-	-	745
	-	255,820	(102,761)	-	153,059

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22 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Seven appeal:
Fundraising appeal to raise funds for seven new heart scanning machines desperately needed across the North East and Cumbria. These machines are over and above what the NHS can provide and will facilitate innovative practices which will greatly improve patient care and experience.

Toddle event:
These funds were received from Graham Wylie and Robertsons construction towards the annual events

Christmas party:
An annual Chuf event to bring families together at Christmas to celebrate and connect.

Clown Doctors project:
The Clown Doctors program enables play therapists to connect with Heart Heroes of all ages on the heart unit and at home bringing joy to the hospital setting as well as aiding recovery.

British Transplant Games:
The Transplant Games aim to demonstrate the benefits of organ donation and transplantation, encourage transplant patients to regain their fitness and socialise with other families on a similar journey, as well as increasing awareness of the Organ Donation Register. Chuf is proud to fund the Freeman paediatric transplant families to attend.

Neonatal specialist physio:
Pioneering research and development project. The aim of the project is to establish a developmental care team to support parents and promote skin to skin care for babies with congenital heart disease.

Ward 25 Adult Day room Project:
For furniture and equipment.

Clinic E Refurbishment :
Refurbishment of the Children's heart unit outpatient department, Clinic E, including interactive screens, new decor and lighting.

Psychology Hub:
Development of a new online Wellbeing hub, which will sit within the Chuf website, providing improved wellbeing support for children, young people and families living with congenital heart disease across the North East and North Cumbria.

Music therapy:
Chuf are funding a Music Therapist from Nordoff Robbins once a week on the heart unit. Music therapy can play an important role in recovery from serious illness, the children enjoy the continuity each week and look forward to trying new instruments, forming bands and exploring new music.

Event prizes:
Money donated by Amazon to purchase prizes which will support our fundraising at events.

Toys and furniture:
Money donated to purchase toys and furniture for the heart unit playroom and garden.

GNR Vests:
Donation of costs of the vests given to runners taking part in challenge events for Chuf.

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23 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2025	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£
Running costs	399,365	72,974	472,339
Posts and Services	200,219	(150,475)	49,744
	599,584	(77,501)	522,083

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Running costs	380,000	19,365	399,365
Posts andd Services	325,483	(125,264)	200,219
	705,483	(105,899)	599,584

24 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	158,629	700,213	(746,834)	77,501	55,389	244,898

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	310,900	646,418	(916,803)	105,899	12,215	158,629

Designated funds are to be applied as follows:

The Running Costs Fund was set up to cover 9 months (2025: 9 months) running costs of the charity, as a contingency.

The Posts and Services Designated Fund represents our committed expenditure to posts and services.

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25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2026 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £
At 31 March 2026:				
Investments	175,307	522,083	-	697,390
Current assets/(liabilities)	69,591	-	6,285	75,876
	244,898	522,083	6,285	773,266

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:				
Investments	29,471	599,584	-	629,055
Current assets/(liabilities)	129,158	-	153,059	282,217
	158,629	599,584	153,059	911,272

26 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Included within the statement of financial position are unpaid pension contributions of £2,147(2025: £2,111)

27 Related party transactions

There were no other related party transactions in the year.

28 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

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29	Cash generated from operations	2026 £	2025 £
	Deficit for the year	(138,006)	(105,111)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(24,082)	(29,914)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(55,389)	(12,215)
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in stocks	(979)	(1,740)
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,030)	121,535
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(211,292)	38,430
	Increase in deferred income	25,480	3,817
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(405,298)	14,802