Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26

Transforming lives

through better treatments, care and support



Leeds Hospitals Charity

Let's do good together

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Our year at a glance

Chair's welcome



Dr Yvette Oade
Chair

I'm delighted to present the annual report and accounts for Leeds Hospitals Charity for 2025/26.

This was my third year chairing this fantastic charity and I continue to be incredibly grateful to everyone who helps us to support our NHS colleagues.

It's been a very busy year, expanding our hospital volunteering further to make an impact for patients and families on every visit, and continuing to fund innovation so that NHS staff can do more. It continues to be a challenging time to work in the NHS; we're all living longer, often in poorer health, and stretched budgets make it difficult to work differently and support patients in new ways.

That's why I'm so proud of Leeds Hospitals Charity and the way we can help our hospitals try new things and go above and beyond for their patients. Thanks to the support of our donors, we've funded some brilliant projects this year. From trialling cognitive behavioural therapy in the dental institute for patients with anxiety, to introducing dementia-friendly initiatives in A&E departments, NHS staff know how to make things better for their patients, and our funding helps them do it.

None of our projects would be possible without the support of our generous donors, fundraisers and volunteers. This year we've seen runners, climbers, cyclists, bakers and dancers - each person dedicated to raising as much as they can to give back and say thank you for care received, and to make improvements for future patients and their families. Thank you for your commitment and your generosity.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to the whole charity team, as well as our fantastic Board of Trustees, who volunteer their time and expertise, to make this such a great charity to be part of.

Thank you,

Yvette

Dr Yvette Oade CBE

Chief Executive's review



Esther Wakeman
CEO

As we look back on 2025/26, I am once again filled with gratitude for everything we have achieved together.

Whether you donated, fundraised, volunteered, left a gift in your Will, partnered with us through your business, or shared your story, thank you.

The generosity of our donors, fundraisers, volunteers and partners continues to inspire me. In a challenging economic climate, their support helped Leeds Hospitals Charity raise £6.5 million during the year, through fundraising and donations, shopping in our stores and playing our lottery. This support enabled us to provide £4.2 million in charitable funding and support, which helps to enhance care and improve experiences across our hospitals.

One of the most significant moments of the year was seeing the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease open its doors for the first time. After reaching our fundraising target in late 2024, the centre welcomed patients in November 2025. This remarkable facility is transforming care for people living with MND and stands as a lasting legacy to Rob, his family and the thousands of supporters who helped make it possible.

It has also been wonderful to see the continued growth of services funded directly by charitable donations. Following the successful launch of our volunteer-led Charity Trolley, we were able to expand the service beyond Leeds Children's Hospital into additional wards and hospital sites, providing free refreshments, toiletries and a friendly face to patients and families when they need it most.

Another highlight has been the continued funding of the Play Team at Leeds Children's Hospital. Thanks to our supporters, there are now a team of 42 play specialists helping hundreds of seriously ill children each week. Their work creates moments of normality, reduces anxiety and helps children cope with treatment, procedures and long stays in hospital. The stories we've heard from families over the past year remind us just how important this support is.

I'm equally proud of the work we have funded to reduce health inequalities and improve experiences for some of our most vulnerable patients. Ensuring hospitals are places where everybody, regardless of their background, has access to great care, is one of our key priorities.

Throughout the year, we also witnessed the incredible dedication of our fundraising community. From participants in the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon and Half Marathon to those taking part in remembrance walks, golf days, challenge events and community activities, our supporters have demonstrated what can be achieved when people come together behind a common purpose.

Every achievement in this report has been made possible by people who care deeply about improving healthcare in Leeds.

Together, we are helping Leeds Teaching Hospitals deliver better treatments, better care and better support for the people who need it most. And together, we will continue to transform lives.

Esther

Esther Wakeman
Chief Executive Officer

In November 2025, HRH Prince William officially opened the Rob Burrow Centre for MND. Just four years after the fundraising appeal for the centre was launched, the state-of-the-art centre opened to patients for the first time.



The Prince of Wales chats with patients at the opening of the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease. Image courtesy of Kensington Palace.

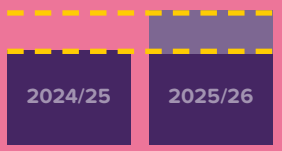
Our year in numbers

£6.5 million income raised

152 projects funded



24,115 volunteering hours were given



an increase of **42%** compared to the prior year



1 royal opening

5,353 patients and families supported by our welcome volunteers



515 volunteers gave their time



Why we exist

To show you why your support for Leeds Hospitals Charity is so important, we've provided an overview of why we're here, what we want to achieve and how we operate.



Our vision

We're here to help transform care and improve health outcomes at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, supporting patients, families and the NHS staff who work here.

When we talk about Leeds Teaching Hospitals, we mean:

- **Leeds General Infirmary**
- **St James's University Hospital**
- **Leeds Children's Hospital**
- **Leeds Cancer Centre**
- **Seacroft Hospital**
- **Chapel Allerton Hospital**
- **Wharfedale Hospital**
- **Leeds Dental Institute**

Our strategy

Our five-year strategy, which covers 2021–26, is aligned with our three organisational values of Together, Transparent and Transform, and focuses on five key goals to help us reach our vision.

Goal 1

Work collaboratively with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and other partners

Goal 2

Work together as one team

Goal 3

Be an employer of choice

Goal 4

Be transparent and become a trusted charity

Goal 5

Raise more money to create greater impact for our beneficiaries

At the heart of all our work are three core values:

Together

We collaborate with our partners towards shared goals. This involves us helping others, accepting help ourselves and encouraging each other to be the best we can be. We also empower everyone to be their true selves, which includes valuing differences and recognising that they make us stronger.

Transparent

We help to create a culture where honesty and openness are encouraged and valued. This involves us managing expectations, doing what we say we'll do, and treating others the way we want to be treated.

Transform

We make a difference through small acts of kindness, as well as big changes. We embrace change, challenge the status quo, celebrate success and learn from our mistakes. We are always looking for new ways to innovate and improve.

Strategic report

For details of our achievements and performance please see pages 12 to 61 of this report. For our financial review, please see pages 55 to 61. For our principle risks and uncertainties please see page 61.

Please note: this is how we've presented monetary figures in our strategic report:

- Below £500 – rounded to the nearest £1
- £500 to £9,999 – rounded to the nearest £100
- £10,000 to £999,999 – rounded to the nearest £1,000
- £1 million and above – rounded to the nearest £10,000

Our charitable objects

As recorded with the Charity Commission, Leeds Hospitals Charity's charitable Objects are to:

- further any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the general or specific purposes of the NHS Trust or the purposes of the National Health Service
- promote, protect, preserve and advance all or any aspects of the health of the public
- advance and promote knowledge and education in medicine and health, including by engaging in and supporting medical and health research and the dissemination of the useful results.

Our purpose

Leeds Hospitals Charity fundraises to award grant funding to fulfil the charitable Objects listed above.

Our public benefit

Our public benefit explains how our trustees have carried out the objects and purpose of Leeds Hospitals Charity for the benefit of the public:

The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit indicates that trustees have a duty to comply with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees of Leeds Hospitals Charity confirm that the charity has fulfilled this public benefit requirement, being strongly embedded within the charity's procedures for approving funding applications.

In practice, this means that the trustees ensure that all funding applications contain clear, identifiable public benefits that meet the strategic goals and charitable objects of Leeds Hospitals Charity and support NHS charitable purposes relating to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and its patients.

In a number of instances, trustees have refused to fund applications where this has not demonstrably been the case.

The trustees compare each funded project's achievements and outcomes against the strategic goals and activities of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in order to review the public benefit.

The stories detailed overleaf are just a snapshot of the work carried out between Leeds Hospitals Charity and Leeds Teaching Hospitals; more case studies can be found on our website.



Play worker Lucy using a VR headset with a patient

Our grants explained

In 2025/2026 we funded a total of 152 projects across Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

This year we continued to run themed funding calls throughout the year, as well as our small grants funding panel. Applications for funding can be made by any member of staff working at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

All of our applications fit into one of six categories:

- Hospital Environment
- Equipment
- Health & Wellbeing
- Research and Innovation
- Education and training
- Specialist staff

We prioritised supporting projects that align with our three areas of impact focus:

- Tackling health inequalities
- Innovation and health technologies
- Rare conditions

Approved applications by impact area

We awarded charitable grants worth £3.1m across the year.

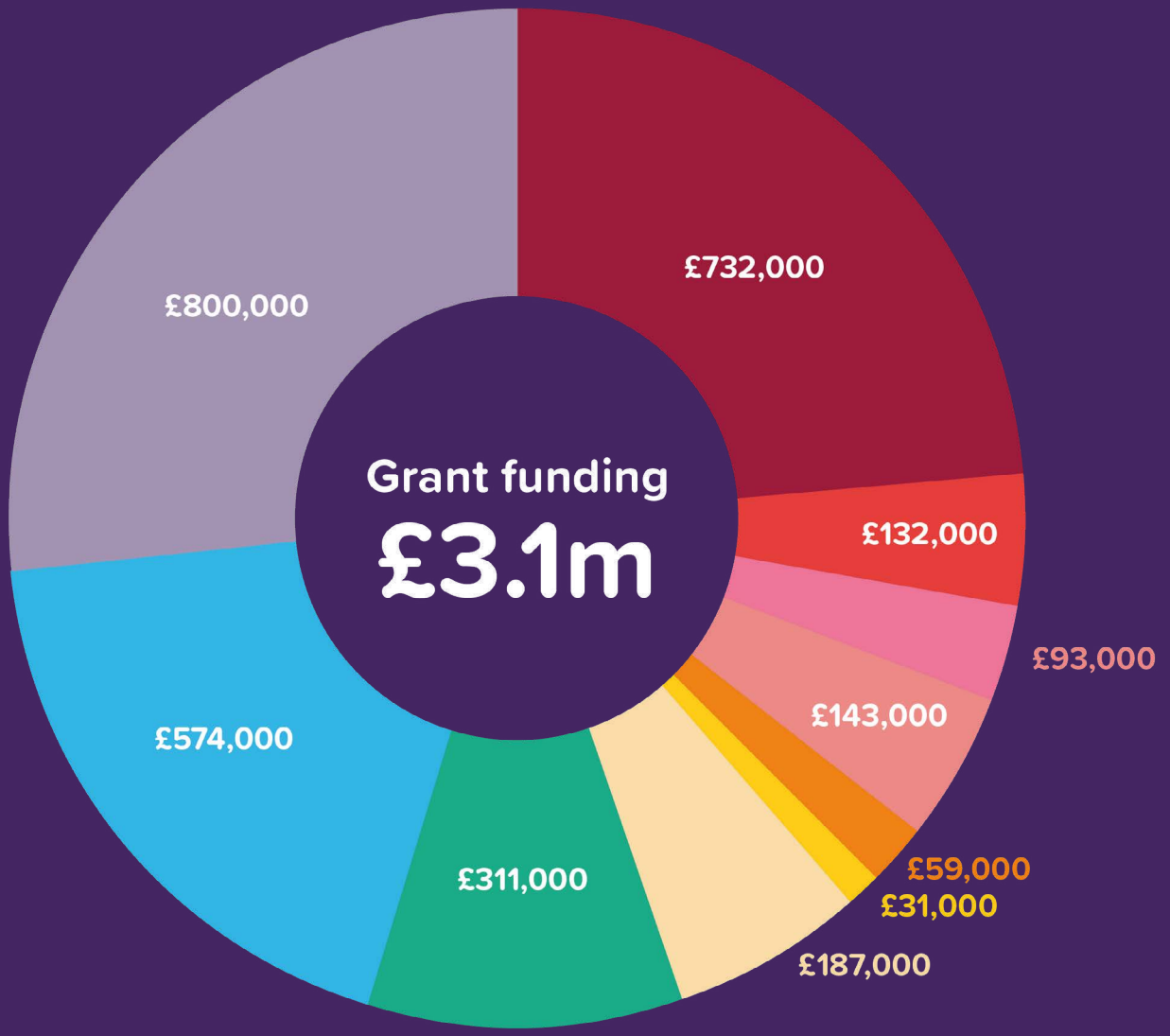
Tackling health inequalities **45%**
£1.4 million

- Paediatric Care 24%
- Cancer Care 4%
- Mental Health 3%
- Transplantation 5%
- Care of older people 2%
- Women's Health 1%
- End of life care 6%

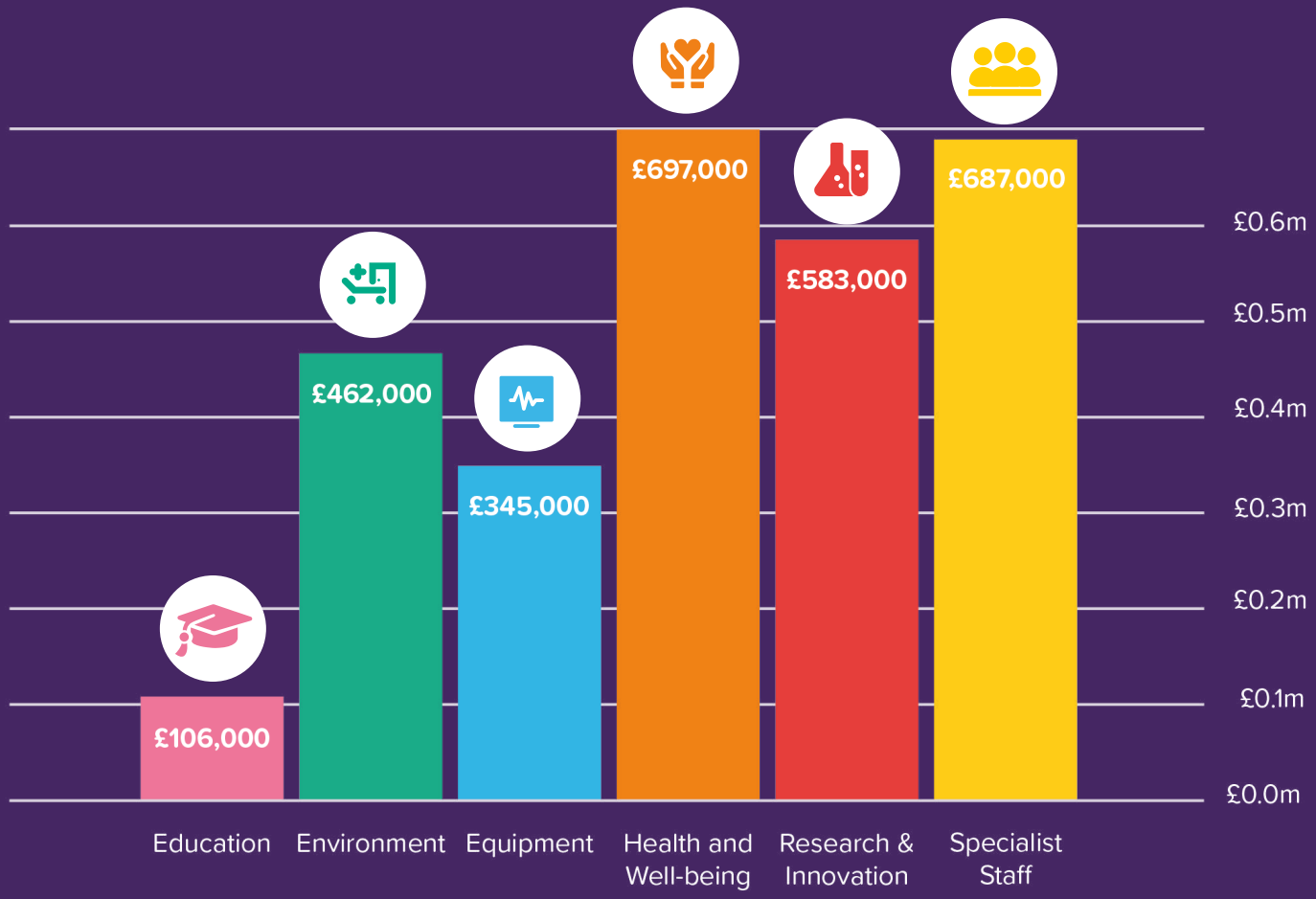
Innovation and health technologies **10%**
- £311,000

Rare conditions **19%**
- £574,000

Other **26%**
- £800,000



Approved applications by priority





Tackling health inequalities



During 2025/26, we approved £1.4m in funding to support projects which address health inequalities across our hospitals. We are committed to supporting projects which will improve equity in health outcomes, whether that be through better holistic support, improved equipment or staffing, or new research.

7 Day Play Service at Leeds Children's Hospital

Specialist Staff

In 2024/25, we awarded a grant to Leeds Children's Hospital to expand its Play Service from a Monday–Friday model to a full 7-day provision, ensuring that every child has access to specialist and therapeutic play throughout the week.

In 2025/26, we awarded a further £515,000 to sustain the 7-day service for another year and to recruit an additional play worker for the Children's Radiotherapy Unit at St James's University Hospital — the first dedicated play support for this area. This role supports the main children's tumour clinics three days a week, where complex radiotherapy plans are discussed with families.

As a result of this funding, children across all specialties receive the same level of support whenever they need it. Play Specialists work with children throughout their treatment pathways, creating moments of comfort, distraction and joy during what can be some of the most challenging times in their lives.

The play team help children understand what is happening to them, make daunting procedures more bearable and often help to speed up treatment, recovery and rehabilitation. They also create opportunities for children to simply feel like children again, facilitating friendships through group play and giving families a welcome break from the realities of hospital care.



James at Christmas with play specialist Liv.

Patient story: James

James' mum, Cayleigh, never imagined her baby's first year would be spent almost entirely inside a hospital.

Now 13 months old, James has a rare condition and relies on a ventilator 24/7. He has spent almost every day of his young life on a hospital ward. With constant procedures, frequent emergencies, and an uncertain future, his first year could so easily have been overshadowed by fear and worry.

But thanks to the Leeds Children's Hospital Play Team and his two remarkable play workers, Fi and Liv, James' story is also filled with joy, laughter, and, most importantly, magic.

James undergoes numerous invasive procedures every day, from tracheostomy care to tube changes. Emergencies are a weekly occurrence. These moments can be frightening and overwhelming for any child.



Play workers on the paediatric oncology ward

The team ensures that children do not miss out on the moments that matter. Whether meeting milestones, marking birthdays, enjoying ice creams in summer or meeting Santa at Christmas, the play workers help children make memories and experience the joys of childhood.

The Play Service now includes 42 staff, covering 20 clinical areas, seven days a week. As a result of this expansion, the team delivers an average of 338 therapeutic and specialist play sessions every week.

42
staff

20
clinical areas

338
therapeutic and specialist play sessions every week

James's Mum Cayleigh says:

"The play team aren't just people who bring toys. They're part of our family now."

They've been there for James' first steps, literally cheering him on as he walked straight into Liv's arms. They're there every morning to play, sing, and help him develop. They're there on the hardest days too: running towards emergency alarms, distracting him during painful procedures, helping him stay calm so the trauma doesn't sit with him for life. They know exactly what James needs as a baby, and just as importantly, what we need as parents.

They've made this ward feel like a home away from home. They've given James the chance to thrive. And they've shown us that even in hospital, childhood can still be full of magic."



James during a visit from Father Christmas

Supporting mothers through creativity and connection

Health and wellbeing

Over the last two years, we have provided almost £7,000 to fund weekly Maternal Journal sessions, led by Nada Abdul-Majid, a specialist midwife at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Nada holds the two-hour classes every Friday, designed to give pregnant women, and new mums with babies up to six months old, the opportunity to come together. Here, they can share their experiences of motherhood, get expert advice from midwives, and participate in creative activities.

At the start of their journey, participants are given a journal to capture their experience of pregnancy and motherhood through collaging, drawing, painting, poetry and more which becomes a special keepsake they can treasure forever.

Alongside the creative journalling, there are peer support discussions around topics like pregnancy and birth, identity and motherhood, loss and grief and relationships.



One of the maternal journal session



Getting creative at the maternal journal sessions

Scarlet, mum of three, who attends the weekly sessions with her son Barnaby, says:

> **"Coming to the Maternal Journal sessions is my favourite time of the week.**
>
> **It's not just about expressing your creativity; it's about being with like-minded people who understand and help you feel less alone on this journey. I have a busy life looking after my three children and always put them first, so it's important to have this dedicated time to focus on me."**

How care bags are transforming the hospital experience for patients with learning disabilities and autism

Health and wellbeing

Thanks to donations, we are continuing to tackle the health inequalities faced by patients with learning disabilities and autism when they are admitted to hospital.

Following a successful pilot scheme in the adult Emergency Departments in 2022, over the past four years, we have awarded almost £70,000 enabling the team to expand the emergency care bags scheme to more patients.

Now, the bags are available across all acute hospital departments, both adult and paediatric settings, for patients with learning disabilities and autism. Since 2022, staff have handed out over 13,000 bags.

The tote bags contain sensory items, including an eye mask and noise cancelling headphones, as well as items to keep patients occupied, or distracted, during waits or interventions. These include; a fidget toy, stress ball, chewable bracelet and colouring books. There is also information in an accessible format about the hospital and information on where further support is available.

The scheme has been recognised nationally and there are now 44 hospital trusts across the country that have implemented care bags.

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Staff with the care bags

The parent of a young patient with additional needs who recently attended A&E said:

"When my daughter was blue lighted to the hospital, we left in such a rush and were feeling so stressed. The ambulance crew talked to us about my daughter's autism as she was feeling super stressed about how she would cope in A&E.

When we arrived, the paramedic went and got her a bag to explore in the ambulance before she was transferred calmly, wearing the ear defenders provided inside the bag, into the department.

The care bag was a Godsend, it made us feel seen and valued."

Helping new parents feel ready for life at home

Environment

Families staying on the Transitional Care ward at St James's Hospital often spend days, or even weeks, adjusting to life with their new baby, sometimes after premature birth or if their baby has additional medical needs.

During this time, many parents found that even the simplest everyday tasks, like making a drink, or sterilising feeding equipment, meant leaving the ward and their baby, or having to ask staff for help. For women recovering from birth, particularly those who had experienced complications or surgery, this was tiring and stressful.

A grant of £15,000 helped the clinical team create a more practical and welcoming space for families.

The project focused on transforming the ward's day room into a functional, bright, homely environment for parents. A small kitchen was installed, complete with facilities to store and heat up food and drinks, as well as a drinking water supply, meaning families no longer need to leave the ward to refill bottles or make a cup of tea.



The new space for parents

The new space means families can complete everday tasks while staying close to their baby

Lisa Corrison, Midwife on the ward says:

"For many of our families, it's the small, everyday things that make the biggest difference. This project will give parents a space where they can feel more independent and comfortable, while staying close to their baby.

It also helps them build confidence in looking after their baby day-to-day, so when they're ready to go home, they feel more prepared and reassured."

Memory Making at Leeds Children's Hospital

Health and wellbeing

Emma Marshall, Play Specialist at Leeds Children's Hospital, applied for funding to support a memory making initiative for children.

The project focuses on creating keepsakes that reflect the child's time in hospital. These include bonding squares and crocheted hearts, hand and footprint impressions, ribbon baubles showing the baby's measurements, treasure boxes filled with meaningful items from the child's hospital stay, or pebble painting and bead making which siblings can be part of.

Emma explained that many families experience a fragmented journey, with children coming in and out of hospital, sometimes over years. For some children, the outcome is sadly the end of their short life, and the memories made during hospital stays become all the more precious.

A grant of £1,000 supported Emma and the team to buy resources and a memory making trolley that can be used by staff on the paediatric intensive care ward.

> **"For our families it's not just the loss of a baby or child that they are processing – it's the loss of what families were expecting. The baby classes, the photos, the gifts, the milestones. We wanted to offer something that helps fill that gap."**



Emma Marshall, Play Specialist said

> **"We want to avoid the last-minute rush to create memories when a family is told their child is reaching the end of life.**
>
> **Instead, we want to start memory making early in their hospital journey, so families have joyful moments to look back on.**
>
> **This project isn't just about memory making for palliative children, it's about supporting all patients in our intensive care unit, recognising that their hospital journey, however long or short, deserves to be marked."**



Memory making through art

Supporting carers at Chapel Allerton Hospital

Specialist Staff

When someone is admitted to hospital after experiencing a neurological event, like a stroke, family members often become carers overnight with little preparation, whilst still coping with the shock of illness, and uncertainty about recovery.

Patients with neurological conditions often spend a longer period of time in hospital and have complex rehabilitation needs. There are often concerns from carers about housing, care arrangements and financial hardship which can lead to feelings of anxiety. Over the past two years, demand for support for family members has dramatically increased and staff on the rehab ward at Chapel Allerton Hospital found themselves making more referrals to local charity, Carers Leeds.

Thanks to donations, we have provided a grant of £50,000 to fund a dedicated Carer Support Worker, in partnership with Carers Leeds.

The Carer Support Worker, who is part of a team, will work closely with the hospital ward teams to ensure carers are identified and are supported as early as possible. They will provide expert guidance, from explaining hospital processes, to offering emotional support and helping them navigate health, care, housing and welfare systems. When the time comes for a patient to return home, they'll also support conversations around discharge and social care support.



Vikki, Carer Support Worker at Chapel Allerton

Vikki, who was appointed into the role in late 2025 said,

> **"I'm here to provide guidance and support to carers during what can offen be a challenging and emotional time.**
>
> **I am passionate about ensuring carers have someone they can turn to."**

It is envisaged that Vikki will provide around 100 carers at the hospital with tailored one to one support, helping them feel listened to, informed and more confident in their ability to manage caring responsibilities at home. It will also benefit patients, helping them have a smoother discharge and a greater likelihood of successful recovery at home.

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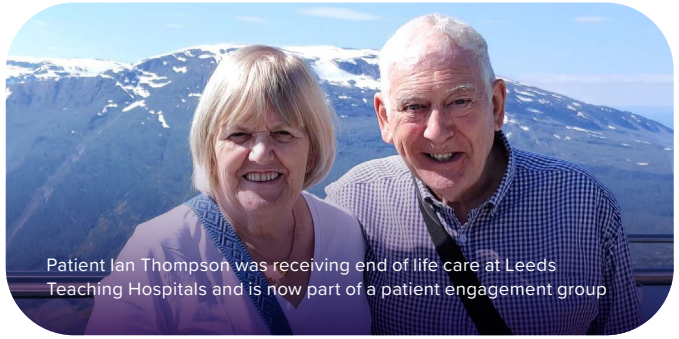
Research to improve end-of-life care

Research & Innovation

Only 6% of people in England and Wales say they would choose to die in hospital, yet over a third of deaths still occur within the hospital setting. In Leeds, that's over 3,000 deaths a year in our hospitals.

This means that having high quality hospital-based end of life care, and effective transitions home is critically important. Many people experience emergency admissions, pressured discharges and a high symptom burden in their final days, especially when spending their last week in hospital - highlighting a clear need for better evidence and a greater understanding of end-of-life care.

In 2025, we formed a collaboration with charity Marie Curie and the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals Charity on a new research funding opportunity. Through the collaboration, a total of £300,000 (£150,000 of which is from Leeds Hospitals Charity) was made available for the funding call, specifically to fund new palliative care research in Leeds.



Patient Ian Thompson was receiving end of life care at Leeds Teaching Hospitals and is now part of a patient engagement group

So far, two successful projects have secured funding through the collaboration and will directly impact the experience of those facing end of life treatment at Leeds Teaching Hospitals:

Bridging the Gap led by Prof. Lucy Selman and Dr Lucy Pocock

This research study uses real-world observation and co-design with patients, carers and professionals to improve how information about patients with life-limiting illness is shared between hospitals and GPs at discharge. By developing and promoting practical tools and guidance, the project aims to support more timely, compassionate advance care planning and better coordinated care in the community.

The 'Surprise Question' – led by Dr Sam Straw

This research will explore how a simple prompt "Would you be surprised if this patient were to die within the next year?" can help identify people with heart failure who may benefit from earlier palliative care.

People with heart failure often have unmet palliative care needs, despite experiencing burdens comparable to cancer patients, largely due to the unpredictable nature of the disease and limited use of supportive care services. By combining evidence review, expert input and system-based changes, the project aims to equip clinicians with practical tools to improve timely access to supportive care, ensuring patients receive better, more coordinated care towards the end of life.

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Marie Curie

Investing in innovation and health technologies



Throughout 2025-26, we awarded over £300,000 to support innovation and the use of technology in our hospitals. From pioneering treatments to new diagnostic tools, these projects ensure that our hospitals remain at the forefront of improving patient care.

A kinder way to care: using CBT to change dental treatment in Leeds

Education

Going to the dentist can be an anxious experience for many people and now, thanks to donations, we're helping to create a calmer experience for patients at Leeds Dental Institute.

A grant of £24,600 means eligible patients who are referred to the dental institute will now be offered CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) to help them get the dental treatment they need.

One of the dental nurses, Lindsey, came up with the idea to launch a pilot using cognitive behavioural therapy for patients with dental anxiety.

This funding has enabled the team in the oral surgery department at the Leeds Dental Institute to have specialist training to deliver CBT.

It is hoped that this therapy will help reduce the need to use general anaesthetic for procedures and enable patients to have dental care in the community sooner.

Staff from the department conducted a patient survey and around 70% of people said they would be interested in accessing CBT if it was available.

Staff will tailor the therapy to the specific anxiety a patient is facing through one-hour weekly sessions. The first step will involve helping patients make sense of the factors contributing to their anxiety and making a treatment plan together. Guidance will also be given to community dentists about techniques that can support patients.

70%

said they would be interested in accessing Cognitive Behavioural Therapy



Image caption

> **"We're excited to start the pilot and we're grateful for the opportunity to transform the hospital experience for anxious patients.**
>
> **It wouldn't have been possible to get this off the ground without support from Leeds Hospitals Charity. This project is low cost and low risk, but will have a big impact on our patients. We hope that if the pilot is successful, we can integrate a cognitive behavioural therapy journey into our treatment plans for patients with severe anxiety so they can get the treatment they need and live the best possible quality of life."**
>
> Dr Adam Jones,
> Lecturer in Oral Surgery

Specialist equipment for complex neuro patients

Equipment

Over 500 patients a year receive treatment on the neurological intensive care ward at Leeds General Infirmary, and many of them will require occupational therapy and physical therapy whilst on the ward.

A grant of £6,600, provided in partnership with the Tobias Crowther Foundation, funded two innovative rehab chairs to be installed on the ward. These state-of-the-art chairs are specifically designed for complex patients, providing enhanced postural care, pressure care, early mobilisation and safe patient handling.

The Foundation was created in memory of Toby Crowther Barraclough after the 18 year-old tragically passed away in a car crash in 2023.

> **"We are incredibly proud to help fund these chairs for the hospital team that provided such wonderful care to Toby before he sadly lost his brave fight.**
>
> **It's a small token of our gratitude for the love and kindness that was shown not only to Toby, but to our entire family, at such a difficult time. We will always be grateful."**

Adele and Glenn, Toby's parents



The new neuro chairs donated from the Tobias Crowther Foundation

> **"These chairs will enable our therapists to offer highly specialised seating to the most dependent patients.**
>
> **This supports the ethos of early rehabilitation after brain injury, which makes a real difference t o patient outcomes."**

Laura Sedgley, Matron in Neuro Critical Care

Innovative therapy for stroke survivors

Equipment

Stroke is one of the leading causes of long-term disability in the UK, and many stroke survivors require intensive rehabilitation during their inpatient stay to regain motor function, independence, and confidence.

NHS guidance recommends that stroke survivors should receive at least 3 hours of needs-based rehabilitation per day, at least 5 days per week. Despite this, in reality, many inpatient stroke survivors don't receive this level of therapy. At Leeds Teaching Hospitals, as in many NHS stroke units, rehabilitation teams operate within busy ward environments with constrained physical space.

A grant of £7,200 was awarded to fund an extended reality (XR) therapy project at the stroke rehabilitation unit at Chapel Allerton Hospital.

The technology, called NeuroVive-XRC, uses a VR headset and corresponding software to turn the space around the patient into an interactive therapy room. This allows rehabilitation to be delivered within small ward spaces, bedside areas, or quiet rooms, effectively transforming underutilised spaces into functional therapy environments. Through immersive, task-oriented activities the technology supports increased rehabilitation without the need for physical infrastructures or dedicated therapy rooms.

Following training and set-up, the project is due to start benefiting patients in early 2027.



The XR therapy headsets

"The benefit to patients is clear – they'll get increased access to therapy, improved motivation to take part in their exercises and the opportunity to do group therapy.

All of this helps with greater confidence around movement and improves readiness for discharge.

The technology will also help staff deliver therapy in a non-traditional way, using smaller spaces and reducing the need to take patients off the ward."

Dr Rajinder Singh
Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine

Kitchen renovation for patients needing occupational therapy

Equipment

The Occupational Therapy Kitchen at Leeds Teaching Hospitals is a vital clinical resource, which supports patients living with a wide range of illnesses and long-term disabilities.

To be able to be discharged after a long stay, staff must feel confident that patients will be able to cope with the transition home. Using the kitchen environment, patients are assessed on whether they can safely manage everyday tasks at home, from making a cup of tea to chopping vegetables. These tasks help occupational therapists to assess patients' cognitive skills, vision and motor function, preparing them to return home and support them on their journey to recovery.

The current kitchen facilities were significantly outdated and needed to be modernised to meet the diverse needs of patients.

Thanks to generous donations, the Occupational Therapy Kitchen has undergone a full refurbishment. The innovations added to the space include the installation of variable-height work surfaces for patients using wheelchairs, and new kitchen appliances designed with accessibility at their core. These upgrades have a now created a fully inclusive, adaptable space that can accommodate patients with a wide range of physical and cognitive needs.

The kitchen is currently used approximately four times per day. Following refurbishment, this is expected to increase to five or six patient sessions every day.



The new patient therapy kitchen at Leeds General Infirmary

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Improving the lives of people with rare conditions



Over £574,000 has been awarded to support projects related to the treatment of rare conditions. From peer support groups to enhancing the hospital environment, we have continued to improve care for patients with rare conditions.

Sharing success for treatment of thoracic endometriosis

Education

Thoracic endometriosis is a rare condition where tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows inside the chest cavity, most often affecting the diaphragm and lungs.

Thoracic endometriosis syndrome (TES) remains under recognised and can present with complex symptoms. At Leeds, a well established multidisciplinary team brings together expertise to manage both pelvic and extra pelvic endometriosis.

James Tibbott, Consultant Gynaecologist and Lead Clinician at St James' Hospital, co leads the service:

> **"We have an extensive multidisciplinary team and work closely with thoracic surgery to manage extra pelvic endometriosis. We are also part of the NHS England steering group helping to develop specialised services."**

A key innovation is the use of laser technology, rather than traditional surgery, to treat disease affecting the diaphragm. Rather than removing sections of tissue, which can impact respiratory function, the laser allows surgeons to target lesions while preserving as much healthy diaphragm as possible. The technique also treats a wider area than the visible disease, improving effectiveness while minimising harm.

With funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity, in October 2025, Leeds Teaching Hospitals staff were able to present their pioneering work at the European Association for Cardio Thoracic Surgery in Copenhagen.

The presentation sparked strong international interest, with clinicians keen to learn more about the model and visit Leeds to observe the approach in practice.

By sharing their experience, the team is helping to raise awareness of thoracic endometriosis and demonstrate how collaborative, specialist care can improve outcomes for patients with this rare and often overlooked condition.



Bringing families together: Family Educational Support Day

Education

For many families living with rare connective tissue diseases, everyday life can feel isolating.

Conditions like Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JDM), Lupus and related disorders are complex, lifelong and often misunderstood. For children and young people growing up with these conditions, and for their parents navigating uncertainty, opportunities to connect with others who truly understand are rare.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of a parent of a patient, we were able to provide £1,000 for a Family Educational Support Day in Leeds. The event welcomed 14 families from across the region, with children aged between 4 and 17.

From the moment families arrived, the focus was on creating a warm, inclusive space. Over lunch, parents and children began talking, many for the first time, with others who shared similar experiences of rare diseases.

For children, an interactive entertainer helped break the ice, bringing laughter and easing nerves.

Meanwhile, parents and carers joined expert-led sessions covering:

- Disease management and the latest research
- Practical advice from rheumatology nurses
- Emotional wellbeing and resilience
- Real-life experiences from people living with these conditions

A particularly powerful element of the day was the chance to ask questions directly to specialists and lived-experience speakers. For many families, this was the first time they had openly discussed topics such as long-term prognosis, education and transition into adulthood in a supportive, shared setting.

Parents spoke about the relief of meeting others who "just understood," without the need for explanation. Children who arrived feeling shy or unsure began to open up, forming friendships through shared activities.



A child enjoying the family support day



Entertainment on the day

A garden of hope at the Rob Burrow MND Centre

Environment

When the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease officially opened its doors at Seacroft Hospital in November 2025, it marked the realisation of Rob Burrow's vision, a centre shaped by compassion, courage and community.

As the building neared completion, thanks to a charity grant (given in partnership with the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Geoff & Fiona Squire Foundation who gave donations totalling £250,000) the surrounding garden was also able to be developed.

Now the garden is part of the building's core design, flooding light into the atrium and providing respite when needed. Patients can use the circular walkways to support gentle movement and physiotherapy, families sit together among sensory planting, and staff find moments of calm between appointments. Every pathway, seating area and planting choice was shaped through conversations with people living with MND, their loved ones and the clinical teams who support them.

Concrete handprints created by patients, staff, and the Burrow family have been incorporated into the design, creating a lasting mark of the people connected to the project.

A Tree of Hope sapling was also planted in the garden by patient Ian Flatt. It was grown from cuttings taken from the iconic Sycamore Gap tree, felled at Hadrian's Wall. One of just 49 saplings distributed across the UK, the tree was gifted to the Rob Burrow Centre for MND by the National Trust.



The tree of hope being planted at the garden of the Rob Burrow Centre

Helping our hospital staff and volunteers be their best

Throughout 2025/26, we have invested in projects which recognise the fantastic work of NHS staff and also provide wellbeing support when times are challenging. By creating a positive working environment for our staff, we can have a direct impact on the patient care they provide.

Celebrating staff success

Health and wellbeing

Nationally, staff morale is at its lowest for several years. Data from the 2025 NHS staff survey found that one in three NHS workers felt burnt out because of work, and work-related stress was at an all-time high. At Leeds Teaching Hospitals, we want our NHS staff to feel valued and supported at work, and to be able to celebrate their efforts.

Once again in 2025/26 we supported the annual 'Time to Shine' awards for staff, bringing together over 500 people from across the organisation to celebrate best practice and innovation. We were also able to support the Leeds Children's Hospital Kite Awards, held at Headingley Stadium, a special event to celebrate the work of specialist paediatric teams.

This year we also funded a new initiative called 'Spin to Win', giving staff across all five Leeds hospital sites the chance to win prizes in recognition for their hard work. By partnering with local businesses, we were also able to offer vouchers for restaurants, music shows and overnight breaks.



Spin to win for Leeds Hospitals staff


A newly refurbished staff room

Refurbishing staff spaces

Health and wellbeing

In 2021, Leeds Hospitals Charity committed to supporting the refurbishment of staff rooms across Leeds Teaching Hospitals, helping to enhance staff wellbeing by creating more comfortable spaces for breaks.

Since the staff room refurbishment project began, 38 staff rooms have been refurbished across the Trust, including 18 at St James's Hospital, five at Leeds General Infirmary, three at Chapel Allerton Hospital and two at Seacroft Hospital.

This funding has helped improve staff areas with new kitchens, furniture and artwork, creating a much more relaxing and welcoming space.

Teams have also been involved in choosing furniture, lighting and artwork to really personalise the spaces in a way that works best for their teams.

In 2025, we awarded a further £200,000 to commence the next phase of the project which includes a further ten staff rooms.

Staff welfare and amenities fund

Health and wellbeing

Often NHS staff need a small amount of money to make an improvement for their team or department.

Whether that's a new kettle for staff room or a water cooler for a busy office, it can be hard to purchase small pieces of equipment when money is stretched. The staff welfare and amenities fund provides a valuable resource for staff working at Leeds Hospitals to be able to buy items, usually electrical goods or furniture, for their teams. The fund was given a £20,000 boost in 2025/26 thanks to a charity grant.

> **"By granting small bids for staff areas, whether that be white goods for their staff kitchens, furnishings or artwork for meeting rooms or breakout spaces, it makes a huge difference to staff wellbeing and their feeling of being valued."**

Helen Rucklidge
Corporate Planning Manager

Patient and volunteer fund

Health and wellbeing

NHS staff always want to be able to help the patients in their care, but sometimes what they need is more than medical treatment. Poor health can be exacerbated by financial difficulties and, equally, a patient's financial situation can often prevent them accessing the care they need.

That's why we established the patient and volunteer fund with Leeds Teaching Hospitals, as a way for NHS staff to support patients even further. A grant of £60,000 in 2025/26 helped to continue the fund.

Set up in 2023, the fund helps patients to access healthcare, ensuring they can attend their appointments and manage their treatment. It also provides financial support to families and carers to help with travel costs to access the care and support they need in Leeds.

Applications are reviewed weekly by the panel so that decisions can be made quickly. Currently, around 500 people every year are applying for financial support.

As part of the application process the Panel team also support applicants with signposting them to other city-wide partners, charities or local community groups who may be able to help relieve some of the financial pressures they are facing.

> **"I cannot thank you enough for your assistance. You made a difficult time much easier. The fund helped me to support my dad at his most vulnerable moment."**

A fund applicant



Celebrating seasonal events

Health and wellbeing

Every year the charity is proud to support events across our hospitals that help patients and staff celebrate and come together. Whether that's refreshments to celebrate the end of Ramadan or an event to mark World Prematurity Day, we're here to help staff mark the moments that matter to patients and their families.

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time of year to be in hospital, away from loved ones and being unable to take part in the festivities. In 2025/26, as in previous years, Leeds Hospitals Charity provided several grants to support Christmas activities.

At Leeds Children's Hospital, donations helped to fund Christmas presents, Christmas decorations on all wards, a special visit from Father Christmas and his reindeer and a Christmas tree and lights in the hospital entrance. A grant was also provided to ensure that all adult in-patients (nearly 2000) would receive a small gift to open on Christmas morning. This is a small gesture, but for many patients who don't have any visitors at Christmas, it can often mean the world.







Patients at Leeds Children's Hospital seeing Father Christmas

Our linked charities

Leeds Hospitals Charity has several linked charities that also raise money to improve the lives of the patients, families and staff of Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

In this section, you can learn about some of the linked charities' amazing fundraising activities in 2025/26 and the grants they helped us award over the past year.

You can also see a full list of our linked charities and learn about how we govern them on pages 68 to 69.



Taking part in the transplant games

Rays of Hope

Rays of Hope exists to improve patient care for abdominal illnesses, including cancer, at Leeds. In 2025/26, it awarded nearly £22,000 to support Abdominal Medicine and Surgery services at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

This meant nursing teams and doctors have been able to attend conferences such as the British Association for the Study of the Liver. This enables them to expand their knowledge and understanding, including learning new complex surgical techniques and developing collaborations for future studies. This ultimately leads to better, more personalised patient care.

One of Rays of Hope's objectives is to help Leeds stay at the forefront of liver surgery research. Funding to support attendance by emerging researchers as well as publications maintains the international visibility of the surgical unit at Leeds and means that the findings from vital research can be shared not just within the UK but on a global stage.

After another successful year, the team looks forward to providing further opportunities for international collaboration, research and shared learning.

Breast Cancer Research Action Group

Breast Cancer Action Research Group continue to raise awareness and vital funds for specialist equipment for the treatment of breast cancer patients and breast cancer research breast; fundraising £8,300 in 2025/26.

In June 2025, a research grant of £37,900 was awarded to fund laboratory consumables for a PhD project at the University of Leeds.

The project will hope to reveal how phytosterols (plant-derived compounds found in seeds, nuts and oils) help to suppress breast cancer cell growth and increase sensitivity to anti-cancer drugs. The research team hope to find out how these phytosterols inhibit tumour growth, identify the affected cancer pathways, and determine which patients may benefit from consuming phytosterol-rich diets.

Moving forward, we are supporting Breast Cancer Action Research Group to extend the scope of their charitable objects to fund a wider range of projects including environmental improvements and health & wellbeing initiatives. This change is subject to Charity Commission approval.

Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity

Over the past year, the Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity has made significant progress in improving outcomes for people affected by rheumatoid arthritis.

The 'TEEMS' research study has helped identify patients who may benefit from more intensive first-line treatment, which showed a 60% improvement in remission rates among newly diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis patients.

The 'EXIST' study has also nearly completed recruitment to an early-phase clinical trial aimed at preventing arthritis in high-risk individuals by investigating the ability of pharmacotherapy to prevent development of clinical arthritis.

Both studies will improve outcome of patients with established arthritis and those at high risk of developing the disease.

The research team from the Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity continues to share its knowledge at meetings with rheumatology teams across the UK, along with more than 30 publications in the last 12 months. These achievements highlight the charity's impact on patient care and scientific understanding.

Leeds Children's Transplant Team

This year, nearly 200 members of the Leeds Children's Transplant Team, including patients, families and friends, attended the 2025 British Transplant Games in Oxford.

The Games empower transplant recipients, improving both their physical wellbeing and their confidence. Being part of the team also helps recipients to receive ongoing support from the transplant clinical team.

Through the transplant games, families can celebrate how far they have come, look to a positive future and connect with others who understand what they have been through. This funding also allows the team to reconnect at social events throughout the year, creating opportunities for ongoing peer support.



Taking part in the transplant games

Raising money to transform lives

We'd like to say thank you to every person whose generous donations and fundraising makes the work of Leeds Hospitals Charity possible.

In 2025/26, one-off and regular gifts, legacy donations, and fundraising from the community have helped us reach a fantastic fundraising total of £5.8 million.

Thank you. You are helping to transform lives across our hospitals, every single day.

Note on fundraising activity

If material expenditure was incurred to raise income in the future, this report explains the effect this expenditure has already had, and is intended to have, on the net return from fundraising activities.

Major fundraising events



A half marathon runner



Team Flatt cross the finish line

Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon & Half Marathon

In May 2025, the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon & Leeds Half Marathon once again brought Leeds together in the most uplifting way, with over 12,000 runners taking on the routes and thousands more turning out to cheer them on.

While the event proudly continues the legacy of Rob Burrow and supports the wider motor neurone disease community, it also helps us to raise funds for all of the hospitals in Leeds.

The day itself was packed with moments that captured the spirit of 'running for a mate', including the introduction of the Leeds Marathon Relay and the inclusive MND Mile, where hundreds came to walk, wheel or run side-by-side. Our supporters were phenomenal: the Leeds Hospitals Charity team campaign alone raised £160,000 helping us continue to improve care and experiences for patients and staff across Leeds Teaching Hospitals.


The Hunter Family

Norman Hunter Golf Day

The Norman Hunter Golf Day returned in 2025 and once again proved to be a highlight of our fundraising calendar.

Organised in memory of Leeds United Football Norman Hunter, who died following a battle with cancer in 2020, the event raises funds for the treatment and research of Chronic Lymphcytic Leukaemia (CLL).

Supporters, corporate partners and friends came together for a memorable day of golf, food and networking, united in honouring Norman Hunter's legacy. We are hugely grateful to Sue Hunter, the organising committee and everyone who took part, sponsored a hole, donated prizes or helped make the day such a success. As the event raised over £30,000 this year, it brings the total raised by the Hunter family to over £173,000.

Leeds Hospitals Memorial Walk

For the third year running, supporters came together for our walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Formerly called the 7 Locks Walk, this year the event became an 'in memory' and in March, over 100 people donned their trainers to walk in memory of loved ones.

The event started at Kirkstall Forge, with participants able to leave tributes and dedications to the people they wanted to remember. Thank you to every walker, donor and volunteer who helped make the day such a moving tribute.


Memorial walk participants

Leeds Children's Hospital Charity Ball

The Leeds Children's Hospital Charity Ball 2025 was another highlight of the year, bringing together more than 200 guests for an inspiring evening dedicated to supporting the youngest patients across the Yorkshire region.

The event focused on the vital role of Play Therapists in supporting children through hospital treatment, helping to reduce anxiety, undergo treatment and improve mental wellbeing. Through the generosity of attendees, the Ball raised over £20,000 for the Play Team at Leeds Children's Hospital, enabling them to continue delivering this essential support to children and families.

Guests heard powerful insights from Lisa Beaumont, Therapeutic & Specialised Play Manager who spoke about the positive impact of play therapy within the hospital setting. The evening also featured a moving personal account from Emma McDonald, who shared the story of her son Freddie, who underwent organ donation surgery at Leeds Children's Hospital.

Fundraising heroes



Jacqui Drake

In July 2025, fundraiser Jacqui Drake reached the amazing milestone of reaching half-way to her million-pound fundraising target. The £500,000 milestone was celebrated at a special event at the Leeds Cancer Centre.

The money raised through Jacqui's extraordinary fundraising efforts over the years has helped fund projects above and beyond what the NHS can provide to enhance cancer care. Reclining chairs, wall art, a tea trolley, additional scalp coolers are just some examples of how funds raised by Jacqui are put to good use. This year, Jacqui's fundraising also funded an additional play worker to support children receiving radiotherapy treatment.

YoYo, the new play specialist joined the team in May 2026:

> **"We know that play can form an integral part of a child's experience, so it's important that we can create a positive space for children to play."**



Jacqui and play specialists

> **"Whether it's racing to the treatment room or decorating their radiotherapy mask, play can help turn a very difficult time in their young lives into something familiar and fun.**
>
> **You can see the positive difference it can make throughout their treatment. Understandably children and their parents are very anxious on their first day but gradually working together they become more relaxed and confident with their journey, showing just how powerful play can be."**

Jacqui's commitment to her fundraising, particularly while undergoing treatment for her own cancer diagnosis, is an inspiration to many and we are hugely grateful to Jacqui for her ongoing support.



Sir Kevin Sinfield

In December 2025, fundraising legend Sir Kevin Sinfield took on his sixth epic endurance event '7 in 7: Together', running seven ultra-marathons in seven days. The route spanned East Anglia, Cork, Swansea, Sheffield, Cumbria and Dundee, before a final day from York into Leeds, finishing at AMT Headingley Stadium in front of thousands of supporters.

Kevin's determination helped raise over a million pounds once again, with funds shared between six MND charities – including Leeds Hospitals Charity – helping us continue to support the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease at Seacroft Hospital.

In June 2026, it was announced that Kevin would be awarded a knighthood for his fundraising efforts.

Mike Bates

Mike Bates has continued to be an incredible supporter of Leeds Hospitals Charity through his ROW4MND project – a bold, four year endurance rowing campaign with one clear mission: to raise millions to help find a cure for Motor Neurone Disease.

Mike and his ROW4MND crew members launched the first leg of their challenge with a gruelling 1,000+ mile row around the UK coastline in 2025.

As they shared during the journey, the team were forced to take shelter in Newhaven during Storm Floris, before pushing back out into the English Channel and tackling the intensity of the Dover Strait, one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. Every mile they row – and every pound raised – helps fund vital MND research and care, including support for Leeds Hospitals Charity.



The Row4MND team

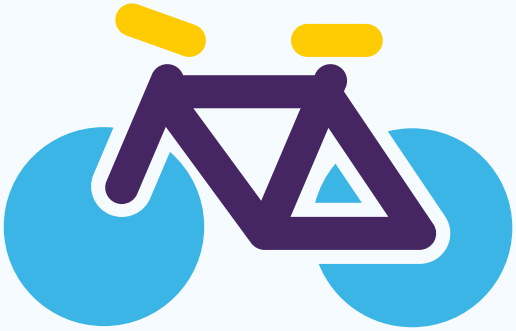


Fundraiser Les Shaw

Les Shaw

In 2025, supporter Les Shaw took on an inspiring cycling challenge in memory of his wife Julie, who sadly passed away from motor neurone disease (MND). Through his remarkable effort, Les raised over £20,000 to support the Rob Burrow Centre for MND.

Driven by love and determination, Les's challenge captured the support of friends, family and the wider community. His fundraising is a powerful tribute to Julie and a moving example of how personal commitment can create lasting impact. We are deeply grateful to Les for his dedication, courage and generosity.



Charlotte's Rooms

'Charlotte's Rooms' are a group of family and friends who fundraise in memory of Charlotte Whittles, who tragically passed away 5 days after suffering a ruptured aneurysm in her brain. Charlotte was 39 weeks pregnant when she died.

Since losing Charlotte, they have tirelessly supported others in similar situations, by raising funds to help create calm, supportive spaces within hospitals where families can find comfort during difficult times.

In November 2025, Charlotte's Rooms began fundraising specifically for Leeds Hospitals Charity and already raised over £20,000. The group hope to help renovate a garden for critical care patients at St James University Hospital, as well as updating family rooms on the ward.



Anna Towse

Our ongoing thanks to Anna and her family and friends who continue to organise their annual Tractor Runs for the Leeds Cancer Centre in memory of Lucy Guiry. In 2025/26 they raised over £6,000 in her honour from these events.

Andy Miller

We are hugely grateful to Andy Miller and his team of friends and family for their ongoing support. The group have organised annual sponsored walking challenges since 2019 and in June 2025 took on the Western Front Way raising vital funds for the Leeds Cancer Centre.

Our corporate partners

The Leeds business community continued their fantastic support of the charity in 2025/26, through annual partnerships, fundraising events, volunteering and corporate donations.



The Square Ball presenting their donation

Leeds United Fanzine **The Square Ball** also continued their support of the charity, raising £7,000 through the sales of their 2026 Calendar.

With special thanks to

Caddick,

Gallagher,

KS Civils and Groundworks

Name Badges International,

STQ partners,

Town Centre Securities and

The Entertainer.

Lowell Financial continued their fundraising through the fantastic 'Laugh in the Face of Cancer' comedy event. Held in March, the 11th annual event raised over £20,000 to support cancer services in Leeds.

Leeds law firm **DLA Piper**, donated over £25,000 through their charity of the year partnership, choosing to support the Rob Burrow Centre for MND.

Communications firm **MainTel** chose to support the charity in a different way, funding a project to purchase basic mobile phones for vulnerable and homeless patients in our A&E departments. The handsets provide a key point of contact for arranging follow-up appointments and come with contact details for local support services and charities. The aim of the project is to give back choice and independence to vulnerable people, and reduce repeat attendances in A&E.

Donors, Trusts and Foundations

Donors who donated £10,000 or more during 2025/26 included:



- The **Geoff & Fiona Squire Foundation** who gave a remarkable gift of £120,000 towards a dedicated garden at the Centre for the benefit of MND patients, families, and staff.
- **Edward Ziff OBE DL Hon DBA; Michael Beverley DL** who made generous donations to support innovation at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, through the Dame Linda Pollard Innovation Fund.
- **Biswas Foundation** who gave £10,000 towards the provision of wigs for the Leeds hair loss service
- The **Marcia & Andrew Brown Charitable Trust** gave a generous donation of £28,000 towards a paediatric retinal camera for photographing and performing specialist procedures in the eyes of babies and children in order to prevent blindness.
- The **Linden charitable Trust** made a £50,000 donation to support innovative technology for the radiotherapy department. The introduction of Surface Guided Radiotherapy Treatment (SGRT) will allow for kinder, more efficient radiotherapy to be delivered to patients with head and neck cancer.
- Charity **Breast Cancer Support** kindly donated over £46,000 towards a new project that will enable the remote monitoring of symptoms in breast cancer patients.

Gifts in Wills

Over the course of 2025/26, through the generosity of our donors and their families, Leeds Hospitals Charity received £889,000 through gifts left in Wills.

Choosing to remember a charity in your Will is an incredible act of generosity as it often allows us to undertake new and innovative projects, that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

We continued to invest in the promotion of legacy giving, with a TV advertising campaign running from October to December 2025. Alongside this we ran digital advertising on social media platforms, billboard and bus advertising in Leeds city centre and a series of print advertorials. The aim of the campaign was to build awareness and drive traffic to the Leeds Hospitals Charity website.



Austin and his mum in the TV campaign

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who left a legacy to support Leeds Teaching Hospitals, including:

Allan Baldwin who gave £65,000 to support Leeds Cancer Centre

Rae Alfred Earnshaw who left £60,000 for the benefit of laparoscopic surgery and research

Jennifer Holmes who gave £13,000

Robert Neil Metcalfe who donated £10,000 to support the work of Leeds Cancer Centre

Allen David Midgley who gave a generous gift of £472,000 for the purposes of purchasing equipment used for research technology and for the cure of brain tumours.

Ellen Sharp who gave over £2,000

Sybil Ruth Shepherd who left over £2,000 to support Wharfedale Hospital

£150,000 for the benefit of Leeds Hospitals Charity

£70,000 received for the benefit of Children's cancer

Regular giving

We are so grateful to every single person who made a donation to us in the last year. Without you, it wouldn't be possible to fund the wide range of projects that make a real difference to patients across Leeds Hospitals.

We have over 3,300 'Friends of Leeds Hospitals Charity', and thanks to their generosity, raised over £350,000 through monthly donations in 2025/26.

We gained 243 new regular givers this year, from a combination of in-hospital promotion, digital channels, and face-to-face recruitment activity.

Over 50% of our current regular givers have been giving since our Become a Friend programme began in 2021, which shows the commitment of our loyal supporters. These contributions are invaluable to helping us plan and fund projects, particularly ongoing commitments such as a wigs for the cancer hair loss service and the children's Play Team.

Other income from individual donors

Over £240,000 was raised from general donations throughout the year. Many of these donations came from grateful patients who wanted to give back and say thank you for great care received.

Our 'Together' newsletter for supporters continues to be well received, with positive feedback from the biannual publication. Donors gave nearly £20,000 over the course of the year in response to the newsletter.


Lottery winner Janette

Lottery success

Investment in the lottery continues to support growth of our player numbers. In 2025/26 the lottery generated income of over £700,000 with 20% of lottery proceeds being directly used to fund the work of the charity. This includes income from a raffle which generated £17,600 from a record 1,096 responses.

Prizes were awarded to 576 players during the year with a total prize value of £80,000 including rollovers.

Following on from the multi-channel recruitment campaign last summer, the lottery team have continued to use paid social media advertising to promote the lottery and in particular the rollover prize.

During 2025/26, we employed two professional fundraising agencies that were used to recruit new players, on hospital premises and on private sites.

Since the lottery was launched in November 2021, we've now reached over 7,000 players who take part weekly. This is an increase of 11% in player numbers from 2024/25 which means income from lottery activity is quickly becoming a key part of the charity's unrestricted fundraising activity.

Charity shops

This year was a year of expansion and development for retail, playing a larger role in generating unrestricted income for the charity.

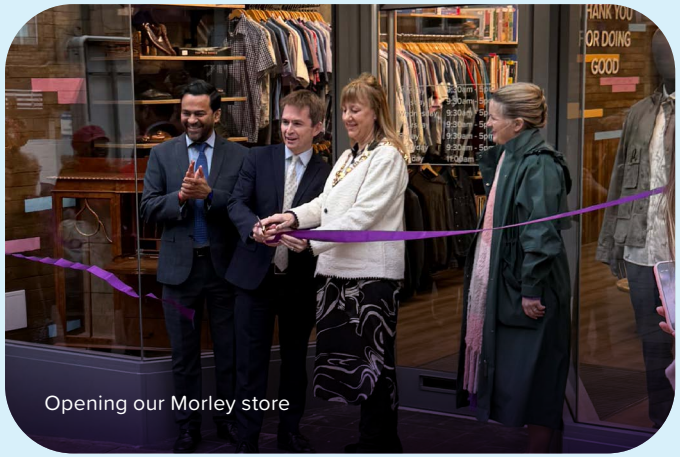
Income from our charity shops increased by 79% year on year, driven by new shop openings, improved trading across the existing estate, and the continued contribution of hard-working staff and volunteers.

The focus this year was not simply on growth, but on managing growth well. The retail estate expanded with four new shops opening in Horsforth, Guiseley, Ilkley and Morley, increasing the charity's presence in local communities and creating more opportunities to donate, shop and volunteer.

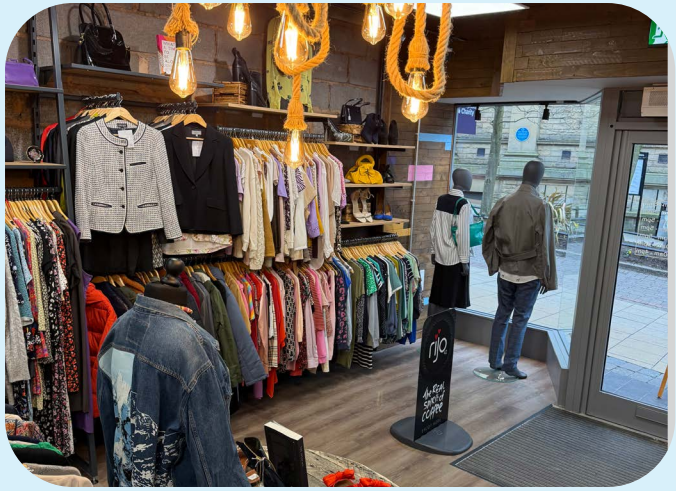
Each shop was opened with a focus on local identity. For many supporters, local shops remain the most regular point of contact with a charity and we wanted to ensure that each store had a unique feel, where the shopping experience was paramount.

This shift delivered clear results. In locations such as Morley and Ilkley, a revised in-store concept outperformed more traditional stores. Ilkley, developed as a flagship store, has provided a useful reference for how a strong visual identity, excellent customer experience and cause can work together.

Charity retail relies on people for its success. Shop volunteers contributed more than 19,000 hours over the year, supporting staff in the processing and sale of over 140,000 donated items.



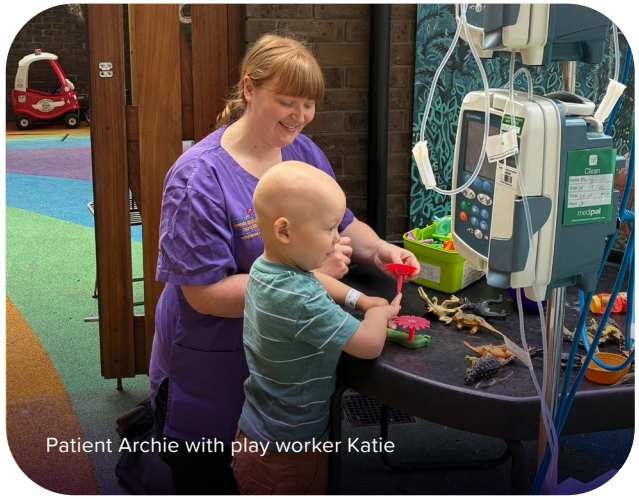
Opening our Morley store



19K
volunteer hours

140K+
donated items sold

Our fundraising campaigns



Patient Archie with play worker Katie

Play

Throughout 2025/26 we have been promoting the play team at Leeds Children's Hospital as a cause that donors can support. After funding the expansion of the team for the last two years, we have been sharing stories of children who have benefited from play whilst in hospital, and profiling the new play workers who have joined the team.

We're incredibly grateful to those donors who have chosen to support Leeds Children's Hospital and the play team. It costs a £106 a day to fund a play worker and the support they provide to children and families is a vital part of the hospital experience. We are so grateful for, and rely on, your donations to help fund play and ensure poorly children are supported at the most difficult times.



> **"My first week was fine. And then after that there was just this weird smell, and I could see like a purple light if I closed my eyes, and it made me very nauseous. I'd be throwing up in my mask every single time it happened. It made me dread it. I'd just wish I could go home again. I really did not like it."**

Cancer Appeal

In February 2025, we launched a £1 million fundraising appeal to help Leeds Cancer Centre purchase ground-breaking new radiotherapy equipment.

Surface Guided Radiotherapy Treatment (SGRT) is specialist technology that makes the delivery of radiotherapy more efficient, safer and kinder for patients. For head and neck cancer patients, SGRT will also mean that open face masks can be worn during treatment rather than the full head and shoulder mask.

One of the patients who would have benefited from this technology is 11 year old Annabelle, who had radiotherapy on her spine following surgery for a tumour.

The radiotherapy made Annabelle feel extremely sick, and during most sessions, she vomited while held in place by the mask, unable to move.

Donations to support the appeal have already been made by grateful patients, charitable trusts and major donors. It's hoped the fundraising target will be reached by the end of 2026/27.



Our fundraising promise

We are incredibly grateful to all the people who give a gift or fundraise to help us make Leeds Teaching Hospitals even better for our patients, families and staff.

Our fundraising promise aligns with the Code of Fundraising Practice and is driven by our three core values of transparency, transformation and working together. You can read our fundraising promise in full at leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/our-fundraising-promise

We believe everyone should be given the opportunity to support a cause they care about. However, we do recognise there may be times when it's not appropriate to accept a donation or an individual needs extra time or support to make an informed decision about giving a gift.

For example, if we speak to someone who we believe is vulnerable, we may suggest they speak to family or friends for advice before giving us a donation.

If, at any time, we do receive a donation that we think it's not appropriate to accept, or a person donates who does not have the capacity to make this decision, we will always refund the gift.

Wherever possible, we provide guidance, information, support and training to our fundraisers and volunteers to ensure they have a rewarding fundraising experience and carry out their fundraising activities in a legal, open, honest and respectful way.

We also encourage people who want to fundraise for our charity to register with our Fundraising team and discuss their planned fundraising activities.

We can then provide you with expert guidance, a fundraising agreement, when appropriate, and a letter that states we've given you the authority to fundraise on our behalf.

Our wonderful volunteers

Throughout 2025/26 we continued to grow our volunteer service, across our retail stores, in hospitals and for fundraising and events.



Volunteer Jax in our charity shop


Image caption

Trolley Expansion

The charity provided grants of £33,000 to expand our trolley services to new wards during the year, visiting patients and families at Chapel Allerton Hospital and St James's Hospital, as well as Leeds General Infirmary.

Many patients and relatives at Chapel Allerton Hospital experience lengthy hospital admissions, and as a smaller site, over the weekend, there are limited options for refreshments available. The introduction of the Charity Trolley at the weekend means that patients and family members will be provided with healthy snacks, hot and cold drinks and other essentials without having to leave the ward.

At St James's Hospital, the trolley will support older patients who are often frail, living with dementia or mobility issues, and may spend extended periods of time in hospital. It's also now available to patients on the cardio-respiratory who may have complex needs, and women on the post-natal ward who may be recovering from complicated births or be separated from babies receiving neonatal care. For these patients and their loved ones, the trolley offers not only refreshments, toiletries and activities, but also offers moments of kindness at a difficult time.

Bexley Hub

In 2025/26 we also renovated an old retail space at the Bexley Wing at St James's Hospital. The transformed space opened on World Cancer Day in February 2026 and is now used as a volunteer hub which is staffed by volunteers throughout the week.

Designed as a calm and welcoming space, the Hub provides a warm and relaxed atmosphere where people can take some time out. Whether it's through offering activities such as colouring, games and puzzles, or simply being there to listen, our volunteers play a vital role in creating a sense of comfort and support.

Having a dedicated space away from the waiting areas is really important for patients, who may often be in the area for hours at a time in between treatment.



The new Bexley hub

Our volunteers in 2025/26

Over the last year, over 500 people volunteered with the charity at least once. They completed an amazing 7,528 shifts and donated over 24,000 hours of their time.

Our volunteer survey showed again that volunteers love working with us, with 98% of our volunteers saying they feel proud to volunteer here and 97% of them saying they would recommend the charity as a place to volunteer.

> **"Volunteering changes your perspective on life, it feels good to feel that you have given your time to help others."**

> **"The community that LHC has cultivated, it brings likeminded people together who wish to make a positive difference to others."**

In our retail team, volunteers helped us open four new stores and a total of 360 volunteers donated over 19,000 hours to sort stock, process transactions and help customers.

Across our hospitals, our welcome volunteers supported over 11,000 patients to get to their appointments in Clarendon Wing, Jubilee Wing, at Chapel Allerton Hospital and at Leeds Cancer Centre.

Our long-serving piano volunteers continued to brighten up Bexley Wing and Clarendon Wing, playing the grand piano to waiting patients and their families. Collection tins on the pianos raised over £6,500 for the charity over the course of the year.

Volunteer stories



Fatimah

After struggling to find paid work, Fatimah joined our Horsforth charity shop as a retail volunteer to gain valuable experience.

What started as a way to build workplace skills soon became an opportunity to grow her confidence, strengthen her CV and prepare for her next step. Less than a year later, when a paid role became available at our new Morley charity shop, Fatimah felt ready to apply.

Fatimah says the skills she gained through volunteering gave her the confidence to put herself forward for the Assistant Shop Manager position:

> **"I learnt a lot as a volunteer, including time management and customer service skills, both in the stock room and on the shop floor. I took a hands-on approach and put myself out there. I built relationships with the team and developed my confidence, which encouraged me to apply when the opportunity came up.**
>
> **I feel like I belong here. Every day I am gaining experience and developing new skills through my job. Volunteering gave me a strong foundation and helped me build the confidence and experience that employers look for. I believe if you work hard and have a positive mindset, opportunities can come along."**



Jean and Sue

Long-time friends Jean and Susan volunteer together at Leeds Children's Hospital.

The pair who are retired and in their seventies, have a long history of volunteering and were excited to support Leeds Hospitals Charity in a new role as a Trolley Volunteer, visiting wards across the hospital to provide a variety free drinks and snacks.

Jean's granddaughter Molly spent time at Leeds Children's Hospital and she bumped into one of the doctors who cared for her whilst on her shift, a reminder of why she chose to give something back.

"When we go onto the ward everyone is happy to see us, some of the children spend lots of time in hospital so we become familiar faces and enjoy having a chat with the young patients and their families.

"We love that we can brighten a poorly child's day and also provide support to parents who are by their child's side 24/7, something as small as a cup of coffee, biscuit and a natter can make a huge difference to their day."

Susan and Jean get so much joy through playing their own small part in helping to make the hospital experience a little brighter for children and their loved ones.

Susan said:

> **"It gives you a sense of purpose. You wake up in the morning and know you're going to do something good that day. When I get home at the end of the day I feel as if I have done something really worthwhile."**

Financial review



In 2025/26 the charity received income of £6.5m in what remained a challenging economic environment, we achieved strategic growth in both retail (79%) and lottery (13%) activities. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors, supporters and fundraisers whose commitment enabled us to sustain our support for Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

As we look ahead our financial focus remains on growing sustainable income so that the generosity of our donors can be translated into lasting charitable impact.

Our financial year

2025/26 brought a continued focus on growing and diversifying our fundraised income to mitigate against continuing economic uncertainty and enable more agile grant funding, trustees continued to invest in growing the charity retail operation, acquiring lottery players, regular givers and maintaining a legacy campaign.

This was our second year of holding open grant funding calls, inviting applications from all staff across the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust. In addition to awarding 152 charitable grants, we also embarked upon a volunteer service programme, running various activities across the hospital sites to provide charitable impact of £3.06 million (2024/25: £3.29 million). As we approach the beginning of our next five-year strategy there is still a focus on expanding our volunteering offer within the hospitals and growing unrestricted income streams with ongoing campaigns to grow both our lottery and legacy income.

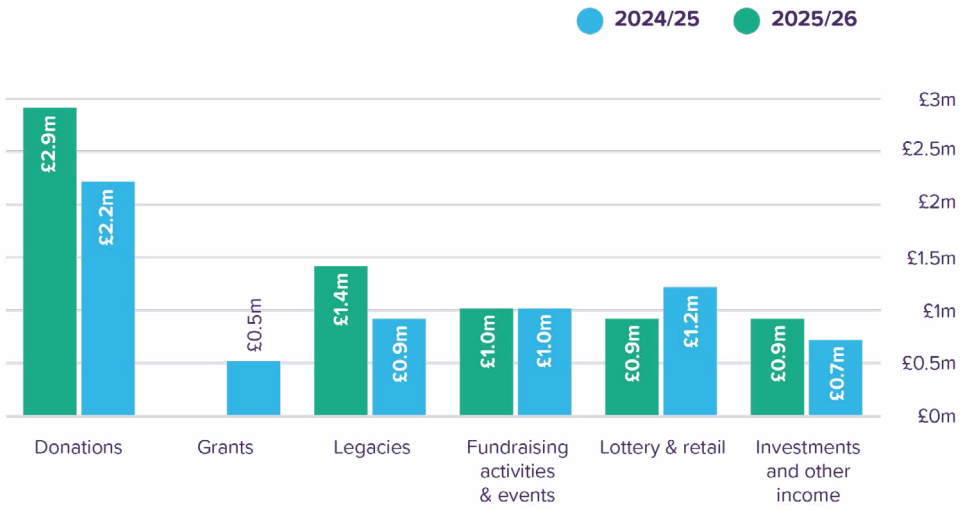
This strategy to grow the unrestricted income has required us to invest greater effort and resources into sustaining supporter engagement, diversifying income streams and demonstrating impact in an increasingly crowded fundraising environment. By investing in the recruitment of lottery players and expanding retail operations the charity has seen a 13% growth in lottery income to £702,000 (2024/25: £622,000) and retail income grew by 79% to £477,000 (2024/25: £266,000). We opened four new retail shops during the year and are forecasting further growth post year end. Legacy income of £889,000 was recognised in year, this comprised 14% of total income and was a 37% reduction on prior year (2024/25: £1.4million). Since the year end our legacy pipeline has been strong, reflecting the positive work of the campaign.

The operating environment during the year remained challenging, we continue to face the combined effects of geopolitical uncertainty, a subdued UK economic outlook and ongoing cost-of-living pressures impacting on both the value of investment portfolio, income from those investments, and the ability to fundraise from the public. As a result of these challenges, we experienced a reduction of 10% in our total income to £6.45 million (2024/25: £7.19 million) and we reported a deficit of £519,000, favourable on budget by £817,000 (2024/25: £516,000 deficit) following investment movements.

Global markets were volatile during 2025/26, driven by rising geopolitical tensions and energy prices, however in Q4 equities reached record highs on strong results, with the FTSE 100 rising above 10,000 for the first time. The Iran conflict and closure of the Strait of Hormuz unsettled markets, despite this we saw our investment portfolio close with unrealised gains of £976,000 (2024/25: £16,000 gains) for the year to 31 March 2026.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors, the charity received £6.45 million in income this year (2024/25: £7.19 million).

Breakdown of income year on year



Expenditure on raising funds, before charitable activities, increased to £3.70 million (2024/25: £3.11 million) and expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £4.24million (2024/25: £4.62 million). This net deficit of £1.49 million, along with unrealised investment gains of £976,000, culminated in a net decrease in charitable funds of 2% (£519,000), taking the total funds carried forward into 2026/27 to £20.6 million (2025/26: £21.12 million).

The total funds of the charity consist of £3.96 million (2024/25: £3.69 million) endowed funds, £5.96 million (2024/25: £5.17 million) restricted funds, £6.39 million (2024/25: £8.8 million) unrestricted designated funds, and £4.29 million (2024/25: £3.45 million) unrestricted general funds.

Endowed funds are held for the permanent benefit of the charity, with the income restricted for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are held for specific purposes as determined by the donor. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes and can be undesignated by the trustees for use as unrestricted income.

Income

We were delighted to open the Rob Burrow Centre for MND in November 2025, the purpose-built centre at Seacroft Hospital provides vital care, research, and holistic support for MND patients and their families. This followed three years of successful fundraising to hit the £6.8m target in December 2024. The charity has not launched a significant capital appeal since this time so income from donations and fundraising reduced in 2025/26 as anticipated.

We are extremely grateful to our donors for their continued support and are delighted to report that we received donation income of £2.2m from individuals, clubs, societies, Trusts, Foundations and corporates a 25% reduction on the previous year (2024/25: £2.95 million), donations remain our largest source of income. Despite not running a capital appeal the income from fundraising events and activities reached £986,000, a 3.5% reduction on prior year (2024/25: £1 million).

We saw an increase in donation income from Charitable Trusts and Foundations in the year of 154% to £758,000 (2024/25: £298,000). Our other donation income streams reduced. Donations from individuals, clubs and societies amounted to £1.2 million (2024/25: £2.36 million). Corporate donations were down 20% to £202,000 (2024/25: £253,000) and gifts in kind reduced by 11% to £34,100 (2024/25: £38,000).

We were fortunate to be in receipt of grant funding from the DHSC Medical Research Charity Support Fund of £530,000 to support early career researchers at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (2024/25: £nil).

Legacy income is a significant proportion of our total income at 14%, but is notoriously difficult to predict, and we have seen a reduction year on year by 36.6% to £889,000 (2024/25: £1.4 million), trustees continued investment in a legacy campaign and post year end the pipeline for legacy income is encouraging.

Income from fundraising activities and events has remained in line with prior year, this income source accounted for 15% (2024/25: 14%) of our total income despite experiencing a marginal 3.5% reduction to £986,000 (2024/25: £1.02 million).

Income from charitable activities reduced to £7,600 (2024/25: £13,000) this is derived from corporate support being received for training events in the year.

The continued investment in recruiting lottery players and growing our retail operation has seen these areas achieve income growth of 13% and 79% respectively. The combined income from these activities grew by 32.8% to £1.2 million (2024/25: £888,000).

Investment income has reduced in year, reflecting the cash draw down required from the portfolio to settle grant funding liabilities. Income of £654,000 (2024/25: £916,000) was achieved. Investment income contributes to 10% of total income.

Income from our trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Limited comprises £1,800 (2024/25: £7,000) raised by Kevin Sinfield's book deal with Macmillan.

Income compared to last year

25.2%
Donation income reduction 25.2% to £2.2m

17.6k%
Income from grants increased by 17.6k% to £530k

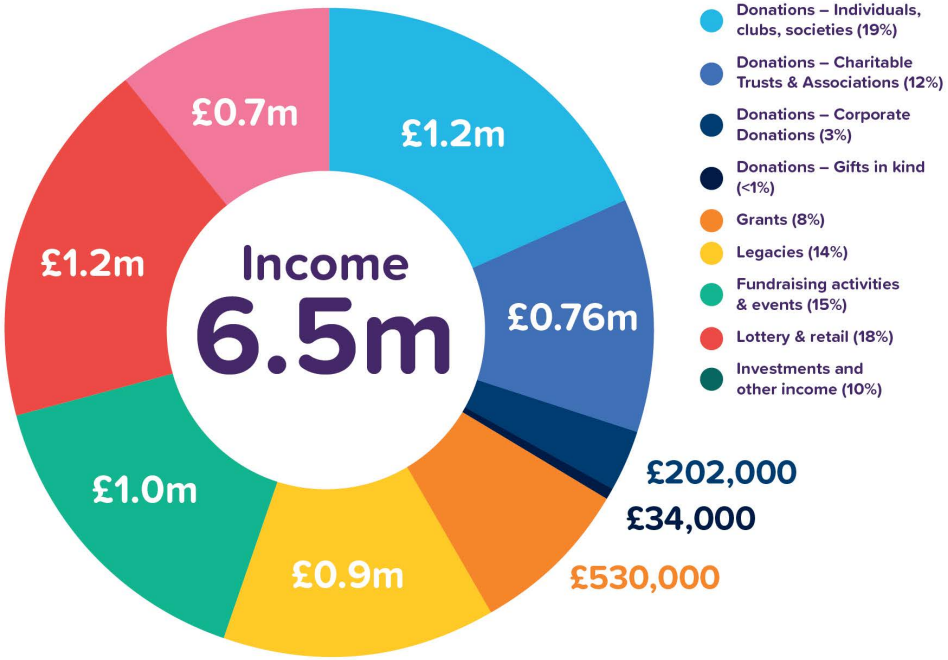
36.6%
Legacy income decreased by 36.6% to £889k

3.5%
Fundraising Activity decreased by 3.5% to £986k

32.8%
Lottery and retail income increased by 32.8% to £1.2m

28.6%
Investment and other income income decreased by 28.6% to £654k

Current year income split



Expenditure

Total expenditure of the charity increased by 2.9% to £7.95 million (2024/25: £7.72 million). Cost of raising funds increased by 19.2% to £3.70 million (2024/25: £3.10 million) and expenditure on charitable activities decreased by 8.1% to £4.24 million (2024/25: £4.62 million).

We award multi-year grants to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, as a result the commitments and designated funds fluctuate year on year, driven by the timing of the projects. The Charity has a strategy of holding funds in income earning investments, maximising returns until needed, as a result there is a net current liability position of £2.79 million (2024/25: £35,000) at the year end.

Expenditure on raising funds was £3.7 million (2024/25: £3.10 million). This is a 19% increase on the prior year costs.

As we approach the final year of our current strategy the focus remains one of diversifying and growing unrestricted income. Investment continued in expanding both the lottery and retail operations in year. This is the fourth year of running our charity lottery and, in line with our strategy, we are actively reducing lottery running and player recruitment costs while continuing to grow lottery income. As a result, lottery running costs have reduced by 27% to £550,000 (2024/25: £759,000).

This has been an exciting year for retail growth with the opening of four new shops in and around Leeds. Fixed Assets of £242,000 have been recognised on the Balance Sheet in respect of the retail shop fittings and the operating in year expenditure on retail was £772,000 (2024/25: £365,000).

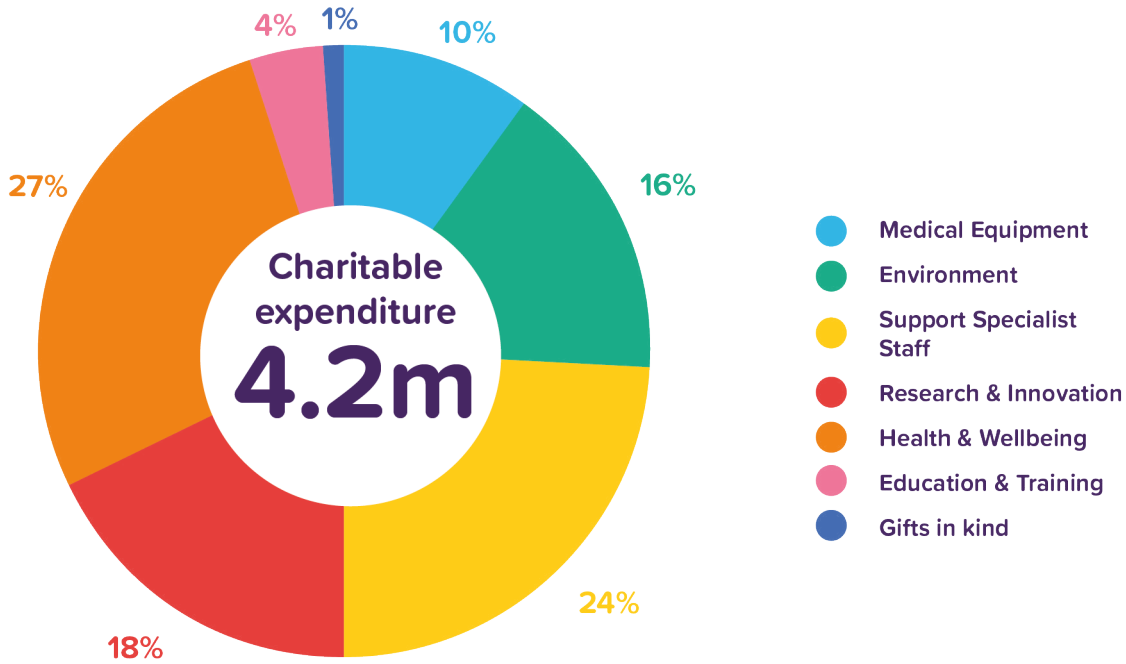
The legacy campaign continued and £215,000 (2024/25: £164,000) was invested in promoting legacy giving, an increase of 30% on prior year.

The expenditure on fundraising events and appeals remained in line with prior year, there was a marginal increase of 4.8% to £1.19 million (2024/25: £1.13 million).

The charity is committed to regular cost monitoring and ensuring value for money in line with the Fundraising Regulator requirements.

The support costs of the charity are detailed in note 4 of the financial statements and allocated across both the cost of raising funds and charitable activities, as required by the Charities SORP. Total support costs have increased by 5% to £1.95 million (2024/25: £1.85million). This increase primarily reflects the increase in employer's national insurance contributions alongside inflationary pressures on staff costs and general overheads in the year. Support costs include expenditure in relation to finance, IT, HR, Volunteers, Communications and Governance.

Split of charitable expenditure in the year



Reserves policy and management

The trustees are fully aware of their legal duty to apply the charity's income towards its charitable purposes within a reasonable timeframe following receipt. In line with this responsibility, the trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy, and need for reserves, taking into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Free reserves, as defined by the Charity Commission, refer to unrestricted funds that are readily available to spend on charitable purposes. These reserves exclude restricted funds and those held as tangible fixed assets.

Reserves play a critical role in the charity's risk management strategy. The appropriate level of reserves will vary depending on our financial position and our assessment of the risks the charity faces at a particular time. The trustees regularly assess these factors to ensure that the reserves held are both prudent and aligned with the charity's operational and strategic needs.

Leeds Hospitals Charity needs to retain some reserve of funds to ensure continued progress towards its objectives. These free unrestricted funds are required to:

- enable the charity to maintain its level of grants to beneficiaries
- enable the charity to address financial contingencies as they arise
- enable the charity to meet its strategic objectives, as set out in the 2021–2026 strategy document
- protect the charity from investment market risk
- provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice
- provide funds to cover administration, fundraising and support costs, without which the charity could not function.

Given the unpredictable nature of the charity's income, the trustees have a target level of free reserves designed to cover the risks as set out above. This target level is projected as £5 million for 2026/27 (2025/26: £4.5 million) (2024/25: £5.5 million).

The annual running costs of the charity have increased and are expected to rise further driven by external economic factors. In response, the trustees have reaffirmed their commitment to strategic investment in key income-generating areas. This includes continued investment in lottery player recruitment and the increased running costs of the expanded retail operation, with further planned expansion. These initiatives are integral to the charity's strategy, which aims to significantly grow unrestricted income, ensuring long-term sustainability and flexibility in delivering charitable objectives.

The minimum reserves level has been increased by £500,000 reflecting the trustee assessed requirement of £5 million for an 18-month period. The target reserves are calculated by the trustees annually, with the calculation being based on the need to mitigate financial risks and ensure the charity can meet its staffing costs, overheads and continue to support its beneficiaries where no restricted or designated funds are available, as approved by the trustees. This prudent approach ensures the charity can fulfil its objectives and meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

Unrestricted funds held by the charity have decreased by £1.57 million to £10.68 million (2024/25: £12.25 million) at the balance sheet date. Of these, £6.39 million (2024/25: £8.8 million) are designated by the trustees for specific purposes and £242,000 (2024/25: £23,000) are held as tangible fixed assets. This leaves free reserves of £4.05 million (2024/25: £3.43 million), which is an increase of £620,000 on the previous year and below the current target of £5 million. The trustees are continuing to focus on unrestricted income growth and cost control in order to address the current shortfall against the target level of free reserves.

There are no unrestricted designated funds in deficit at the close of this financial year.

The Major Projects designated fund reflects unrealised investment gains that have been set aside for use on major projects within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and provides protection to the charity grant funding programme from investment risk. The trustees approved a transfer of £1.5 million from this designated fund to general unrestricted funds in the year to underwrite the three years of funding awarded for the Children's Play Therapy Team extension to cover 7-days of play provision at the Children's Hospital while fundraising is established. The balance of the Major Projects Fund is £1.3 million at the year end, given that the value of investments can fluctuate, the trustees have approved continuing to set these funds aside for major projects.

The trustees consider it prudent to maintain an appropriate level of reserves. This policy ensures the charity can continue to operate efficiently, deliver on its commitments, and meet the needs of its beneficiaries, even during periods of investment market uncertainty and a challenging fundraising environment.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees' powers of investment are set out in the Trustee Act 2000, which allows the trustees to invest the assets of the charity in investments of any nature as they see fit, subject to a provision to avoid speculative and hazardous investments.

The trustees seek to balance ethical and socially responsible investment and risk. As such, the investment managers appointed by the trustees are restricted from investing directly in the processing and/or manufacture of tobacco products.

The portfolio is widely diversified, with an equity-based approach. The investment objectives are to maintain the real value of the capital whilst generating a sustainable level of income to support charity activities. The approach to asset allocation and investment selection remains active, identifying resilient businesses that can deliver strong performance over the cycle, rather than positioning the portfolio for predicted short-term changes in economic conditions. Such an approach balances the greater risk posed by equity-based investment with the potential for higher returns.

Total investments are £26.86 million (2024/25: £31.27 million), of which £625,000 (2024/25: £6.32 million) were held as cash by our investment managers. Performance is monitored against set benchmarks, as agreed with our investment managers on a quarterly basis.

This year has seen a marginal inflationary decline on the previous year. The UK CPI inflation rates were 2.6% in March 2025, increasing to 3.3% by March 2026.

The global economy showed resilience at the start of the year, but oil and gas prices surged as a result of the Iran conflict, which started on 28 February, raising the risk that higher energy costs would generate broader inflation. The UK economy slowed and the Bank of England held interest rates steady at 3.75% in March. The UK's dependence on energy imports increases the risk of renewed price pressures and consumer confidence has fallen to a two-year low. Unemployment remains high at 5.2% reflecting labour market weaknesses which businesses attribute to higher taxes introduced in recent budgets.

The charity's investment portfolios are invested for the long-term with the expectation of delivering a target return of CPI+3%, as such the portfolios fluctuate year-on-year. The portfolio level risk has been set by trustees and is reviewed regularly. There were unrealised gains in the portfolio of £976,000 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

On 31 March 2026, £505,000 cash is held by our investment managers in high interest earning time deposit accounts. Our portfolio achieved a 12-month return of 5.3% (2024/25: 2%) compared with the agreed benchmark of 6.1% (2024/25: 6.4%). The yield on the portfolio was 2.2% (2024/25: 2%).

The asset allocation was as follows at the year-end:

Asset class	**31 March 2026**		31 March 2025	
	Value (£k)	**Weight (%)**	Value (£k)	Weight (%)
Fixed interest	**6,339**	**23.6**	5,506	17.6
Equities – UK	**4,149**	**15.5**	3,668	11.7
Equities – overseas	**13,484**	**50.2**	13,779	44.1
Alternatives	**2,261**	**8.4**	1,993	6.4
Cash	**625**	**2.3**	6,324	20.2
	26,858	**100**	31,270	100

Pensions

Leeds Hospitals Charity provides a defined contribution pension scheme for staff, managed by Scottish Widows. The charity contributes 5% of employee salaries to the scheme, which is matched by the employee. Enrolment is automatic, unless individual employees elect not to join the scheme or are not eligible. There are no other material pension liabilities affecting the charity.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. At the end of the 2025/26 financial year, Leeds Hospitals Charity held total net assets of £20.6 million (2024/25: £21.12 million), of which £4.05 million are free reserves.

The trustees have reviewed and approved the budget for the year to 31 March 2027 and the five-year financial forecast. They are confident that there are sufficient unrestricted free reserves to meet the charity's commitments as they fall due. The charity maintains an adequate cash position to meet its ongoing expenditure requirements.

Principal risks and uncertainties

We are committed to effective risk management; this is fundamental in delivering the strategy and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the charity.

Robust risk management processes are in place to ensure that risks are identified, mitigated and reported on an ongoing basis, both at the operational and strategic level. Key risks are reviewed by the Executive Team, the Risk Management Group and received by the Audit and Risk Committee and Board. The trustees have reviewed these key risks and are satisfied that the major risks have been identified, and appropriate procedures and systems are in place to mitigate and manage the risks. It is recognised that any control measures can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance, that major risks have been adequately managed.

The highest rated risk on the corporate risk register remains in connection to the strategic growth of unrestricted income, financial uncertainties for donors caused by the continuing challenging economic environment remain and there is still a risk that unrestricted income could be impacted negatively due to forces outside the control of the charity.

The diversification of income streams that started at the beginning of the current strategy has given the charity the ability to be financially agile and resilient with the historic risk of over-reliance on income from investments having been mitigated.

Horizon scanning is an active part of risk management undertaken by the charity; new risks have been added to the register this year with respect to the impact of Artificial Intelligence. These risks are mitigated by controls that have been put in place, but trustees are mindful that this is a fast-paced changing environment and are keeping abreast of developments, harnessing the benefits that come with Artificial Intelligence, whilst being mindful of potential risks.

One of the most significant risks on the corporate risk register crystallised in the prior year. This was in respect to the government delays impacting the building of the Hospitals of the Future. The charity had agreed to raise significant funding to enhance the basic delivery of the new Leeds Children's Hospital by running a capital appeal. The charity is focussed on supporting future capital appeals and campaigns to support the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and is working closely with the Trust Executive Team to identify these campaigns.

Future plans

As we conclude 2025/26, we're already looking ahead to plan for our next five-year strategy which will be launched in April 2027.

We're looking to further strengthen our relationship with Leeds Teaching Hospitals, expand our volunteering services and invest more in our growth of unrestricted fundraising.

Most importantly, we'll be ensuring that we keep funding the projects that matter most to patients, families and the NHS staff who care for them. We'll be making smaller grants available more regularly through our new 'moments that matter' programme, focusing on patient experience in hospital, and we'll be looking to partner with external organisations and national charities to develop new grant opportunities for larger projects.

We'll also be working closely with Leeds Teaching Hospitals to secure our next major capital appeal, to ensure we can continue to have impact at scale.

We'll continue to invest in the development of our lottery, our regular giving programme, our retail stores and gifts in Wills.

For lottery, we have big plans throughout 2026/27, with single ticket sales being made available for the first time and the introduction of a 'superdraw' and scratchcards for loyal players.

We'll keep expanding our charity shops, with plans for a large format retail hub in 2026/27, as well as ensuring a pipeline of local openings in future years.

In our volunteer services team, we plan to continue expanding our trolley service across hospital wards and introduce new roles for more welcome and support volunteers. We'll also explore new opportunities for volunteering across horticultural therapy, arts and family support.

As we look to the future our focus remains simple; growing our reach, strengthening our partnerships and generating more sustainable income so we can do even more for patients, families and the NHS staff who care for them. Together we can make a difference, every pound raised, every volunteer hour given and every project funded will help provide the research, innovations, environments and experiences that make a lasting difference to patients, families and those who care for them.

Governance

We are committed to increasing our impact through investment in projects that make a positive meaningful difference to the lives of patients, families and staff at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

Strong governance is central to achieving this responsibly: it enables our trustees to act in the charity's best interests, fulfil their duties under charity law and ensure that our decisions, processes, policies and procedures are guided by our core values of Transparent, Transform and Together.

By governing well, we can be our very best and do the very best for the people we serve.

Our Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees is limited by the Articles of Association to a maximum of 15 trustees. At 31 March 2026, the charity had 15 trustees, one of whom is nominated by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, as required by the Charity's Articles of Association.

Name	Appointment details
Dr Yvette Oade CBE (Chair)	From 24 November 2020
Mark Davies (Vice Chair)	From 3 June 2021
Dr Razwan Ali	From 21 October 2025
Dr David Berridge (Senior Independent Trustee)	From 14 June 2021
David Colman	From 21 October 2025
Dr Cassie Doherty	From 24 November 2020
Leicia Feare	From 23 November 2025
Lauren Glaister	From 9 September 2021
Jonathan Grant	From 9 February 2021 to 20 April 2026
Simon Gray	From 23 November 2025
Caroline Gruen	From 22 November 2016 to 7 November 2025
Antony Kildare (NHS Trust nominee)	From 1 August 2025
Charlene Lyons	From 20 June 2024
Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL (NHS Trust nominee)	From 22 November 2016 to 31 July 2025
Adele Rae	From 21 October 2025 to 16 April 2026
Christopher Schofield	From 1 July 2017 to 22 October 2025
Gemma Skelley	From 7 December 2023
Lalit Suryawanshi	From 20 June 2024

The work of our trustees

Leeds Hospitals Charity has a fully independent Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed as directors of Leeds Hospitals Charity (company number: 10492128), which is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company.

We were delighted to recruit and appoint five new trustees to the Board in the year, along with appointing a new NHS Trust nominee and an associate trustee. As a result there were 15 trustees as at 31 March 2026. Additional trustees are appointed by the incumbent trustees, under the provisions of the Articles of Association.

The board of trustees meets at least four times a year and is responsible for providing strategic leadership and governance for Leeds Hospitals Charity. In addition to these routine meetings, the trustees meet for development and strategic sessions and joint sessions with the board of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

The board of trustees meets in person during the year; although trustees can attend virtually to help maximise attendance. The Finance and Performance Committee met in person to approve the annual budget, and with the Audit and Risk Committee to review the Annual Report and Accounts. All other meetings of our board committees during the year took place virtually.

The Chief Executive of Leeds Hospitals Charity and the Executive Leadership team also attend all meetings of the trustees, and selected staff members continue to attend as observers at Committee meetings to strengthen links between the trustees and staff.

In the small number of instances where a decision requires early resolution between meetings, then these are either taken out of committee or with authority delegated to the Chair of trustees; they are

then recorded and reported at the next available board meeting.

The trustees use their skills and experience to support the Charity and are responsible individually and collectively for the proper management of charitable funds and are answerable to the Charity Commission. They are required legally to ensure that all funds within their responsibility are spent in accordance with the charitable Objects of Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The trustees have set clear objectives against which the charity can assess its performance. The role of the trustees in delivering these is to ensure:

- demonstrably effective management of funds
- provision of additional equipment and environmental enhancements to Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- support for research and innovation
- support for training and education
- assistance with major planned developments.

More specifically, the board of trustees undertakes the following duties:

- overseeing strategic plans for fundraising and other operations
- approving the allocation of charitable expenditure
- approving business plans and budgets
- reviewing operating and financial performance at every meeting
- overseeing committees of the Board of Trustees.

An annual skills and diversity audit was completed in March 2025, and the results used to inform the recruitment of new trustees in the year. A further skills and diversity audit was undertaken in October 2025 to identify skill sets which are unavailable within the current board of trustees. The results of which will inform any future recruitment of trustees. The recruitment of five new trustees in the year has gone a long way towards our aim of improving the diversity of the board to better represent the communities which we serve, but we are mindful that there is always more that can be done.

The trustees have a legal obligation to act in the best interests of Leeds Hospitals Charity in accordance with the charity's governing documents. All trustees declare their interests in writing, using the Leeds Hospitals Charity declaration of interest form. This information is published at How we are governed as a charity.

Trustees confirm annually that the information held continues to be relevant, accurate and complete, and this is audited during the year-end process. Additionally, prior to the commencement of each quarterly meeting of the board of trustees and board committees, trustees declare any conflicts of interest which have either changed or are particularly relevant to business on the agenda for that meeting.

Appointment of our trustees

Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to appointing trustees with a range of experience and qualifications to ensure that the board is diverse and has the necessary skills to discharge its responsibilities.

There were six new trustee appointments during 2025/26; Antony Kildare was appointed as the NHS Trust nominee in July 2025. Dr Razwan Ali, David Colman and Adele Rae were appointed in October 2025 in addition to the appointments of Leicia Feare and Simon Gray in November 2025.

A meeting of the Nominations Committee is held at least once annually and is responsible for the recruitment of trustees. All appointments are made on merit, based on recommendations to the board made by an interview panel consisting of a number of trustees and advised by the Chief Executive.

The process is open, transparent and fair for applicants. A range of sources for applicants are employed, with wide search criteria used to expand the pool. A shortlist of candidates is compiled based on the specific skills and experience they could bring to the post. This helps to ensure skills not currently represented on the board are added.

A thorough pre-appointment process is undertaken before the selected candidate(s) are proposed to the board for approval at a quarterly meeting. This process includes declarations of business or commercial interest and the Fit and Proper Persons test.

Following their appointment, trustees undergo a comprehensive induction process, during which they are provided with guidance on being a trustee, including provision of the Charity Commission's The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3). This explains the duties of a trustee and the role of the board.

Also included are elements of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust induction process to ensure that a new trustee begins to understand the relationship with, and scope of, the major beneficiary of the charity.

Trustees are required to sign the Trustee Code of Conduct, which encompasses the Nolan Committee guiding principles.

Our Executive Leadership Team

Name	Role
Ms Esther Wakeman	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Griffin	Director of Communications (until 20 January 2026) Director of Engagement (from 21 January 2026)
Mr Paul Watkins	Director of Fundraising (until 20 January 2026) Director of Philanthropy (from 21 January 2026 until 29 July 2026)
Ms Eve Hartrick	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Ms Rebecca Baldaro-Booth	Director of Grants and Impact (from 1 April 2025)
Mr Jake Hornsbury	Director of Retail

Our patrons and ambassadors

Our patrons support us on a longer-term basis, often from a business or entertainment background, their high profiles help to raise awareness of the charity and help us raise funds. Our Ambassadors support us with specific campaigns or events throughout the year.

- Dr Amir Khan (Patron)
- Angus Kinnear (Patron)
- Ben Shires (Ambassador)
- Chris Blundell (Patron)
- Christine Talbot (Patron)
- Dr Edward Ziff OBE DL Hon DBA (Vice President)
- Garry Wilson (Patron)
- Lindsey Burrow (Patron)
- Michael Beverley DL (Vice President)

Structure, governance and management

Leeds Hospitals Charity is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England (registered number 1170369) and at Companies House as a company limited by guarantee (registered number 10492128).

The trustees confirm that Leeds Hospitals Charity operates in compliance with the Companies Act 2006; the Charities Act 2011; the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) (second edition, October 2019) and all applicable UK accounting standards; and the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the organisation.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Ltd (registered number 13438357), in anticipation of increasing trading activity.

Memorandum of Understanding

A memorandum of understanding continues to underpin the relationship between Leeds Hospitals Charity and Leeds Teaching Hospitals, demonstrating our shared commitment to work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our patients and families, and support staff members.

The Memorandum of Understanding reflects the evolution of the relationship between the two organisations since the creation of the charity. The memorandum remains under regular review as a basis for the relationship between the charity and the Trust.

Compliance

Leeds Hospitals Charity complies with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in so far as it applies to our operations, and we are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (reference number ZA480848).

Leeds Hospitals Charity has confirmed that the scale of its operations does not require the appointment of a data protection officer; instead, the charity has a senior responsible officer.

There is a policy in place to investigate and report breaches of the legislation. During 2025/26, there were no data breaches requiring reporting to the Information Commissioner.

Staff continue to demonstrate that they are aware of their data protection responsibilities and are keen to improve their practices when breaches occur. Lessons learnt in this area are shared across the charity to prevent recurrence.

Leeds Hospitals Charity is also registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

The charity operates a society lottery and is registered and regulated by the Gambling Commission.

Risk management strategy

During 2025/26, the charity maintained one corporate risk register. The risk management policy and framework are under regular review and are set out to:

- improve the identification of risks
- provide unified descriptions and a more robust structure for actions and controls
- establish a mechanism for horizon-scanning to anticipate future risks.

Risks are categorised and assigned to a category owner who has responsibility for updating and managing it. The whole process is managed through an in-house digital system with automated reminders. This ensures continuous review and has improved risk management significantly.

The Risk Register is reviewed bi-monthly by the Risk Management Group and quarterly by the Audit and Risk Committee. The Board of Trustees reviews the risks that the Audit and Risk Committee identifies as having the highest scores.

A process of 'deep dives' by the Audit and Risk Committee has continued during the year with a focus on both the charity's retail operation.

Complaints

A comprehensive complaints policy is in place and followed for all complaints received by the charity. The approach is structured and focuses on the source of an issue.

People who register a compliant are always contacted quickly to work through the issue they've raised as early as possible. Regardless of whether we receive a complaint or general feedback, we always share it with relevant staff members and try to learn from it.

Our complaints register records details of a complaint, the complainant and the outcomes of the investigative processes, including a review, if necessary.

If complaints cannot be resolved internally by Leeds Hospitals Charity, using our complaints policy, then there is provision for reference to the appropriate regulators. There have been no reviews or references during 2025/26.

During 2025/26, a total of nine complaints (2024/25: 12) were received by the Charity. All these complaints were resolved without referral to regulators.

Our Committees

There were six Board Committees for this reporting year. These have undertaken detailed scrutiny of the full range of board business, under delegated authority from the board. They either decide or recommend a course of action to the board as part of their reporting responsibilities.

The committees have Terms of Reference that are reviewed and approved at least annually by the board. The Board of Trustees appoints a trustee with the appropriate skills and experience to be the chair of each committee, and other trustees make up the membership.

All trustees are invited to attend all committee meetings should they so wish. Leeds Hospitals Charity staff, as well as representatives from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and other stakeholders, are invited to attend the meetings to ensure strategic alignment and provide expertise, where appropriate.

Highlight reports are presented by committee chairs at each quarterly board meeting and the draft minutes of committee meetings are available to trustees.

The six committees of the board which operated at some point during 2025/26 are as follows:

Finance and Performance Committee

The committee oversees all matters relating to finance and performance, including budget setting, quarterly monitoring of financial matters, and the review of key performance indicators. It also included oversight of fundraising, retail and communications.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and is normally chaired by a financially qualified trustee.

This year the committee was chaired by Mr Jonathan Grant until September 2025 and Mr Mark Davies from September 2025.

Research and Innovation Committee

The committee makes decisions on applications for funding for research and innovation with a value greater than £10,000, where the funding is within the annual grants budget.

Decisions with respect to grant applications with a value up to £10,000 are made by the Small Grants Panel, chaired by the Chief Executive, and reported to the committee on a quarterly basis.

Applications for over £10,000 when there is no funding available in the budget are recommended to the board of trustees for a decision.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and was chaired by Dr Cassie Doherty.

Where it is appropriate, applicants are also invited to present their proposal to support transparent, fair and well-informed decision making.

The charity maintained its Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) accreditation in the year, part of which requires the operation of an independent Scientific Advisory Panel. The Panel is chaired by Dr Jonathan Sheffield OBE, it provides trustees with an independent appraisal of the scientific value and relevance of research and innovation applications, impartial expert advice and makes recommendations to the committee. The Panel has no authority to make funding decisions on behalf of the charity, which remain the responsibility of the trustees on the committee.

Funding Committee

The committee makes decisions on applications for grant funding (other than for research and innovation) with a value greater than £10,000, where the funding is within the annual grants budget.

Decisions on grant applications with a value up to £10,000 are made by the Small Grants Panel, chaired by the Chief Executive, and reported to the committee on a quarterly basis.

Applications for over £10,000 when there is no funding available in the budget are recommended to the board of trustees for a decision.

The committee has at least three trustees as members and was chaired by Ms Caroline Gruen until November 2025 and Dr David Berridge from November 2025.

Both the Research and Innovation Committee and the Funding Committee ensure that they take the opportunity to hear first-hand from award holders and beneficiaries of funding about the impact that the charitable funding has made.

Where it is appropriate, applicants are also invited to present their proposal to support transparent, fair and well-informed decision making.

Audit and Risk Committee

The committee is accountable to the board for the acquisition and scrutiny of assurances, oversight and advice for the board on matters relating to the effective design and operation of risk management, financial governance, internal financial controls and internal and external audit of Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The committee has a minimum of three trustees as members, at least one of whom has recent and relevant financial experience. Ideally, they will also have a professional qualification from a professional accountancy body.

The committee was chaired by Mr Chris Schofield until September 2025 and Ms Lauren Glaister from September 2025, post year end Mr David Colman was appointed Chair of the Committee from May 2026. The Chair of the board of trustees is not a member of this committee but is invited to attend one meeting each year to discuss the annual report and accounts.

Remuneration Committee

This committee meets in private session as and when required. The committee considers and approves recommendations for changes to the salary levels and terms and conditions of the Chief Executive and the directors. In 2025/26 it was chaired by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr Yvette Oade CBE.

Nominations Committee

This committee meets normally at least once annually and otherwise as required. The committee is responsible for the recruitment of trustees including defining the skills required, oversight of the process, approval of timescales and deadlines, assessing of applications and listing, and interviewing candidates.

Our linked charities

On the 31 March 2026 Leeds Hospitals Charity encompassed 10 (2024/25: 12) linked charities that share this report and a single set of aggregated accounts. Two linked Charities, Leeds Chest Clinic General Purpose Charity (1170369-2) and Leeds Children's Hospital Charity (1170369-5) were merged with Leeds Hospitals Charity (1170369) in the year.

The linked charities share the same charity number as Leeds Hospitals Charity, have the same trustees and are connected because of the services they provide. Information about their activities in 2025/26 are on pages 37 to 39 of this report.

To ensure robust governance arrangements are in place for our linked charities, we have embedded a linked charity framework which includes an annual partnership panel meeting and submission of an annual report by linked charity representatives.

Our linked charities are supported by all our directorates (Engagement, Philanthropy, Grants and Charitable Impact, Communications, and Finance and Corporate Services), and we work closely with their representatives to achieve the objects of each linked charity.

Name	Purpose	Charity number	Governing document scheme dated
Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charitable Fund	To further any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the general or any specific purposes of the Trust or the purposes of the NHS.	1170369-1	29 March 2017
Leeds Chest Clinic General Purpose Charity	For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the NHS and, in particular, but without any limitation, for the services provided by the Leeds Chest Clinic	1170369-2	29 March 2017 merger registered with the Charity Commission on 14 July 2025 with a transfer date of 17 May 2022
Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity	For any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the rheumatology and arthritis services at the Trust within the NHS.	1170369-3	29 March 2017 amended 27 June 2023
Leeds Children's Hospital Charity	To enhance the care and treatment of children in Leeds Children's Hospital and to provide equipment for Leeds Children's Hospital.	1170369-5	29 March 2017 amended 24 April 2018 – merger registered with the Charity Commission on 14 July 2025 with a transfer date of 6 April 2021
Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre	To support the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre at St James's University Hospital	1170369-6	29 March 2017
Yorkshire Brain Appeal	To fund research and clinical trials into brain diseases.	1170369-7	29 March 2017
Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	To fund specialist medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cancer; to fund cancer research; and to enhance the care of patients with cancer.	1170369-8	29 March 2017 amended 24 April 2018
Breast Cancer Research Action Group	To fund research into breast cancer and the purchase of equipment for the treatment of breast cancer.	1170369-9	29 March 2017
Leeds Children's Transplant Team	To support child transplant patients to participate in the transplant games and events.	1170369-10	29 March 2017 amended 27 June 2023
Rays of Hope	To support research and education related to cancer and other harmful conditions of the abdomen, to improve patient care and outcomes.	1170369-11	29 March 2017 amended 29 August 2023
Elsie May Sykes	The income shall be applied for the purchase of medical equipment or to further medical research (but excluding research relating to the transplantation of human organs, human egg cells or human embryos and excluding medical research involving the vivisection of animals) for which no exchequer funds are available for the benefit of the hospitals.	1170369-12	29 March 2017
Jeremy Neil Allen	For the purpose of paediatric oncology research, and/or at the absolute discretion of the trustee for paediatric service (including research), and/or for any other part of the Trust within the NHS for the purpose of paediatrics and/or oncology (including research).	1170369-13	29 March 2017

Statement of trustee responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with charity and company law.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees also confirm that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

In approving the directors' and trustees' report on pages 4 to 70, the trustees are also approving the strategic report on pages 12 to 61, in their capacity as company directors.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

Signed:



Yvette Oade, Chair

Date: 15/10/2026



Mark Davies, Trustee

Date: 15/10/2026

Reference and administrative details

Name and registered numbers

Leeds Hospitals Charity

Registered charity number: 1170369

Companies House number: 10492128

Governing document

Memorandum and Articles incorporated 22 November 2016; as amended by Scheme dated 29 March 2017; as amended by Special Resolution registered at Companies House on 15 May 2018; as amended by Special Resolution registered at Companies House on 24 November 2020.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Leeds Hospitals Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leeds Hospitals Charity (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2026 and of the group's income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees responsibilities statement set out on page 70, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its sector, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: Charities Act 2011 the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation, pensions legislation and employment regulation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the charity is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;

Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;

Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and

Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation, pensions legislation and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to the treatment of revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut-off assertion), the restriction of income and expenditure, the treatment of liabilities from multi-year grant commitments and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;

Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;

Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and

Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:
Michael Speight
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Michael Speight (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Date: 30 October 2026

Financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2026 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	2025/26 Total funds £000	2024/25 Total funds £000
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3.1	2,427	1,197	-	**3,624**	4,352
Charitable activities	3.2	3	4	-	**7**	13
Other trading activities	3.3	2,050	116	-	**2,166**	1,911
Investments	10	562	91	-	**653**	905
Other income	3.4	1	-	-	**1**	11
Total income		**5,043**	**1,408**	**-**	**6,451**	7,192
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4.1	3,689	-	14	**3,703**	3,105
Charitable activities:	5					
Equipment		420	22	-	**442**	984
Environment		661	22	-	**683**	184
Supporting specialist staff		984	33	-	**1,017**	684
Research and innovation		778	(15)	-	**763**	1,524
Health and wellbeing		877	264	-	**1,141**	1,060
Education and training		105	42	-	**147**	127
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		50	-	-	**50**	56
Total expenditure		**7,564**	**368**	**14**	**7,946**	7,724
Net gains on investments	7	527	175	274	**976**	16
Net (expenditure)/income		**(1,994)**	**1,215**	**260**	**(519)**	(516)
Transfers between funds	6	422	(422)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(1,572)**	**793**	**260**	**(519)**	(516)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		12,254	5,172	3,695	**21,121**	21,637
Total funds carried		**10,682**	**5,965**	**3,955**	**20,602**	21,121

The notes on pages 80 to 96 form part of these financial statements. This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities (see notes 3–7). A comparative statement of financial activities is included in note 21.

Consolidated and charity balance sheets as at 31 March 2026

	Note	Consolidated		Charity	
		31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	9.1	**242**	23	**242**	23
Investments	9.2	**26,233**	24,946	**26,233**	24,946
Total fixed assets		**26,475**	**24,969**	**26,475**	**24,969**
Current assets:					
Stocks		**6**	9	**6**	9
Debtors	11.1	**888**	1,789	**889**	1,798
Investments	11.2	**625**	6,324	**625**	6,324
Cash at bank and in hand	16.2	**2,337**	1,837	**2,333**	1,827
Total current assets		**3,856**	**9,959**	**3,853**	**9,958**
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12.1	**(6,641)**	(9,994)	**(6,641)**	(9,994)
Net current liabilities		**(2,785)**	**(35)**	**(2,788)**	**(36)**
Total assets less current liabilities		**23,690**	**24,934**	**23,687**	**24,933**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12.2	**(3,088)**	(3,813)	**(3,088)**	(3,813)
Total net assets		**20,602**	**21,121**	**20,599**	**21,120**
Funds and reserves:					
Endowment funds	13.2	**3,955**	3,695	**3,954**	3,695
Restricted income funds	13.3	**5,965**	5,172	**5,965**	5,172
Unrestricted funds	13.5	**10,682**	12,254	**10,680**	12,253
Total funds and reserves		**20,602**	**21,121**	**20,599**	**21,120**

Net expenditure (£000) for the charity for the year before consolidation was £521 (2024/25: £503 expenditure).

The notes on pages 80 to 96 form part of these financial statements. These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 15 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Yvette Oade, Chair

Leeds Hospitals Charity (company number: 10492128), (charity number: 1170369)

Consolidated Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	16.1	**(5,277)**	(5,299)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends interest and rents from investments	10	653	905
Proceeds from the sale of investments	9.2	7,495	13,805
Purchase of investments	9.2	(7,806)	(7,219)
Purchase of fixed assets		(264)	(25)
Net cash provided by investing activities		**78**	**7,466**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	16.2	**(5,199)**	2,167
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**8,161**	5,994
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**2,962**	8,161
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash in hand		**2,337**	1,837
Short-term deposits	11.2	**625**	6,324
Total cash and cash equivalents		**2,962**	8,161

The notes on pages 80 to 96 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, except for investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) (second edition, October 2019); all applicable UK Accounting Standards; and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are presented to the nearest thousand (£000) except where otherwise stated.

No separate Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) has been presented for the charity alone, as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act. The parent charity has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

a) from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and the consolidated statement of cash flows, included in these financial statements, includes the charity's cash flows;

b) from certain financial instrument disclosures required under FRS102 sections 11 and 12, as the information is provided in the consolidated financial statements disclosures.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash held in the bank. The charity's forecasts and projections show that the charity should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities. The trustees have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

At the end of the financial year, Leeds Hospitals Charity had total net assets in excess of £20.5m. The trustees have revisited the forecast results for the five-year period to March 2031 and considered the period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts and are confident that there are sufficient unrestricted free reserves to meet its commitments as they fall due. The Charity maintains an adequate cash position to meet its ongoing expenditure requirements. For this reason, the trustees have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the charity incorporate the financial statements of the Company Limited by Guarantee and its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, LHC Enterprise Limited (registered number: 13438357). Intercompany transactions and balances between charity companies are eliminated. Consistent accounting policies have been adopted across the group.

The net assets of the subsidiary at the date of association are assessed on a fair value basis for the purpose of consolidation into the results for the group.

1.4 Tax

Leeds Hospitals Charity, as a registered Charity, is exempt from tax under Part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of the Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that surpluses are applied to its charitable purpose.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

1.5 Income

All income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as the following three factors can be met:

- entitlement (arises when a particular resource is receivable, or the charity's right becomes legally enforceable);
- probability (it is more likely than not that the economic benefits will flow to the Charity);
- measurement (when the monetary value of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability).

a) Income from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as income either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable. This will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that payment of the legacy will be made, or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled, and when the amount can be estimated with sufficient reliability.

b) Income from investment assets

Investment income includes income from investment assets, including dividends, interest and rents but excluding realised and unrealised investment gains.

Individual unrestricted funds and the majority of restricted funds do not receive a direct allocation of income.

Investment income is utilised by the trustees to meet the ongoing running costs and grant-making activities of the charity.

Endowment funds are invested in a separate portfolio, and the full income received is allocated to associated restricted income funds.

Where such income is not subject to restriction, it would be allocated to an unrestricted income fund. The Charity has no such funds.

c) Income from trading activities

Income from the charity's trading subsidiary is disclosed under other trading activities. This income is recognised as it is contractually entitled to the income.

1.6 Expenditure

The Charity's accounts are prepared in accordance with the accruals concept.

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Grant commitments are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Grants are only made to related or third-party NHS bodies and non-NHS bodies in furtherance of the Charity's charitable Objects. A liability for such grants is recognised when approval has been given by the trustees. A grant approval is taken to constitute a firm intention of payment, and so a liability is recognised.

Contractual arrangements are recognised as goods or services supplied.

a) Allocation of overhead and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated as a direct cost or apportioned on an appropriate basis (refer to note 4) between charitable activities and governance costs. Once allocation and/or apportionment of overhead and support costs has been made between charitable activities and governance costs, the cost attributable to charitable activities is apportioned across those activities in proportion to total spend.

b) Costs of fundraising

The costs of fundraising are the costs associated with generating income for the Charity. This includes the costs associated with investment management.

c) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable Objects of the Charity. These costs comprise direct costs and an apportionment of overhead and support costs as shown in note 5.

d) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs incurred in the governance of the Charity. These costs include costs related to statutory audit, together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

1.7 Structure of funds

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the accounts as a restricted fund. Funds where the capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes and cannot itself be spent are accounted for as permanent endowment funds. The Charity holds no expendable endowment funds.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds.

Funds which are not legally restricted but which the trustees have chosen to earmark for set purposes are classified as unrestricted designated funds.

The major funds held within these categories are disclosed in note 13.

1.8 Accounting judgements and estimates

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees have made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Charity's accounting policies and the reported assets, liabilities, income and expenditure and the disclosures made in the financial statements.

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

The most significant areas of judgement and key assumptions are:

a) Multi-year grant commitments liability

Such grants are fully accrued when awarded and unspent amounts held as commitments until either the full award has been spent or the trustees consider that any residual sums will no longer be required or claimed by grantees. At that point the commitment will be judged complete and cancelled.

b) Pledged income

Only once the probability of receipt and entitlement of pledged income is confirmed with donors will they be recognised as income within these financial statements. There is no such income in the accounts for 2025-26.

1.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their historical cost. Fixed assets with a cost of more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated. These assets are depreciated to write off the cost over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

- Computer, other equipment and plant: 4 years
- Retail shops fixtures and fittings: over the term of the lease

Depreciation is only charged when assets are brought into operational use.

1.10 Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Charity does not acquire options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. The main form of financial risk faced by the Charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or subsectors.

Investment fixed assets are shown at market value. Quoted stocks and shares are included in the balance sheet at mid-market price, ex dividend.

1.11 Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (or date of purchase if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at the year end and opening market value (or date of purchase if later).

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.12 Pensions costs

Under the terms of the Pensions Act 2008, the Charity is required to provide a pension scheme for employees. Qualifying employees are enrolled in the Charity's Workplace Pension, run by Scottish Widows. This is a defined contribution scheme.

There is one employee covered by the provisions of the NHS Pension Schemes (one employee in 2024/25). Details of the benefits payable and rules of the Schemes can be found on the NHS Pensions website (www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions). Both are unfunded, defined benefit schemes that cover NHS employers, GP practices and other bodies, allowed under the direction of the Secretary of State for Health in England and Wales. They are not designed to be run in a way that would enable the charity to identify its share of the underlying scheme assets and liabilities. Therefore, each scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme: the cost to the Charity of participating in the schemes is taken as equal to the contributions payable to the schemes for the accounting period.

1.13 Cash

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than six months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

1.14 Financial Instruments

The Charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade and other creditors. Other derivative-based assets included in the investment portfolio are held at their fair value.

1.15 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs of purchase.

1.16 Donated goods

Gifts in kind received in the year have been distributed to beneficiaries and are not held as stock. They are measured at fair value and recognised as income within donations and, when distributed, the expenditure is included within charitable activities.

1.17 LHC Enterprise Limited

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, LHC Enterprise Limited with called up share capital of £1. LHC Enterprise Limited is incorporated in the UK. The principal activities of the company are commercial activities, which cannot be undertaken in the charity. A summary of its trading results and net assets is shown below. These results are included in the group consolidation. Accounts are filed with Companies House. LHC Enterprise Limited is exempt from audit by virtue of s479A of Companies Act 2006.

	Year ended 31 March 2026 £000	Year ended 31 March 2025 £000
Profit and loss account		
Turnover	**2**	7
Cost of sales	**-**	-
Gross profit	**2**	7
Operating costs	**-**	-
Operating profit	**2**	7
Interest receivable and similar income	**-**	-
Profit before taxation	**2**	7
Taxation	**-**	-
Profit for the financial year	**2**	7
Distribution to Charity	**(2)**	(7)
Net movement in funds	**-**	-

Balance sheet	Total at 31 March 2026 £000	Total at 31 March 2025 £000
Cash	**3**	9
Current liabilities	**(1)**	(1)
Net assets	**2**	8
Profit and loss account	**2**	8
Share capital and reserves	**2**	8

2 Related party transactions

Dame Linda Pollard DBE DL was the Chair of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust until 31 July 2025 and Antony Kildare was appointed as Chair of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in June 2025 and officially joined the Trust to take up the role in August 2025 . Leeds Hospitals Charity has made revenue and capital payments to the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Details of Leeds Hospitals Charity's related party transactions with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust are below:

- Medical equipment: 30 grants; £345k (2024/25: £702k)
- Research and innovation: 16 grants; £583k (2024/25: £1,074k)
- Health and wellbeing: 52 grants; £697k (2024/25: £784k)
- Education and training: 29 grants; £106k (2024/25: £108k)
- Environment: 21 grants; £462k (2024/25: £149k)
- Specialist staff: 4 grants; £687k (2024/25: £472k)

At 31 March 2026, Leeds Hospitals Charity had total commitments and creditors owing to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust of £8.3m (2024/25: £12.2m). No sums were owed to Leeds Hospitals Charity by the NHS Trust.

LHC Enterprise Limited, the wholly owned trading subsidiary, donated £7,419 to the parent Charity in September 2025.

There were no further related party transactions.

3 Income

3.1 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2025/26 £000	Total 2024/25 £000
Donations from individuals, clubs and societies	1,177	25	**1,202**	2,357
Donations from charitable trusts and associations	587	171	**758**	298
Corporate donations	198	4	**202**	253
Corporate donations earmarked for research				
From individuals, clubs & societies	-	6	**6**	-
From companies	3	-	**3**	-
Legacies	428	461	**889**	1,403
Grants	-	530	**530**	3
Donated goods and services for distribution	34	-	**34**	38
Total income from donations and legacies	**2,427**	**1,197**	**3,624**	4,352

3.2 Income from charitable activities

Income from the provision of education and training	-	4	**4**	1
Corporate sponsorship of training events	3	-	**3**	12
Total income from charitable activities	**3**	**4**	**7**	13

3.3 Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising activities	649	108	**757**	822
Lottery income	702	-	**702**	622
Sale of donated goods and merchandise	477	-	**477**	266
Income from fundraising events	222	8	**230**	201
Total income from other trading activities	**2,050**	**116**	**2,166**	**1,911**

3.4 Other income

Other income	1	-	**1**	11
Total other income	**1**	-	**1**	11

4 Expenditure

4.1 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2025/26 £000	Total 2024/25 £000
Fundraising events and appeals	1,188	-	-	**1,188**	1,133
Legacies	215	-	-	**215**	164
Charitable trusts and corporate donations	323	-	-	**323**	227
Operation of lottery	551	-	-	**551**	759
Operation of charity shops	772	-	-	**772**	365
Investment broker fees	84	-	14	**98**	97
Support costs allocated	556	-	-	**556**	360
Total cost of raising funds	**3,689**	**-**	**14**	**3,703**	3,105

4.2 Allocation and apportionment of governance costs

	2025/26 £000	2024/25 £000	Basis of Apportionment
Salaries, SLA* and related costs	**1,373**	1,322	Allocated on time
Legal and consultancy	**72**	84	Allocated on time
Branding and publicity	**103**	81	Allocated on time
Recruitment	**9**	17	Allocated on time
General running costs	**185**	169	Allocated on time
Computer hardware/software licences	**169**	141	Allocated on time
Audit and professional fees	**32**	29	Allocated on time
Bank charges	**9**	10	Allocated on time
Total	**1,952**	1,853	

*Service Level Agreement

4.3 Apportionment of support costs across costs of raising funds

	Costs of generating income £000	Investment management costs £000	Total allocated 2025/26 £000	Total allocated 2024/25 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	339	52	**391**	257
Legal and consultancy	17	3	**20**	16
Branding and publicity	25	4	**29**	16
Recruitment	3	-	**3**	3
General running costs	46	7	**53**	33
Computer hardware/software licences	42	6	**48**	27
Audit and professional fees	8	1	**9**	6
Bank charges	2	1	**3**	2
Total	**482**	**74**	**556**	360

4.4 Apportionment of support costs across charitable activities

	Medical equipment £000	Environment £000	Gifts in kind £000	Specialist staff £000	Research and innovation £000	Health and wellbeing £000	Education and training £000	**Total allocated 2025/26 £000**	Total allocated 2024/25 £000
Salaries, SLA and related costs	116	156	11	231	197	235	36	**982**	1,065
Legal and consultancy	6	8	1	12	10	13	2	**52**	68
Branding and publicity	8	12	1	17	15	18	3	**74**	65
Recruitment	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	**6**	14
General running costs	16	21	2	31	26	31	5	**132**	136
Computer hardware/software licences	14	19	1	29	24	30	4	**121**	114
Audit and professional fees	3	4	-	5	5	5	1	**23**	23
Bank charges	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	**6**	8
Total	**165**	**222**	**16**	**329**	**279**	**334**	**51**	**1,396**	**1,493**

5 Analysis of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	**Restricted funds £000**	**Support costs £000**	**Total 2025/26 £000**	**Net grant funding £000**	**Support costs £000**	**Total 2024/25 £000**
Medical equipment	255	22	165	**442**	669	315	**984**
Environment	439	22	222	**683**	117	67	**184**
Supporting specialist staff	655	33	329	**1,017**	472	212	**684**
Research and innovation	499	(15)	279	**763**	1,042	482	**1,524**
Health and wellbeing	543	264	334	**1,141**	708	352	**1,060**
Education and training	54	42	51	**147**	79	48	**127**
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries	34	-	16	**50**	39	17	**56**
Total analysis of charitable activities	**2,479**	**368**	**1,396**	**4,243**	3,126	1,493	**4,619**

5.1 Analysis of grants

	No	Total 2025/26 £000	No	Total 2024/25 £000
Name of recipient and number of grants				
Grants awarded to institutions				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – medical equipment	**30**	**345**	48	702
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – health and wellbeing	**52**	**697**	68	784
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – research and innovation	**16**	**583**	28	1,074
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – environment	**21**	**462**	32	149
Revenue grants				
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – specialist staff	**4**	**687**	2	472
Grants awarded to individuals				
Staff of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – training and development	**29**	**106**	54	108
Total grants awarded	**152**	**2,880**	232	3,289
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		**147**		-
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		**34**		38
Grants returned, undrawn or written back	**247**	**(214)**	132	(201)
Total		**2,847**		3,126

6 Details of transfers between funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2025/26 £000	Total 2024/25 £000
Transfers between funds	422	(422)	**-**	-

Unrestricted funding of £422,000 was used to support early career researchers in 2025/26. These monies were reinstated when the restricted grant for early career researchers was received from the DHSC Medical Research Charity Support Fund at the year end.

7 Gains on investments

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2025/26 £000	Total 2024/25 £000
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets	392	130	42	**564**	(431)
Unrealised gains on investment assets	135	45	232	**412**	447
Total gains on investments	**527**	**175**	**274**	**976**	**16**

8 Staff costs and emoluments

8.1 Analysis of staff costs

	Total 2025/26 £000	Total 2024/25 £000
Salaries and wages	**2,827**	2,530
Social security costs	**359**	255
Other pension costs	**139**	126
	3,325	2,911

Staff numbers	2025/26 FTE	2025/26 Headcount	2024/25 FTE	2024/25 Headcount
Fundraising staff	**38.6**	**47**	33.0	42
Marketing and communications	**6.5**	**7**	7.8	8
Impact and charitable funding	**10.3**	**11**	8.5	9
Finance and support resources	**8.4**	**10**	6.7	8
CEO Directorate	**7.8**	**8**	8.7	9
	71.6	**83**	64.7	76

8.2 Staff emoluments

Between	2025/26 No	2024/25 No
£60k and £70k	3	3
£70k and £80k	1	-
£80k and £90k	1	1
£90k and £100k	2	2
£100k and £110k	1	1

8.3 Key management personnel remuneration

The key management personnel of the charity comprise Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Engagement, Director of Philanthropy, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Director of Retail and Director of Grants and Impact. Trustees are not remunerated. Trustees received no reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

The Total cost of employing the charity's key management personnel during the year, including employer's social security and pension contributions, was £626,352 (2024/25: £576,766). The highest paid member of staff was the CEO, whose annual salary was £107,104 (2024/25: £106,038). Leeds Hospitals Charity median salary was £30,000 (2024/25: £30,576) which represents a ratio against the highest salary of 3.57:1. Leeds Hospitals Charity is committed to equal opportunities and offering fair pay and conditions.

8.4 – volunteers

Over the last year, over 500 people volunteered with the charity at least once. They completed an amazing 7,528 shifts and donated over 24,000 hours of their time. In our retail team, volunteers helped us open four new shops and a total of 360 volunteers donated over 19,000 hours to sort stock, process transactions and help customers.

Across our hospitals, our welcome volunteers supported over 11,000 patients to get to their appointments in Clarendon Wing, Jubilee Wing, at Chapel Allerton Hospital and at the Leeds Cancer Centre.

9 Analysis of fixed assets

9.1 Tangible fixed assets – consolidated and charity

	Fixtures, fittings, and equipment £000
Cost	
At 1 April 2025	102
Additions	264
At 31 March 2026	**366**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2025	79
Charge in the year	45
At 31 March 2026	**124**
Net book value 31 March 2026	**242**
Net book value 31 March 2025	23

9.2 Investments – consolidated and charity

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowed funds £000	Total 2026 £000	Total 2025 £000
Market value at 1 April 2025	15,947	5,293	3,706	**24,946**	31,516
Add: acquisitions at cost	4,943	1,641	1,222	**7,806**	7,220
Less: disposals at carrying value	(4,714)	(1,565)	(1,216)	**(7,495)**	(13,806)
Transfer between funds	(408)	408	-	**-**	-
Add: net gain/(loss) on revaluation	527	175	274	**976**	16
Market value at 31 March 2026	**16,295**	**5,952**	**3,986**	**26,233**	24,946
Historic cost				**23,521**	22,945

9.3 Class of investments – consolidated and charity

	Total 2026 £000	Total 2025 £000
Fixed interest	**6,339**	5,506
Equities – UK	**4,149**	3,668
Equities – overseas	**13,484**	13,779
Alternatives	**2,261**	1,993
	26,233	24,946

10 Investment income – consolidated and charity

	Total 2026 £000	Total 2025 £000
Investments – dividends received	**318**	413
Investments – interest received	**335**	492
Total investment income	**653**	905

11 Analysis of current assets

11.1 Debtors

	Consolidated		Charity	
	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000
Trade debtors	**11**	12	**11**	12
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	-	**1**	9
Accrued income	**858**	1,768	**858**	1,768
Other debtors	**19**	9	**19**	9
Total debtors falling due within one year	**888**	1,789	**889**	1,798

11.2 Investments – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account	**563**	6,260
Rathbones Capital Reserve Cash Account (B)	**63**	64
Total short-term investments and deposits	**625**	6,324

12 Analysis of liabilities

	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000

12.1 Creditors under one year – consolidated and charity

Trade creditors	**2,042**	746
Accruals	**4,522**	9,185
Taxation and social security	**77**	63
Total creditors falling due within one year	**6,641**	9,994

12.2 Creditors over one year – consolidated and charity

	31 March 2026 £000	31 March 2025 £000
Accruals for grants payable	**3,088**	3,813
Total creditors falling due after more than one year	**3,088**	3,813

13 Analysis of consolidated funds

13.1 Movement in funds

2025/26	Balance 1 April £000	Movement in year £000	Balance 31 March £000
Funds			
Unrestricted general purpose	3,450	841	**4,291**
Unrestricted designated	8,804	(2,413)	**6,391**
Restricted	5,172	793	**5,965**
Endowments	3,695	260	**3,955**
Total	**21,121**	**(519)**	**20,602**

2024/25

Funds			
Unrestricted general purpose	4,308	(858)	**3,450**
Unrestricted designated	8.496	308	**8,804**
Restricted	5,269	(97)	**5,172**
Endowments	3,564	131	**3,695**
Total	**21,637**	**(516)**	**21,121**

13.2 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 April 2025 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2026 £000
A Elsie May Sykes Fund	2,288	-	(9)	-	170	**2,449**
B Jeremy Neil Allen	1,407	-	(5)	-	104	**1,506**
Total	**3,695**	**-**	**(14)**	**-**	**274**	**3,955**

	Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of fund
A	Elsie May Sykes Fund	Funding of research and equipment at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
B	Jeremy Neil Allen	Funding of paediatric oncology research, Paediatric Service, Oncology.

13.3 Restricted funds, including linked charities

All funds with either an opening balance exceeding £250,000 or material activity in the year are stated separately below.

	Balance 1 April 2025 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains £000	Balance 31 March 2026 £000
Material funds						
A Arthritis and Inflammation Diseases Charity	618	-	(1)	53	35	705
B Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	1,455	-	(159)	10	37	1,343
C Breast Cancer Research Action Group	627	8	(38)	-	24	621
D Liaison Psychiatry	510	-	-	25	16	551
E Jeremy Neil Allen	285	37	-	20	7	349
F Alan David Midgley	-	472	-	-	-	472
G DHSC Medical Research Charity Support Fund	-	530	-	(530)	-	-
Others (28):	1,677	361	(170)	-	56	1,924
Total	**5,172**	**1,408**	**(368)**	**(422)**	**175**	**5,965**

Linked charities share one set of accounts and a charity number, have the same trustees and are connected because of the service they provide. They receive a proportion of unrealised and realised investment gains and losses.

13.4 Details of material funds – restricted funds

Name of fund	Status	Description of the nature and purpose of fund
A Arthritis and Inflammatory Diseases Charity	Linked	Funding for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the rheumatology and arthritis services at the Leeds Teaching NHS Trust (or its successor) within the National Health Service
B Leeds Cancer Centre Charity	Linked	Funding for specialist medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cancer, funding for cancer research and funding to enhance the care of patients with cancer
C Breast Cancer Research Action Group	Linked	Funding of research into breast cancer and purchase of equipment for the treatment of breast cancer
D Liaison Psychiatry		Funding for the benefit of the Department of Psychiatry
E Jeremy Neil Allen	Linked	Income from the Jeremy Neil Allen Endowment Fund for paediatric oncology research, paediatric service, oncology
F Alan David Midgley		Funding for the purposes of purchasing equipment used for research technology and for the cure of brain tumours
G DHSC Medical Research Charity Support Fund		Funding to support Early Career Health and Care Researchers who are supported by the Charity, undertaking their research in the relevant Funding Year

13.5 Unrestricted funds

All funds with either an opening balance exceeding £250,000 or material activity in the year are stated separately below.

		Balance 1 April 2025 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains & losses £000	Balance 31 March 2026 £000
Material designated funds							
A	Yorkshire Cancer Centre	1,570	2	(19)	(1,553)	-	-
B	Children's Services Charity	476	(34)	(448)	6	-	-
C	MND Support Fund	798	1,144	(633)	(107)	-	**1,202**
D	Kidney Care Charity Fund	332	-	(4)	-	-	**328**
E	Major Projects	2,275	-	-	(1,500)	527	**1,302**
F	Grant Funding programme	670	-	(1,296)	2,189	-	**1,563**
G	Education Funding Programme	252	-	-	(252)	-	-
H	Leeds Leads Research Fund	542	-	(150)	(392)	-	-
	Other designated funds (61):	1,889	449	(749)	407	-	**1,996**
	Designated funds	**8,804**	**1,561**	**(3,299)**	**(1,202)**	**527**	**6,391**
	General unrestricted fund	3,450	3,482	(4,265)	1,624	-	**4,291**
	Total	**12,254**	**5,043**	**(7,564)**	**422**	**527**	**10,682**

13.6 Details of material funds – designated funds

	Name of fund	Description of the nature and purpose of fund, and approximate timeframe for expenditure
A	Yorkshire Cancer Centre	Funding of research, equipment and enhanced patient care, this has been transferred to the main grant funding programme in year.
B	Children's Services Charity	Funding of equipment, facilities and enhanced patient care at Leeds Children's Hospital – now fully spent.
C	MND Support Fund	Funding of research, facilities, equipment & enhanced patient care for patients with motor neurone disease, 3–5 years.
D	Kidney Care Charity Fund	To enhance the care and treatment of patients requiring renal services in Leeds, 3–5 years.
E	Major Projects	Unrealised gains on investment portfolio, designated for use on major projects within Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in line with the Charity's strategy and objectives, 5–10 years. £1.5m was transferred to general unrestricted funds in the year to ensure the charity could underwrite the funding awarded for the Children's Play Therapy extension to cover 7-days of play provision.
F	Grant Funding Programme	Funding towards the annual grant programme, 1-3 years. The transfer into this fund in year was due to the amalgamation of the education, research and cancer general grant funding programmes into the main annual grant programme.
G	Education Funding Programme	Funding of education at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, 1-3 years, amalgamated with the main grant funding programme in year.
H	Leeds Leads Research Fund	Funding of research, 1-3 years.Funding of research, 1-3 years, amalgamated with the main grant funding programme in year.

13.7 Analysis of consolidated net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total funds
	General fund £000	Designated fund £000	Restricted fund £000	Endowed fund £000	2026 £000
2025/26					
Fixed Assets	242	-	-	-	**242**
Investments	4,099	12,196	5,952	3,986	**26,233**
Stock	6	-	-	-	**6**
Debtors	404	380	104	-	**888**
Cash investments	388	-	174	63	**625**
Cash at bank and in hand	297	538	1,596	(94)	**2,337**
Liabilities due within one year	(961)	(4,433)	(1,247)	-	**(6,641)**
Liabilities due after more than one year	(184)	(2,290)	(614)	-	**(3,088)**
Total net assets	**4,291**	**6,391**	**5,965**	**3,955**	**20,602**

	General fund £000	Designated fund £000	Restricted fund £000	Endowed fund £000	2025 £000
2024/25					
Fixed Assets	23	-	-	-	**23**
Investments	3,499	12,448	5,293	3,706	**24,946**
Stock	9	-	-	-	**9**
Debtors	401	525	863	-	**1,789**
Cash investments	166	4,568	1,526	64	**6,324**
Cash at bank and in hand	793	790	329	(75)	**1,837**
Liabilities due within one year	(1,384)	(6,551)	(2,059)	-	**(9,994)**
Liabilities due after more than one year	(57)	(2,976)	(780)	-	**(3,813)**
Total net assets	**3,450**	**8,804**	**5,172**	**3,695**	**21,121**

14 Financial instruments

	2025/26 £000	2024/25 £000
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	889	1,788
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(7,610)	(12,997)

Financial assets comprise accrued income. Financial liabilities comprise accruals including grants.

15 Trustee and connected persons transactions

15.1 Trustee indemnity insurance

	2025/26 £000	2024/25 £000
Description of cover		
Markel (UK) Limited: Social Welfare Combined Insurance Cover	**13**	13
Total	**13**	13

16 Cash flow

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

	2025/26 £000	2024/25 £000
Net expenditure for the year	**(519)**	(516)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**45**	7
Gains on investments	**(976)**	(16)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	**(653)**	(905)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	**3**	(1)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**901**	(711)
Decrease in creditors	**(4,078)**	(3,157)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(5,277)**	(5,299)

16.2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	Balance 1 April 2025 £000	Cash flows in year £000	Balance 31 March 2026 £000
Cash in hand and at bank	1,837	500	**2,337**
Cash equivalent	6,324	(5,699)	**625**
Total	8,161	(5,199)	**2,962**

17 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £29,000 relates to the 2025/26 audit (£23,000) and tax advice (£6,000) given in the year (2024/25: £27,350 relates to the 2024/25 audit (£22,800) and tax advice (£4,550)).

18 Operating lease commitments

	<1 year £000	1–5 years £000	>5 years £000
Land and buildings	**102**	**393**	**103**

19 Contingent liabilities

The Charity has given indemnities to executors under the standard terms for legacies received from dormant accounts. The trustees believe the risk of significant claims arising as a result of these to be negligible.

20 Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Endowment funds £000	2024/25 Total funds £000	2023/24 Total funds £000
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3.1	3,830	522	-	4,352	5,519
Charitable activities	3.2	13	-	-	13	1
Other trading activities	3.3	1,815	96	-	1,911	2,349
Investments	10	811	94	-	905	883
Other income	3.4	11	-	-	11	25
Total income		**6,480**	**712**	**-**	**7,192**	8,777
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4.1	3,025	69	11	3,105	3,534
Charitable activities:	5					
Equipment		622	362	-	984	1,431
Environment		136	48	-	184	895
Supporting specialist staff		683	1	-	684	(29)
Research and innovation		1,450	74	-	1,524	1,209
Health and wellbeing		943	117	-	1,060	989
Education and training		41	86	-	127	334
Gifts in kind distributed to beneficiaries		56	-	-	56	137
Total expenditure		**6,956**	**757**	**11**	**7,724**	8,510
Net gains on investments	7	(94)	(32)	142	16	2,058
Net (expenditure)/income		**(570)**	**(77)**	**131**	**(516)**	2,325
Transfers between funds	6	20	(20)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(550)**	**(97)**	**131**	**(516)**	2,325
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		12,804	5,269	3,564	21,637	19,312
Total funds carried		**12,254**	**5,172**	**3,695**	**21,121**	21,637

Thank you

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