Sophie's LEGACY

CREATING CHANGE

A RAINBOW OF CHANGE

LOOK FOR RAINBOWS!



Sophie's Legacy Annual Report

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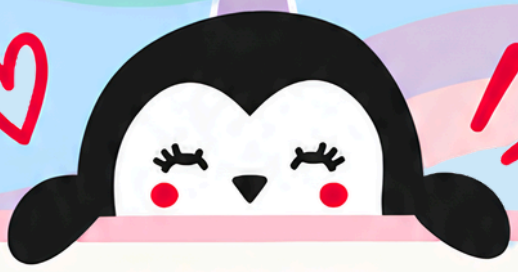
Change is happening!



MISSION STATEMENT

SOPHIE'S LEGACY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EMOTIONAL, PRACTICAL, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL, WE SEEK TO CREATE A COMPASSIONATE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT WHERE FAMILIES CAN FOCUS ON THEIR CHILD'S WELL-BEING WITHOUT ADDED STRESS.





VISION

AN IMPROVED HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE WHERE FAMILIES FEEL SUPPORTED, CARED FOR, AND EMPOWERED DURING THEIR CHALLENGING TIMES.

Sophie's LEGACY



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Supporters, Volunteers and Friends of Sophie's Legacy,

As I reflect on the period from April 2025 to March 2026, I feel incredibly proud of how far Sophie's Legacy has come. What began as a promise to Sophie continues to drive meaningful change for children, young people and families in hospitals across the country. This has been a landmark year, one in which years of campaigning, collaboration and determination have led to real progress.

In February 2026, the Government published the Children and Young People's Cancer Plan. Seeing this long-awaited plan finally released was a hugely significant moment. It showed that the voices of children, young people and families had been heard, and that the determination to improve cancer care and outcomes had translated into national action.

We also faced a significant challenge in September when the newly formed government paused the important children's cancer reform work. It felt like a blow — but one I wasn't willing to accept. I reached out to my local MP, Caroline Dinenage, and together we secured a meeting with the new Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, in November 2024.

This year also saw NHS England publish the Play Well Toolkit, which has the potential to transform play provision in hospital. Play is not an optional extra: it supports children's wellbeing, reduces fear and helps them understand and cope with treatment. We will continue encouraging hospitals to provide high-quality play services seven days a week, so children can access this vital support whenever they are admitted.

NHS Supply Chain published the second children's cookbook for hospital chefs, with Sophie's Legacy supporting the project and contributing to the book. It provides practical inspiration to help hospitals improve menus for young patients. Alongside this, I have worked directly with hospitals across the country to improve children's food, encourage the provision of meals for parents staying at their child's bedside, and strengthen access to play throughout the week.

In January 2026, Alder Hey became the first hospital in the country to achieve all of Sophie's wishes and was awarded Sophie's Legacy Approved status. This was a proud and emotional milestone. It demonstrated what is possible when a hospital makes a clear commitment to children and families and it provides a standard that we hope many more hospitals will follow.

While influencing national change, we have continued to stand alongside families day to day. Thanks to the generosity of our community, businesses and supporters from further afield, we have been able to maintain practical support for families in hospital and extend what we can offer. Every donation, partnership, fundraising event and act of volunteering has helped us reach people at an incredibly difficult time.

Sophie's wishes remain at the heart of everything we do: better food for children, meals for parents, seven-day play provision, and greater care and understanding for every family. This year's achievements show how powerful those wishes are when people work together with courage, compassion and persistence.

This report shares what we have been doing between April 2025 and March 2026, the difference that support is making, and the next steps in our mission to improve the hospital experience for children and their families.

None of this progress happens on its own. Each day, our team works across every part of the charity, from responding to referrals and coordinating deliveries to organising events, supporting fundraising and working with our volunteers. Their skill, flexibility and determination ensure that families receive help when they need it and that our wider campaigns continue to move forward. I am immensely proud of the care they bring to their work and grateful to have them beside me.

Our volunteers make that work possible in countless practical ways. They prepare donations, transport supplies, drive our van, maintain contact with hospitals and help us respond to families, sometimes with a pizza delivery at exactly the right moment. To everyone who volunteers with us, please know that your contribution is valued deeply and changes lives.

This year's achievements also belong to the many individuals, families, community groups and businesses who have stood behind us. You may have made a donation, organised or sponsored an event, completed a personal challenge, contributed essential items, introduced us to others or helped our message reach a wider audience. However you supported us, you helped turn compassion into practical action.

The promise I made to Sophie continues to guide every step, and your support gives us the strength to carry it forward, reach more families and keep pressing for lasting change. Thank you for being part of her legacy.
With heartfelt thanks,

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Charlotte Fairall
Sophie's Mum & Founder, Sophie's Legacy



Update on the Legacy



One of the most significant and far-reaching areas of Sophie's Legacy's work has been our campaign to ensure parents are fed while staying with their child in hospital.

The campaign was born from Sophie's own experience. During Sophie's treatment, Charlotte often witnessed parents going without food because they simply could not afford the cost of hospital meals or did not want to leave their child's bedside. Following Sophie's death, Charlotte became determined to understand whether this was an isolated issue or a national problem.

In 2022, NHS England undertook one of the first national surveys examining food provision for parents on children's wards across the UK. The results were shocking. More than 90% of hospitals surveyed did not routinely provide food for parents staying with their children.

One key finding revealed that the average cost of buying meals in hospital was between £15 and £18 per day. At a time when families were already facing significant financial pressures, this represented an additional burden many simply could not afford.

The survey also uncovered significant inequality in provision. While some hospitals offered meals to breastfeeding mothers, non-breastfeeding mothers were frequently excluded. One particularly distressing case shared with Sophie's Legacy involved a mother recovering from a traumatic Caesarean section. Admitted with her three-week-old baby, she was unable to breastfeed due to an infection and spent seven weeks in hospital without being provided a single meal.

For Sophie's Legacy, this highlighted a fundamental issue. Parents are not visitors on children's wards. They are providing round-the-clock care and emotional support to their child. They are an essential part of the care team and deserve to be treated as such.

<u>Driving Change</u>

Following the publication of the survey findings, Charlotte began presenting both the research and Sophie's story to NHS leaders, hospital boards and policymakers across the country.

After Sophie's story was presented to the NHS Board, Sophie's Legacy received a formal letter confirming their commitment to Sophie's vision and acknowledging the importance of the issue.

Alongside influencing policy, Sophie's Legacy began funding practical solutions. Parent rooms were equipped with freezers stocked with COOK meals, ensuring families had access to hot, nutritious food at any time of day or night. Weekly pizza nights were also launched at Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth in May 2022. What started as a small local initiative quickly grew and is now delivered across hospitals including Guildford, Chichester, Poole, the Isle of Wight and the Royal Marsden.

National Children's Hospital Pilots

In March 2023, Sophie's Legacy's campaigning reached a national level when an eight-week pilot programme was launched across major children's hospitals including Alder Hey, Birmingham, Bristol, Great Ormond Street, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield and Southampton.

Funded by Child Alliance and proudly branded as the "Sophie's Legacy Pilots", the project enabled hospitals to test different approaches to feeding parents and understand the impact such support could have.

The results were overwhelmingly positive. Parents reported reduced financial stress, improved wellbeing and a greater ability to remain focused on caring for their child. Hospitals also recognised the benefits, with several going on to make parent feeding a permanent part of their service. Alder Hey, Great Ormond Street, Sheffield and Newcastle are among the hospitals that continue to feed parents today following the pilot's success.

<u>Supporting District General Hospitals</u>

While progress was being made in large specialist children's hospitals, Sophie's Legacy recognised that families in district general hospitals faced many of the same challenges.

In March 2024, working alongside NHS England, Sophie's Legacy launched a new pilot programme specifically aimed at district hospitals. Fully funded by Sophie's Legacy, fifteen hospitals received grants of £5,000 to develop parent-feeding projects tailored to their local needs.

The projects began in June 2024 and each participating hospital was required to produce a sustainability plan to demonstrate how they would continue support beyond the pilot period.

The impact was immediate and powerful.

One parent told us:

"It was the first hot meal I've had since arriving in hospital with my child 7 weeks ago."

For some families, the meals provided through the programme were the first hot meals they had eaten in weeks.

The pilots also highlighted a wider benefit. Hospitals reported that children were often more likely to eat when their parents were eating alongside them. While formal academic research has yet to be undertaken, the findings suggest there may be wider implications for children's wellbeing, recovery and overall hospital experience.

<u>Creating National Momentum</u>

Sophie's message continues to spread across the country.

Hospitals including Medway and Hull have introduced parent-feeding policies inspired by Sophie's Legacy's work, while dozens of trusts have contacted the charity seeking advice and guidance on how to introduce similar support.

Over the past four years, Charlotte has worked directly with more than 60 hospitals to explore practical ways of feeding parents, helping many of them implement sustainable programmes that now support families every day.

In 2025, Sophie's Legacy published its first Feeding Parents Impact Report, bringing together four years of evidence, research, case studies and learning. The report demonstrated not only the need for parents to be fed in hospital but also the growing body of evidence showing the positive impact this support has on families.

The report reinforced a simple message: parents staying with a sick child are not visitors. Hospitals depend on parents remaining at their child's bedside, often providing comfort, supervision and care around the clock. Supporting parents with food is not an additional luxury but a fundamental part of family-centred care.

<u>A Landmark Partnership</u>

One of the most significant milestones in the campaign came in October 2024 when Medirest, one of the UK's largest hospital catering providers, announced a partnership with Sophie's Legacy.

Through this partnership, Medirest committed to feeding parents across all of the hospitals where they hold contracts, covering approximately 1,000 children's beds nationwide. Importantly, the initiative is fully funded by Medirest and not by the NHS, demonstrating how partnership working can create meaningful change for families at scale.

Medirest continues to roll out parent-feeding schemes across its hospitals, adopting Sophie's vision and helping to ensure more families are supported during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

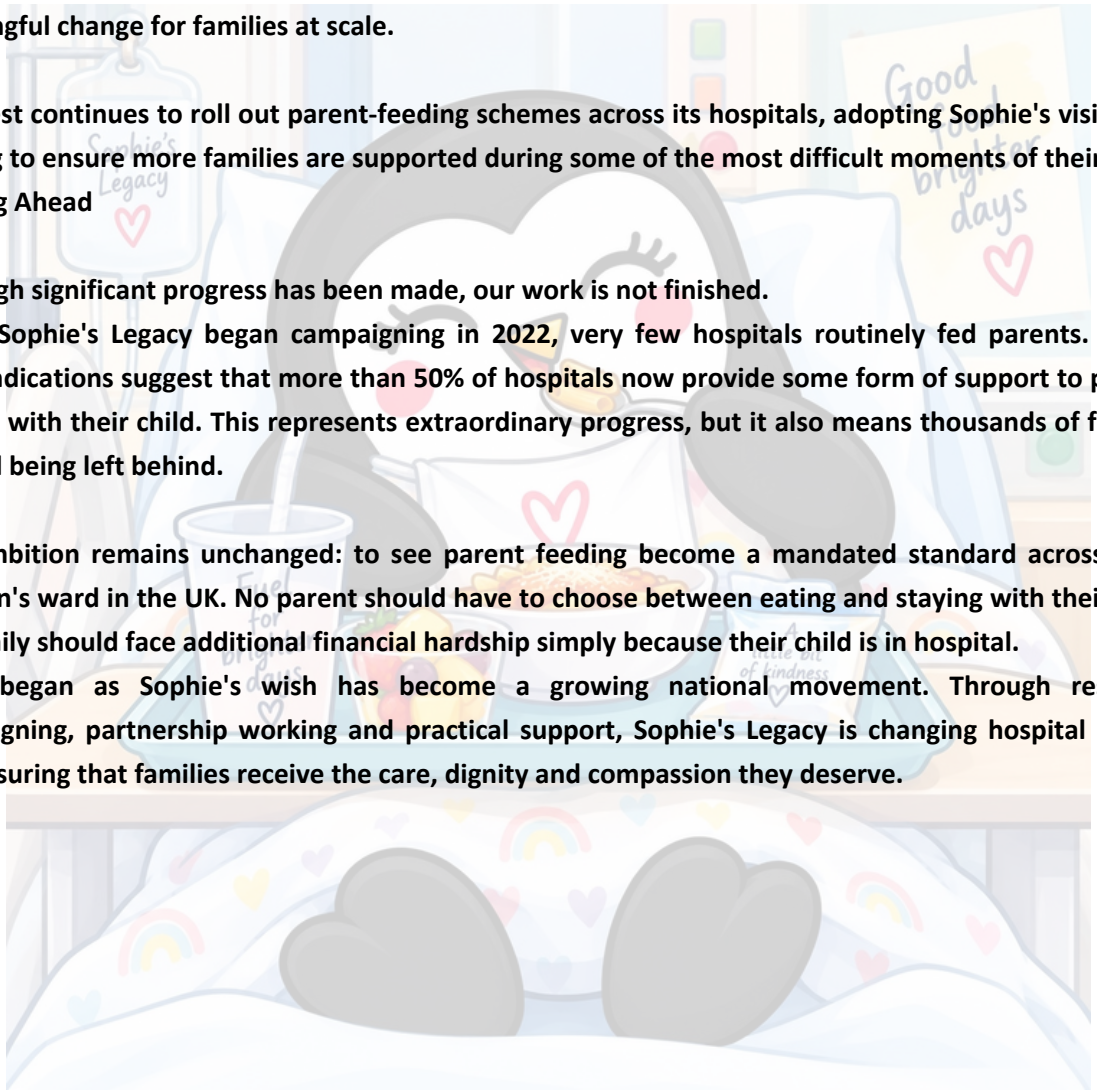
Looking Ahead

Although significant progress has been made, our work is not finished.

When Sophie's Legacy began campaigning in 2022, very few hospitals routinely fed parents. Today, early indications suggest that more than 50% of hospitals now provide some form of support to parents staying with their child. This represents extraordinary progress, but it also means thousands of families are still being left behind.

Our ambition remains unchanged: to see parent feeding become a mandated standard across every children's ward in the UK. No parent should have to choose between eating and staying with their child. No family should face additional financial hardship simply because their child is in hospital.

What began as Sophie's wish has become a growing national movement. Through research, campaigning, partnership working and practical support, Sophie's Legacy is changing hospital culture and ensuring that families receive the care, dignity and compassion they deserve.



Improving hospital food for children was one of Sophie's greatest passions. She described hospital food simply as "disgusting" – particularly powerful coming from a child who genuinely loved food and understood the importance of mealtimes.

During her cancer treatment, chemotherapy often left Sophie feeling too nauseous to eat when meals were served. By the time she felt hungry, usually later in the evening, hospital kitchens had closed. Eventually, Sophie stopped eating hospital food altogether, relying on tube feeding during admissions and eating properly when she returned home.

In Sophie's memory, we are determined to change this. Working with NHS England, hospitals and national catering partners, we continue to campaign for better quality, greater choice and the flexibility for children to eat what they want, when they feel able to eat it.

In April 2023, Charlotte shared Sophie's story at the National Hospital Catering Conference, speaking to catering teams and NHS leaders from across the UK. Discussions that followed with NHS Supply Chain led to the creation of More Please – the first NHS cookbook dedicated entirely to children's hospital food.

Published in 2024 by NHS Supply Chain and Foodbuy UK, More Please included two of Sophie's favourite recipes and highlighted the importance of feeding parents alongside their children. Following its success, a second cookbook, Even More Please, was published in September 2025 in conjunction with Sophie's Legacy.

Charlotte has continued to influence change nationally, returning to the National Hospital Catering Conference in 2025 and judging the NHS Chef of the Year competition for three consecutive years. In 2025, Sophie's Legacy also began working with Apetito, which supplies meals to more than 600 hospitals across the UK, to explore how children's meal options could be improved on a much wider scale.

Alongside campaigning for national change, we continue to champion hospitals already demonstrating what is possible. At Alder Hey Children's Hospital, ward-based chefs prepare meals closer to patients and children on the oncology ward can order food whenever they feel ready to eat. Charlotte firmly believes that this kind of flexibility would have transformed Sophie's own experience.

There is still more to do, but our goal remains simple: rather than expecting sick children to fit around hospital catering, hospital catering should fit around sick children.



During Sophie's many hospital stays, we came to understand just how important play specialists are on children's wards.

For Sophie, seeing a play specialist was often the highlight of visits to the three hospitals involved in her care. Through play, crafts, emotional support and distraction during procedures, they helped her feel like a child in an environment that could otherwise be frightening, traumatic and isolating.

Sophie was shocked to discover that the play team did not have enough funding for toys, art materials and craft supplies. Early in her treatment, she decided to help. She painted ceramics in hospital to sell and raised more than £6,000 over the course of a year. She particularly loved receiving a list of what the ward needed and going shopping to fulfil it.

However, we soon learned that play provision was often limited to Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, with no weekend cover. If a play specialist was ill or on leave, there was rarely anyone available to replace them. Sophie would say, "I'm still here, are they saying I can only play Monday to Friday?"

When Sophie wrote her bucket list, one of her wishes was for play specialists to be available in hospitals seven days a week. She said, "You wouldn't run a ward without nurses. I don't think you should run a children's ward without play specialists."

Since Sophie's passing, we have worked to make that wish a reality. The challenge is considerable: only around 680 play specialists are listed on the public register across the UK, serving hospitals, hospices and other settings. Routes into the profession are also limited, with only a small number of colleges and universities offering foundation degree or apprenticeship training.

Awareness of the specialist role remains too low. We want more education providers to offer training and every hospital to recognise play as an essential part of children's care - not an optional extra.

To help drive national change, we have worked with NHS England and Starlight. I shared Sophie's story at the National Association of Hospital Play Specialists conference in London in June 2022 and at the Play Research Centre, University of Cambridge, in March 2023.

In June 2022, NHS England announced a joint task force with Starlight. It brought together the Royal College of Nursing, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Sophie's Legacy, the Care Quality Commission, the Society of Health Play Specialists and more than 60 health professionals. Children and young people also contributed through the NHS England Children and Young People Transformation Board and a survey by the Heads of Patient Experience Network.

The task force developed:

- **National guidance for commissioners and health service leaders on the purpose, design and structure of health play teams**
- **National standards for organisations providing health play services**

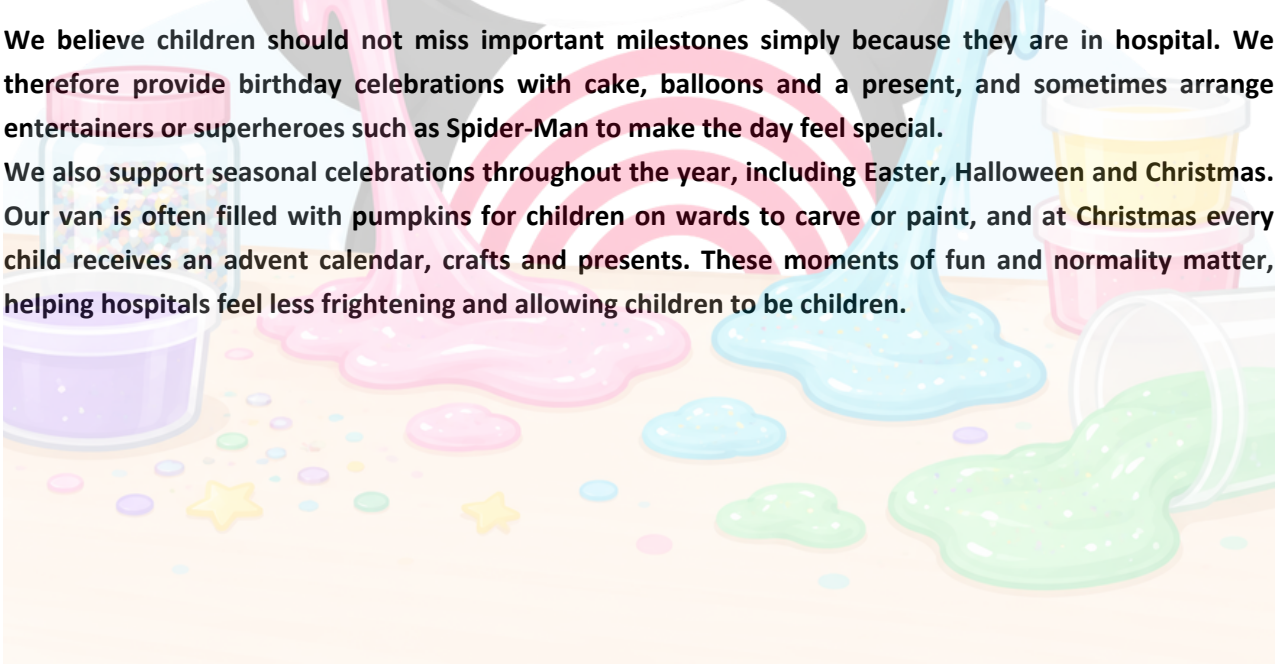
That work led to a major milestone in June 2025, when NHS England and Starlight published the Play Well Toolkit. I was honoured to speak at the London launch and used Sophie's Beads of Courage to illustrate what she endured in just one year of treatment. I spoke about her first MRI, only three days after her journey began. Without preparation from a play team, she had to remain completely still for 90 minutes, with sandbags across her legs and tears streaming down her face as the tumour pressed painfully into her abdomen. That experience was represented by just one bead, one procedure among the many she faced. It was a powerful reminder of why skilled play support is needed before, during and after medical procedures, and why the toolkit has the potential to transform children's hospital care.

Alongside our national campaigning, we continue to invest in play directly. Since February 2023, we have funded art practitioner Hayley to provide therapeutic art sessions through Portsmouth Hospital. Her work later expanded to children referred by Portsmouth community nurses, including long-term patients at home, at school or in hospital. Demand has grown so much that Hayley now works two days a week for Sophie's Legacy and has a waiting list. These sessions are making a meaningful difference to children's mental health and wellbeing.

We also provide toys, games and craft materials throughout the year to every hospital we support. Many play teams have little or no budget for these essential resources, so reliable supplies make an immediate difference to the children in their care.

To help play reach children wherever they are being treated, we purchased a portable play trolley for the Paediatric High Dependency Unit at Southampton for £4,800 and a sensory play trolley for Bournemouth Children's A&E costing more than £5,000. These mobile resources are already improving children's experiences in hospital.

We believe children should not miss important milestones simply because they are in hospital. We therefore provide birthday celebrations with cake, balloons and a present, and sometimes arrange entertainers or superheroes such as Spider-Man to make the day feel special.
We also support seasonal celebrations throughout the year, including Easter, Halloween and Christmas. Our van is often filled with pumpkins for children on wards to carve or paint, and at Christmas every child receives an advent calendar, crafts and presents. These moments of fun and normality matter, helping hospitals feel less frightening and allowing children to be children.





One of Sophie's final wishes was simple but powerful: she wanted kinder treatments for children with cancer and more options when cancer returns, so that more children have the chance to survive and thrive.

During Sophie's treatment, Charlotte witnessed first-hand the devastating impact chemotherapy and radiotherapy can have on a child's body. While these treatments save lives, they can also leave children facing lifelong consequences.

Had Sophie survived, the effects of her treatment would have been significant. Radiotherapy across her abdomen caused irreversible damage to previously healthy organs. For many children, survival is only part of the story – treatment can affect growth, fertility, education, mental health, mobility and quality of life for decades afterwards.

Progress in childhood cancers such as rhabdomyosarcoma is also hindered by a lack of research. Compared with adult cancers, there are fewer researchers, clinical trials and opportunities to develop new treatments.

Sophie's Legacy believes children deserve better: more research, faster diagnoses, safer treatments, greater access to clinical trials and more options when cancer returns.

<u>Turning Grief into Action</u>

Just ten days after Sophie died, Charlotte met with her local MP, Dame Caroline Dinenage, and asked for her help to create meaningful change for children with cancer.

In April 2022, that campaigning helped lead to the first parliamentary debate dedicated solely to childhood cancer. MPs from across the political spectrum came together in the House of Commons to discuss research, diagnosis, treatment and care, sharing the experiences of children and families from across the UK.

It marked the beginning of years of determined campaigning. Charlotte worked alongside MPs, ministers, clinicians, researchers, charities and families to ensure the voices of children and young people remained firmly on the political agenda.

<u>A National Taskforce</u>

In April 2024, following sustained campaigning by Sophie's Legacy, Dame Caroline Dinenage and others within the childhood cancer community, the Government announced the creation of the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce.

For the first time, experts from across paediatric oncology, research, healthcare and the charity sector came together with patients, parents and survivors to help develop a dedicated national approach to childhood cancer.

The taskforce focused on the biggest challenges facing children and young people, including research, earlier diagnosis, access to innovative treatments and clinical trials, patient experience and the long-term effects of treatment.

Following the General Election, the new Government paused the taskforce in September 2024. Charlotte immediately challenged the decision and, alongside Dame Caroline, secured a meeting with Health Secretary Wes Streeting and senior officials.

In November 2024, they travelled to Westminster to make the case for the work to continue. Following that meeting, the Government agreed to restart the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce.

<u>Making Sure Families Have a Voice</u>

The reinstated taskforce met in March 2025. Charlotte was appointed to the main taskforce and invited to chair the Patient Voice Group, ensuring children, young people, survivors and bereaved families remained represented throughout its work.

Working alongside experts from healthcare, research and Government, Charlotte helped explore the challenges families face from diagnosis and treatment through to survivorship and bereavement. The taskforce also contributed to the Government's wider cancer strategy, helping ensure the specific needs of children and young people were represented in national policy.

<u>A Landmark Achievement</u>

In February 2026, the Government published the Children and Young People's Cancer Plan – an incredibly significant moment for Sophie's Legacy and the culmination of years of campaigning.

The plan set out ambitions for earlier diagnosis, greater research investment, improved access to innovative treatments and clinical trials, better support for survivors and a stronger focus on children and families.

For families affected by childhood cancer, it represented hope that future generations could have better treatments, better care and a greater chance of surviving cancer with fewer lifelong consequences.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly proud that one little girl's voice has helped influence change at the highest levels of Government, but our work is far from finished.

We will continue campaigning for greater investment in research, faster diagnosis, kinder and more effective treatments, improved access to clinical trials and better support for children and families.

Every child deserves the best possible chance of survival – and every child who survives deserves the best possible quality of life.

That is the future Sophie wanted – and it is the future we will continue fighting for.



In the months leading up to Sophie's cancer diagnosis, we contacted our GP surgery numerous times. Sophie was experiencing recognised red-flag symptoms, including persistent nausea, stomach pain and unexplained bleeding. By the time she was diagnosed, she had a 12cm tumour in her abdomen that could be physically felt.

Like many parents, we did not know the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer. We assumed it was incredibly rare, yet around one in 320 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.
Sadly, Sophie's experience is not unique. We have heard from countless families who repeatedly visited their GP or emergency department before their child's cancer was identified, often being reassured their symptoms were caused by common childhood illnesses.

Despite cancer being the leading cause of death by disease in children under 15, there has historically been little dedicated training for healthcare professionals on recognising childhood cancer. Around 67% of children with cancer are diagnosed through A&E, compared with 22% of adults. Earlier diagnosis can save lives and give children the best possible chance of a positive outcome.

<u>Progress Through the Cancer Plan</u>
Improving awareness and education is a key priority for Sophie's Legacy, and we are encouraged that the Children and Young People's Cancer Plan recognises earlier diagnosis as a national priority.
Early diagnosis was also a key workstream of the Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce, with a focus on improving awareness and education amongst GPs, emergency department staff and other frontline professionals so that more children can be diagnosed and begin treatment sooner.

We also continue to raise public awareness. Each September, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we share the signs and symptoms and encourage schools, businesses and communities to Go Gold. September is particularly significant for us, as it was the month Sophie was both diagnosed and passed away.

<u>Looking Forward</u>
We will continue working with healthcare professionals, policymakers and partner charities to improve awareness and training so that fewer families experience delays in diagnosis.

If there is one message Charlotte shares with every parent, it is this:
"Always trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, don't be afraid to ask questions, seek a second opinion or keep pushing for answers. You know your child better than anyone."

By improving awareness, education and listening to families, we hope more children will be diagnosed earlier, treated sooner and given the very best chance of survival.

What have we achieved?



SOPHIE'S SNACK BOXES

We provided snack boxes containing food, drinks and toiletries for parents across 12 hospitals

12 HOSPITALS ● 40 WARDS

Including: neonatal, intensive care, children's ward, special care baby unit & A&E

£88,254

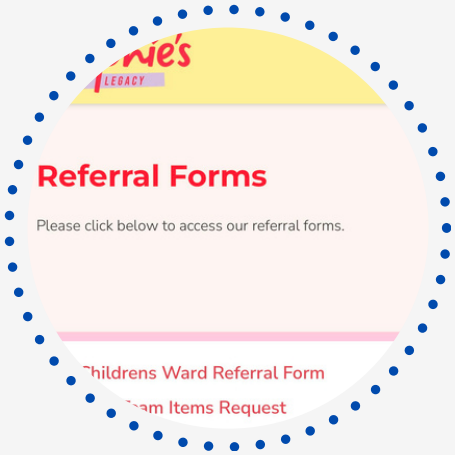
PARENT PACKS

Containing the essentials a parent might need, including a phone charger, toiletries and a snack

3800+ PACKS



£30,383



REFERRALS

We receive referrals from health professionals for families in hospital who need support

WE FUND TRANSPORT COSTS, EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WHOSE CHILD IS TERMINALLY ILL AND MANY OTHER THINGS

£110,731

SOPHIE'S SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

We have provided in excess of 7800 pizzas to seven hospitals – Portsmouth, Guildford, Chichester, Royal Marsden, Isle of Wight, Worthing and Poole for families to share.



£63,334

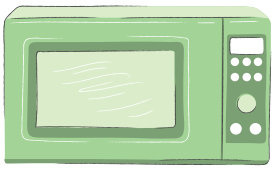




HOSPITAL WARD EXPENSES

We purchase fridges, freezers, coffee machines, microwaves etc. for the hospital wards

£4,968



COOK READY MEALS

We provided delicious and nutritious COOK ready meals for parents in hospital

COOK

£39,517





PLAY IN HOSPITAL

We provide toy, craft items, books, games, fidget toy, specialist play equipment and this is on top of extensive donations

£13,110



Celebrations

We've spent over £15,366 supporting families and making special occasions in hospital a little brighter – including 500 Mother's Day gift bags, 350 Father's Day gift bags, 3,000 advent calendars, as well as Christmas, Easter, Halloween, birthdays and even bell ringing!



In other news.....

ALDER HEY LEADS THE WAY!

The first hospital to achieve all of Sophie's wishes



This year marked an incredibly special milestone for Sophie's Legacy as Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool became the first hospital to achieve all of Sophie's wishes.

After working alongside Alder Hey for the past four years, Charlotte had the privilege of presenting the hospital with its Sophie's Legacy certificate, joined by members of the catering and play teams and Chief Children's Nurse and Sophie's Legacy Ambassador, Nathan Askew.

Nathan has been a huge supporter of Sophie's wishes from the beginning. He fundamentally believed in the changes Sophie wanted to see for children and families in hospital and made a commitment to help make them happen at Alder Hey.

The journey began in 2022, when Alder Hey took part in the first pilot project to provide food for parents staying in hospital with their children. Today, parents can access a voucher to get a meal or have a meal provided at ward level, ensuring they can eat without having to leave their child's side.

The hospital has also transformed the way food is provided for children. Trained chefs work on the wards, getting to know their patients and cooking food they actually want to eat. On the children's cancer ward, children can even ring a doorbell and have food cooked to order - allowing them to eat what they fancy, when they feel able to eat it.

Alder Hey has also extended its play provision, with Play Specialists now available seven days a week and for extended hours during the week. They help prepare children for procedures, support those experiencing medical trauma or anxiety, and, importantly, give children the opportunity to simply play.

For a major children's hospital to successfully implement these changes shows that Sophie's wishes are achievable. With commitment, leadership and a genuine desire to improve the experience of children and their families, these changes can happen in hospitals across the country.

Alder Hey may be the first, but we know several other hospitals are getting very close. Our first Sophie's Legacy approved hospital. Who will be next?



This year, Charlotte had the incredible honour of being invited to Buckingham Palace by Their Majesties The King and Queen for a reception celebrating the work of cancer charities across the UK.

Charlotte was there representing a voice that can too often be forgotten – children with cancer. She had the opportunity to speak with His Majesty The King about Sophie, her legacy and the work of Sophie's Legacy, even personally giving him one of our leaflets!

It was an incredibly special moment and another opportunity to make sure children with cancer are part of the national conversation.

Alongside MP Caroline Dinenage, we also continue to campaign for a dedicated Children and Young People's Cancer Taskforce, ensuring children and young people receive the focus they deserve.

From Sophie's wishes to Buckingham Palace – her voice continues to be heard.





More Please: Second Helping

We were delighted to see the publication of More Please! created by NHS Supply Chain with the support of Sophie's Legacy.

One of Sophie's wishes was simple but incredibly important; better food for children in hospital. She believed children deserved meals that were nutritious, tasty and something they could actually look forward to.

Following the success of the first More Please cookbook, Second Helping brings together even more recipes, ideas and inspiration to help improve the food served to children during their hospital stay.



It represents another important step towards making Sophie's vision a reality and creating lasting change for children and families across the UK.

Better food. Better experiences.

Sophie's wishes creating change.

A Monumental Step Forward for Play in Hospitals

This year marked a huge milestone in one of Sophie's wishes, with NHS England officially publishing the Play Well Toolkit – the culmination of more than three years of work to improve the role of play within children's healthcare.

The journey began shortly after Sophie died, when Charlotte met with Ruth May, then Chief Nurse for NHS England, and shared Sophie's story, her experiences in hospital and the changes she wanted to see. Ruth listened and committed to helping make a difference, connecting Charlotte with Kate Pye, then Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS England, who helped drive the work forward.

Together with Starlight Children's Foundation, the Play in Hospital Taskforce was formed, bringing together more than 60 professionals and organisations including the Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Care Quality Commission, The Society of Health Play Specialists and Sophie's Legacy. Children and young people were also given a voice in shaping the work.

The result is the Play Well Toolkit, a national resource setting out what good play provision should look like within healthcare, including the importance of access to play services seven days a week.
For Sophie's Legacy, play has always been about far more than simply giving children something to do. Play specialists prepare children for procedures, help them understand what is happening and reduce the fear and anxiety that can come with hospital treatment.

Sophie knew first-hand what it felt like when that support wasn't there. At just nine years old, she endured her first MRI scan with no preparation from a play specialist. For 90 minutes she lay completely still, with sandbags on her legs, while silent tears rolled down her face. With the right preparation and support, her experience could have been very different.

At the official launch of the toolkit in London, Charlotte brought Sophie's Beads of Courage – the long string of beads representing her treatment journey. For the first time, she added the final bead: a butterfly marking Sophie's death.
Charlotte wrapped the beads around the room and asked those attending to hold them. Every bead represented something Sophie had endured – a procedure, scan, injection, treatment or another moment requiring extraordinary bravery. Their sheer length was a powerful reminder of why this work matters.

The publication of the Play Well Toolkit is a huge step forward. The next challenge is ensuring these standards become a reality for children in hospitals across the country.

Sophie understood the importance of play specialists better than most, and her words remain at the heart of our campaign:

"You wouldn't run a ward without a nurse – I don't think you should run one without a play specialist."

Sophie's voice started this journey, and it continues to help change hospital care for children today.





Join us to celebrate

SOPHIE'S 14TH BIRTHDAY



On 12 August 2025, Sophie would have turned 14 years old. To celebrate, we delivered 300 pizzas to 12 hospitals. Sophie loved her food, so this seemed a fitting way to remember her

Charlotte Named as a Key Industry Influencer

We were incredibly proud to see Charlotte named as one of Public Sector Catering's key industry influencers.

Each year, Public Sector Catering brings together experienced industry leaders to identify the people they believe are helping to influence and shape the sector. Those recognised are invited to the House of Commons to take part in a roundtable discussion on some of the key issues facing the industry, including health, allergens, the food system, funding and procurement.

Charlotte's inclusion recognises the work she continues to do to improve food for children in hospital. She has worked alongside NHS Supply Chain: Food to publish the first NHS cookbook focused entirely on children's food, is a judge for the NHS Chef competition, and is now working with apetito to help enhance its children's food offering.

It is fantastic to see Charlotte's voice, and the experiences of children and families in hospital that Sophie's Legacy represents, being heard at a national level.

PUBLICSECTOR CATERING
MOST INFLUENTIAL
2026

Meet Kiki - Our Newest Addition



As Sophie's Legacy has grown and we have expanded our support to more hospitals across the South Coast, so has the amount of food, supplies and other essentials we need to get where they are needed each week.

It became clear that one van simply wasn't enough. We desperately needed a second vehicle to help us keep hospital snack boxes topped up and make regular deliveries across all of the hospitals we support. At our charity ball, we put out a plea for businesses to help us fund a second van – and once again, we were blown away by the generosity of our supporters.

Thanks to their support, Kiki officially joined the Sophie's Legacy team!

Of course, we couldn't just give her any name. Kiki was Sophie's beloved cat and stayed faithfully by her side throughout her treatment. Whenever the community nurses visited Sophie at home, Kiki would be close by, keeping a very watchful eye on what they were doing.

Our original van, Hamilton, is also named after one of Sophie's much-loved pets, so it seemed only right that our newest addition followed the tradition. We know Sophie would have absolutely loved the fact that both of her pets are now famous and travelling around the South Coast!
Kiki has already made a huge difference to our day-to-day work, giving our team the capacity to make more deliveries and helping us ensure hospitals have the supplies they need to support families. None of this would have been possible without the incredibly generous businesses who stepped forward to sponsor her.

A huge thank you to Nationwide Hire Solutions, Premier Recruitment Solutions, Home of HR, Total Security, Onyx Money, The Healthy Food Company, Silver Lining Convergence and Juna Digital. Their support has given us much more than a van – it has helped us continue getting practical support directly to children and families in hospital when they need it.



So, if you spot Kiki or Hamilton out and about, give them a wave. With Sophie's Legacy branding all over them, they're certainly not easy to miss!

FROM ONE MEETING TO NATIONAL CHANGE

In February 2026, years of campaigning reached a huge milestone with the publication of the Government's 10-Year Cancer Plan, including a dedicated focus on children and young people's cancer.

Charlotte and Dame Caroline Dinenage began this mission just ten days after Sophie died. Years of meetings, ministers, media and setbacks followed – but they never walked away.

Children and young people with cancer finally have a stronger voice at a national level.
Persistence creates change. Even when it takes years.



THE BEGINNING

10 DAYS AFTER SOPHIE DIED (SEPT 2021), CHARLOTTE MET MP CAROLINE DINENAGE. THAT MEETING STARTED A MISSION TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S CANCER CARE.



THEY NEVER STOPPED

OVER 3+ YEARS THEY:

- BUILT EVIDENCE
- ASKED QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT
- SPOKE ON NATIONAL TV
- KEPT PUSHING WHEN PROGRESS STALLED

EVEN WHEN GOVERNMENTS CHANGED.

WHO DID THEY MEET?

4 HEALTH SECRETARIES

- SAJID JAVID
- STEVE BARCLAY (TWICE)
- WES STREETING

1 PRIME MINISTER

- RISHI SUNAK

4 HEALTH MINISTERS:

- MARIA CAULFIELD
- HELEN WHATELY
- WILL QUINCE
- ANDREW GWYNNE

IN PARLIAMENT

CAROLINE RAISED CHILDREN'S CANCER REPEATEDLY IN:

- HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATES
- PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS
- MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

REFUSING TO LET THE ISSUE DISAPPEAR.

MEDIA PRESSURE

THEY TOOK THE CAMPAIGN PUBLIC:

- GB NEWS (NUMEROUS TIMES)
- BBC BREAKFAST
- THIS MORNING

KEEPING CHILDREN'S CANCER IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

AFTER YEARS OF PUSHING IN FEBRUARY 2024 THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S CANCER TASKFORCE WAS ANNOUNCED.

CAROLINE CHAIRED IT.

THEN IT ALL STALLED...

AFTER THE 2024 ELECTION THE NEW GOVERNMENT PAUSED THE WORK.

MOST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE STOPPED.
CHARLOTTE & CAROLINE FOUGHT HARDER.

THEY STARTED AGAIN

NOVEMBER 2024 CHARLOTTE & CAROLINE MET WITH THE NEW HEALTH SECRETARY, WES STREETING, & HEALTH MINISTER, ANDREW GWYNNE.

WES STREETING AGREED TO RESTART THE TASKFORCE.

THE TASKFORCE RESTARTED IN MARCH 2025
CHARLOTTE CHAIRED THE PATIENT GROUP.

MONTHLY MEETINGS. REAL PLANS.

THE IMPACT

A 10-YEAR CANCER PLAN IS BEING PUBLISHED THIS WEEK!
WITH A WHOLE SECTION ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S CANCER.

THIS ONLY EXISTS BECAUSE
TWO WOMEN REFUSED TO GIVE UP.

THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S CANCER TASKFORCE

The Children & Young People's Cancer Taskforce was created to drive real, lasting change for children and young people with cancer.

The Taskforce has agreed 12 key actions, including

1
Bring children & young people's needs into every local health team.

2
Make it easy for doctors to get fast advice from paediatric cancer specialists.

3
Ensure children's cancer scans are always reviewed by paediatric experts.

4
Use safe, trusted AI tools to support earlier and better decisions for children and young people.

5
Provide £10m every year to help families with travel costs for cancer care.

6
Improve hospital food so it's nutritious, appealing and age-appropriate.

7
Create better hospital experiences with play, youth workers and emotional support.

8
Standardise long-term medical and emotional care for survivors.

9
Set up national services for children with inherited cancer risks.

10
Agree shared national research priorities for Children's & young peoples cancer.

11
Remove barriers so more children and young people can join clinical trials.









Sophie's Legacy Ambassadors



We are proud to introduce our Sophie's Legacy Ambassadors, who will represent Sophie's Legacy, advocate for Sophie's wishes, and spread awareness of the work we do.

Phil Shelley

National lead for food at NHS England, Senior Operational & Policy Manager, Chair of the NHS Food Review 2020,





Caroline Benjamin

Director - Food Allergy Aware

Nathan Askew

Chief Nursing, AHP and Experience Officer at Alder Hey, Chair of Association of Chief Children's Nurses (ACCN)



Sophie's Legacy Ambassadors



Kate Pye

Deputy Chief Nurse, Great Ormond Street Hospital

Nick Vadis

Culinary Specialist, NHS Supply Chain: Food





Jacob Fleetwood

Young Ambassador and Superstar

WE ♡ OUR Team!



40 REGULAR VOLUNTEERS
70 AD-HOC VOLUNTEERS





11 MEMBERS OF STAFF

10 TRUSTEES



Fundraising Highlights...



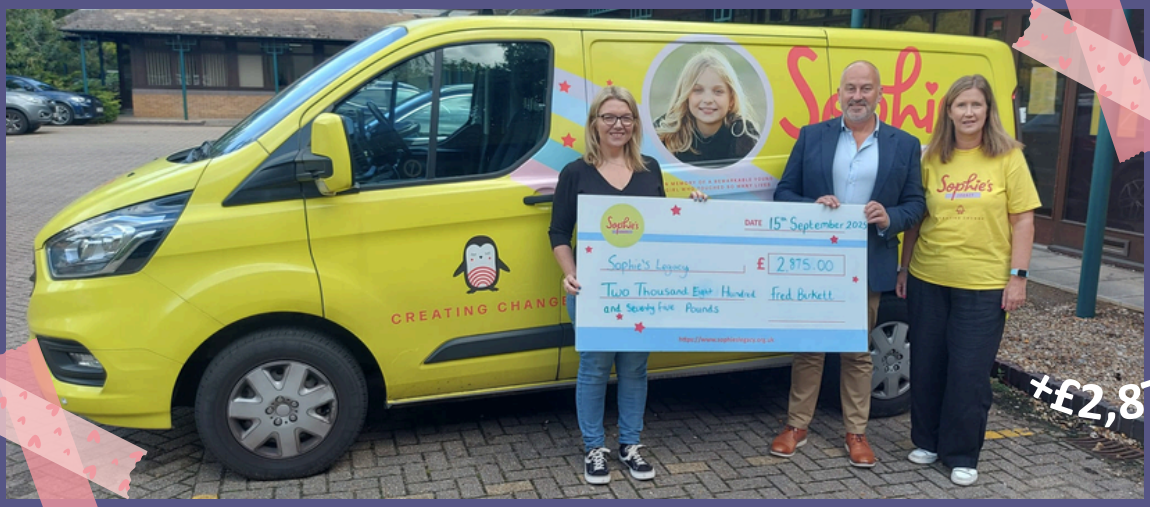
Taking Fundraising to New Heights



The team at MatchTech in Whiteley took on the incredible challenge of climbing Snowdon for Sophie's Legacy, raising a fantastic £1,823! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported their challenge – an amazing achievement and an incredible amount raised.

+£1,823

Our Chair Takes on Kilimanjaro



+£2,875

Our Chair of Trustees, Fred, took fundraising to incredible new heights in July when he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, raising a fantastic £2,875 for Sophie's Legacy. An amazing personal challenge and an incredible achievement – thank you, Fred!

Fundraising Highlights...



TEEING OFF FOR SOPHIE

In July, we held our first ever Sophie's Legacy Golf Day at Lee on the Solent Golf Club – and despite Team Sophie's Legacy knowing very little about golf, it was a huge success!

With brilliant teams, glorious weather, plenty of laughs, our infamous 'Tee of Terror', raffle and auction, the day raised an incredible £5,220.49.

A huge thank you to everyone who played, supported, donated and helped make our very first Golf Day one to remember.

+£5,220.49



Press Ups for Pizza

In January, Roy McIntosh took on his 'Press Ups for Pizza' challenge to raise funds for Sophie's Legacy. Combining fitness with one of our favourite things – pizza!

Roy challenged himself in support of the families we help.
A huge thank you to Roy and everyone who supported him along the way.

+£480





30 Miles for Sophie

In November, Leanne and Eileen took on an incredible 30-mile walk from West Wittering to HMS Sultan to raise funds for Sophie's Legacy.

Thirty miles is no small challenge, and we are so grateful to them both for choosing to take it on for us.

A fantastic achievement – thank you, Leanne and Eileen!

+£1,457.50

SOAKED, SMILING AND SENSATIONAL!

In October, an incredible team of runners took on the Great South Run for Sophie's Legacy – and not even the pouring rain could dampen their spirits!

Our runners battled the weather and the miles, raising an amazing amount through sponsorship while helping us continue creating change for children and families in hospital.

A special shoutout also goes to the brilliant children who took part in the Junior and Mini Great South Run. We couldn't have been prouder of Team Sophie's Legacy!

Great South Run



*£17,248.84

TAKING THE LEAP FOR SOPHIE!

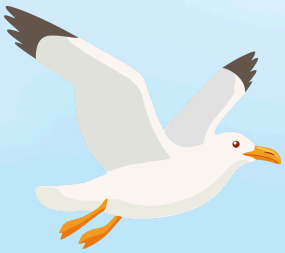


*£10,683

Our incredibly brave team of supporters faced their fears and took on an unforgettable abseil for Sophie's Legacy.
With participants of all ages stepping over the edge, the courage and determination shown on the day was truly inspiring.

Their phenomenal fundraising efforts raised an incredible £10,683 to support our work.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, sponsored and cheered them on, although we think some of Team Sophie's Legacy were very relieved to have both feet firmly back on the ground!





An Egg-cellent Easter Challenge!

The children at Solent Infant & Junior School took on our 10K Your Way Easter Challenge, raising a phenomenal £8,109.98 through JustGiving.

An amazing 187 children also purchased one of Sophie's special Easter medals, bringing the overall total raised to an incredible £9,044.98.

We are so grateful to every child who took part, and to the families and school community who supported them – what an amazing achievement!



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

+£9,044.98

Friendship, Fun & Fundraising

For the third year running, Festival of Friends – the My Little Pony Convention – chose Sophie's Legacy as their charity, raising a fantastic £4,045.

We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and to everyone in the Festival of Friends community who helped raise such an amazing amount for us.



+£4,045

Greatest Show Charity Ball

Our Greatest Show Charity Ball was certainly a night to remember, raising an incredible £60,289.20 for Sophie's Legacy.

The generosity of everyone who attended, donated and took part in our 'not so silent auction' completely blew us away. We were also incredibly grateful to Medirest, our Gold Sponsor, whose support helped make the evening possible.

Behind the scenes, an amazing team of staff and volunteers gave up their time to bring the event to life. We asked them to dress for the Greatest Show theme – and they certainly didn't let us down! From setting up and welcoming guests to keeping everything running throughout the evening and still packing away at 2am, their energy and commitment were incredible.

Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the people who give so much of their time to Sophie's Legacy. We are enormously grateful to every member of our team, every volunteer, sponsor, supporter and guest who played a part in making the night such a success.

£60,289.20 raised. One unforgettable night. And an incredible team who made it happen.
We can't wait to welcome everyone back for our 2027 Charity Ball!



The Impact

Archie's Story



A hospital stay is rarely something a family can prepare for. One minute you might be at home, at a GP appointment or enjoying a normal day with your child, and the next you can find yourself being admitted to hospital with nothing but the clothes you arrived in.

For families already worried about their child, suddenly having to think about practical things like toiletries, clean clothes, food or the cost of parking can add even more stress to an incredibly difficult situation.

That's where Sophie's Legacy can help.

We provide families with everyday essentials including toiletries, clothing and food, as well as help with hospital parking and meal vouchers where needed. These may seem like small things, but during an unexpected hospital stay they can make a huge difference, taking away some of the practical pressures so parents can focus on being there for their child. Since Sophie's Legacy began, we have supported thousands of families through some of their most difficult days.





The Impact

Brodie's Story



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Sophie's LEGACY

Our NICU Journey was very unexpected and like anyone going through the scariest times you often forget to look after yourself and what you and your partner need.

Sophie's Legacy staff often visited the ward at QA hospital NICU and they would always pop their head into our bay, ask how I was feeling, how our little Brodie was doing and most importantly brought the best pick me ups snacks, fizzy drinks and just a friendly face to talk to and the hug we needed when we never saw the light at the end of the tunnel.

I honestly can't thank Sophie's legacy enough for all the support, snacks and pick me ups that they offered to the parents and families of families going through the dreaded NICU trenches.

CREATING CHANGE

The Impact

Jake's Story

Look for rainbows



Sophie's
LEGACY

I wanted to share this photo from a couple of weeks ago.

We'd been in hospital with our boy for his longest stay yet —almost seven weeks filled with many ups and downs.

On this particular day, things felt especially heavy. I was sitting, watching him nap after another seizure and dystonia attack, when the nurse came in carrying a pizza box from Sophie's Legacy.

That little act of kindness meant I didn't have to face yet another pasta pot, pot noodle, or microwave meal.

It made such a difference in that moment.

Thank you for everything you do for families it really does matter more than words can say.

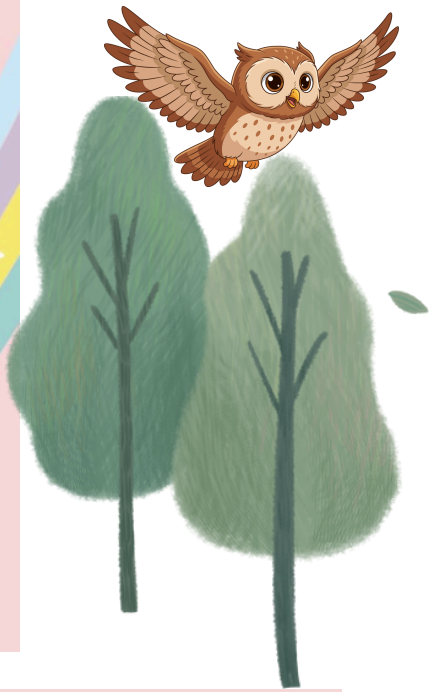
Jake

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The Impact

Pete's Story





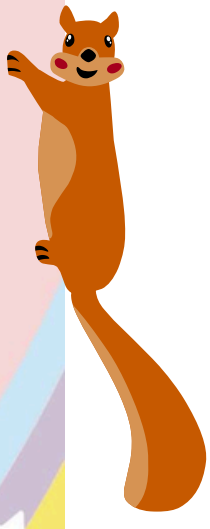
Sophie's
LEGACY

Hello, I just wanted to send you a message to say thankyou two years ago my son at 7 weeks old went in to heart failure and cardiac arrest from an undiagnosed heart condition and we spent the first year of his life in alder hey children's hospital.

We literally turned up with the clothes on our back and for a year we were given "Sophie's legacy vouchers" for mine and my husbands meals, it was such a life line, all day in ICU and you and your charity made sure we had meals.

We are navigating Pete's condition and we aren't a family you would expect that need charity but we did, we filled in a survey for alder hey and staying in would have cost on average £6k per 3 months, and relaying on charities really helped. So thankyou, and please know we thought of you and Sophie every time we used a voucher.

So thankyou, thankyou for making a difference to us, thankyou for being wonderful xxx







CREATING CHANGE

Sophie's LEGACY

CREATING CHANGE

A RAINBOW OF CHANGE





Report and Financial Statements

01 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Registered Charity Number: 1198979



Sophie's Legacy

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements, examined by an independent examiner, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Sophie's Legacy

Charity registration number: 1198979

Registered Office and Operational Address: Segensworth Office Park
4 Little Park Farm Road
Fareham
PO15 5TD

Trustees

Andrew Martin Vaughan resigned on 3rd March 2026

Maria Edwards

Karen Kirkpatrick

Sandra Grant resigned on 9th January 2026

Matt Charlton

Edward Butler

Fred Birkett

Karyn Daysh

Emma Cole

Clare Meachin

Andrew Saunders - resigned on 12th May 2025

Independent Examiner

Kerry Lawrance FCA
Compass Accountants, Venture House, The Tanneries, East Street, Titchfield, Hampshire, PO14 4AR.

Bankers

NatWest – 52 West Street Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 0JX
The Co-operative Bank - 61 Above Bar St, Southampton SO14 7DZ

Our Aims and objectives

Purposes and Aims

Our charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the charity's constitution is: For the public benefit to promote health and to relieve those suffering from or affected by childhood cancer or other illnesses including their parents/guardians and their families, in particular but not exclusively, by:

a. The provision of support to parents/guardians and their families and the children on children's wards in hospitals in the form of snacks and toiletries boxes;
b. The provision of art therapy provided by qualified art therapists on children's wards as well as in the community;
c. Raising awareness of childhood cancer and acting as an advocate for earlier diagnosis of childhood cancer;
d. Improving the quality of children's time in hospital by working with other organisations to advance food standards and the provision of play.
e. And by any other means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine."

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Sophie's Legacy was granted charitable status in May 2022 and this is our fourth Annual Report which will review our aims, objectives and activities throughout our fourth year. This review looks at what we achieved between 01 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, the success of each key activity, and the benefits they brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review will help us ensure our aims, objectives and activities have remained focused on our stated purpose.

The focus of our work

During our fourth year as a Registered Charity, we have focused on the following:

a. **Securing the foundations.**
   Sophie's Legacy continues to focus on ensuring that the relevant governance and policy documents are in place and have been reviewed and accepted by the trustees.

b. Raising awareness and campaigning for change

i) We have worked tirelessly to raise the profile of childhood cancer as the number one killer of children in the UK and campaigned for the government to introduce a Childhood Cancer Mission that will see increased funding for research into childhood cancer, improved awareness across the medical profession and thus earlier diagnosis, better treatment plans and better outcomes for children. This came to fruition in February 2024, when the UK Government announced the establishment of the Children and Young People's Cancer Task Force chaired by Dame Caroline Dinenage. The goal was to create a Children and Young People's Cancer Plan, encompassing research, prompt diagnosis, world-class treatment, quality survivorship and excellent patient experience. Work continued in this area, although it was sadly paused by the new Government in September 2024. Following a meeting between Charlotte Fairall, Dame Caroline Dinenage and Health Secretary Wes Streeting in November 2024, the work was reinstated. The first meeting of the re-established Task Force took place in March 2025, with its recommendations feeding into the National Cancer Plan. After four and a half years of dedicated campaigning and advocacy by Sophie's Legacy and its supporters, a major milestone was achieved in February 2026 when the Government published the National Cancer Plan, including for the first time ever a dedicated Children and Young People chapter. This landmark achievement represents the first time any UK Government has published a national cancer plan with a specific focus on children and young people, ensuring their unique needs are recognised within national cancer policy.

ii) By collaborating closely with both the NHS and the government, we have undertaken an advocacy campaign to enhance the quality of food served to children within hospitals. This initiative has involved constructive dialogues with NHS food supply chain representatives, resulting in their commitment to deliver tasty, nutritionally balanced meals of appropriate portion sizes for children in hospital care.

iii) Building on the success of More Please, the first NHS cookbook dedicated entirely to children's hospital food, Even More Please was published in September 2025 through a collaboration between Sophie's Legacy and NHS Supply Chain. The cookbook expanded on the original publication, providing additional child-focused recipes, practical guidance and examples of best practice to support NHS catering teams in delivering nutritious, appealing meals for children and young people in hospital. Both publications champion the importance of improving the hospital food experience for children and recognising the vital role that nutrition plays in recovery and wellbeing. Charlotte worked closely with Nick Vadis and the NHS Supply Chain team throughout the development of both books, ensuring that the experiences and voices of children and families remained at the heart of the project. The publication of Even More Please marked another important milestone in Sophie's Legacy's campaign to improve hospital food standards and enhance the experience of children receiving care across the NHS

iv) In January 2026, Alder Hey Children's Hospital became the first Sophie's Legacy Approved Hospital in the UK after successfully achieving all three of Sophie's wishes: feeding parents free of charge while their child is in hospital, providing high-quality and nutritious food for children and young people, and delivering seven-day-a-week play services for children on the wards. This landmark achievement recognised Alder Hey's commitment to embedding Sophie's vision into everyday practice and set a benchmark for hospitals across the country to follow.

We have also been working with hospitals across the country to help them find ways to feed parents when in hospital with their child. They recognise the importance of this and with the publication of the impact report this has further highlighted the need.

v) A major milestone was achieved during 2025-26 when the Play Well Toolkit was officially published on the NHS England website and rolled out to hospitals across the country. This landmark publication was the result of years of campaigning by Sophie's Legacy to highlight the vital role of play in children's healthcare and to fulfil Sophie's wish for a seven-day play service in every children's hospital.

Developed through a national collaboration led by NHS England and Starlight, the toolkit provides hospitals with clear standards, guidance and best practice to strengthen play services for children and young people. Its publication and implementation marked a significant step forward in ensuring that children in hospital have access to the therapeutic benefits of play throughout the week, helping to improve their wellbeing, reduce anxiety and enhance their hospital experience. This achievement represents lasting national change and brings Sophie's vision closer to becoming a reality in hospitals across the UK.

c. Supporting children and their families

Our objective is to enhance the hospital experience for families, alleviating stress and fulfilling the most fundamental basic needs of all parties involved. This is achieved through the provision of essential items, including food, clothing, and self-care items; supporting families with transport and accommodation costs; funding celebratory events and hosting pizza nights, thus reducing the financial burden experienced by families with children in the hospital, and fostering overall well-being.

d. Fundraising

Throughout this year, Sophie's Legacy has dedicated significant effort to organising fundraising events. These endeavors not only serve to generate essential funds but also to enhance awareness of our charitable mission. Simultaneously, these events engage the community in enjoyable activities. Over the course of the year, the charity has successfully raised £150,574.

Public Benefit

When reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities, the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. We believe in equal access and so the only criteria for access to our support is that a child is in hospital.

Plans for Future Periods

Sophie's Legacy plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years and will continue to explore new projects.

Financial Review

Over the past year, through the dedication and support of its trustees, volunteers, and supporters, Sophie's Legacy has managed to generate an impressive £817,106.

Principal Funding Sources

The funding sources for Sophie's Legacy are from fundraising events, and individual and corporate donations. Of these funds £131,502 constituted restricted funds.

Investment Policy

Sophie's Legacy has no investment policy this year. Prior to being distributed, the funds are held in the charity's bank accounts with NatWest Bank and Coop bank.

Reserves Policy

As part of effective financial management, a general reserve serves as a means for Sophie's Legacy to address unexpected challenges or financial obstacles that may arise, such as sudden reductions in income or unforeseen large expenses that were not included in the budget. It is common for trading organisations, including charities, to maintain a general reserve consisting of assets that can be readily converted into cash within the necessary period, including cash funds held at the bank.

Sophie's Legacy requires a Reserve Fund for the following reasons:

i) To manage a shortfall in income, for instance, if one of the primary sponsors were to withdraw their funding, the reserve could be used to maintain cash flow until an alternative funding stream is secured.

ii) To cover unanticipated expenses, such as a significant repair to the building that is not covered by insurance. In such cases, the reserve can be used to cover the cost of the repair.

iii) If Sophie's Legacy must close, having sufficient reserves ensures that there will be enough funds to fulfil all its responsibilities and any debts in an organised manner. If closure were to become necessary for Sophie's Legacy, a higher level of reserves would be needed compared to a similar-sized private company. This is because Sophie's Legacy cannot simply close its operations abruptly. It has a moral obligation to its service users and would need to continue providing services for a period or arrange suitable alternatives. If closure occurs, the general reserve would

be used to cover ongoing operations, redundancy costs, and other expenses related to the closure.

iv) The purpose of the reserves is to secure the future of our services and long-term obligation to families. They also provide protection against unexpected events and fluctuations in income. The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that the level should be set at equivalent to six months' running costs. This would enable the charity to continue its activities and allow for the raising of necessary funds. The level of reserves currently available to the charity exceeds its target reserve level on this basis. The reserve level will be reviewed annually.

The £106,000 designated reserve target is on the basis that the Trustees consider it appropriate to always maintain a minimal reserve to fund closure of The Charity in an extreme event.
The level of total Funds as at 31st March 2026 was £434,849 consisting of unrestricted General Reserves of £282,455, unrestricted Designated of £106,000 and Restricted of £46,394. Free reserves defined as general reserves of £282,455 less functional assets of £10,141 were £272,314.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Sophie's Legacy is a registered charity, number 1198979, and is governed by the Governing Document which was adopted on 16 May 2022. Sophie's Legacy was founded following the death of ten-year-old Sophie Fairall, who died on 18 September 2021, from Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare but aggressive form of childhood cancer. The purpose of the charity is to support children who are in hospital and their families, including ensuring that parents are fed whilst caring for their children in hospital and campaigning for full-time play specialists in hospital and for better awareness, diagnosis, treatment, research and thus outcomes for those children who are diagnosed with cancer.

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is responsible for the overall governance of Sophie's Legacy. As outlined in Sophie's Legacy's Governing Document, the number of trustees must be between three and twelve, and there are currently ten trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

The Recruitment and Selection Process is the responsibility of the Board, who will ensure that in selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, they will have due regard to the skills knowledge and

experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. Although the original trustees have been appointed for terms between two and four years, in the future every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. All Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration is paid.

On appointment all trustees are mandated to:

i) confirm their understanding and compliance with the charity's policies, which encompass our reserves, equal opportunities, IT, risk management, and complaints policies.

ii) partake in safeguarding training to equip themselves for their responsibilities involving vulnerable children and/or adults.

iii) undergo annual reviews of their Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks to maintain the integrity and safety of our operations.

The Board meets regularly throughout the year and is responsible for setting an appropriate strategy for the Charity. It also ensures that relevant performance measures are in place. The Board receives regular reports on all aspects of the Charity's work.

Delegation

The Trustees delegate responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the charity to the CEO/Founder who is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and liaises regularly with the Chair.

Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and identified them as:

i) **Operational risk:** encompasses the spectrum of potential challenges arising from the daily operational functions of the Charity including risks stemming from the assistance provided to families of hospitalised children, as well as potential threats to the well-being of Charity personnel and the safeguarding of its assets, data, and infrastructure. Evaluating and mitigating operational risks are crucial aspects of maintaining the Charity's operational effectiveness, protecting its stakeholders, and ensuring the continuity of its vital support services.

ii) **Financial risk**: the possibility of the Charity's performance significantly deviating from the projected budget. This includes considerations related to liquidity risk and cash-flow risk. Effectively managing financial risk is paramount to safeguarding the Charity's fiscal stability, ensuring the prudent allocation of resources, and maintaining its ability to fulfil its mission and support the families of children in need. Through diligent financial oversight and prudent fiscal planning, the Charity endeavours to mitigate these risks and uphold its commitment to its beneficiaries.

iii) **Legal and compliance risk:** the potential for the Charity to not adhere to the relevant regulations and requirements set forth by charity, local, and national authorities. Ensuring strict compliance with these regulations is of utmost importance to maintain the Charity's legal standing and reputation. The Charity is committed to upholding the highest standards of legal and ethical conduct, actively monitoring and addressing any compliance concerns, and continuously striving to fulfil its mission while remaining in full accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

iv) **External risk:** encompass a range of factors beyond the Charity's direct control, including political, economic, social, technological, and environmental elements. These external dynamics have the potential to significantly impact the Charity's operations and objectives. To mitigate external risks, the Charity actively monitors and analyses these factors, adapts its strategies and practices as necessary, and maintains a proactive stance in safeguarding its mission against external challenges. This approach helps ensure the Charity's resilience in the face of an ever-changing external landscape.

The Charity will review these risks annually. Systems and procedures are in place to manage any risk that could reasonably be foreseen and there are procedures in place for the authorisation of all financial transactions, including the distribution of grants. Adequate insurance policies are in place to cover Business All Risks, Employers', Public Products and Trustees Liability.

Related Parties

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

Employees

In the fiscal year 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 Sophie’s Legacy employed 11 paid members of staff. The eleven members of staff make up seven full-time positions.

Volunteers

Sophie's Legacy is fortunate to have a dedicated group of forty volunteers who have significantly enriched our organization's activities over the past year. Their consistent and frequent support in daily operations, along with their willingness to step in when needed, has been instrumental. In addition to their operational roles, volunteers have played a crucial part in planning and executing our fundraising events throughout the year. We acknowledge and deeply appreciate their commitment, which embodies the core values of Sophie's Legacy and reinforces our mission.

Expenses

Staff members, trustees and volunteers can claim back expenses. £1,544.13 in expenses were reclaimed from the charity over the year.

Statement Of Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements and Corporate Governance

The Trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and for the preparing of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and for ensuring they give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and the application of resources of the Charity during the year, and of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for their proper application as required by charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- proper records are maintained, and financial information used within the Charity, or for publication, is reliable;
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Internal controls over all forms of commitment and expenditure continue to be refined to improve efficiency. Processes are in place to ensure that performance is monitored, and that appropriate management information is prepared and reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees. The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- a strategic plan and annual budget approved by the Trustees
- regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variances from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews
- delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Regarding the preparation of this Annual Report and Accounts:

- As far as each Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's Independent Accountants are unaware.

- Each Trustee has taken all the steps a Trustee might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Accountants are aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Compass Accountants were appointed as the charity’s independent examiner. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1st January 2019.

Sophie's Legacy Statement of Financial Activities

01 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

(including Income & Expenditure Account)

Sophie's Legacy

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number 1198979

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming resources	3				
Voluntary income		495,480	62,827	558,307	434,484
Events		147,053	3,521	150,574	150,856
Merchandise sales		6,317	0	6,317	12,501
Grants		33,964	65,154	99,118	23,350
Investment Income		2,790	0	2,790	2,388
Total Incoming Resources		685,604	131,502	817,106	623,578
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	4	170,533	0	170,533	103,747
Charitable expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	368,536	101,088	469,624	432,388
Administrative costs	5	57,301	0	57,301	94,643
Total Resources Expended		596,370	101,088	697,457	630,778
Net expenditure/(income) for the year		89,235	30,414	119,649	(7200)
Funds as at 1st April 2025		299,220	15,980	315,200	322,400
Balances as at 31st March 2026		388,455	46,394	434,849	315,200

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

Sophie's Legacy Cashflow Statement for the year ended March 2026

SOPHIE'S LEGACY		
CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026		
	2026	2025
	£	£
NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	129,573	(12,242)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	2,790	2,388
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Fixed asset additions	(14,483)	(3,091)
NET CASH FLOW	117,880	(12,945)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	117,880	(12,945)
Cash and cash equivalent at start of the year	305,255	318,200
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**423,135**	**305,255**

NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026		
1. NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	£	£
	2026	2025
Net movement in funds for the year	119,650	(7,201)
Interest received	(2,790)	(2,388)
Depreciation	11,959	7,708
Increase/decrease in debtors	(3,102)	4,063
Increase/Decrease in creditors	11,289	(7,299)
Increase/decrease in stock	(7,433)	(7,125)
Purchase of tangible assets		
Net cash flow from operating activities	**129,573**	**(12,242)**

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	423,135	305,255
	423,135	**305,255**

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT	At		At
	1-Apr-25	Cashflows	31-Mar-26
Cash at bank and in hand	305,255	117,880	423,135
	305,255	111,617	**423,135**

Sophie's Legacy Balance Sheet at 31 March 2026

Sophie's Legacy

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number 1198979

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7		16,739		14,215
Current Assets					
Stock		25,230		17,797	
Debtors	8	18,115		15,013	
Cash and Bank		423,135		305,255	
		466,480		338,066	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	48,370		37,081	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			418,110		300,985
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**434,849**		**315,200**
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		282,455		210,220	
Designated Funds	11	106,000		89,000	
Restricted Funds	10	46,394		15,980	
			434,849		**315,200**

For the year ending 31st March 2026 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section CC32 of the Charity Commission

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 14/09/2026 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Fred Birkett

Fred Birkett
Chairman of Trustees

Sophie's Legacy

Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The Charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern
The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

c) Fund accounting
Funds held by the charity are either:
- Unrestricted funds: these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.
- Designated funds: These are funds which have been designated by the Trustees to meet the Reserves Policy.
- Restricted funds: These are funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

d) Incoming Resources
All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: Voluntary, event income and merchandise sales are received these are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, when entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources are deferred when, at the end of the accounting period, they have been received but the charity has yet to become unconditionally entitled to them.

Where services and facilities are provided to the Charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the Charity.

e) Resources Expended
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid.

Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the period.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

f) Fixed assets
The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with incidental expenses of acquisition

g) Depreciation
Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis at such a rate as will cause the assets to be written off in the books of the charity at the end of their useful working life. The rates used are as follows:-

Office Equipment - 33%
Fixtures and Fittings - 25%
Motor Vehicle - 33%

h) Donated Assets and Services
Where services or assets are provided to the Charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the Charity.

i) Operating Lease
The Charity classifies the lease of 4 Little Park Farm Road as an operating lease. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j) Pension costs
Contribution in respect of the company's defined contribution scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme.
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2. LEGAL STATUS
The charity was registered on 16 May 2022 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.
The registered office of the charity is Segensworth Office Park, 4 Little Park Farm Road, Fareham, PO15 5TD

3. Income Resources

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations	496,234	402,095
Gift Aid recoverable	62,073	41,891
Merchandise sales	6,317	12,501
Grants	99,118	23,350
Events	150,574	141,356
Investment Income	2,790	2,386
	817,106	623,578

4. Analysis of Resources Expended

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	107,332	63201	170,533	103,674
Snack boxes	63,819	24,435	88,254	77,285
Pizza Nights	53,280	10,053	63,334	51,462
Parent packs	18,375	12,008	30,383	15,064
Patient referrals	57,738	52,993	110,731	97,125
Support Work	333	30,476	30,809	22,159
Advocacy	263	38,227	38,490	30,455
Parent Hospital meals	32,360	7,157	39,517	26,835
Hospital Meal Initiative	5,000		5,000	70,499
Costa/Tassimo	15,265	3,996	19,260	2,460
Art Therapy	2,880		2,880	4,962
Play Therapy	13,110		13,110	5,848
Hospital Clothing	7,523		7,523	1,908
Hospital Ward expenses	3,122	1,846	4,968	15,321
Special Occasions in Hospital	11,406	3,961	15,366	11,005
	284,472	185,152	469,624	432,388

Note: The above includes staffing and other costs attributable to the charitable activities

5. Administrative Costs

	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£
Premises costs	6,333	16,201
Staff and volunteer costs	32,883	28,577
Office costs	3,667	18,895
Professional fees	13,692	29,262
Depreciation	726	1,708
	57,301	94,643
Included above are amounts for the cost of an Independent Examination £1,800		

6. Staff Costs

	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£
Salaries and wages	186,287	134,568
Social security costs	9,999	4,609
Pension costs	2,900	1,566
Total staff costs	199,186	140,744
The average equivalent of full time employed during this period was 7 (2025: 5)		
No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this period or the prior year.		
Two members of key managment received a total of £84,352 (2025: £78,994) in wages for the year		

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fixtures	Vehicle
	£	£	£
At the beginning of the period	5,630	1,993	18,000
Additions	3,761	21.98	10,700
Disposals	-	-	-
At the end of the period	9,391	2,015	28,700
Depreciation			
At the beginning of the period	1,957	976	8,474
Charge for the period	2,184	507	9,268
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
	4,141	1,483	17,743
Net Book Value			
At the beginning of the period	3,673	1,017	9,526
At the end of the period	**5,250**	**532**	**10,957**

8. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other Debtors	12,194	12,140
Prepayments and accrued income	5,921	2,873
	18,115	**15,013**

9. Creditors : Amount falling due

within one year	2026	2025
	£	£
Creditors	28,763	22,662
Deferred Income	4,222	9,285
Accruals	11,467	5,133
HMRC	3,919	-
	48,370	**37,081**

10. Restricted Funds

	Funds brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Funds c/forward
	£	£	£	£
Pizza Nights	2,480	32,622	30,814	4,288
Special Occasions	-	4,656	4,403	253
Van	9,500	-	2,902	6,598
Parent Packs	-	13,027	13,026	1
Snack boxes	4000	34,502	29,728	8,773
Sponsor a Ward	-	10,788	-	10,788
Referrals	-	18,059	10,928	7,131
Southend Hospital	-	3,562	-	3,562
Play Trolleys	-	9,286	9,286	-
Support Work	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total Restricted Fund	**15980**	**131,502**	**101,088**	**46,394**

11. Designated Funds

	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£
Total designated Funds	**106,000**	**89,000**

These funds are held to meet our Reserves Policy and are held at the Co-op Bank

12. Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods, facilities and services received include free office space valued at £20,000; free IT services valued at £1,960; free book-keeping services valued at £11,460. These have been recognised as an expense with the expenditure heading in the SoFA.

13. Related Party Transactions

The Trustees received no remuneration during this or the prior period.

During the year no trustees were reimbursed expenses incurred on behalf of the charity (2025: none)

14. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	2026 Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	10,141	378,314	388,455
Restricted funds	6,598	39,796	46,394
	16,739	418,110	434,849

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	14,215	285,005	299,220
Restricted funds	-	15,980	15,980
	14,215	300,985	315,200

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sophie's Legacy.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 50-57.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income did exceed £250,000 but the gross assets were under £3.26 million. The examiner is a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered and certified Accountants in England and Wales (ACCA), which is one of the listed bodies. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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