

Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends
Annual Report for Year to December 2024
Charity Number 507222

Overview: -

The Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends Charity has been raising funds to support the Hospital for many years. In our earlier years we have raised substantial funds to help purchase equipment and support the good work done by the hospital for the children being treated there.

In recent years we have been winding down our activity to prevent confusion and overlap, as the Hospital now has a team of paid professional fund raisers undertaking this task on a much larger scale. For this reason we are not actively fundraising, operating on a collection basis only.

We have put off winding up Charity as there are still some small donations being paid directly into our bank account via standing orders and indirectly via the charitable sections of PayPal, Charitable Aid and Cafgye. In addition we have received a small number of bequests from wills set up historically when we were more active, which we would not wish the Hospital to lose out on.

Our Trustees are aging and we have lost 2 in recent years but it would not seem prudent to appoint new Trustees if we are likely to wind the Charity up in the near future so they haven't been replaced.

Income: -

During 2024 we received the usual small payments totalling £618 as outlined above but also received an unusual bequest from the estate of Sylvia Pearl Mackintosh of £36,891. This almost doubled our funds and we sought new projects from the Hospital for the purchase of equipment – see expenditure below.

Expenditure: -

Some of the funds were used to purchase “**Advanced Defibrillators**”, special units for children which are used during operations and we continued our support for the “**Rainbow Centre**” within the Hospital which treats physically and mentally abused children.

Costs: -

The Trustees all give their time freely so there are no overheads for the Charity other than the production of year end accounts.

Year – End Position: -

The year ended with a healthy balance of funds - £57,502 which will be used to purchase equipment or fund projects as requested by the Hospital in the coming months. These funds are held in simple bank current and savings accounts under dual control requiring 2 signatures for payments as authorised by the Trustees.

There are no plans for further fundraising and consideration will continue to be made to close the Charity at the right time. If that decision is made we will likely remit any remaining funds to the larger Hospital Registered Charity so that it remains in support of the Hospital.

Frank Corcoran
Treasurer

Registered number
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The Trustees determine the general policy of the charity. The Trustees meet on a quarterly basis to review the charity's activities.

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Mr F Corcoran (Treasurer)
Miss A M Ellison
Mr S Ferrigno
Mrs G Ferrigno
Mrs D Ashe
Ms P Stephen (Secretary)
Mr D Milne
Mrs O Milne
Mrs A Masters (Vice Chairperson)
Mr D Masters

The Committee reports the death of Mr Sal Ferrigno during the year. We thank him for his commitment and contribution over the years, he will be sadly missed.

The Committee consists of the Treasurer and should have no less than 12, nor more than 30 members, drawn from the membership.

New Trustees are provided with guidance issued by the Charities Commission (CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know). Other training is provided to the Trustees as and when required.

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Achievements and performance

During the year the League collected donations and other voluntary income and incurred expenditure for the benefit of the patients at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Alder Hey.

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Financial review and investment policy

The financial position for the year ended 31 December 2024 is set out on page 4 and 5. There are no restrictions on the charity's power of investment. Currently it is the Trustees' policy to invest funds in the Treasury Deposit Accounts, or accounts of a similar nature. This policy is kept under review.

All funds are held on an unrestricted basis for the objects of the charity. At present, the free reserves of the Charity are £57,502. The Trustees hold the reserves to expend in accordance with the charity's objects.

Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the surplus and deficit of the charity for that year and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf.

Ms P Stephen
Honorary Secretary

Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the financial statements of the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital Alder Hey League of Friends for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2022 (the 2022 Act) and that an independent examination is need.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements*
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2022 Act; and*
- (iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's Trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's Trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

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 the review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes any consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, which is complete, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends in accordance with section 130 of the 2022 Act; or*
- (ii) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or*
- (iii) the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.*

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

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Mr Adrian Hughes FCA
Batten Hughes Chartered Accountants
173 College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AT

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Date

**Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income			
Voluntary income	2	37,960	2,911
Investment income	3	618	598
		<u>38,578</u>	<u>3,509</u>
Expenditure			
Costs of charitable activities	4	10,511	50,551
Governance costs		120	120
		<u>10,631</u>	<u>50,671</u>
Net income less expenditure for the year		27,947	(47,162)
Fund balance at 1 January		29,555	76,717
Fund balance at 31 December		<u>57,502</u>	<u>29,555</u>

Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends
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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		57,622	29,675
		<u>57,622</u>	<u>29,675</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(120)	(120)
Net current assets		<u>57,502</u>	<u>29,555</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>57,502</u>	<u>29,555</u>
Net assets		<u>57,502</u>	<u>29,555</u>
Fund and reserves			
Unrestricted general funds	6	57,502	29,555
Shareholders' funds		<u>57,502</u>	<u>29,555</u>

Mr F Corcoran
Treasurer

Mrs C Johnston
Chairperson

Date

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**Alder Hey Children's Hospital League of Friends
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102. (SORP).

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to its receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is accounted for as expenditure for charitable purposes, support costs or governance costs, based upon the nature of the individual item of expenditure. There is no apportionment as such; costs are allocated on an invoice by invoice basis.

Donations and fund accounting

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Provisions

Provisions (i.e. liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. In drawing this conclusion, the trustees have considered their plans for a period of no less than 12 months from the date of signature of these accounts.

Volunteers

The Trustees are grateful for the support of the volunteers in the activities of the charity . In accordance with SORP, no valuation of volunteer time has been included in the accounts.

2 Voluntary income

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Donations received	1,069	-	1,069	2,911
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4 Analysis of expenditure by activities

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Costs of charitable activities				
Advanced Defibrillators	9,974	-	9,974	-
Benches for Bereavement Garden	-	-	-	1,950
Alder Hey Children's Charity re Millie Kelly	-	-	-	1,495
Sensory Voyager	-	-	-	10,000
Ultrasound scanner	-	-	-	37,000
Rainbow Centre	536	-	536	74
Bereavement flowers	-	-	-	32
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Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	120	-	120	120
	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>

5 Related party transactions

During the year no Trustee received any remuneration. (2023 - £nil)

During the year no Trustee received any benefits. (2023 - £nil)

6 Summary of funds

	Balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds:				
General	29,555	38,578	(10,631)	57,502
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7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	£ unrestricted funds	£ restricted funds	2024 £ total funds	2023 £ total funds
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