

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
for  
Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust**

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# Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust

## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Who we are**

The Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust (operating as the Perinatal Trust Fund (NI)), is a small local charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC101993, see <http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charitydetails/?regid=101993&subid=0>).

We are recognised for tax purposes by HMRC in line with paragraph 1, Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 (HMRC number NI 00602).

We rely wholly on donations and are grateful to all our supporters who have given freely and generously. Without their help we would be unable to fulfil our stated purposes.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

##### **What we do (our purposes)**

We help purchase medical and other equipment for the Regional Neonatal Unit, Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast.

We support education and training of staff in the Regional Neonatal Unit, Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast by funding attendance at conferences, courses and in tertiary/professional education.

We support research into problems of newborn babies in Northern Ireland, by providing top-up funding for consumables or short-term staff salaries.

#### **Public benefit**

##### **Whom we benefit**

Our primary beneficiaries are babies from all over Northern Ireland. These are often premature or very sick newborn babies.

The intended benefits to these babies are improvements in their health and welfare, and better health outcomes including improved survival.

Benefits can be measured in a variety of ways including: feedback from parents and staff; annual unit statistics; local benchmarking within the NI neonatal network and national/international benchmarking within the Vermont-Oxford Network and other national registers.

There are incidental benefits to the babies' parents and families as a result of improved survival. There are incidental benefits to staff in the Regional Unit, including professional development and training that enables them to do their jobs better.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**What we did in 2022-23**

A detailed financial report can be accessed on the Northern Ireland Charities commission website. Unfortunately in the past staff activities continued to be impacted by COVID 19. However the year to April 2023 saw significantly more activity than the previous year. We have provided funding for the following areas in keeping with our purposes:

**Equipment and other items**

We have purchased the following items, which have been used for the care of babies in NICU, or to support their parents:

- Freezer for use by Children's research team.
- 23 copies of "We had to say goodbye before we even met" (Childbirth and loss midwife)
- Laptop for medical device programme alterations
- High fidelity simulation doll
- Forget me not cards (cards sent on behalf of neonatal unit to bereaved families)
- The cost of International Kangaroo care day
- Memo cards for use by staff supporting breastfeeding mothers
- Cerebral Function Monitor
- Storage boxes for bereavement care
- Digital video Monitor (for use with single use bronchoscopes).
- Cost of celebration of World Prematurity day
- 8 enteral syringe pumps
- Human brain model for Cranial US course
- Crafts for World prematurity day and Christmas.
- 50 "Guess how much I love you" books.
- Christmas day gifts (book for each baby)

**Training and education**

- Band 6 staff nurse attended the FINE course (Neurodevelopmental education level 1)
- Consultant and OT attended Prechtel course, Dublin.
- Physiotherapist funded for Masters Module in Neonatal Neurology
- Neonatal sister funded for University fees for Masters.
- Physician Associate course fees for Postgraduate certificate in Neonatology
- Sister funded to attend Reason conference
- Band 6 nurse funded to undertake the Neonatal surgical course
- Consultant funded for virtual attendance at Reason conference
- Consultant funded for Reason and Neocard UK conferences
- Band 7 Neonatal nurse funded for PG Cert in Education
- Band 6 nurse funded for Research Methods and EBP module at University of Southampton
- Band 7 nurse funded for to attend 5th International Family Integrated Care Conference.
- Pharmacist (8A) funded for virtual attendance at BAPM conference.
- Consultant funded for fees for 2nd year MSc in Clinical Research, Newcastle
- Consultant funded for fees for 3rd year MSc in Clinical Education, QUB
- Consultant attending BAPM conference
- Sister funded for attendance at 5th International Family Integrated Care Conference
- Specialty doctor funded for virtual attendance Hot topics (Washington) & Neocard.
- Graphic designer cost of Neosim Logo
- Breast feeding co-ordinators funded for attending European Academy of breastfeeding Medicine conference, Croatia.

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**Local Courses:**

Running of the Belfast Newborn Life Support (NLS) Course: this is a Resuscitation Council (UK) - accredited national resuscitation course run 2-4 times per year. Annual outlay includes registration with RC (UK), purchase of course manuals, upkeep of teaching equipment and reimbursement of instructor expenses. During the year 2022/23 the course ran on 13th & 14th September 2022 & 6th and 7th March 2023.

**Research**

No studies were supported.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

101993

**Principal address**

C/o NICU Royal Maternity Hospital  
Grosvenor Road  
Belfast  
Co. Antrim  
BT12 6BB

**Trustees**

Dr Clifford Mayes  
Ms Maureen O'Dowd (appointed 1.4.22)

**Independent Examiner**

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**Charity administration**

- Annual accountancy fees
- Trustee indemnity insurance
- Liability and equipment insurance for the Newborn Life Support course.
- JustGiving membership charges.

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**Statement of Compliance**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifford Mayes', written over a horizontal line.

31.1.2024

Dr Clifford Mayes - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages six to twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

John McCleary FCA

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29 January 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		53,646	118,224
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable		-	810
Investment income	2	50	38
Other income		<u>6,470</u>	<u>3,600</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>60,166</u>	<u>122,672</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct costs		65,881	60,317
Support costs		<u>8,698</u>	<u>528</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>74,579</u>	<u>60,845</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(14,413)	61,827
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>237,699</u>	<u>175,872</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		223,886	238,227
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(600)	(528)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>223,286</u>	<u>237,699</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

 , 31/01/24

Ms Maureen O'Dowd - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Dividend income	<u>50</u>	<u>38</u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	118,224
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Grants Receivable	810
Investment income	38
Other income	<u>3,600</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>122,672</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Direct costs	60,317
Support costs	<u>528</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>60,845</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	61,827
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	175,872
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>237,699</u>

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**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>600</u>	<u>528</u>

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	237,699	(14,413)	223,286
	<u>237,699</u>	<u>(14,413)</u>	<u>223,286</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>237,699</u>	<u>(14,413)</u>	<u>223,286</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	60,166	(74,579)	(14,413)
	<u>60,166</u>	<u>(74,579)</u>	<u>(14,413)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>60,166</u>	<u>(74,579)</u>	<u>(14,413)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	175,872	61,827	237,699
	<u>175,872</u>	<u>61,827</u>	<u>237,699</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,872</u>	<u>61,827</u>	<u>237,699</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	122,672	(60,845)	61,827
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>122,672</u>	<u>(60,845)</u>	<u>61,827</u>

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

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	175,872	47,414	223,286
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,872</u>	<u>47,414</u>	<u>223,286</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	182,838	(135,424)	47,414
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>182,838</u>	<u>(135,424)</u>	<u>47,414</u>

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**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	53,646	118,224
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividend income	50	38
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	-	810
<b>Other income</b>		
Course fees	<u>6,470</u>	<u>3,600</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>60,166</b>	<b>122,672</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Sundries	135	-
Professional training & education	16,894	11,311
Grants of equipment/ resources	47,783	39,641
Grants to individuals	<u>1,069</u>	<u>6,169</u>
	65,881	57,121
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	704	567
<b>Other</b>		
Printing, stationery & advertising	1,400	201
Insurance	979	934
Professional fees	<u>5,015</u>	<u>1,494</u>
	7,394	2,629
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>600</u>	<u>528</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>74,579</u></b>	<b><u>60,845</u></b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b><u>(14,413)</u></b>	<b><u>61,827</u></b>

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