

Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Northern Ireland Perinatal Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

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.

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.

Governing Document

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

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

What we did in 2023-24

A detailed financial report can be accessed on the Northern Ireland Charities commission

website. Unfortunately in the past staff activities were impacted by COVID 19. However the year to April 2024 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:

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- A Mindray cardiac scanner M9
- Postage for bereavement cards
- High fidelity premature simulation doll repair
- Preterm clothing for families in financial hardship.
- World prematurity day event
- Preemie Ann battery & service.
- Purchase of Monivent Neo 100 & Monivent Neo Training System

Training and education

- Training of the neurodevelopmental team in advanced PrechtI.
- An education day for the Neonatal team on neuro-intensive care.
- A Sim team member was supported in attendance at a debrief course
- A regional teaching day on Neonatal End of Life care was supported.
- Staff attendance at MPROvE Neonatal Simulation Instructor course and Difficult airway course.
- Adept fellow supported attending SESAM international conference (verbal presentation).
- Band 6 attendance at the Reason study day.
- Band 7 supported fees for online MSc in patient safety and human factors
- Consultant attendance at Reason, BAPM and Neocard conferences
- Specialty doctor attendance at Jens conference.
- 2 ST7 doctors attending Neonatal simulation echo course, Los Angeles
- Band 7 nurse attending GIC course
- 3 nurses attending annual UNICEF UK BFI conference
- Band 5 & 2 Band 6 nurses attending Neonatal Surgical course, Birmingham's Womens
- Band 6 nurse attending BAPM conference in Sheffield
- ST6 doctor funded for MSc module in Neonatal Pulmonology (University of Southampton)
- Adept fellow & specialty doctor funded to attend BAPM conference (3 poster presentations)
- Band 6 nurse supported to attend International Neonatology Association in Dublin
- Band 8A Dietitian supported to attend BDA module neonatal Nutrition day and face to face workshops
- Band 6 nurse & NeoSim team visited St George's Hospital NICU in London regarding Maquet ventilators.
- ST6 doctor supported to attend International Forum on Safety and Quality
- Band 6 nurse supported to attend Council of International Neonatal Nursing Conference in Aalborg (poster presentation)

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 2023/24 the course ran on 12th and 13th September 2023.

Research

No studies were supported.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 9 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £228,016 (2023 - £223,886) and liabilities of £1,140 (2023 - £600). The net assets of the charity have increased by £3,590.

Reference and Administrative details

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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Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards


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.

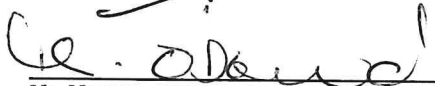
The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector.

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7/12/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Clifford Mayes
Trustee



Ms Maureen O'Dowd
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

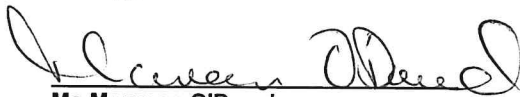
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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