

**"HELPING HAND"  
ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2022

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr I Martin (Chairman)  
Dr L Sweeny (Hon Secretary)  
Dr P Jackson (Hon Treasurer)  
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Mrs S Baker  
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Dr S Christie  
Mrs J McKinstry  
Ms B Money Penny (Ladies League)  
Mrs B Reid  
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Prof M Shields  
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G Welby  
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**NI CHARITY COMMISSION**

Reg. No. NIC 102447

## “HELPING HAND”

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### Principal Activity

The objects of the charity are exclusively charitable being for the benefit of patients by means of the advancement of their health care needs.

#### Principal Office

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Children's Hospital  
180 Falls Road  
Belfast BT12 6BE

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The Helping Hand Charity was established in 1997 by the medical staff at the Children's Hospital, with the single aim of helping the children in their care. The hospital has been caring for children since 1873 and, in 2022, now provides most of the paediatric regional specialities for Northern Ireland.

#### Board of Trustees

Helping Hand, a registered charity, is managed by a Board of Trustees, which meets on a regular basis, chaired by Mr Ivan Martin.

#### Administration

The organisation and management activities of the charity are undertaken by the fundraiser, Mr Nigel Kearney, with the assistance of an extra person who is paid an hourly rate. All decisions in respect of the day-to-day affairs of the society are taken by the Charity through its Board of Trustees at committee meetings.

#### Independent Examiner

TaxAssist Accountants provide an independent examination of the annual accounts and act as advisors when required.

#### Objectives and Activities

The stated aims and objectives of the charity are –

- To provide the best equipment to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children;
- Fund research and education into children's illnesses; and
- To support the immediate needs of children and their parents.

Helping Hand has assisted in the continued provision of new medical equipment and provision of items to enhance and improve the patient and parental experience. The charity is also committed to continuing to assist in the provision of much needed equipment in various departments.

The charity will continue to support or fund staff to attend courses to enhance their ability to improve the care of patients and their families.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

Throughout 2022 we worked closely with local and national companies such as Alskea Developments, The Bar Library, Gordons chemists, Andor Technology, Bombardier, NIE Charity fund and SIG Ireland who committed to a year of organising fundraising events among their staff and client base to raise funds for the Hospital.

Regular supporters Financial Research partnership, Santfield Nursery and Portrush Surf School also ran their annual events to support the hospital and we once again received a generous donation from the Fire Department in New York.

We are also indebted to the many schools, churches and youth groups who also donated valuable funds and in particular to the families of patients attending the various wards who also ran a variety of events.

With these funds we were able to fulfill our commitment to all of our targeted projects which included continuing to install wall art in various departments including Knox Ward, Short Stay unit and the Outpatients department.

In addition we were able to continue to meet the need for patient and parent comforts such as chair beds, sensory equipment and various rehabilitation aids for individual patients.

A new fish tank in Medical OPD, funding to continue the Motomed cycle relocation scheme for Physio patients, the continuation of the Commit to Fit program for Cystic Fibrosis patients, TV'S, furniture, tablets and two blood pressure monitors for Paul Ward, along with the usual support of toys, games and sensory equipment for the play department and hospital school made up the bulk of the spending for 2022.

Some of the major items are listed below:-

Sleep chairs for Paul Ward. £9,000  
Motomed Cycle Relocation scheme. - £12,500  
Wall Art - £27,000  
Specialist buggy. £4,500  
PICU LED lights £22,000  
Fish tank -OPD - £3,500  
Eye Gaze communication technology for Neuro disability - £3,000  
2x sensory entertainment units- £9,000  
Specialist HD camera for Ambulatory EEG monitoring  
Virtual reality headset entertainment equipment for ED department

#### **Plans for future periods.**

There are plans to refurbish the 'Crocodile Garden' adjacent to the link corridor to make it an accessible interactive area for both inpatients and outpatients.

Plans for this are well advanced and work should be started and completed in 2023.

We also intend to continue the wall art programme in other areas of the hospital.

We are aiming to provide two new ultrasound scanners, one for PICU and one for the MRI unit in 2023.

Discussion is also underway to fund a bereavement support network for all of Northern Ireland.

#### **Results**

The results for the financial year are fully set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

## Trustees

The trustees of the Charity during the year were as follows:

Mr I Martin (Chairman)  
Dr L Sweeny (Hon Secretary)  
Dr P Jackson (Hon Treasurer)  
Mr A Bailie  
Mrs S Baker  
Mrs L Beggs  
Dr S Christie  
Mrs J McKinstry  
Ms B Moneypenny (Ladies League)  
Mrs B Reid  
Dr M Reid  
Dr A Reid  
J Stephens  
Prof M Shields  
Mr C Bradley  
G Welby – Joined 2020  
J O'Rourke – Joined 2020  
H Jackson – Joined 2020

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial period in line with recommendations set out in 'The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015' which give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities of the Charity and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. 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.

## Accountants

A resolution proposing the reappointment of TaxAssist Accountants, as accountants will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board of Trustees



Chairperson.

Date: 15/01/2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

To the Board of Trustees of the Helping Hand charity, we report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 6-10.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.**

The charity's constitution states that the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles.
- state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

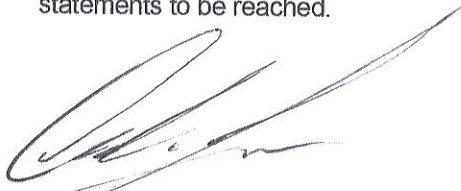
**Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records have not been met.
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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**Date:** 15/01/2024

**"HELPING HAND"**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

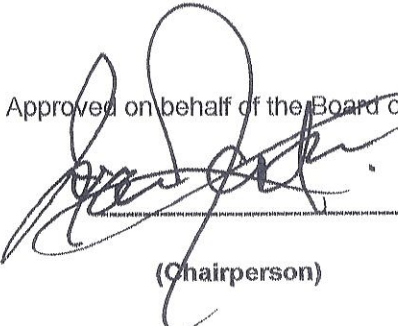
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations and gifts		137,005		137,005	189,696
Income from fund raising events		159,318		159,318	50,794
HMRC – Job Retention Scheme		-		-	9,920
Gift Aid		531		531	4,428
Bank Interest		6,324		6,324	5,363
		<u>303,178</u>		<u>303,178</u>	<u>260,201</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Direct charitable expenditure					
- fund raising events		3,103	196	3,299	2,316
- allocation of funds	2	188,608		188,608	57,343
Other expenditure					
Management & administration	3	63,818		63,818	50,783
		<u>255,529</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>255,725</u>	<u>110,442</u>
Net movements in funds		47,649	(196)	47,453	149,759
Total funds brought forward		1,200,279	196	1,200,475	1,050,716
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>1,200,475</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Computer equipment		-	-
		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		-	-
Bank:			
Cash on hand		573	364
Danske Bank Current Account		945,395	897,537
Investments		307,404	303,371
		<u>1,253,372</u>	<u>1,201,272</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accruals		1,208	797
PAYE		4,236	-
		<u>5,444</u>	<u>797</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>1,200,475</u>
<b>Funds balances</b>			
Restricted	4	0	196
Unrestricted		1,247,928	1,200,279
		<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>1,200,475</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees of "Helping Hand" Charity on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 by:



(Chairperson)



(Honorary Treasurer)

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015), 'The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015', as it relates to small charities, and applicable accounting standards.

**Taxation**

Helping Hand is registered as a charity with the Inland Revenue (No. XR18800) and as such is exempt from taxation.

**Management and Administration Costs**

There was no transfer of management & administration costs of the charity to Restricted Funds in y/e 31 December 2022.

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**2. Direct Charitable Expenditure – Allocation of Funds**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Sensory Equipment, Toys, games, TV's, DVDs, etc.	5,873		5,873	2,944
Wall Art	27,000		27,000	
Sky Panels/Theatres				6,672
Simeox Device/Physio				5,825
Hillrom recondition vest unit				9,900
Motomed Equipment	12,500		12,500	
Commit to Fit programme	4,780		4,780	2,360
Aquarium & Fish	10,000		10,000	3,627
Speech & Language	3,709		3,709	4,753
LED Lights - PICU	22,000		22,000	
Specialist Buggy	4,500		4,500	
Sleep chairs for Paul Ward	9,000		9,000	
PICU Dept	41,086		41,086	4,486
OT Dept.				3,754
Trex hd ambulatory video	8,108		8,108	
Eye Gaze communication technology for Neuro disability	15,000		15,000	
2x sensory entertainment units	9,000		9,000	
Physio Dept.				805
Graphics for Short Stay				7,140
Cleft Palate training		196	196	30
Other allocated spend	17,047		17,047	5,046
	189,603	196	189,799	57,343

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**3. Other Expenditure – Management and administration**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Salaries & NIC	55,597	-	55,597	42,943
Pension contributions		-		600
Insurance	1,266	-	1,266	1,121
Telephone	2,009	-	2,009	1,646
Stationery, printing & advertising	1,095	-	1,095	424
Bank charges	185	-	185	99
Accountancy	1,536	-	1,536	1,476
Travel expenses	1,166	-	1,166	646
Equipment Expensed	75	-	75	1,044
Catering	127	-	127	68
Sundry Expenses	48	-	48	130
Computer & Website maintenance	714	-	714	586
	<u>63,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,818</u>	<u>50,783</u>

**4. Restricted Funds**

This fund comprises income that has been received by the Charity for particular purposes. There was one project included in restricted funds at the end of the year:-

- £7,815 was received in 2015 from the Cleft Palate Association for education, travel and equipment for that department. During 2022, £1,190.46 was spent leaving a balance of £0 to be carried forward, with the balance being covered from unrestricted funds.

**5. Reconciliation of movements in funds**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Movement for the year	47,649	(196)	47,453	149,759
Balance of funds brought forward	1,200,279	196	1,200,475	1,050,716
Balance of funds carried forward	<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,247,928</u>	<u>1,200,475</u>