

Friends of Altnagelvin

NIC103421

Financial Statements and Trustees' Report

**For the year ended
31 December 2024**

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees: Evelyn Smith
Elaine McCracken
Hester Faulkner
Peter Nicholl
Kanwar Panesar OBE (died 14th May 2025)

Charity Number: NIC103421

Address: Altnagelvin Hospital
Trust Headquarters
Mdec Building
Glenshane Road
Londonderry
BT47 5YN

Friends of Altnagelvin is governed by a constitution dated 1st April 2000 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 14th August 2015 under charity number NIC103421.

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

The purpose of The Friends of Altnagelvin Charity (FOA) is to provide funding for the enhancement of the hospital experience for patients, relatives and staff.

Items are purchased which are over and above what the standard NHS procurement provides. Examples include televisions, children's play equipment, overnight chair-beds for relatives etc. The Charity does not provide medical equipment.

Each year, the committee issues an internal flyer to all departments/wards, inviting requests for appropriate items which meet the Charity's criteria. In general, no request is declined if it does not conflict with the following:

- A) Must not be an item normally supplied by the hospital
- B) Must not contravene NHS or Hospital health and safety regulations
- C) Must benefit the public (patients and visitors)
- D) Is within the prudent capabilities of the FOA available funds

The changeover to the new treasurer resulted in significant unexpected delays by the Charity's bank in granting access to both banking records and funds. Furthermore, the Trust's systems and procedures for procuring items on behalf of the Charity had become extremely complicated. As a result of both these issues, the FOA committee regretfully found it extremely difficult to fund purchases during the year. However, as the Trust was still holding significant FOA funds as a result of previous failed purchases, the Charity was able to approve a number of requests including furniture for the ICU relatives' room, items for dementia programs etc. Subsequent meetings and discussions in 2025 have now hopefully clarified and simplified the procurement process for items being funded by the Charity.

Finally, the trustees would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr Kanwar Panesar who sadly passed away in May 2025. Mr Panesar was a dedicated and much respected consultant surgeon in Altnagelvin Hospital for most of his working life. In more recent years he was President of The Friends of Altnagelvin charity. He will be very sadly missed.

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For the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

The results of the charity's activities during the year and of its position at the year-end are included in the Receipts and payments account on page 6 and the Statement of assets and liabilities on page 7.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Elaine McCracken
Trustee



Peter Nicholl
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Friends of Altnagelvin

We report on the accounts of Friends of Altnagelvin for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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 Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Friends of Altnagelvin (cont'd)**

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Donaldson & Thompson
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 27 October 2025

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Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 31 December 2024	Total 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations & Collections	3,061		3,061	11,116
In Memoriam	2,620		2,620	7,948
Compensation NI Courts & Tribunals	1,428		1,428	3,505
Bank Interest	103		103	62
			-	
Total receipts	7,212	-	7,212	22,631
<u>Payments</u>				
Altnagelvin Trust - Ward Donations	-		-	408
Postage & Secretarial	-		-	87
Website Costs	173		173	
Trustee Insurance	204		204	
Bank Charges	68		68	72
			-	
			-	
Total payments	445	-	445	567
Net receipts/(payments)	6,767	-	6,767	22,064
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	6,767	-	6,767	22,064

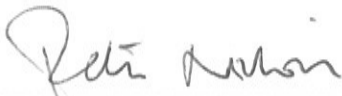
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Statement of assets and liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

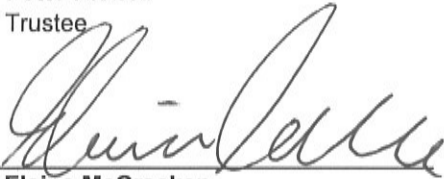
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 31 December 2024	Total 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Funds reconciliation				
Accumulated fund at 01.01.2024	36,634	-	36,634	14,570
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	6,767	-	6,767	22,064
Accumulated fund at 31.12.2024	<u>43,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,401</u>	<u>36,634</u>
Bank & cash balances				
Danske Bank Current account	43,401	-	43,401	36,634
	<u>43,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,401</u>	<u>36,634</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Nicholl

Trustee



Elaine McCracken

Trustee