



Elusen Iechyd Powys
Powys Health Charity



Charitable Funds

Annual Report and Accounts for the Year
Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Registration Number - 1057902

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Trustee Arrangements

Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund (the Charity) is registered with the Charity Commission; Powys Teaching Local Health Board (Powys THB) is designated as Corporate Trustee.

The members of Powys THB who served during the financial year to 31st March 2025 were as follows:

Powys Teaching Local Health Board Board Members 2024/25	
Chair	Carl Cooper
Vice Chair	Kirsty Williams
Chief Executive	Hayley Thomas
Independent Members (IM)	
Finance	Steve Elliot (From 17/04/2024)
Local Authority	Chris Walsh
Third Sector	Jennifer Owen Adams
University	Simon Wright
ICT	Ian Phillips (To 22/08/2024)
Trade Union	Cathie Poynton
Capital & Estates	Mick Giannasi
General	Rhobert Lewis
General	Ronnie Alexander
General	Ian Thomas (From 06/01/2025)
Executive Directors	
Interim Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director of Finance, Information and IT Services, and Interim Executive Director of Primary Care	Pete Hopgood (To 16/05/2024)
Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director of Finance, Capital and Support Services and Interim Executive Director of Primary Care	Pete Hopgood (From 17/05/2024 to 29/09/2024)

Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance, Capital and Support Services	Pete Hopgood (From 30/09/2024)
Executive Director of Public Health	Mererid Bowley
Executive Director of Workforce and OD	Debra Wood-Lawson
Interim Executive Director of Operations, Community Care and Mental Health	David Farnsworth (To 02/06/2024) ¹
Interim Executive Director of Operations, Community Care and Mental Health	Joy Garfitt (From 01/04/2024 to 30/09/2024) ²
Executive Director of Primary, Community Care and Mental Health	Elaine Lorton (From 30/09/2024)
Executive Director of Planning, Performance and Commissioning	Nicola Johnson (From 07/10/2024)
Executive Director of Therapies and Health Sciences	Claire Madsen (To 30/04/2024)
Executive Director of Allied Health Professions, Health Science and Digital	Claire Madsen (From 01/05/2024)
Interim Executive Director of Planning, Performance and Commissioning	Stephen Powell (To 06/10/2024) ³
Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Claire Roche (To 30/04/2024)
Executive Director of Nursing, Quality, Women and Family Health	Claire Roche (From 01/05/2024)
Executive Director of Workforce and OD	Debra Wood-Lawson (To 30/04/2024)
Executive Director of People and Culture	Debra Wood-Lawson (From 01/05/2024)
Executive Medical Director	Kate Wright
Director of Corporate Governance / Board Secretary	Helen Bushell

¹ There was a period of handover between DF and JG between 06/05/2024 and 02/06/2024

² JG was away on planned absence from 01/04/2024 to 05/05/2024 with the Portfolio covered on an interim basis by DF. JG was also absent from 08/07/2024 to 30/09/2024, during which time the Portfolio was covered by other Executive colleagues.

³ SP remained with the Health Board from 07/10/2024 - 20/10/2024 for a handover period to the newly appointed NJ.

In order to assist the Corporate Trustee to fulfil its statutory duties under this registration, a Charitable Fund's Committee has been established with delegated powers to manage the Charity.

Current Charitable Funds Committee Membership

Carl Cooper - Chair

Rhobert Lewis - Independent Member

Cathie Poynton - Independent Member

Pete Hopgood - Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance, Capital and Support Services

Claire Madsen - Executive Director of Allied Health Professions, Health Science and Digital

Registered Office

The registered office of the Charity is Bronllys Hospital, Bronllys, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0LY.

Registration Number

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission - Registered Number 1057902.

Bankers

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Foreword

The Charity was formally created on 28th May 2004 by a 'Deed of Arrangement' which replaced the Powys Health Care NHS Trust Charitable Fund, which had been in existence since 26th July 1996.

These accounts have been prepared in line with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with Part VI of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 (Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015). The Charity's report and accounts include all the separately established charitable funds for which the Local Health Board is responsible.

Administrative Details

The Charity has an umbrella registration with the Charity Commission under which funds are registered together under a single 'main' registration number. There are a total of 74 individual funds maintained within the accounting records as at the 31 March 2025, and the notes to the accounts distinguish the types of funds and disclose separately all material funds.

Charitable monies donated to the Charity are accepted, held and administered as funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

Trustee

Powys THB is the Corporate Trustee of the Charitable Fund governed by the law applicable to Local Health Boards, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and also the law applicable to Charities, which is governed by the Charities Act 2011.

The chair and independent members of the Board are appointed by the Welsh Government and the executive directors are appointed by the Board.

The Corporate Trustee devolves responsibility for the on-going management of the charity to the Charitable Funds Committee which administers the fund on behalf

of the Corporate Trustee. Details of the Corporate Trustee and its Charitable Funds Committee are disclosed on pages 2 to 4.

Principal Charitable Fund Advisor to the Board

Under a scheme of delegated authority approved by the Corporate Trustee, the Executive Director of Finance of Powys THB has responsibility for the management of the Charity, and the Head of Financial Services is the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the charitable fund and its specific charitable accounts during the year.

Professional Advisors

The principal professional advisors to the Corporate Trustee are detailed on page 4.

Structure Governance and Management

The Charity's unrestricted fund was established using the model declaration of trust. All funds held on trust as at the date of registration were either part of this unrestricted fund or registered as separate restricted funds under the main Charity. Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original funds are added to those fund balances within the existing Charity. Where funds have been received which have unique specific restrictions set by the donor, new unrestricted (designated) funds have been established.

The current structure of the individual funds reflects the fact that the majority of income and expenditure is focused where patients receive services. Operational managers exercise control over the funds donated to their management area. The charitable funds available for spending are allocated to service areas within Powys THB's management structure. There are, for example, specific allocations made for individual wards and for specific service areas such as Palliative Care and Brecon Cardiac Services.

Members of the Powys THB and its Charitable Funds Committee are not individual Trustees under Charity Law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee. Appropriate training and induction is received on initial appointment followed by periodic development sessions to further develop the understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Informal training and awareness is provided through routine consideration of charitable fund matters at meetings of the LHB Board and directly to individuals where additional matters are identified.

Acting for the Corporate Trustee, the Charitable Funds Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Charitable Funds. The Committee is required to:

- control, manage and monitor the use of the fund's resources for the public benefit having regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission,
- provide support, guidance and encouragement for all its income raising activities whilst managing and monitoring the receipt of all income,
- ensure that 'best practice' is followed in the conduct of all its affairs fulfilling all of its legal responsibilities,
- ensure that the approved Investment Policy incorporated within the Charitable Funds Policy approved by the Teaching Local Health Board as Corporate Trustee is adhered to and that performance is regularly reviewed whilst being aware of ethical considerations,
- keep the Corporate Trustee fully informed on the activity, performance and risks of the Charity.

Powys THB is the main beneficiary of the Charity and is a related party by virtue of being the Charity's Corporate Trustee. By working in partnership with Powys THB, the charitable funds are used to best effect and so when deciding upon the most beneficial way to use charitable funds, the Corporate Trustee has regard to its main activities, objectives, strategies and plans. The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objectives of each fund that has been designated to respect the specific wishes of each donor.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the fund is dealt with by the Finance Department located at Bronllys Hospital, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0LY.

Foundational objectives of the Charitable Fund

The Charity was established with NHS wide objectives for its main fund which were outlined as follows:

"The Trustee shall hold the Trust fund upon trust to apply the income, and at their discretion, so far as may be permissible, the capital, for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service, wholly or mainly for the services provided by Powys Teaching Local Health Board (hereinafter referred to as "the objects")"

This means that the fund can be used for the benefit of patients and staff who receive or help deliver the services provided by Powys THB in accordance with the Deed of Trust.

The Charity is funded by donations and/or legacies received from patients, relatives and friends, the general public and other external organisations. The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund. The trustee respects the wishes of our donors to benefit patient care and advance good health and welfare of patients and staff and ensuring that all expenditure fulfils public benefit criteria. The practice of the Charity is to provide support to the Powys THB and Powys community through the following means: -

Patients' Expenditure: by purchase of equipment, and the provision of services and facilities not normally provided by or additional to the normal NHS provision.

Staff Expenditure: by supporting staff to provide more effective services to patients, through (for example) additional education and training opportunities; and facilitating and promoting research.

Medical Equipment: by purchase of equipment in addition to that normally provided by the NHS.

When there are changes in the delivery of a service, or when for some other reason it becomes impractical to maintain a separate fund, the Corporate Trustee has ultimate discretion, in accordance with Section 96 of the NHS Act 1977, to apply the charitable funds. Its objective, however, is to continue to respect the donor's wishes.

A message from our Chair

This year has marked a period of significant change and progress for Powys Health Charity. We were delighted to welcome a new Interim Manager, whose leadership has enabled the charity to continue growing from strength to strength. Our commitment to providing the best opportunities for Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) staff and the wider Powys community has remained at the heart of our work.



We continued to deliver our small grant scheme, this year titled the Bach grant scheme, supporting the health and wellbeing of patients, staff, and the broader community. In addition, we successfully launched a new annual campaign, the Festive Fundraiser, which aimed to ensure that every in-patient, care home resident, mother-to-be, and newborn received a thoughtful gift on Christmas Day.

Our partnerships with the League of Friends have also flourished, with the introduction of quarterly meetings to strengthen our shared mission of supporting PTHB. These collaborations have been invaluable in enhancing the support we provide across our communities.

To better reflect the diversity and vibrancy of Powys, the charity has been dedicated to developing its own image library. Our team visited all Powys sites, capturing authentic moments that showcase both our local communities and the dedication of our hardworking staff. This initiative ensures that our visual resources truly represent the people and places at the heart of our work.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful supporters, staff members, partners, and NHS colleagues who have contributed to the charity's continued growth over the past year. With your ongoing support, we remain committed to investing in people, projects, and partnerships that improve the health and wellbeing of our patients, staff, and the wider population.

Dr Carl Cooper,

Chair of Powys Teaching Local Health Board and

PTHB Charitable Funds Committee

Our mission

As the dedicated NHS charity for Powys, we have a responsibility to support the staff and patients of the Powys THB and the wider community. We also have an opportunity to develop new partnerships between the public health and the voluntary health sectors. Our Charity can be a catalyst for partnership projects and programmes that help reduce the number of people who get ill and need statutory health intervention and help improve the health and wellness of those with long-term health conditions.

The NHS workforce provides the foundation for health care in Powys. By supporting and providing for a better working environment and better outcomes for NHS staff, our Charity will help ensure better outcomes for NHS patients and their families.

Where possible, Powys Health Charity will look to learn from the most influential and impactful third sector organisations from across the UK, particularly those in the field of healthcare and medical support and leading grant-giving charities. More locally, the Charity will also look to work with other health board charities in Wales on relevant issues and to coordinate campaigns and communications for the widest possible impact.

The support network that has been created and maintained by NHS Charities Together across the last three years has allowed for greater collaboration between NHS charities. Maintaining a strong relationship and open dialogue, particularly with Welsh NHS and third sector colleagues, will ensure Powys Health Charity is as knowledgeable, responsive and effective as possible within its field.

Our values

Powys Health Charity aims to support the health and wellbeing of staff, patients and communities across Powys. Wherever possible, Powys Health Charity will strive to support the health and wellbeing of the people of Powys whilst adhering to the following values:

Accessible

- Ensure that wherever possible the Charity's investment in local health care brings benefit to the community, the wider NHS and beyond.

Collaborative

- Look to support health improvement projects and cultivate partnerships which enable people to live healthy lives.

Inclusive

- Embrace equality and diversity by ensuring the Charity is of, by, and for, the people of Powys.

Innovative

- Play a key role in the development of greatly improved health care for Powys.

Sustainable

- Utilise the Charity’s existing and future assets to strengthen its strategic priorities and deliver positive long-term impacts for Powys.

Developing new strategic priorities and key deliverables

The following priorities and objectives have been established to outline a clear and consistent identity for our Charity. They will help to build our profile and increase the impact of our work through greater engagement with our communities and more strategic investment. They have been developed to help ensure Powys Health Charity remains relevant and sustainable for the next three years and beyond.

The priorities for this strategy have been identified through consultation with the Charity’s stakeholders, which includes PTHB staff and Board members, third sector partners, patients and their families, as well as members of the community. They reflect our stakeholders’ expectations of what Powys’ Health Board Charity can deliver and are linked to the strategic objectives of Powys Teaching Health Board’s Integrated Medium-Term Plan (IMTP) 2022-2025.

Demonstrating Responsible Leadership	
What our Stakeholders said:	What we will deliver:
<p><i>Ensure the Health Board’s Charitable Funds are managed responsibly to deliver sustained health and wellbeing improvements for many years to come in Powys.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A commitment to swift and responsive decision making whilst maintaining high standards of good governance. - An increase in the scale of Charity operations which ensures long-term sustainability and viability. - New grant funding programmes to respond to emerging health and wellbeing priorities in a timely manner.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional guidance which allows PTHB staff and independent members to navigate and work alongside the Charity with ease. - Annual reviews of existing governance and bidding arrangements, audit for vulnerabilities and implementation of operational efficiencies. - A clear long-term investment strategy which adopts a responsible and balanced approach to risk and ethical imperative. - A clear long-term fundraising strategy to diversify income streams and maintain financial sustainability. - A robust programme of evaluation for all Charity projects and activity to measure the impact, influence and effectiveness of Charitable Funds within Powys.
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Linked PTHB IMTP Objectives:

25. Implement key governance improvement priorities embedding risk management, effective policies, procedures and guidance; audit and effectiveness; Board effectiveness and systems of accountability.

Upholding Our Civic Mission

What our Stakeholders said:	What we will deliver:
<p><i>There is a vital civic leadership role that the Health Board and the Charity has within the community, which needs to be a key priority.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better outcomes for communities struggling with socio economic deprivation in Powys (lack of access to services, a lack of adequate digital infrastructure or geographic disparity). - Increased accessibility and more equitable opportunities for foundational economy training, support, and careers in Powys. - A commitment to embed proactive environment and sustainability initiatives in all Charity activity. - Collaboration with existing PTHB services to ensure they are sustainable.

Linked PTHB IMTP Objectives:

- 1. Take action to reduce health inequalities and improve population health.
- 17. Enhance the health board's role in partnership and citizenship, maximising opportunities for volunteering and healthcare careers.
- 20. Implement ambitious commitments to carbon reduction, biodiversity enhancement and environmental wellbeing

Enhancing NHS Services

What our Stakeholders said:

The Charity can provide transformational opportunities for learning, training and initiatives that can greatly improve the working environment for staff and enhance patient experience.

What we will deliver:

- An enhanced patient experience, particularly for those undergoing long stays in community hospitals.
- More digitally enabled NHS services through the provision of additional kit and equipment.
- New pilot schemes which encourage innovation in healthcare.
- An additional programme of support for NHS staff wellbeing.
- Bursary schemes across multiple Health Board service areas for Powys community members which provide beneficiaries the opportunity to learn as they work.
- A commitment to equitable support and investment for all services and service areas.
- A dedicated digital resource hub to help NHS staff and patients to find project funding in Powys.

Linked PTHB IMTP Objectives:

- 4. Improve access to high quality sustainable primary care.
- 6. Improve access to high quality, equitable prevention and early intervention services for children, young people, and their families.
- 12. Support improved access to and outcomes from specialised services.
- 16. Enhance access to high quality education and training across all disciplines, specifically focusing on 'grow our own'/apprenticeships.



- 18. Implement clinical digital systems that directly enable improved care, including cross border clinical records sharing, clinical service priorities (nursing, eye care, prescribing), and telecare.
- 21. Implement capital, estate and facilities improvements that enhance services to patients/public and wellbeing/experience of staff.
- 24. Implement value-based healthcare, to deliver improved outcomes and experience, effective deployment and management of resources.

Establishing a Culture of Collaboration

What our Stakeholders said:	What we will deliver:
<p><i>Through strong partnerships with other local organisations and projects, the Charity can help ensure greater joined up planning across health services. The Charity is also uniquely poised to support cross sector collaborations between the public and voluntary sectors.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A strong and successful brand for Powys Health Charity which is of, by, and for our stakeholders (staff, service users, volunteers, Powys residents and third sector partners). - Smarter and more effective use of combined resources through new collaborations with public and voluntary sector partners in the community. - Greater fundraising presence in the community with more resources and opportunities for those who want to raise funds for their local NHS services. - An established development pathway for the Charity, which includes a new volunteering network for those who want a more active role in shaping the Charity’s future. - Engaging campaigns to widen Powys Health Charity’s reach to new audiences by sharing and celebrating the impact of charitable funds projects. - Improved project coordination across service areas and hospitals by building upon existing regional partnerships with stakeholders such as Powys’ Leagues of Friends. - An innovative approach to health and wellbeing engagement by leveraging the expertise of the STEAM (science, technology,

	engineering, arts, mathematics) sector to engage staff and patients.
<p><u>Linked PTHB IMTP Objectives:</u></p> <p>15. Deliver improvements to staff wellbeing and engagement, working closely with Trade Unions in Social Partnership on key joint priorities.</p> <p>23. Develop and implement key actions to enhance integrated/partnership system working in Wales and England.</p>	

Delivery and monitoring

Delivery of these objectives is overseen and monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee on behalf of the Corporate Trustee as a key programme of work.

Our year in review

Changes to Charity Personnel

During the reporting period, the charity welcomed Martin O’Brien as Interim Charity Manager. Martin’s appointment brought fresh vision and new opportunities for the organisation, helping to shape the charity’s strategic direction.

As the demands and scope of the Interim Charity Manager role evolved, it became necessary for the Charity Administrative Support Officer position to adapt accordingly, taking on additional responsibilities to better support the Charity’s objectives.

Furthermore, the introduction of a Charity Support Manager role enabled the team to place greater emphasis on strategic planning and the development of fundraising campaigns. This change allowed the charity to increase its focus on raising awareness and creating new opportunities for growth and community engagement.

Fundraising

In December 2024, the charity team launched its inaugural annual campaign, the Festive Fundraiser. This heartwarming initiative was designed to spread festive cheer to patients, residents, and expectant mothers across Powys Teaching Health Board hospitals and care homes. The campaign's aim was to ensure that everyone received a thoughtful Christmas gift on Christmas Day, helping to make the festive season brighter for all.



Building on this success, the team developed the concept for a second annual fundraiser, May's Miles, in early 2025. The objective of this campaign was to promote wellbeing by encouraging participants to take on enjoyable challenges, whether walking, cycling, dancing, or any activity they preferred and to track the distance they covered. This initiative fostered a sense of community spirit while supporting the charity's mission.

Charity-Funded Projects

Over the past year, the Charity Team made significant strides in strengthening the governance and transparency of all funded initiatives. Monitoring processes were centralised and enhanced, enabling more robust reporting to the Charitable

Funds Committee. These improvements ensured that the wider committee remained informed and had full oversight of charitable expenditure.

Enhancing Dementia-Friendly Environments - Charitable funds were used to improve the Bronllys Hospital site, making it more dementia-friendly. This initiative served as a catalyst for a wider rollout of dementia-friendly signage across all Powys sites in late 2025. The improvements aligned with the All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards, particularly Standard 11, which supports the implementation of the Dementia Friendly Hospital Charter for Wales. Updates included a dementia-friendly paint scheme for wards, outpatient areas, and day rooms, significantly enhancing the patient experience.



Virtual Reality in Palliative Care -where the Specialist Palliative Care Team sought continued charitable support to provide Virtual Reality (VR) experiences for palliative and end-of-life patients. Over the past year, one Dr VR headset was in use, funded by our Arts in Health colleagues. Evidence increasingly supports the use of VR in healthcare, showing positive impacts on pain, anxiety, and overall patient wellbeing. As the headsets are leased annually, the team is now seeking sustained funding to continue offering this innovative therapeutic tool.

Supporting Mental Health Recovery -where to assist individuals supported by the Crisis Team, Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs), and the Acute Mental Illness (AMI) Ward, the Charity funded the production of brightly coloured A4 fridge planners with wipe-clean surfaces and marker pens. These planners helped clients manage appointments, medication reminders, and offered practical tips from staff to support their recovery journey.

Pre-bereavement support for teenagers – Charitable funds were allocated to deliver specific Training for Powys Teaching Health Board staff to support teenagers affected by an adult receiving palliative care. The training encompasses communication skills specific to communicating with teenagers, as well as understanding the pre bereavement support that could be offered – it is widely acknowledged that the better the pre bereavement support offered the lesser the risk of the bereaved person developing complex grief reactions

Therapeutic Art Group in Machynlleth – Funding was secured to provide a therapeutic art group for the Machynlleth community, offering 45 sessions over the course of a year. The group supported 6–7 individuals with complex mental health needs who may not benefit from mainstream talking therapies. All participants were known to mental health services and received tailored therapeutic input through creative expression.

Improving Patient Comfort – where the Charity funded the purchase of 20 new patient chairs, including both reclining and high-back models for bedside and day room use. As many patients spend extended periods seated, these chairs significantly improved comfort and contributed to a more dignified and supportive care environment.

Development of Welfare Facilities for Community Groups – A new project was approved to convert a section of P Block at Bronllys Hospital into a dedicated welfare facility for visiting community groups. The building, previously unused, received approval from the Property Accommodation Group for repurposing. The facility will include a toilet, a small kitchen area, a rest room, and a separate space for storing PPE and outerwear.

Providing a shared welfare space is essential, especially as multiple community groups are expected to be active on-site. It would not be practical or cost-effective for each group to bring or procure their own amenities. This facility will offer a comfortable and functional space for breaks, particularly during adverse weather conditions, supporting the wellbeing of all who use it.

Smaller Projects Supported – In addition to larger initiatives, the Charity supported several smaller but impactful projects:

- £68 was provided for the *Ollie the Octopus Activity Book*, developed by child psychologist and author Dr. Karen Treisman. The book offers worksheets to help children, and their caregivers explore themes of loss, grief, and bereavement in a supportive and accessible way.
- £50 was allocated for dementia-friendly knitting supplies for Clywedog Ward, helping patients engage in meaningful and calming activities.
- £80 funded a Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression Study Day, aimed at educating healthcare professionals on the management of this complex condition. The event covered disease overview, symptom recognition, red flags, radiological investigations, treatment options, and bladder/bowel management, including specific considerations for myeloma patients

Partnerships

League of Friends – Throughout the year, the charity team worked closely with all League of Friends groups within Powys to ensure that hospitals and communities



benefited from the combined support of both Powys Health Charity and the League of Friends.

To strengthen these partnerships, quarterly group meetings were established, providing a valuable forum for sharing information, discussing challenges, and developing collaborative solutions.

Regrettably, after nearly 50 years of dedicated service, the Newtown League of Friends closed during the reporting period. The charity worked in partnership with the Chair of the Newtown League of Friends to ensure that all remaining funds were transferred to Powys Health Charity. Importantly, these funds have been ringfenced to support Newtown Hospital and its community, ensuring that the legacy of the Newtown League of Friends continues to make a positive impact.

Collaboration with NHS Charities

Powys Health Charity has met regularly with the other NHS Charities across Wales. The informative sessions shared like minded experiences, new ideas and concepts and more importantly a greater harmony for the collective support for the health and wellbeing of people of Wales. This new coalition of Welsh NHS Charities is supported by NHS Charities Together, helping this National group identify a single purpose whilst retaining their own individual identity.

Income & expenditure

Income

Voluntary income consists of donations and legacies from patients and their relatives and friends. Total income of £250,964 received during 2024/25 included £52,135 which related to six legacies.

Donations in 2024/25 include an amount of £21,780 received from various Leagues of Friends associated with Powys Hospitals (2024: £31,091).

The generosity of all those who made a donation or left a legacy is greatly appreciated. An analysis of total income is given below.

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Interest and Dividends	143,342	157,495
Donations	55,487	81,755
Legacies	52,135	17,148
Grants	0	30,000
	<u>250,964</u>	<u>286,398</u>

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities and Support Costs in 2024/25 was £432,003 (2024: £369,278). An analysis of expenditure (excluding Fundraising costs) is shown below:

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Staff Education, Welfare and Amenities	34,921	42,380
Patient Education, Welfare and Amenities	128,545	105,616
Medical Equipment	42,300	72,448
Building and Refurbishment	75,411	18,428
Support Costs	150,826	130,406
	<u>432,003</u>	<u>369,278</u>

Gain/Loss on Investment Assets

An amount of £2.804M was invested via Brewin Dolphin Ltd in February 2020 and at the 31st March 2025 was valued at £3.522M (2024:£ 3.551M) the unrealised loss on Investment totalled £0.025M. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value of the investment at the year end and opening carrying value. Since the investments have not physically been sold, this change in valuation remains an unrealised gain/loss until a sale transaction realises the value and it becomes a realised gain/loss.

Elements of funds held

Expenditure was undertaken from the Charity's unrestricted and restricted income funds; these funds comprise two elements:

- **The General Purposes Fund**, which is constituted of funds received by the Charity with no particular preference expressed by donors. Applications can be made to this fund from any service area within Powys THB. Expenditure from this fund is targeted on projects in areas that do not have available Designated Funds to pay for them.
- **Designated Funds**, which usually contain donations where a particular part of a Hospital or Health Board activity was nominated by the donor at the time their donation was made. Whilst their nomination is non-binding on the Trustee, the designated funds reflect these nominations and are overseen by Service Managers who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area. Service Managers' recommendations are duly considered and these funds can be spent at any time with the prior approval of the Charitable Funds Committee or Executive Directors/Assistant Directors.

Reserves policy

The Charity's reserves policy has the objective of ensuring that the Charity has sufficient funds available to maintain liquidity, cover unforeseen risks and provide for future opportunities.

The Charity relies heavily on income from donations, fundraising and legacies. These are unpredictable sources that can vary year to year. Therefore, the Charity needs sufficient reserves to be able to continue its activities in the event of fluctuations in its income.

The Charity has a target level of reserves of £0.823M. This is based on the following calculation, with average figures taken from the last three years of audited accounts:

- One year's administration cost (support costs, fundraising costs and investment management costs).
- 20% of the value of investments held.
- 25% of the grant funded activity expenditure.

The target level of reserves will be reassessed on a bi-annual basis.

The Trustee will review the actual reserves held against the target at least annually, to ensure that sufficient funds are held within the Charity, whilst also continuing to utilise funds within a reasonable period of receipt.

A review of funds, performance & investments

The net assets of the Charitable Funds as at 31st March 2025 were £4,182,411 (2024: £4,404,436). Overall net assets decreased by £222,025.

The charity continues to rely on donations and legacies and investment income as the main sources of income. Total incoming resources decreased by £35,434 compared with the previous financial year. Legacy income increased by £34,987

Expenditure of £447,533 has increased compared with the previous year (2024: £386,673). The total charitable expenditure on direct charitable activity, including support costs was £432,003 across a range of programmes.

Purchase of new medical equipment

The total spend on providing new equipment for Powys THB of £42,300 (2024: £72,448) represents a vital and valuable contribution to enhancing the provision of clinical care ranging from purchases of items of audiology equipment through to an hydraulic patient chair.

Provision of Staff Education, Welfare and Amenities

Of the total Staff Education, Welfare and Amenities expenditure in year of £34,921 (2024: £42,380), the Charity contributed £13,451 (2024: £10,380) towards the provision of education and training for Powys THB staff undertaking further professional education and training.

Provision of Patient Education, Welfare and Amenities

A significant amount of expenditure £128,545 (2024: £105,616) has been charged under this heading in the year from small initiatives such as increased patient activities at day hospitals to the funding of recliner chairs for the ward day rooms.

Performance management

The Charity Manager and Charity Administrative Support Officer have been employed to deliver a new strategy for the Charity and to support the development of new projects, partnerships and proposals to help the Charity to best fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The Charity team help the Trustee to monitor general progress and performance of charitable funds and their utilisation. The performance of the Charity team is regularly reviewed by both the Charitable Funds Committee and the Corporate Trustee in order to ensure to the Charity continues to achieve and deliver support to its full potential.

All general purpose funding proposals and significant proposals (above £10,000 in value) are reviewed and approved by the Charitable Funds Committee with prior support from the PTHB Executive Committee. Local and designated fund requests that fall below the above threshold require support from Executive Directors/Assistant Directors for the delegated service managers who manage those funds.

Investments

The Corporate Trustee has considered potential risks to which the Charity is exposed. There are no major risks that have been identified other than those associated with the normal fluctuations in the value of investments. The Trustee believes these risks are appropriately managed. Independent investment advisors (Brewin Dolphin Limited) have been appointed, and investments are held in a diversified fund of investments.

The Corporate Trustee invests the funds of the Charity with Brewin Dolphin Ltd via a Portfolio arrangement. At the year-end 19%, 69%, 5% and 5% were invested in Fixed Income, Equities, Alternatives and Other Investments respectively with the remaining 2% held as cash assets.

The Corporate Trustee continues to consider its exposure to the fluctuations in the value of its equity-based investment, and receives a quarterly investments performance report at each Charitable Funds Committee meeting.

In line with the ethos of promoting patient wellbeing, the Corporate Trustee attempts to ensure that all investments are ethically and environmentally sound and are not opposed to the core purpose of the Charity. This ethical mandate is interpreted by our Investment Managers and informs the makeup of our portfolio. These ethical considerations are regularly monitored on a quarterly basis.

The strategy of the Corporate Trustee is that funds are spent within a timely manner after receipt. The Charity has further developed this strategy to target funds that remained dormant for a period of over 12 months to ensure that the funds that have been built up over many years are being targeted and distributed equitably where possible.

This work is currently implemented through the Charity team, who support the Corporate Trustee's aims, as well as supporting service managers, senior operational teams and directorate managers in developing strategic proposals to utilise funds throughout the year.

Looking ahead to next year

We are planning to launch our new website next year, which will enhance our ability to build networks, strengthen public relations, and increase visibility for the charity. This will serve as a valuable platform to share our work and connect with a wider audience.

In the coming year, we will also take active steps to strengthen our brand, ensuring that all communications are consistent, clear, and reflective of our values. This will support greater recognition and trust across all areas of our work.

Building on the success of this year's Festive Fundraisers, we are developing new annual campaigns to engage our community throughout the year. One such initiative is *May's Miles*, a fun and inclusive challenge designed to encourage wellbeing. Participants will set personal goals, track their progress throughout May, and come together to celebrate how far we can go together.

We will also begin preparing for the renewal of our charity strategy. This process will involve engagement with stakeholders to reflect on our achievements and explore future priorities, ensuring the strategy continues to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

The Charity will also continue work with partners, donors, staff and other stakeholders to add benefit to the population of Powys receiving health care services. As such, income and expenditure plans will be the subject of continual review to ensure that future needs are prioritised accordingly. All future priorities for PTHB Charity should reflect its stakeholders' expectations of what it can deliver and complement the strategic aims of Powys Teaching Health Board.

Finally, we will review our communications approach to ensure that it becomes more story-led. Rather than simply sharing what we do, we aim to highlight the real impact of our work through the voices and experiences of people across Powys.

Thank you for all your support

On behalf of the patients, staff and community members who have benefited from the grants, donations and legacies, the Corporate Trustee and Powys Health Charity would like to thank all organisations, patients, relatives, friends and staff who have made charitable donations or contributions during the year. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our communities this year and for that we cannot thank them enough.

If you want to learn more about Powys Health Charity and how you can support, please visit the Charity's website: www.powyshealthcharity.wales or contact the Charity at PTHB.Charity@wales.nhs.uk.

Dr Carl Cooper

Chair

**Powys Teaching
Local Health Board**

Mrs H Thomas

Chief Executive

**Powys Teaching
Local Health Board**

Statement of Trustee responsibilities in respect of the Trustee's Report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee Report and the financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the Trustee:

- selects suitable accounting policies and then applies them consistently;
- makes judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- states whether the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- states whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepares the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustee is required to act in accordance with the trust deed and the rules of the charity, within the framework of trust law. The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the Trustee to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 42(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. The Trustee has a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to it to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial and other information included on the Powys Teaching Local Health Board website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Trustee confirms that it has met the responsibilities set out above and complied with the requirements for preparing the accounts. The financial statements set out on pages 33

to 47 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the Trustee.

By Order of the Trustee

Signed:(Chair) Date:.....

Signed:(Chief Executive) Date:.....

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustee of Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025 under the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flow and related notes, including the material accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of financial statements and regularity of public sector bodies in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the body's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report.

Responsibilities of the trustee[s] for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustee responsibilities set out on pages 27 to 28 the trustee is responsible for:

- maintaining sufficient accounting records;
- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view;
- internal controls as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;

- assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees anticipate that the services provided by the charity will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 150 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, the Charity's head of internal audit and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in the following areas: revenue recognition, expenditure recognition and posting of unusual journals and;
- Obtaining an understanding of Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or

that had a fundamental effect on the operations of Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund

- Obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Fund's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other auditor's responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Adrian Crompton

Auditor General for Wales

29th January 2026

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charity Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total Funds 2024/25 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	108	0	0	108
Investments	5	143	0	0	143
Total incoming resources		251	0	0	251
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	6	16	0	0	16
Charitable activities	7	432	0	0	432
Total expenditure		448	0	0	448
Net gains / (losses) on investments	13	(25)	0	0	(25)
Net income / (expenditure)		(222)	0	0	(222)
Transfer between funds	18	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(222)	0	0	(222)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward	19	4,401	0	3	4,404
Total Funds carried forward		4,179	0	3	4,182

Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charity Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total Funds 2023/24 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	129	0	0	129
Investments	5	157	0	0	157
Total incoming resources		286	0	0	286
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	6	17	0	0	17
Charitable activities	7	369	0	0	369
Total expenditure		386	0	0	386
Net gains / (losses) on investments	13	246	0	0	246
Net income / (expenditure)		146	0	0	146
Transfer between funds	18	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		146	0	0	146
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward	19	4,255	0	3	4,258
Total Funds carried forward		4,401	0	3	4,404



Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charity Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Fixed assets:						
Investments	13	3,763	0	3	3,766	3,795
Total fixed assets		3,763	0	3	3,766	3,795
Current assets:						
Debtors	14	3	0	0	3	4
Cash and cash equivalents	15	695	0	0	695	795
Total current assets		698	0	0	698	799
Liabilities:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	282	0	0	282	175
Net current assets / (liabilities)		416	0	0	416	624
Total assets less current liabilities		4,179	0	3	4,182	4,419
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	0	0	0	0	15
Total net assets / (liabilities)		4,179	0	3	4,182	4,404
The funds of the charity:						
Endowment Funds	19			3	3	3
Restricted income funds	19		0		0	0
Unrestricted income funds	19	4,179			4,179	4,401
Total funds		4,179	0	3	4,182	4,404

The notes on pages 36 to 47 form part of these accounts

Signed :

Name :(Chair of Trustees)

Date :

Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charity Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total Funds 2024-25	Total Funds 2023-24
	Note				£000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	17	(247)	0	0	(247)	(301)
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	5	143	0	0	143	157
Proceeds from the sale of investments	13	804	0	0	804	709
Purchase of investments	13	(794)	0	0	(794)	(779)
Movement of Cash held as part of investment portfolio	13	(6)	0	0	(6)	86
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		147	0	0	147	173
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(100)	0	0	(100)	(128)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	15	795	0	0	795	923
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	15	695	0	0	695	795

Note on the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the Charity are a fall in income from donations or investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks (see the risk management and reserves sections of the annual report for more information).

The Charity meet the definition of public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as:

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

Restricted funds are those where the donor has provided for the donation to be spent in furtherance of a specified charitable purpose. The Charity's restricted funds tend to result from donations or legacies for specified purposes.

Endowment funds arise when the donor has expressly provided that the gift is to be invested and only the income of the fund may be spent. These funds are sub analysed between those where the Trustees have the discretion to spend the capital (expendable endowment) and those where there is no discretion to expend the capital (permanent endowment).

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 19.

(c) Incoming resources

Income consists of donations, legacies, income from charitable activities and investment income.

Donations are accounted for when received by the charity. All other income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where there are terms or conditions attached to incoming resources, particularly grants, then these terms or conditions must be met before the income is recognised as the entitlement condition will not be satisfied until that point. Where terms or conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether they can be met then the relevant income is not recognised in the year but deferred and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income.

(d) Incoming resources from legacies

Legacies are accounted for as incoming resources either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is probable.

Receipt is probable when:

- Confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate(s) that probate has been granted
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate to pay the legacy and
- All conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled or are within the charity's control.

If there is uncertainty as to the amount of the legacy and it cannot be reliably estimated then the legacy is shown as a contingent asset until all of the conditions for income recognition are met.

(e) Incoming resources from endowment funds

The income received from the investment of endowment funds is attributed to unrestricted funds to be spent on charitable purposes. Any gains or losses arising from the valuation of investment of the endowment capital amount are attributed to the endowment fund



(f) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met:

- There is a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event
- It is more likely than not that a transfer of benefits (usually a cash payment) will be required in settlement
- The amount of the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

(g) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants

Grants payable are payments made to linked, related party or third party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies, in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the funds held on trust, primarily relief of those who are sick.

Grant payments are recognised as expenditure when the conditions for their payment have been met or where there is a constructive obligation to make a payment.

A constructive obligation arises when:

- We have communicated our intention to award a grant to a recipient who then has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant
- We have made a public announcement about a commitment which is specific enough for the recipient to have a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant
- There is an established pattern of practice which indicates to the recipient that we will honour our commitment.

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised. Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are then those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

Where an intention has not been communicated, then no expenditure is recognised but an appropriate designation is made in the appropriate fund. If a grant has been offered but there is uncertainty as to whether it will be accepted or whether conditions will be met then no liability is recognised.

(h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 10.

(i) Fundraising costs

There has been £16K fundraising costs incurred by the Charity during 2024/25 (2023/24 £17K). This relates to investment management costs.

(j) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 7.

(k) Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

(l) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed Asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year. Quoted stocks and shares are included in the Balance Sheet at the current mid price market value quoted by the investment analyst, excluding dividend. The SORP recommends that the bid price market price be used in valuing stocks and shares, although the difference between the bid and mid market price is not material. Other investments are included at the trustees' best estimate of market value.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to the wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 13.

(m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in no notice interest bearing savings accounts.

(n) Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

Amounts which are owed in more than a year are shown as long term creditors.

(o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening carrying value.

2. Related party transactions

During the year none of the trustees or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Powys Teaching Local Health Board Charitable Funds other than those disclosed below.

Board Members (and other senior staff) take decisions both on Charity and Exchequer matters but endeavour to keep the interests of each discrete and do not seek to benefit personally from such decisions. Declarations of personal interest have been made in both capacities and are available to be inspected by the public.

The Charitable Trust Fund has made payments to Powys Teaching Health Board of £0.285M (2024: £0.209M). As at 31 March 2025 the total owed to the Health Board was £0.227M (2024: £0.153M), and owed by the Health Board was £0.000M (2024:£0.000M).

The Charity's Board members have related party interests in the the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Related Party Interests</u>
Jennifer Owen Adams	PTHB Independent Board Member	Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations Co-opted Trustee of Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations

The Total value of transactions with related parties during 2024/25 are as follows:

Related Party	Payment to related party £	Amounts received from related party £	Amounts owed to related party £	Amounts due from related party £
Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations	27,233	0	0	0

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Donations	56	0	0	56	82
Legacies	52	0	0	52	17
Grants	0	0	0	0	30
	108	0	0	108	129

4. Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the THB Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform the following role:

- Fund advisors – there are about 13 THB staff who manage how the charity's designated funds should be spent. These funds are designated (or earmarked) by the trustees to be spent for a particular purpose or in a particular ward or department. Each fund advisor has delegated powers to spend the designated funds that they manage in accordance with the trustees wishes subject to the approval of their Executive Director/Assistant Director or the Charitable Funds Committee. The trustees determine through its Strategy the key aims that expenditure should be utilised for. Fund advisors who spend more than £10,000 are required to seek approval from the Charitable Funds Committee setting out what they intend to spend the money on and the difference it will make to the patients and staff of the THB services.

In accordance with the SORP, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, the contribution of these volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.



5. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	126	0	126	126
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	17	0	17	31
	143	0	143	157

6. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Investment management	16	0	16	17
	16	0	16	17

7. Analysis of charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000
Purchase of new equipment	42	23	65	113
Building and refurbishment	75	41	116	28
Staff education and welfare	35	18	53	65
Patient education and welfare	129	69	198	163
	281	151	432	369

Support costs are apportioned based on %age of Grant funded activity

8. Analysis of grants

The charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 7.

The trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the majority of the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects in accordance with the directions set out by the trustees in charity standing orders and financial instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards.



9. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Restricted Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2025 £000	Total 31 March 2024 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 16)	190		190	243
Movement in liabilities	(63)		(63)	(53)
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 16)	127	0	127	190

As described in notes 7 and 8, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year. However, some grants which are awarded for example funding a specific post can span financial years. For such grants whilst the award may be for more than one year, it is only the annual amount that is paid out in year and recorded as expenditure within charitable activities.

The charity at present does not issue formal grant letters to recipients and therefore the expectation of the recipient in recognition of this grant as defined by the SORP is not met with certainty.

10. Allocation of support costs

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities. Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2024-25 £000	Total 2023-24 £000	Basis
Governance					
External audit	0	21	21	16	Charged to Central Fund
Finance and administration	0	0	0	0	Charged to Central Fund
Other professional fees					
Total governance	0	21	21	16	
Finance and administration	0	130	130	114	Charged to Central Fund
	0	151	151	130	
	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Endowment funds £000	Total Funds 2024-25 £000	Total Funds 2023-24 £000
Charitable activities	151	0	0	151	130
	151	0	0	151	130

11. Staff Costs, Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee.

The charity has no employees. Staff services are provided to the charity from Powys Teaching Local Health Board, the corporate Trustee of the Charity, which has received reimbursement from the Charity of £0.172M 2023/24: £0.185M).



12. Auditors remuneration

The External auditors remuneration of £18,512 (2023-24: £18,203) related solely to the Audit of the Statutory Annual Report and Accounts. During the year, an additional accrual of £2,203 was actioned in the 24/25 accounts in relation to the 2023/24 Audit fee based on the latest estimate of the invoice value.

This increased the 2023/24 audit fee from £16,000 to £18,203.

Due to the Charity exceeding the threshold requirements during 2023/24 and 2022/23 a full audit of the Annual Report and Accounts was required. Some previous years has seen an Independent Examination being undertaken as the thresholds had not been exceeded.

The Internal auditors remuneration of £0 (2023-24: £0) related to an Internal Audit review to provide the Charity with assurance that operational procedures are compliant with the Health Board's Charitable Funds Policy and Guidance, along with its underlying Standing Financial Instructions, and wider NHS Charities guidance. An Internal Audit review was undertaken during October 2022 which provided a rating of Reasonable Assurance which indicates:

"The Board can take reasonable assurance that arrangements to secure governance, risk management and internal control, within those areas under review, are suitably designed and applied effectively. Some matters require management attention in control design or compliance with low to moderate impact on residual risk exposure until resolved"

During the year 2020/21 the Local Counter Fraud Service undertook a risk assessment of controls for charitable funds. NHS Protect has issued a Risk Assessment tool to guide Local Counter Fraud functions to undertake a Risk Assessment of the Counter Fraud arrangements in place at their own organisation.

The Assessment of Charitable funds indicated a low risk rating of 1x4 with the only recommendation being to 'maintain the robust controls that are in place and consult with Counter fraud prior to any amendments being initiated'.

13. Fixed asset investments

Movement in fixed assets investments

	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£000	£000
Market value brought forward	3,795	3,565
Add: additions to investments at cost	794	779
Add: additions to investments at cost (Non Cash)	0	0
Less disposals at carrying value	(804)	(709)
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	(25)	246
Movement of Cash held as part of investment portfolio	6	(86)
Market value as at 31st March	3,766	3,795

Fixed Asset by Type

	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£000	£000
Investment Properties	244	244
UK Bonds	404	312
Overseas Bonds	267	330
UK Equities	603	622
Global Equities	1,779	1,833
Emerging Market Equities	31	45
Absolute Return	72	62
Property	107	86
Other Investments	209	217
Cash	50	44
	3,766	3,795



All investments are carried at their fair value.

The Charitable Trustee has considered potential risks to which the Charity is exposed. There are no major risks that have been identified other than those associated with the normal fluctuations in the value of investments. The Trustee believes these risks are appropriately managed. Independent investment advisors (Brewin Dolphin Ltd) have been appointed, and investments are held in a diversified fund of investments, including 19% in fixed interest mainly government stock

The Corporate Trustee invests the funds of the Charity with Brewin Dolphin Ltd via a Portfolio arrangement. At the year-end 69% (2023/24: 70%), 19% (2023/24: 18%), 5% (2023/24: 4%), and 5% (2023/24: 4%), were invested in Equities, Fixed Income, Alternatives and Other Investments respectively with the remaining 2% (2023/24: 4%), held as cash assets.

The Corporate Trustee continues to consider its exposure to the fluctuations in the value of its equity based investment, and receives a quarterly investments performance report at each Charitable Funds Committee meeting.

Investment property brought forward includes assets left to the charity as part of two legacies are contained within this note. For the Estate M R Morgan Properties Fund, the Charity owns a 1/3 share of these properties and receives a 1/3 share of income and expenditure regarding these properties. For the Estate M Brand Legacy Property Fund the charity owns a 1/4 share of this property and receives a 1/4 share of income and expenditure regarding this property.

The valuation of investment properties, consisting of freehold ground and property rents is based on a professional assessment of fair value by an independent valuer. Subsequent movements on valuations at 31st March will be recognised as a gain or loss within the Statement of Financial Activities for the corresponding year.

During the year an unrealised loss of £25K was recognised in the accounts.

In line with the ethos of promoting patient wellbeing, the Corporate Trustee attempts to ensure that all investments are ethically and environmentally sound, and are not opposed to the "purpose" of the charity. The performance of the investments are regularly monitored and reported on a quarterly basis by our investment managers. |



14. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year	Total 31 March 2025	Total 31 March 2024
	£000	£000
Prepayment	0	0
Other debtors	3	4
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2025	Total 31 March 2024
	£000	£000
Cash in hand	695	795
	<u>695</u>	<u>795</u>

No cash or cash equivalents or current asset investments were held in non-cash investments or outside of the UK.

16. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2025	Total 31 March 2024
	£000	£000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	<u>282</u>	<u>175</u>
	282	175
Creditors over 1 year		
Trade creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
	0	15
Total creditors	<u>282</u>	<u>190</u>



17. Reconciliation of net income / expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£000	£000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	(222)	146
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	25	(246)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(143)	(157)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	1	9
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	92	(53)
Non cash donation of property in operating activities	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(247)	(301)

18. Transfer between funds

There have been no transfer between funds within the year.

19. Analysis of funds

a. Analysis of endowment fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and losses £000	Balance 31 March 2025
Endowment Funds	3	0	0	0	0	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

There is a small capital in perpetuity donation which specifies that the capital amount is to be invested and any income from this is to be utilised by the Charity. The original donation amount cannot be discharged and must remain as an investment. The income received from this endowment is added to unrestricted funds to be spent on charitable purposes. Any gains or losses arising from the valuation of investment of the endowment capital amount are attributed to the endowment fund.



b. Analysis of restricted fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and losses £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0

There are no funds classed as restricted held by the charity.

c. Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2024 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and losses £000	Balance 31 March 2025 £000
8010 Ystradgynlais General Purposes	40	5	(2)	0	0	43
8102 Ystradgynlais Geriatric Ward Fund	63	0	0	0	0	63
8011 Welshpool General Purposes	538	42	0	0	0	580
8330 North Powys District Nursing Fund	76	5	(1)	0	0	80
8012 Machynlleth General Purposes	77	4	0	0	0	81
8014 Newtown General Purposes	17	29	(19)	0	0	27
8003 Llandrindod General Purposes	51	0	(5)	0	0	46
8067 Llandrindod Hazels Legacy	277	0	0	0	0	277
8227 Haygarth District Nurses	19	7	0	0	0	26
8005 Knighton General Purposes	71	0	(2)	0	0	69
8016 Powys General Purposes	1,140	143	(350)	0	(25)	908
8040 Palliative Care	51	3	(8)	0	0	46
8321 Mid & South Powys Community and Palliative Care Fund	996	0	0	0	0	996
8323 Mental Health General Purposes	354	0	(1)	0	0	353
8324 Covid General Purposes	53	0	0	0	0	53
8140 Bronllys AMI Legacy	99	0	(31)	0	0	68
8001 Brecon General Purposes	31	0	(11)	0	0	20
8325 Estate M R Morgan Properties Fund	63	0	0	0	0	63
8326 Estate M J Brand Property Fund	181	0	0	0	0	181
8327 NHS Charities Together Development Grant Fund	30	0	0	0	0	30
Other Unrestricted Funds	174	12	(17)	0	0	169
	4,401	250	(447)	0	(25)	4,179

The objects of the unrestricted funds are as follows:

The unrestricted Funds usually contain donations where a particular part of a Hospital or Health Board activity was nominated by the donor at the time their donation was made. Whilst their nomination is non-binding on the Trustee, the designated funds reflect these nominations and are overseen by Service managers who can make recommendations on how to spend the money within their designated area. Service Managers' recommendations are duly considered and these funds can be spent at any time with the prior approval of the Charitable Funds Committee or Executive Directors/Assistant Directors.

Estate M R Morgan Properties Fund is a fund that holds the valuation of investment properties at the balance sheet date. This fund includes the recognition of investment property assets left to the charity as part of a legacy estate. The Charity owns a 1/3 share of these properties and receives a 1/3 share of income and expenditure regarding these properties. All gains and losses relating to the valuation of these properties are charged to this fund. All rental income and investment management expenditure in relation to these properties is allocated to the unrestricted General Purpose funds so that it can be used for the furtherance of general charitable purposes.

Estate M J Brand Property Fund is a fund that holds the valuation of an investment property at the balance sheet date. This fund includes the recognition of investment property asset left to the charity as part of a legacy estate. The Charity owns a 1/4 share in this property and receives a 1/4 share of income and expenditure regarding this property. All gains and losses relating to the valuation of this property are charged to this fund. All rental income and investment management expenditure in relation to this property is allocated to Bronllys AMI Legacy and Llandrindod Hazels legacy so that it can be used for the furtherance of general charitable purposes.

The material funds specified in the above note will vary from year to year dependent on the opening or closing year end balance.

The charity consider that an opening or closing fund balance of £25,000 or greater are material for disclosure in these accounts.

