

St Raphael's Hospice

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2025**

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Reference and administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

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St Raphael's Hospice Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Joint Chair and CEO Report

The year ending March 2024 has been a difficult year for the charity. The ongoing impact of inflation was felt as our clinical costs rose by £478k after increasing by £664k in the previous year. This was against flat income levels and a challenging fundraising environment and with only an additional £103k provided by our NHS Commissioners, South West London Integrated Care Board (SWL ICB), to offset the increases over these two years.

The risks to the charity which arise from this underfunding, together with the evidence of the impact and importance of the Hospice as part of the local health system, were expressed throughout the year to the ICB. Together with other local hospices, we sought an increase in our funding level from around 30% of clinical costs to 50%, the London average.

Regretably, the ICB was unable to meet these needs and, after the year ended, the Board was left with no option but to reduce costs. Consultations with the staff body took place during July 2024 and plans were finalised in August 2024 which reduce operating costs by £1m on an annual basis. This included making eleven staff redundant, nine of whom were clinicians, as well as a number of reductions to hours and changes to roles. We are grateful to the whole team for how they have responded throughout this difficult time. We will continue to work with other hospices and our Commissioners in the endeavour to increase funding to provide stability and continuity for ourselves and the sector.

The cost reduction exercise addresses the increased funding gap which arose largely from the impact of inflation, but hospice funding remains a challenge going forward and we were pleased to recruit to our five fundraising vacancies and also to the new Head of Communications role during the year. This provides us with a strong foundation for growing our income in the coming years. We also saw the first phase of our campaign to grow our lottery income succeed in its target of 1,000 new plays, setting the scene for a continuation in 2024.

Our plans to extend our retail estate included opening two new venues in 2023-24. The new "donation station" is located opposite our pre-existing store which we had to vacate for development. It has enabled us to retain our vital volunteer team as well as ensure continuity for donors who drop off goods, whilst also enabling us to open to furniture sales. We also opened a new clearance store in Morden and have been delighted with how this has been received in the community and the exceptional sales it has achieved.

Our clinical and IT team worked well together to move the patient administration system to Emis, a platform used by local GPs and hospitals and also neighbouring hospices, in May 2023. This was a huge task and we have been delighted with the smooth transfer and with the data sharing capability this has enabled. In October we were subject to a "ransomware attack" which locked up our entire system. Our IT team worked overnight to restore the systems and minimise the impact on our operations. Working closely with the relevant authorities, the charity alerted those whose data had been put at risk and provided free access to monitoring services to provide reassurance. Improvements and changes to our IT system infrastructure and our data holding are being implemented.

Throughout the year, our clinical teams maintained a high standard of care achieved in the previous years and supported more than one in every four people who died in Merton and Sutton boroughs with our specialist clinical care free of charge. We also provided family members and other loved ones with our Counselling Service, Social Work, Wellbeing Centre and Hospice Neighbours teams alongside the advice and guidance from our Community Specialist Nursing, Medical and In-Patient teams. In all, we were there for over 2,400 people in 2023-24 and we are very proud of our team's positive contribution to our community.

As we look forward to 2025, and beyond, we are confident in the qualities of the services we deliver despite having reduced costs significantly, much of which has been in clinical services. Our expert and experienced, specialist nursing and medical staff will continue to serve all the referrals that we would normally receive into our Community team for our specialist end of life and palliative care. Our in-patient unit has not been affected and we are pleased that our Wellbeing Centre will continue to be open as before to provide a warm welcome, activities and advice to those living with life-limiting conditions in our community. Our Psychological Support, operating from a newly created hub on our site, will continue to provide specialist intervention, free of charge, through more than 1,200 sessions each year.

In August 2024, the Board were pleased to announce that our Clinical Director, Becca Trower, would step up into a new joint-CEO role whilst retaining her clinical responsibilities. Becca led on the publicity that arose locally and nationally as St Raphael's, along with 20% of hospices in the UK, wrestled with the impact of inflation by reducing costs. She was interviewed as the hospice featured on BBC London and BBC Morning news along with Channel 5 news. These TV reports included powerful interviews with patients and volunteers which helped to raise the profile of the Hospice and the sector.

The increased visibility that has arisen supports the central element of our five-year strategy of "EVE" (excellence, visibility and engagement). As the team begin to prepare a new strategy to take the Hospice through to 2030, we will strive to translate that visibility into engagement with all elements of our community in order to galvanise support for our Hospice and so ensure that we can continue to serve the people of Merton and Sutton long into the future.

Norman McWhinney, Chair

Nick Stevens and Becca Trower, Joint-CEOs

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2025, continued

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of St Raphael's Hospice for the year ended 31 March 2024. This constitutes the Strategic Report for the purposes of company law.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 19 to 22 therein and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of St Raphael's Hospice and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Achievements for the year

In our report for last year there were three major strands to the plan for 2023-24:

1. Consolidate Qualities and Widen Reach
2. Embed Fundraising into the culture of St Raphael's
3. Grow our Commercial income

1. Consolidate Qualities and Widen Reach

- Embedding excellence now forms part of the foundation for all activity at St Raphael's Hospice. An excellent service is what is needed by all the residents of Merton and Sutton whether as a direct beneficiary or by way of reassurance that, should we ever be needed, we will be there for each and every person.

- We have continued to broaden the reach of our charity by developing our Community Engagement through the Wellbeing and Compassionate Neighbours services. We also recruited to, and progressed the plan to implement the Bereavement Pathway service which is designed to provide a curated journey from preparing for the death of a loved one, through navigating the turmoil of grief and moving forward to a place of new stability and the ability to recognise and cherish the memories of life.

2. Embed Fundraising into the culture of St Raphael's

- We successfully built a team around the new Director of Fundraising and Communication, recruiting to the vacant posts of Corporate Manager, Community and Youth Manager, Philanthropy Manager, Appeals Manager and Legacy and In-Memory Manager. We also recruited a Head of Communications following the departure of our manager.

- We moved the Fundraising the Communications team into the Hospice building to ensure that they are fully integrated into the charity and that relationships with clinical and other colleagues can flourish.

- We began the development of the Fundraising elements that connect into the Bereavement Pathway including a memorial space, book of remembrance and bespoke events to mark and build lasting memories.

3. Grow our Commercial income

- This was a very active year for the Retail team as we had a very successful opening of a new "Clearance Store" on Morden High Street and oversaw the fitting out from "shell state" of our new Donation Centre in Sutton, whilst the original store also carried on throughout the year. We established a new Furniture collection and Delivery service and added a Wedding Department to our Wimbledon Park shop.

- After a long search, we successfully recruited BriteVox as the agency to promote and grow our lottery over the coming years. Currently, fewer than 2% of the adult population of Merton and Sutton play our lottery and we believe that this support base can be increased. Connecting with our community through the lottery will also provide a route to raising the profile of the Hospice more generally and potentially increase our donor support as well.

Financial review

Overall the charity had a shortfall of £1,198k for the year compared with a shortfall of £396k last year.

Donation income fell by 11% to £1.67m (2022-23: £1.88m) and legacies fell by 3% to £1.59m from (2022-23: £1.65m). Commercial income (retail and lottery) grew by 16% to reach £2.08m (2022-23: £1.79m), though costs also grew significantly. Income from Charitable Activities was level at £1.70m (2022-23: £1.70m).

Clinical costs rose by £478k to £5.74m (2022-23 £5.26m), and this was largely inflation driven increases. The fundraising team and costs (part of our Income Generation costs) rose £37k to £910k (2022-23: £873k). However, our Commercial Income Generation costs rose significantly. Lottery costs were up £62k as we invested in a campaign to increase players. We had planned cost increases of £400k for rent, staff, logistics and set-up costs as we grew our retail estate and created the new Commercial Director role. However, retail costs rose by a further £123k as, for much of the year we ran the new Donation Centre alongside the pre-existing centre. These costs have now settled and are 12% down in the new financial year. Overall Total costs were £8.86m which amounts to an 14% increase over the previous year (2022-23: £7.76m).

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Financial review, continued

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the notes to the balance sheet.

The charity's cash balance at the end of the year amounted to £1.6m (2022-23: £3.7m) of which £1.4m related to the deferred income creditor (2022-23: £1.9m). In addition the charity held liquid investments valued at £1.7m (2022-23: £2m).

Reserves

Total funds at 31 March 2024 amounted to £4.28m (2022-23: £5.48m) including designated funds of £1.18m (2022-23: £1.25m). The designated fund is represented by the net book value of tangible fixed assets which are used in the day to day work of the Hospice and amounts set aside for fixed asset acquisitions in the next twelve months, and hence, the fund is not available for working capital commitments.

Free reserves are that element of unrestricted funds which are available for future spending and are therefore calculated by taking the total unrestricted funds of the charity and deducting any balances not available for future spending, including designated funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for a particular purpose. The Trustees have decided that the required level of free reserves should be between three- and six-months' operating expenditure which is between £2.2m and £4.4m.

The free reserves at the end of the year amounted to £3m (2022-23: £4m) and therefore the Trustees are happy that this is sufficient for the charity's foreseeable needs.

Investments

The Trustees have an Investment Policy which meets the Charity's obligations under the Charities SORP FRS102 to ensure an effective system for the investment of cash, the transmitting of timely and reliable cash flow forecasts to the Trustees and ensuring the compliance with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. The Policy is fully compliant with the requirements set out in 'CC14: Charities and investment matters: a guide for trustees' published by the Charity Commission.

The Trustee Board holds overarching oversight of, and accountability for, the charity's approach to cash management, investment and reserves. The Finance & Resources Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring the charity's cash in hand, cashflow forecasts, approach to investments and related performance on a regular basis. St Raphael's Hospice employs the services of investment managers, (currently Sarasin & Partners LLP), who provide updates on the performance of St Raphael's Hospice's investments and advice on how returns can be achieved in line with the charity's overarching approach.

In accordance with the constitutional objects of the charity, the Trustees have instructed the investment manager to be sensitive to the ethics and religious principles of the Catholic Church. They are instructed to try to avoid any investments in contravention of these and to highlight areas of potential sensitivity. The investment managers are also encouraged to engage actively with the underlying companies on these issues. Particular concern will be attached to issues related to the protection of human life and human rights, as well as discrimination against any sectors of society.

Going Concern

The Board and the Finance and Resources Committee regularly review the short- and medium-term financial forecasts and consider various scenarios and assumptions. The overall shortfall of £1.2m was greater than expected, by £200k, due to lower income levels. Total costs were on budget but a variance was experienced between cost centres. The costs of our charitable services was £300k above budget and retail costs were £130k above budget. These were offset by below budget costs for fundraising (£150k) and investing in the future of the lottery (£280k). In the absence of agreement from our NHS Commissioners, SWL ICB, to increase our funding to the London average levels, the Board acted within three months of the year end to lower operating costs by £1m. This ensures that our cost base returns to a manageable level.

The strategy of "EVE" is designed to ensure Excellence in all that we do, raising our Visibility across Merton and Sutton and taking every opportunity for Engagement with our community, in order to raise the funds that we need. It includes plans to increase donor income, and we have recruited a team of fundraisers and created a focussed Director role, in order to achieve this. Investment is in progress to grow the base of Lottery players and hence increase income and contribution over the coming years. We are also planning to increase the number of retail outlets, whilst keeping a close control over costs, so that retail contribution also grows. These measures, coupled with the cost reductions, will provide the charity with a sustainable future which indicates a surplus from 2027-28.

The Trustees, therefore, remain satisfied that the Hospice's financial projections, which indicate a sustainable future, are reasonable and that there are sufficient funds in place to continue operating and to meet liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and that the balance sheet is sufficiently robust to allow the Hospice time to respond effectively if income projections deteriorate significantly.

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Plans for 2024-25

1. Reduce cost and maintain service

- We will agree and implement a plan to reduce the annualised operating cost level by £1m. We will consult with staff over the plan for this change and seek to minimise redundancies that will arise and also minimise the impact on service delivery, service quality and service levels.
- We will focus on cost control and income growth for our retail estate during the year and pause the plans for growing the number of shops. This will ensure we are delivering a strong contribution towards the cost of running the charity which, having achieved, will enable us to resume the plans to grow the estate.

2. Maximise the impact of increased profile by engagement with our community

- In line with the strategy of EVE, we will seek to maximise the impact of the news that we are needing to reduce costs in response to inflation lead cost rises and with little additional funding from the NHS Commissioners.
- We will follow up this increase profile with a variety of activities designed to engage with all elements of our community and to build relationships that can result in a growth in committed volunteering and a growth in regular and spontaneous giving.
- We will continue to grow the number of players for our lottery by engaging an agency to run a campaign with a target to recruit 2,000 new players.

3. Review the Strategy for 2025-2030

- Whilst continuing with existing plans to grow our profile and income, we will review the strategy of EVE with a view to re-setting it for the context of the coming five years.
- We will consider new commercial avenues for generating additional income including potential contracts which would utilise our additional in-patient capacity.
- We will consider how we may find opportunities to collaborate more closely with neighbouring hospices so that efficient operations can be achieved with lower overall cost.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

St Raphael's Hospice is a charitable company limited by guarantee (11732567) incorporated on 18 December 2018 in England and Wales. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (1182636). Its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Charitable objects

The object of the charity is the relief of illness and suffering in accordance with the teaching, rites and practices of the Catholic Church, by:

1. The provision of palliative care, treatment or relief of people of all ages with active, progressive or advanced illness on the basis of need regardless of their religious, cultural or ethnic background;
2. The provision of care and support to those who have experienced loss and bereavement, in particular families, friends and carers;
3. Conducting, promoting or commissioning research into the care, treatment and relief of people suffering from advanced, active and progressive illness and by providing for the dissemination of the results of such research; and
4. The provision of education and training for professionals and volunteers engaged in palliative care.

Public benefit

The Trustees give careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the Hospice's aims and objectives and planning activities. St Raphael's Hospice contracts with South West London Clinical Commissioning Groups (SWL CCG) to provide support to people whose GP practice is based within the London Boroughs of Merton and Sutton, a population of around 420,000. We support more than one person out of every four who die each year in these boroughs and access to our services is on the basis of need and open to anyone via referral from a healthcare professional, or, in the case of bereavement support and the new Living Well programme, self-referral. There is no charge to patients or their families for any of our care services. In addition to the direct benefit there is an indirect benefit to all residents who can be reassured that the Hospice will be there for them or for their loved ones, should they ever need it.

Referrals for hospice services are accepted for people with a life limiting condition who are entering the last twelve months of life and who require specialist palliative and end of life care. For instance, they may need help with:

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Public benefit, continued

- Symptom control
- Psychological or spiritual issues
- Terminal care
- Difficult decisions, advanced care planning, or conversations about managing end of life care
- Support for family or friends
- Clinical and nursing care provided by the Community team alongside practical and companionship support provided by Hospice at Home or by our volunteer Hospice Neighbours in their home
- Wellbeing and Living well services for patients and other self-referred community members together with their carers

The Hospice supports adults in Merton and Sutton who have been referred to the Hospice and have agreed to that referral. If they do not have the mental capacity to do so we will consider how we can help meet their best interests within the context of legislation such as the Mental Capacity Act, Mental Health Act and Deprivation of Liberty guidance.

Families, carers or those close to a patient accepted for hospice services can be referred or access certain services in their own right, when they are affected by the patient's illness or death. These include bereavement support and counselling, attendance at the Men's Den, Living Well and other sessions held in the Wellbeing Centre.

The Trustees

The Board of Trustees (which constitutes the Board of Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act) comprises a minimum of five and a maximum of twelve Trustees, of whom a majority must be Catholic. They should meet as a Board at least five times per year. The Board is guided in its governance by an independent, qualified Clerk who performs Company Secretarial. The Board delegates powers and responsibilities to the following committees: Clinical Quality and Governance; Finance and Resources; Income Generation and Communications and Human Resources (which is also the Remuneration Committee). Terms of reference define responsibilities and delegated authority and are reviewed regularly by the Board.

The membership of committees is made up of Trustees, independent advisors who are selected for their specialist expertise and senior managers of the charity. Minutes of committee meetings are circulated to the Board and Committee Chairs provide a report to the Board on major issues and decisions.

Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance

There is a framework for Board self-review and skills audit which draws upon the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities and the outcomes of the self-evaluation are used to inform plans for Board and Committee agendas, training opportunities, and further recruitment. There is a formal process for the recruitment of new Trustees and/or Committee Members who are needed to fill skills gaps and vacancies as they arise. External advertising in suitable media is employed with a formal interview process taking place before a candidate is proposed to the Board. A simple majority decision of the Board is required under the constitution in order for an appointment to proceed.

New Trustees and Committee Members attend an induction evening to be briefed on the charity and meet colleagues and they are provided with Charity Commission guides. They are required to undertake mandatory training on a regular basis using the charity training portal, Duty of Candour and level 2 Safeguarding for Adults training is also available and encouraged with one Trustee required to undertake level 3 Safeguarding in order to serve as the Board's Safeguarding Lead.

The Trustees recognise that St Raphael's Hospice serves the whole, diverse population of Merton and Sutton and are proactive in seeking to represent the whole community effectively. Training in EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) has taken place on two occasions in the last 12 months for Trustees and staff and a steering group ensures EDI has a platform across the whole organisation. We are engaging at senior level with leaders of different communities and faiths across our geography in order to learn and adjust our services accordingly. We are also developing our Community Engagement service through our Wellbeing Centre and the Compassionate Neighbours programme which is designed to increase our ability to connect with and to serve the whole of our diverse population.

The Trustees are also conscious of our broader responsibility to care for our community by caring for our environment. We were early adopters of professional quality battery operated gardening equipment which reduces noise and fumes for our patients and vibration risks for our team. They are also low maintenance and have lower running costs. In the same vein we have two all-electric vans for our Retail distribution and have a third for our facilities and OT teams (distributing equipment to patients in their homes). We have installed two electric charging points and operate a hybrid pool car for all staff to use on Hospice business. Our recent refresh has upgraded the Hospice lighting to digital technology and we are seeking funding to install additional solar panels to those we already have in order to contribute into the National Grid and save funds over time.

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Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance, continued

The charity has purchased insurance to protect itself from any loss arising from the neglect or default of its Trustees and Employees and to indemnify the Trustees or other Officers against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part. This forms part of the organisational insurance premium which amounted to £1,732 (2022-23: £1,619) and provides public and employer cover up to a maximum of £10m.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel comprise the trustees, and the Executive Team. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the running of the charity and delegates the operational activity to the Executive Team (which comprises the CEO (Joint CEOs from 1st August 2024), Clinical Director (Joint CEO from 1st August 2024), Commercial Director, Director of Fundraising and Communications, Director of Quality and Governance and the Director of IT and Estates)) whose pay is reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee. Salary levels are set with regard to similar roles in other local charities, including other hospices. The Lead Consultant (on rotation) is also a member of the Executive Team but their pay follows the NHS pay formula.

Limitation of liability

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantors at 31 March 2024 was 9 (2022-23: 10). The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of risk remains a key priority for the Hospice. Risk assessments are undertaken for every aspect of its operation ranging from clinical risk assessments, which are undertaken on a continual basis, through health and safety assessments for everyday tasks to comprehensive assessments of all aspects of major fundraising events.

Staff continue to be dedicated to the prevention, identification and reporting of incidents, accidents and near misses. The Hospice has an effective feedback infrastructure including governance and clinical management meetings that review the actions and learning points identified in previous incidents to ensure that improvement remains continuous. The reporting system is supported by the electronic patient record which remains a corroborative source for the reporting of patient

The Board of Trustees review the corporate level risk register, prepared by the Executive Team, on a regular basis and each Committee reviews the relevant risk register for that discipline. The principal risks facing the Hospice and the steps being taken to mitigate them are as follows:

<p>Income - insufficient income is raised to deliver our charitable activities: The Hospice needs to raise around 75% of the total running costs from voluntary sources, with the remaining 25% being granted by the NHS. There is a continual risk that insufficient income is generated to cover this gap and there is a particular reliance on high levels of legacy income which is outside the control of the charity.</p> <p><i>The Trustees and the Executive team have set a target level of operating cash that is designed to enable it to manage the fluctuations of income year on year. It is diversifying its income streams and is pro-active in seeking new ways to raise additional regular income. In addition to this level of reserve, the Hospice also has a deferred income balance of £1.4m (which is represented by cash at bank) which is intended to offset the forecast shortfalls arising over the next three years whilst the charity undertakes its strategy of EVE. This strategy is designed to increase income and achieve a sustainable level of regular funding that does not rely upon exceptional legacy levels (which is currently assumed to be annual total legacies in excess of £1.3m).</i></p>
<p>People - inability to recruit and retain specialist staff against a backdrop of an aging staff profile and widespread shortage of qualified staff.</p> <p><i>The Trustees and the Executive team monitor morale, staff benefits, remuneration and engagement through staff surveys, exit interviews, regular Heads of Department meetings and aim for open communication throughout the team. Internal training and development opportunities are designed to maximise work satisfaction and flexibility in working hours is facilitated wherever possible. We aim to ensure that work-life balance is positive, working environment is improving, our staff/patient ratio remains low and all clinical staff receive supervision. We match NHS Agenda for Change salary levels and have improved other terms and conditions. We recognise that the impact of the cost-reduction exercise will have impacted morale and adds to the risks around staff retention and recruitment.</i></p>
<p>IT and Data - The Hospice is reliant upon its IT infrastructure, systems, data management and web connectivity in delivering its service. All these systems are at risk of failure or interruption through malicious or accidental intervention, putting patient services and data at risk.</p> <p><i>A robust back-up system is in place with a 2-3 hour turnaround for critical patient information. Our experienced and expert team are supplemented by a 24/7 support service with an expert consultancy that was involved with the installation and configuration of our systems. Risk is spread by the use of multiple servers and a failover power source. Anti-virus & anti-malware software is used on all servers & computers, updated in real-time. Firewalls control unauthorised entry from the internet and web-filtering software prevents users from accessing unsafe websites. Staff are educated to avoid risks from phishing attacks backed up by regular simulations to ensure compliance. Mandatory training includes cyber security for all staff.</i></p>

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Clinical Quality Assurance

Great importance is given by the Trustees to the Hospice's clinical governance arrangements. The Clinical Quality and Governance Committee meets four times each year and monitors the activities of the sub-committees and receives detailed reports from Clinical Director, the Director of Quality and Governance and feedback from the Medical Consultants. In addition to providing an opportunity to thank the managers and their staff for their contributions to the success of the Hospice, the Committee is able to demonstrate engagement and accountability, to manage patient safety, to gain insight and to manage the risks facing the Hospice.

The Committee receives the minutes of the following Hospice committees and questions the relevant senior staff:

- The Infection Control Committee steers the Hospice's approach to infection prevention and control. Chaired by a Consultant Microbiologist from the local acute Trust, it meets between two and four times each year. Standing items for the Committee include sharps injury and bodily fluids exposure; alert organisms surveillance, water management, occupational health update, regulatory and best practice requirements.
- The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee focusses on all medicine issues including management of Control Drugs (CDs), Medicines Incident Analysis, staff competency, service and practice developments e.g. nurse prescribing and patient self-administration, policy and guideline review, and medical gases. Each meeting is attended by an independent pharmacist who also audits all aspects of medicines management every fortnight. The Chief Pharmacists from Merton and Sutton CCGs are invited to attend or send representatives, and receive the minutes of the committee's meetings as routine. The minutes are included in the Merton and Sutton Medicines Management Committee. To inform the management of medicines the Accountable Officer (CD AO) attends the regional Accountable Officer Local Intelligence Network meetings; incidents involving controlled drugs are discussed with the committee.
- Health and Safety Committee (which includes Water Quality as a regular agenda item) receives reports from managers involved in health and safety matters across the range of Hospice activities and reviews incidents to ensure good practice evolves and improves on a continual basis.

Care Quality Commission (CQC)

The most recent inspection of the Hospice by the CQC was in November 2019. The subsequent report was published in April 2020. Whilst noting a number of areas of outstanding practice, the report also recommended that the carpet in the IPU be replaced and that the navigation of the electronic notes system be improved. Actions to comply with these recommendations have been taken and the flooring was renewed as part of a wider IPU refresh in late summer 2021. The complete text is available from the CQC website or via the CQC "widget" on the Hospice website's homepage.

We are pleased that the quality of care was recognised as being "Good" in all of the 5 domains of care; namely that our services are safe, effective, caring, responsive to people's needs and well-led.

Complaints

All complaints or comments about the service provided are taken very seriously by the Hospice. Complaints are dealt with in line with the Complaints Policy and are fully investigated and reflecting on complaints is one of the ways we seek to maintain standards and improve practices. All complaints are reported to the CQ&G Committee and onwards to the Board of Trustees. Our incident reporting system, Datix, was launched in 2021 and successfully transferred to the cloud in 2024. This has provided a simple and transparent mechanism for recording incidents across all parts of the charity, monitoring measures taken to address them and changes implemented to reduce risks of recurrence.

Employees

St. Raphael's Hospice is an Equal Opportunities Employer and applies objective criteria to assess merit. It aims to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Selection criteria and procedures are constantly reviewed to ensure that individuals are selected, promoted and treated on the basis of their relevant merits and abilities. All employees will be given equal opportunity and where appropriate and possible, special training to enable them to progress both within and outside the organisation. St. Raphael's Hospice is committed to a programme of action to make this policy effective and to ensure that it is brought to the attention of all employees.

The workforce is predominantly female with women making up 81% of the total (2022-23: 86%). This ratio is marginally higher amongst the upper pay quartile where 86% are women (2022-23: 85%). The "mean pay" for women is 11% above the men (2022-23: women same as men). The "median pay gap" is -16% (2022-23: -10%) arising because a higher proportion of men (44% of the total - 2022-23: 25%) work within the lower pay quartile.

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Pay

St Raphael's aligned clinical pay with AfC rates including the Outer London Weighting allowance with effect from October 2021. As a result the clinical pay is now on a par with our competitors in the market and is transparent and consistent across all clinical teams. This has enabled the charity to retain its experienced and specialist team and also recruit to vacancies when they arise, reducing the risk to our service delivery. Pay increases follow the NHS settlements. For other staff the Remuneration Committee reviews the levels in the light of the prevailing market conditions and balances affordability with the need to retain and recruit skilled staff who can deliver on the strategy of EVE.

The annual pay review was prepared by the Executive and agreed by the Remuneration Committee in January 2024. It was ratified by the Board on 20 March 2024. It affected only non-clinical staff members as the clinical team had been aligned to AfC rates and increments. At the time of preparation, the wage inflation level was 7.7% although CPI inflation had dropped below 5%. As in previous years, a blended approach was taken with a higher increment awarded to lower paid staff. In aggregate it amounted to 5.2% (2022-23: 5%).

Permanent staff on the lowest wages received a higher award of 10% (2022-23: 7.8%). This moved the lowest pay per hour (ph) for permanent staff from £11.05ph from £12.19ph (2022-23: from £10.25ph to £11.05ph). Our lowest level for bank staff increased by 6.4% from £10.75ph to £11.44ph which met the latest Government minimum living wage level of £11.44ph (2022-23: £10.42ph) regardless of the age profile of those bank staff. This was done in recognition of the vital role played by all members of our team and the high cost of living in the outer London area.

Employee profile

At the year end the Hospice had 152 contracted employees (2022-23: 141) of whom 53 were full time and 99 part-time (2022-23: 51 and 90). The Hospice also has 35 active bank staff who do not want to commit to working specific regular hours and are offered work as and when the need arises (2022-23: 28).

The age profile of Hospice clinical staff is shown in the table below. There remain a high proportion who may choose to retire in the coming five years but the risk that this has posed is diminished as recruitment has become more reliable.

Clinical Staff By Age	under 33	33-42	43-52	53-62	63 and over
As at 31 March 2024	7	9	20	20	7
As at 31 March 2023	7	9	19	22	4
As at 31 March 2022	6	9	21	19	4
As at 31 March 2021	5	9	18	27	2
As at 31 March 2020	5	6	16	30	4

Volunteers

St Raphael's Hospice relies on a large number of volunteers who freely contribute their time and expertise. They impact and add value to all areas of our work and this is hugely appreciated. Following the decline during the pandemic we are delighted that numbers and overall contribution has continued to increase and we are particularly heartened by the growth in the numbers of patient-facing, Hospice Neighbours and retail volunteers. We estimate 743 volunteer roles undertaken in the year amounting to 67,977 hours of given time (2023-24: 792 roles and 61,519 hours). This provides an estimated financial value of between £900,000 and £1,000,000 (2023-24: between £800,000 and £900,000), an extraordinary achievement.

The breakdown of volunteer roles for the Hospice activity the year was as follows:

Volunteer Numbers	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Reception	42	42	41	38
Office and Administration	24	27	24	28
Ward and Patient-facing	43	36	24	10
Flowers and Gardens	20	27	20	12
Psychological Support	20	19	18	14
Hospice Neighbours and Biographers	46	44	24	21
Orangery Café	22	18	14	14
Trustees and Committees	12	13	15	14
Training and Mentoring	4	2	2	3
Wellness Volunteers	28	29	28	7
Occasional Volunteers	12	12	19	45
Hospice Total	273	269	229	206
Shops	305	246	208	167
Fundraising Administration	0	1	4	7
Subtotal	578	516	441	380
Supporter Groups and Events	165	276	294	289
Total	743	792	735	669

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Fundraising

Income Generation arises from our commercial activity, including our charity shops and lottery, and through legacy and fundraising which is undertaken by our fundraising team. As part of our lottery activity we have two commercial contracts with third-party fundraisers. Sterling Lotteries administers and prepares reports on our weekly draw. At the end of this reporting year we had 6,813 weekly lottery plays (2022-23: 6,577). During the year end we also entered into a contract with Britevox Ltd to recruit players to our lottery. Britevox are licensed and regulated by the Gambling Commission.

We are signed up to the Institute of Fundraising and we follow its Code of Practice, whilst also complying with the Charity Commission guidance, "CC20: Charity Fundraising". During the period of this report there were no complaints or reported failures in compliance with the Fundraising Regulator or other regulatory bodies (2022-23: none).

St Raphael's also benefits from the support of individual fundraisers who carry out activities in aid of the Hospice. At first point of contact they are asked to complete an online event form to ensure contact details are retained and intentions are made clear. A fundraising pack is sent which includes legal advice, e.g. gambling laws surrounding raffles. The office keeps in regular communication with these fundraisers and ensures funds raised are received by the Hospice as swiftly as possible.

There were no complaints received in the period to be reported to the Gambling Commission in our return (2022-23: none).

We have continued to ensure that we protect vulnerable people from undue pressure to donate or support our charitable work we adhere to the following Fundraising Promise:

- We will always tell you about how you are making a difference to the lives of our patients, their families and friends
- We will always take action if others acting on our behalf fail to meet our high standards
- We will never phone you unless you have expressed an interest in our work
- We will always check first that you are happy to speak to us when we phone
- We will never sell your data to anyone else or share it without your permission
- If you tell us you don't want to hear from us again, or want to hear from us less, we will always respect that

Auditors

Haysmacintyre LLP, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, will be deemed reappointed for the next financial year in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, unless the company receives notice under section 488(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its income and expenditure for each period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' responsibilities statement, continued

The Trustees confirm that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Norman McWhinney: Chair

Date:

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Independent auditor's report to the members of St Raphael's Hospice

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Raphael's Hospice for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant 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 our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, 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 requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report (which incorporates the strategic report and the directors' report).

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company; or
- the charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our 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 our 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. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Care Quality Commission, Charity Commission, Gambling commission, Fundraising regulations, Employment law and GDPR, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, and consider other factors such as income tax, payroll tax and sales tax.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to revenue, management bias in accounting estimates and the statement of opening balances. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, postings by unusual users or with unusual descriptions; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements, continued

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

This report has not yet been signed

Siobhan Holmes
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP, Statutory Auditor
10 Queen Street Place
London
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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities including an income and expenditure account

	Notes	Unrestricted			Total funds Year to 31 March 2025 £'000	Total funds Year to 31 March 2024 £'000
		General	Designated	Restricted		
		fund £'000	fund £'000	funds £'000		
Income and expenditure						
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	4,159	-	540	4,699	3,575
Other trading activities	3	2,369	-	-	2,369	2,081
Investments		98	-	-	98	109
Charitable activities						
SWL Integrated Care Board	4	1,962	-	-	1,962	1,697
Other income	4	107	-	-	107	54
Total income		8,695	-	540	9,235	7,516
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	5	3,363	-	-	3,363	3,122
Charitable activities	6	5,281	-	489	5,770	5,738
Total expenditure		8,644	-	489	9,133	8,860
Net gains / (losses) on investments	11	17	-	-	17	146
Net (expenditure) before transfers		67	-	51	119	(1,198)
Transfers between funds	15-16	265	(133)	(132)	-	-
Net movement in funds		333	(133)	(81)	119	(1,198)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2024		3,002	1,184	92	4,278	5,476
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025	15-17	3,335	1,051	11	4,397	4,278

All of the charity's activities during the above two financial periods derived from continuing operations. A full comparative statement of financial activities is shown at note 24 to the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2025 £'000	2025 £'000	2024 £'000	2024 £'000
Tangible assets	10		936		971
Fixed Asset Investments	11		1,735		1,672
			2,671		2,643
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,816		2,058	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,039		1,619	
		3,855		3,677	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,326)		(1,139)	
Net current assets			2,529		2,538
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(803)		(903)
Total net assets			4,397		4,278
Represented by:					
Funds and reserves					
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		11		92
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	16		1,051		1,184
General fund	17		3,335		3,002
Total funds			4,397		4,278

Approved by the Board of Trustees on:

and signed on its behalf by Mr Norman McWhinney (Chair):

St Raphael's Hospice, a charitable company limited by guarantee; Company Registration Number: 11732567 (England and Wales); Charity Registration Number: 1182636

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	Year to 31 March 2024 £'000	Year to 31 March 2024 £'000
Net cash provided by operating activities	A	533	(2,301)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		52	109
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(165)	(312)
Purchase of investments		-	(59)
Disposal of investments		-	500
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(113)	238
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	B	420	(2,063)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024	B	1,619	3,682
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2025	B	2,039	1,619

A: Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash provided by operating activities

		Year to 31 March 2024 £'000	Year to 31 March 2024 £'000
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)		119	(1,198)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charge / amounts written off		200	198
Investment income		(98)	(109)
Net (gain)/loss on investments		(17)	(146)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors		242	(653)
(Decrease) in creditors		87	(393)
Net cash provided by operating activities	A	533	(2,301)

B: Analysis of changes in net debt

	2024 £'000	Cash flows £'000	2025 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	1,619	420	2,038
Total	1,619	420	2,038

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

General Information

St Raphael's Hospice is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (company number 11732567) and a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number 1182636). The registered office is St Raphael's Hospice, London Road, Cheam, SM3 9DX.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items initially recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102, updated 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

St Raphael's Hospice is a charity which is a public benefit entity as defined in FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling and are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The most significant areas of adjustment and key assumptions that affect items in the financial statements are in respect of:

- the recognition and deferral of income;
- assessing the probability of receiving legacies of which the Charity has been notified;
- estimating the value of the gift in kind of properties occupied under a peppercorn rental agreement with the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege;

Assessment of going concern

As stated in the Trustees' Report, the Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements and they have made this assessment in respect of a period one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have kept abreast of the actual and potential impact of economic and inflationary uncertainties on the Hospice's operations, with a particular focus on its effect on the Hospice's financial position including the Hospice's income, expenditure and reserves. They continue to seek additional income from the NHS Commissioners, SWL ICB, in order to offset the gap between funding and the increase in costs. Whilst an increase was agreed, it was insufficient and the Trustees took decisive action to lower operating costs by £1m on an annual basis in the year 2023-24. They also gratefully secured a grant of £1m, that year, from the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege (DoC) in line with the Letter of Comfort which was provided to them as part of the transfer arrangements in 2020. This recognised risks to the strategic plan including "inflation assumption error".

The Hospice remains reliant upon the generosity of the community of Merton and Sutton even after having reduced cost and risk as described above. It is continuing with its endeavours to increase income across all avenues in order not to rely upon exceptional levels of legacy and on grants from the DoC. Notwithstanding the challenges that the Hospice continues to face, it is felt that it has sufficient cash resources and a realistic plan of action that will allow it to continue operations for the foreseeable future.

Therefore, the Trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that would cast significant doubt on the ability of St Raphael's Hospice to continue as a going concern. This is because they believe that they have sufficient reserves and resources to withstand any temporary drop in income or any additional unexpected liability.

Income recognition

Income comprises donations, legacies, gifts in kind for donated services and facilities, lottery income, income from retail sales, grants from South West London ICB and other organisations together with the release of the DoC grant from deferred income.

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1 Accounting Policies, continued

Income recognition, continued

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the funds will be received.

Donations and transfers from other registered charities amounting to donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when there has been a grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. The value used is discounted by 15% in order to recognise the risk that asset values realised may not reach the original valuation estimates.

Lottery income is recognised during the period in which the lottery draw is held.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Grants from government, other agencies and voluntary bodies have been included as income from charitable activities where these are akin to a contract for services, but as donations where the money is given in response to an appeal or with greater freedom of use, for example monies for core funding.

Income from retail grants is credited to the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to receive the funds and when the amount receivable can be quantified.

Shop income arises from the sales of donated goods at charity shops within the Surrey and Greater London areas. Donated goods are normally distributed very soon after receipt by the charity. Stocks held at the reporting date are immaterial. Under these circumstances, the cost of valuing all donated goods upon receipt by the charity outweighs the benefit to the users of the accounts of providing this information. Consequently, donated goods are included within income when sold or distributed and no value is placed on stock of such items at the year end.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 no financial valuation of volunteer time is recognised in these financial statements, refer to the "Volunteers" section of the Annual Report for further details.

Deferred income includes a cash grant given by the Congregation of Daughters of the Cross of Liège towards strategic investment in the new charity. This was granted as part of the transfer arrangements in order to bridge the anticipated funding gap that will arise over a period of five or more years as the charity invests in its strategy of "EVE" (excellence, visibility and engagement). The deferred income will be released to the Statement of Financial Activity in line with its use.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are recognised in income and expenditure when the charity has control over the item, conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that the economic benefit can be measured reliably.

The charity benefits from the use of the hospice buildings and grounds which are leased to it by the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege at a peppercorn rent. The value of this gift in kind has been estimated by the Trustees following the receipt of professional valuations for the market rent of the administrative building (759 London Road) and the St Bede's Conference Centre and the capital value of the hospice building and grounds. A 5% rate of return on the capital value was used to estimate the annual rental value. The estimated value has subsequently been increased by reference to market indicators for similar properties in the region.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

1 Accounting Policies, continued

Expenditure and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer resources to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes any VAT that cannot be recovered under the s33c VAT refund scheme. This scheme is specific to charities which are wholly operating as Hospices and allows recovery of VAT incurred on the non-business activities (hospice service delivery and most fundraising) as well as the usual business activities (retail etc). In turn that allows for a high proportion recovery of VAT on "apportioned activity", that which serves to support the entire enterprise. VAT cannot be recovered on exempt activity (events, education and lottery).

Expenditure comprises the following:

- a. The cost of raising funds includes fundraising and publicity expenditure which comprises costs associated with fundraising and shop overheads, publicity, advertising and event staging. It also includes a share of support costs, including governance costs.
- b. The cost of charitable activities comprises all the costs of operating the Hospice, including all staff, supplies and property costs. It also includes a share of support costs, including governance costs.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

All assets which cost in excess of £5,000 and have an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Depreciation is calculated at the following annual rates on a straight-line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| • Computer and other equipment | 20 - 33.33% |
| • Shop fixtures and fittings | 33% |
| • Motor vehicles | 25% |

Improvements to long leasehold property is depreciated evenly over the period of the lease.

Fund accounting and Reserves Policy

Any restricted funds are monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose or are donations subject to donor-imposed conditions. The restricted reserve comprises the unspent element of all the individual restricted funds.

The designated funds are those which represent the net book value of tangible fixed assets which are used in the day to day work of the Hospice and amounts set aside for fixed asset acquisitions in the next twelve months, and hence, are unavailable for working capital commitments. Designated funds may also be set aside for a specific purpose designated by the Trustees. This designation can be changed by the Trustees and hence the designated fund is unrestricted.

The general fund represents free reserves are that element of unrestricted funds which are available for future spending and are therefore calculated by taking the total unrestricted funds of the charity and deducting any balances not available for future spending, including designated funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for a particular purpose.

The Trustees have decided that the required level of free reserves should be between three and six months' operating expenditure. Further details can be seen in the Annual Report.

Leased assets

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease term.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid in advance. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

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1 Accounting Policies, continued

Cash

Cash is held in bank accounts or in hand and money available on demand or term deposits with an expiry date within three months of the balance sheet date.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount St Raphael's Hospice anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Pension Costs

St Raphael's Hospice operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The amounts charged represent the employers' contributions payable to the scheme in the year.

St Raphael's Hospice also participates in the NHS pension scheme, a defined benefit scheme which is underwritten by the UK Treasury. The liabilities of the scheme are not calculated and there is no attribution of liability to the participant organisations, including the Hospice. Accordingly, the contributions are accounted for as if it were a defined contribution pension scheme.

Employee Costs

St Raphael's Hospice holiday year operates from April to March. A week's worth of holiday that is earned in one year but not utilised in that year can be carried over to the following year. The cost to the charity of that holiday carry-over is estimated and accrued in the financial statements.

St Raphael's Hospice values the loyal service of its staff and makes an award to staff who attain ten years of service. The award is repeated and enhanced at five year intervals thereafter. The potential cost to the charity is calculated for all staff who have reached the end of their fifth year of service in proportion to the time worked towards the next award milestone.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £'000	<i>Restricted funds</i> £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Donations	2,833	225	3,057	1,605	63	1,668
Gifts in kind	-	315	315	-	315	315
Legacies	1,326	-	1,326	1,592	-	1,592
Total	4,159	540	4,699	3,197	378	3,575

Gifts in Kind include a donation from the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liège which represents the estimated market value of the lease of the land and buildings used by the charity, provided by the Congregation at no cost to the charity. The market value of the rent for the property has been estimated at £315,000 for the year (2024 – £315,000). The estimated value has been recognised within income as a donation, and an equivalent charge included within support costs.

In addition, the Hospice enjoys the benefit of volunteers for help in the running of the Hospice, fundraising and the shops. In accordance with the accounting policy, the value of these benefits has not been reflected in the financial statements.

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £'000	<i>Restricted funds</i> £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Lottery income	386	-	386	354	-	354
Retail sales and related income	1,982	-	1,982	1,727	-	1,727
	2,369	-	2,369	2,081	-	2,081

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £'000	<i>Restricted funds</i> £'000	Total 2024 £'000
SWL ICB service funding	1,962	-	1,962	1,697	-	1,697
SWL ICB Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from South West London Integrated Care Board (ICB)	1,962	-	1,962	1,697	-	1,697
Other	107	-	107	54	-	54
Other Income	107	-	107	54	-	54

5 Expenditure on Raising Funds

Year ended 31 March 2025	Staff Costs £'000	Other Costs £'000	Support Costs £'000	Total £'000	of the total being	
					Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000
Fundraising	565	214	190	969	969	-
Lottery	25	306	14	344	344	-
Charity Shops	887	849	314	2,050	2,050	-
	1,477	1,368	518	3,363	3,363	-

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5 Expenditure on Raising Funds, continued

Year ended 31 March 2024	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	Total	of the total being	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	Unrestricted	Restricted
Fundraising	525	218	166	909	909	-
Lottery	24	207	12	243	243	-
Charity Shops	890	802	278	1,970	1,970	-
	1,439	1,227	456	3,122	3,122	-

6 Expenditure on Charitable activities

Year ended 31 March 2025	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	Total	of the total being	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	Unrestricted	Restricted
Hospice In-Patient Unit	1,913	605	492	3,011	2,782	228
Hospice Community team	1,505	86	271	1,862	1,772	90
Psychological Support team	207	26	38	271	227	44
Education	84	25	24	133	109	24
Orangery	32	98	30	160	119	41
Volunteers	70	20	25	115	107	8
Wellbeing Centre	119	55	44	218	165	53
	3,930	915	925	5,770	5,281	489

Year ended 31 March 2024	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	Total	of the total being	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	Unrestricted	Restricted
Hospice In-Patient Unit	1,847	632	443	2,922	2,703	219
"Hospice at Home" Community team	1,483	106	239	1,828	1,736	92
Psychological Support team	264	30	34	328	287	41
Education	94	31	21	146	93	53
Orangery	27	105	29	161	121	40
Volunteers	68	28	22	118	110	8
Wellbeing Centre	133	62	40	235	203	32
	3,916	994	828	5,738	5,253	485

Net Income is stated after charging

Auditor's remuneration	
Statutory Audit	27
Staff costs	6,231
Lease rental costs	443
Depreciation	197

See note 7 for an analysis of Support Costs which are allocated across activities on the following basis:

Facilities costs – based on hospice floorspace with a portion to income generating activity.

Quality costs – based on hospice headcount with a portion to income generating activity.

Other Support costs – based on the headcount of each activity.

7 Staff costs

Charitable Activities	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Agency	Other	Total
Year ended 31 March 2025	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Hospice In-Patient Unit	1,634	154	86	39	-	1,913
"Hospice at Home" Community team	1,256	129	120	-	-	1,505
Psychological Support team	181	19	7	-	-	207
Education	74	7	2	-	-	84
Orangery	30	1	1	-	-	32
Volunteers	63	5	2	-	-	70
Wellbeing Centre	111	7	2	-	-	119
	3,349	323	219	39	-	3,930

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7 Staff costs, continued

Income Generation	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Agency	Other	Total
Year ended 31 March 2025	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fundraising	497	49	20	-	-	565
Lottery	22	2	1	-	-	25
Retail Shops	805	64	19	-	-	887
	<u>1,324</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,477</u>

Support Team	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Total Staff Costs	Non-Staff Costs	Total Support Cost
Year ended 31 March 2025	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Executive Office and Communications	155	18	8	181	380	561
HR	126	10	3	139	25	164
IT and Facilities	273	29	10	312	181	493
Finance	83	8	5	96	30	126
Quality	83	9	5	96	3	100
	<u>720</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>1,443</u>

Charitable Activities	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Agency	Other	Total
Year ended 31 March 2024	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Hospice In-Patient Unit	1,524	148	93	83	-	1,848
"Hospice at Home" Community team	1,219	132	131	-	-	1,482
Psychological Support team	236	21	7	-	-	264
Education	83	9	3	-	-	95
Orangery	26	1	0	-	-	27
Volunteers	61	5	2	-	-	68
Wellbeing Centre	122	9	2	-	-	133
	<u>3,271</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,917</u>

Income Generation	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Agency	Other	Total
Year ended 31 March 2024	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fundraising	465	47	13	-	-	525
Lottery	21	2	1	-	-	24
Retail Shops	809	61	20	-	-	890
	<u>1,295</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,439</u>

Support Team	Salaries	NIC	Pensions	Total Staff Costs	Non-Staff Costs	Total Cost
Year ended 31 March 2024	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Executive Office and Communications	189	18	9	216	281	497
HR	104	11	3	118	52	170
IT and Facilities	251	25	9	285	105	390
Finance	86	8	5	99	33	132
Quality	77	9	5	91	4	95
	<u>707</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>1,284</u>

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7 Staff costs, continued

In common with other Hospices, St Raphael's employs experienced Specialty Doctors and Specialist Palliative Care Consultants on standard NHS rates of pay and this is reflected in the higher paid employees report. The Joint-CEOs are not the highest paid employees. Three senior nurses are now included in this listing after including overtime and unsocial hours payments in line with NHS Agenda for Change.

The number of employees who earned £60,000 per annum or more (including benefits, overtime and unsocial hours uplifts) during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	7	2
£70,001 - £80,000	2	4
£80,001 - £90,000	1	3
£90,001 - £100,000	2	1
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1

During the year the charity undertook a process of cost reduction that included reduced hours and redundancies. Payments of £150k were made in respect of thirteen redundancies (2024: £8k, one) and £44k for three other agreements to settle the termination of employment (2024: £7k, two).

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprised the Trustees, the Joint-CEO/Clinical Director, the Joint-CEO/Finance Director, the Director of Fundraising and Communications, the Commercial Director, Director of Quality and Governance and the Director of IT & Estates together with our three specialist palliative care consultants. One of the consultants takes the role of lead consultant on a rotational basis and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Hospice. They are not included in the key management personnel costs shown below.

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (2024: £nil). No out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year (2024: £nil).

The total employment cost (including taxable benefits and employer's pension and national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel of the charity were £544,204 (2024: £551,220).

8 Staff numbers

Year ended 31 March 2025	Headcount		FTE			Headcount		FTE	
	2025	2025	2024	2024		2024	2024		
Hospice In-Patient Unit	40	26	38	25		38	25		
"Hospice at Home" Community team	18	14	26	19		26	19		
Psychological Support team	5	3	5	3		5	3		
Education & Quality	4	3	4	3		4	3		
Volunteers	1	1	1	1		1	1		
Wellbeing Centre	4	2	5	3		5	3		
Housekeeping and Orangery	16	7	15	6		15	6		
Hospice administration	14	7	11	6		11	6		
Medical team	6	4	6	5		6	5		
Charitable Activities	107	66	111	71		111	71		
Fundraising	14	11	14	12		14	12		
Lottery	-	-	-	-		-	-		
Retail Shops	44	28	46	29		46	29		
Income Generation	57	39	60	41		60	41		
Support Services	13	10	12	10		12	10		
Executive and Finance	4	3	4	3		4	3		
Support Services	17	13	16	13		16	13		
All Staff	181	119	187	125		187	125		

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8 Staff numbers, continued

Year ended 31 March 2025	Headcount		FTE		Headcount	FTE
	2025	2025	2025	2025		
Permanent full time	40	44	53	56		
Permanent part time	103	62	99	58		
"Bank" variable hours	38	13	35	11		
	181	119	187	125		

In addition to our paid staff, St Raphael's Hospice benefitted from the support volunteers who contributed their time to cover 743 roles (2024: 792). Volunteer time is not accounted for in these financial statements.

9 Taxation

St. Raphael's Hospice is a registered charity and therefore benefits from not being liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities. As a Hospice it has taken advantage of the s33c VAT allowances which enable it to reclaim a large portion of its VAT paid. At the end of the year a refund is due for £69,241 (2024: £51,000) and this is included within debtors.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Site Leasehold Improvements	Computer and other Equipment	Shop Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Retail Leasehold Improvements	Assets under Construction	Total 2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation							
At 1 April 2024	556	662	51	83	388	20	1,760
Transfer between classes	41	-	-	-	-	(41)	-
Additions	3	120	8	-	13	21	165
Disposals/Written-off	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	(3)
At 31 March 2025	598	782	59	83	401	(0)	1,922
Depreciation							
At 31 March 2024	41	496	45	54	153	-	789
Charge in year	23	87	2	14	71	-	197
At 31 March 2025	65	582	47	68	225	-	986
Net book values							
At 31 March 2025	533	200	12	16	177	(0)	936
At 31 March 2024	515	166	6	29	235	20	971

The land and buildings that are occupied by St Raphael's Hospice are owned by The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liège and are leased to the charity at a peppercorn rental. The value of the gift in kind is recognised in these financial statements, as described in the principal accounting policies at note 1.

11 Investments

	2025 £'000	2025 Units 000's	2024 £'000	2024 Units 000's
Marketable investments				
Sarasin Endowments Fund				
Market value at start of year	1,671	1,352	1,952	1,705
Net additions at cost	-	-	59	50
Disposals at market value	-	-	(486)	(403)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation/disposal	17	-	146	-
Market value at 31 March	1,688	1,352	1,671	1,352

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14 Deferred Income, continued

A cash grant of £3.6m was given by the Congregation of Daughters of the Cross of Liège (DoC) in 2020 towards the five year strategic plan for the charity and has been included in deferred income. This will be released to the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) in line with the conditions of its use, as stipulated in the transfer arrangement between the Congregation and the charity. As a surplus was generated, none was released to the SOFA in the current year (2024: £500k) and the release of a further £600k has been budgeted for the year to 31st March 2026 and is shown as "Creditors; amounts due in under one year" at note 13, above. The remaining balance of £0.8m is included under "Creditors; amounts due in more than one year" and is due to be released over the ensuing two to three years as the delayed plan progresses.

Other deferred income balances includes lottery subscriptions made for future lottery draws and to challenge event income raised in advance of the challenge taking place.

15 Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are monies received for, and their use restricted to, the following:	At 31st March 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between Funds	At 31st March 2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bereavement support fund	-	35	(35)	-	-
DoC gift in kind	-	315	(315)	-	-
SWL ICB grants	54	-	(54)	-	-
Other restricted donations	38	190	(85)	(132)	11
	<u>92</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>(489)</u>	<u>(132)</u>	<u>11</u>
	<i>At 1st April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfer between Funds</i>	<i>At 31st March 2024</i>
	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>
<i>Bereavement support fund</i>	-	35	(35)	-	-
<i>DoC gift in kind</i>	-	315	(315)	-	-
<i>SWL ICB grants</i>	120	-	(66)	-	54
<i>Other restricted donations</i>	89	28	(69)	(10)	38
	<u>209</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>(485)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>92</u>

The Bereavement support fund represents the funding of the Psychological Support team and related costs.

The DoC gift in kind relates to the provision of the land and buildings on a 20 year lease at a peppercorn rental. The Gift in Kind recognises the valuation placed upon the use of the properties by an independent surveyor in March 2020 adjusted periodically to reflect inflation.

The South West London Integrated Care Board (SWL ICB) Grants are provided to fund one additional Clinical Nurse Specialists for weekend and bank holiday cover. No new grant has been received since 2023 and the fund is now fully utilised. A new bid will be made in the new financial year.

Other restricted donations represent other smaller restricted donations and legacies donated to the Hospice for specific purposes.

16 Designated Funds

	At 1st April 2024	Expenditure	Transfer between Funds	At 31st March 2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed Asset Fund				
Acquired	971	165	(200)	935
Committed	20	-	(20)	-
Budgeted within 12 months	193	-	(78)	115
	<u>1,184</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>(298)</u>	<u>1,050</u>
	<i>At 1st April 2023</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfer between Funds</i>	<i>At 31st March 2024</i>
	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>
<i>Fixed Asset Fund</i>				
<i>Acquired</i>	857	312	(198)	971
<i>Committed</i>	-	-	20	20
<i>Budgeted within 12 months</i>	395	-	(202)	193
	<u>1,252</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>(380)</u>	<u>1,184</u>

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16 Designated Funds, continued

The unrestricted funds of the Hospice include the following designated funds which have been set aside by the trustees for specific purposes. The fixed asset fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets, which are used in the day-to-day work of the Hospice and hence is not available for working capital.

The transfer in the fixed assets "acquired" fund represents the net movement of additions, disposals and depreciation in fixed assets over the year. "Committed" expenditure relate to additions which the charity is contractually obliged to complete and "budgeted" relates to proposed additions that have been approved by the Board of Trustees (unless they are contingent upon new restricted funds budgeted to be received).

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £'000	General Fund £'000	Designated fund £'000	Total 2025 £'000
Fixed assets	-	1,735	935	2,671
Current assets	11	3,729	115	3,855
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(1,326)	-	(1,326)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	(803)	-	(803)
Total net assets	11	3,335	1,050	4,396

	Restricted funds £'000	General Fund £'000	Designated fund £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Fixed assets	-	1,672	971	2,643
Current assets	92	3,372	213	3,677
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(1,139)	-	(1,139)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	(903)	-	(903)
Total net assets	92	3,002	1,184	4,278

18 Leasing commitments

Operating leases

At 31 March 2025 the Hospice had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for retail shops and related office and warehouse buildings as follows:

	Land and buildings 2025 £'000	Land and buildings 2024 £'000
Commitments falling due:		
Within one year	320	409
Within one to two years	276	309
Within two to five years	289	538
Over five years	11	39
	896	1,295

The Wimbledon Park shop closed during the current financial year and is on the market in order to assign the lease. The full remaining commitment of £100k has been provided for in these financial statements.

20 Related party transactions

St Raphael's Hospice was established as a work of The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege ("DoC", charity number 1068661 and company number 3492921) in 1987 and its activities were reported as part of that entity. The activities and the operating assets and liabilities of the work were transferred into St Raphael's Hospice (charity number 1182636 and company number 11732567) on 31 October 2020 and from that point its activities are reported through this entity.

Two of the trustees of DoC are also trustees of St Raphael's Hospice (Sr Veronica Hagen and Sr Kathleen O'Reilly). One member of the Finance & Resources Committee is a paid adviser of the DoC (Mr Ed Cook).

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20 Related party transactions, continued

The freehold of the land and buildings that comprise the St Raphael's Hospice site are owned by DoC. These have been leased to St Raphael's Hospice under three separate leases for the three plots (the Hospice, St Bede's and 759 London Road) each for twenty years and at a peppercorn rental of £100 per annum. A total of £300 was paid in the period in respect of these leases (2024: £300). The leases are valued at £315k per annum and a gift-in-kind is recognised in these financial statements for this amount (2024: £315k). The notional rental of £315k is also recognised in these financial statements (2024: £315K).

A grant of £1m was given in June 2024 to support the ongoing work of the charity as it reduced costs in the face of increased inflationary impact. No grants were received in the prior year.

During the previous financial year, services were provided at a market rate of £4,990 by Darnelle Consulting Ltd. Grahame Darnelle is a Trustee and also Director of Darnelle Consulting Ltd. None were provided in the current year.

There were no other related party transactions.

21 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2025 there were no capital commitments. (2024: £20k).

22 Pension commitments

The Hospice makes contributions in respect of the current service of its employees to either the NHS pension scheme or Royal London.

The Royal London pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme, with contributions accounted for in the period in which they arise.

The contributions payable for the year were £130,676 (2024: £133,098).

The NHS pension scheme is a defined benefit scheme which is underwritten by the UK Treasury. The liabilities of the scheme are not calculated and there is no attribution of liability to the participant organisations, including the Hospice. Accordingly, it has accounted for its contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

The contributions payable to the scheme for the year were £150,063 (2024: £158,576).

23 Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no post balance sheet events in the current year (2024: cost reduction exercise)

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24 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted			Total funds Year to 31 March 2024 £'000	Total funds Year to 31 March 2023 £'000
		General	Designated	Restricted		
		fund £'000	fund £'000	funds £'000		
Income and expenditure						
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	3,197	-	378	3,575	3,799
Other trading activities	3	2,081	-	-	2,081	1,787
Investments		109	-	-	109	96
Charitable activities						
Clinical Commissioning Groups	4	1,697	-	-	1,697	1,698
Other income	4	54	-	-	54	87
Total income		7,138	-	378	7,516	7,467
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	5	3,122	-	-	3,122	2,500
Charitable activities	6	5,253	-	485	5,738	5,260
Total expenditure		8,375	-	485	8,860	7,760
Net gains / (losses) on investments	11	146	-	-	146	(103)
Net (expenditure) before transfers		(1,091)	-	(107)	(1,198)	(396)
Transfers between funds	15-16	78	(68)	(10)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,013)	(68)	(117)	(1,198)	(396)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		4,015	1,252	209	5,476	5,872
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2024		3,002	1,184	92	4,278	5,476

All of the charity's activities during the above two financial periods derived from continuing operations. A full comparative statement of financial activities is shown at note 24 to the financial statements.