

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Voice of Experience Forum**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES

Maria Donovan - Chairperson
Carris Marshall - Treasurer
Deanne Arthur - Secretary
Norman Lancaster (resigned 7.9.22)
Joy Codona
David Whyte (resigned 12.4.22)
Elizabeth Bole
John Duffy (appointed 7.9.22)

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

SC037466

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

The staff and trustees of Voice of Experience Forum continued to conduct the business of the organisation throughout the pandemic however, the organisation looked forward to conducting meetings in its traditional, face to face, format. With the lifting of Covid restrictions in 2022, Voice of Experience Forum was one of the first local charitable organisations to hold a face to face AGM in September of that year. This achievement heralded the beginning of a return to 'business as usual' for the charity, which saw it go from strength to strength during 2022-23.

VoEF attended AGMs and Conferences for local and national organisations including Age Scotland, North Lanarkshire Carers Together, Lanarkshire Links, Alliance Scotland and the Age Scotland Annual Conference.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purposes

Voice of Experience Forum's charitable purposes as prescribed by the Charities and Trustees Investment Scotland (2005) Act are the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in North Lanarkshire and surrounding areas, the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of equality and diversity. This is achieved by Voice of Experience Forum:

- Carrying out activities, using a variety of media that develop and maintain effective communication between the charity itself and the communities of North Lanarkshire
- Representing, at strategic level, to influence and improve the service planning and provision for the older citizens of North Lanarkshire.
- Working cohesively with other community and voluntary organisations to promote the welfare, safety and integration of older people within North Lanarkshire

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The organisation was represented at the Strategic Planning and Commissioning Group, Adult Protection Network, Community Solutions and Frailty & Long Term Conditions meetings and continues to chair the Airdrie Action Partnership meetings. It is involved in the Driving Digital Locally initiative as the Airdrie digital subgroup representative and as part of Voice of Experience Forum's Digital Inclusion strategy. The organisation contributed to the Frailty/Older People and Care Home Strategy and maintains its partnership with the Poverty Action Network, raising awareness of the organisations activities. VoEF representatives attended Community Board meetings and participated in the North Lanarkshire wide Thematic Review Group. The organisation continued to encourage dialogue with the NLC Older People's Champion to support engagement across the locality.

Voice of Experience Forum uses its social media channels to promote events and share current advice and information with its partners and members in addition to the quarterly newsletters. Over the past year, our social media posts saw a remarkable increase in engagement with 5,799 reaches (530% increase on 2021-22) and 314 site visits (320% increase) achieved.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The organisation issued 4 quarterly newsletters (funded by NHS Lanarkshire) to keep members informed of current issues and encourage engagement and participation. VoEF staff hosted 10 information stalls at events across North Lanarkshire during the year.

The organisation was instrumental in the introduction of a bus service for the residents of Whinhall in Airdrie, along with the removal of 3 unused mobile containers, to promote walking and green activities. In June, the organisation held an event for the Queens Jubilee which was attended by 82 guests. Information stalls were provided by 10 voluntary organisations. A 'Planning Ahead' event was held in November 2022 to inform members of support available during the cost of living crisis. 34 people attended and workshops were provided by Citizens Advice, Solicitors for Older People, NLC and Equals Advocacy.

A total of 15 Digital Confidence training sessions took place in Bellshill, Cumbernauld and Shotts resulting in 37 older people becoming more digitally confident during 2022-23. The training gave participants the opportunity and confidence to access a range of supports which could improve their physical and mental health and increase their well-being. In total, 49 older people attended the programme with 30 free tablets and 7 free MiFi boxes issued.

Membership

Through a wide range of engagement such as presentations, hosting stalls, digital confidence training, attending local events and more, the organisation increased its membership by 27, exceeding the 10% target set for the year. An incredible achievement considering that North Lanarkshire spent the first quarter of 2022-23 in various levels of lockdown.

Presentations

Voice of Experience Forum provided 9 presentations to various groups across North Lanarkshire achieving 7 new members. These presentations included information on Social Security Scotland Benefits for Older Adults resulting in 1 successful application for Attendance Allowance and 1 Pension Credits and Gambling Harms talk.

Consultations

Voice of Experience Forum co-ordinated a local consultation on the Health & Social Care Consultation on Older People in 2022-23. The organisation facilitated member involvement in Age Scotland's 'Falls Treatment Focus Group' and led a local consultation on the Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire review of participation and engagement structures.

Voice of Experience participated in meetings of the Old Age Psychiatry Programme Board to provide a Third Sector influence on strategic planning for older people within NHS Lanarkshire. VoEF attended meetings of, and contributed to, the review of Hospital Based Complex Clinical Care in North Lanarkshire. The organisation took part in the Scottish Governments Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy Consultation and contributed to VANL's Community Concordat consultation.

Voice of Experience Forum Calendar 2023

Voice of Experience Forum produced an information Calendar for 2023 with the theme of "Planning Ahead" which was funded by Community Solutions Locality Activity Fund (Airdrie). The purpose of the calendar is to provide information on a range of accessible and practical supports available to older people, from a wide variety of partners. The calendar promotes welfare, safety and integration in social activities. 2,000 calendars were distributed across all localities within North Lanarkshire with digital copies also made available on our website.

Recruitment

There were no changes in personnel within the staff of the Forum in the year to 31st March 2023, allowing for the benefits which continuity of staff brings.

Partnership for Change

Voice of Experience Forum no longer hosts the Partnership for Change project, which wound up in late 2022.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total income for this year was £71,013 (2022: £99,654) and our expenditure was £89,842 (2022: £88,184).

A deficit of £18,829 was incurred for the year (2022: surplus of £11,470), this included £8,375 of exceptional items which related to the final transfer on the winding up of the Partnership for Change project. Excluding this, the operating deficit was £10,094 which comprised a surplus on general funds of £4,833 and a deficit on restricted funds of £14,927. At financial year end the total reserves stood at £98,564 (2022: £117,393), with all of these being unrestricted funds (2022: £93,731).

Principal Source of Funding

Our main source of income continued to be our grant funding from North Lanarkshire Council Social Work and NHS Lanarkshire. VoEF would like to thank our funders for their continued support. Funding under the current structure ceased on 31/3/23 and a new funding stream is currently being established. Our main expenditure is on staff salaries.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around £20,367 estimated at three months of normal running costs to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure if the organisation was to cease operating. Reserves at the end of the financial year were £98,564, all of which are unrestricted funds. The trustees are satisfied that this policy is being met and funds held in excess of this amount will be reinvested in the development of the service.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Voice of Experience Forum was established as a charity on 13th September 2006 and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Regulator Charity No SC037466.

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) having successfully converted from an unincorporated association on the 7th February 2013. The SCIO is governed by its Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board, which meets at least six times a year, are the Charity's Trustees. Membership of the Board is open to:

- Any individual aged 60 or over who lives in the North Lanarkshire area
- Representatives of voluntary organisations serving the interests of older people.

Membership Restriction

Employees of the charity are not eligible for membership.

Trustees are elected at each annual general meeting. The Constitution provides for a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve trustees. The trustees may co-opt other trustees between AGMs if they consider it to be in the interests of the charity to do so.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity whilst the day to day running is delegated to the Development Worker and the Office Manager who are paid members of staff.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees continued to be actively involved in the work of the organisation through the 2022-23 financial year.

Trustees represented members at online and face to face meetings, events, consultations and workshops throughout the year. Voice of Experience Forum Board Members have attended Assimilation meetings, Community Boards and Consortiums to ensure that older people's voices continued to be heard in the planning and delivery of services. The Trustees also provided welfare support to staff.

The Forward Plan continues to ensure that the Board focuses on core areas to allow the organisation to expand its membership, reach and influence within the North Lanarkshire community and beyond.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Key management remuneration

In the opinion of the trustees there is only one key management personnel - The Development Worker. The total employer costs relating to this post (at 28hrs per week) in 2022-23 was £24,995.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on19-6-2023..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Maria Donovan - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Voice of Experience Forum**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages seven to seventeen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	48,326	19,360	67,686	95,951
Investment income	4	30	-	30	16
Other income	5	<u>2,826</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>3,297</u>	<u>3,687</u>
Total		<u>51,182</u>	<u>19,831</u>	<u>71,013</u>	<u>99,654</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights		44,372	37,095	81,467	88,184
Other	9	<u>-</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>44,372</u>	<u>45,470</u>	<u>89,842</u>	<u>88,184</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>6,810</u>	<u>(25,639)</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>	<u>11,470</u>
Transfers between funds	17	<u>(1,977)</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>4,833</u>	<u>(23,662)</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>	<u>11,470</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>93,731</u>	<u>23,662</u>	<u>117,393</u>	<u>105,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>98,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities in both years.

Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 12.

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	2,017	3,301
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	1,970	4,670
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>96,857</u>	<u>126,918</u>
		98,827	131,588
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,280)	(17,496)
		<u>96,547</u>	<u>114,092</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>96,547</u>	<u>114,092</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		98,564	93,731
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>23,662</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on19.06.23..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Carris Marshall - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Voice of Experience Forum ("the charity") is a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation governed by its Constitution. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC037466) on 7 February 2013. Its registered address is Airdrie Business Centre, 1 Chapel Lane, Airdrie, ML6 6GX.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, in accordance with:

- the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
- Regulation 8 (Statement of account - Fully accrued accounts) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006;
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, published in March 2018 ("FRS 102"), to the extent that it applies to small entities and public benefit entities;
- '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, published in October 2019 (FRS 102)' ("the Charities SORP");
- UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the historical cost convention.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in UK sterling, which is the charity's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation this financial year or to the previous financial year's financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

It is the policy of the charity to capitalise any equipment which has a useful life beyond 1 year and would not ordinarily be replaced in the course of business.

Taxation

Voice of Experience Forum is a charity within the meaning of Section 467 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied for charitable purposes only.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Grants	<u>48,326</u>	<u>19,360</u>	<u>67,686</u>	<u>95,951</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
NHS Lanarkshire	15,000	15,000
North Lanarkshire Council	50,246	53,451
Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire	2,440	-
Partnership for Change	<u>-</u>	<u>27,500</u>
	<u>67,686</u>	<u>95,951</u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Bank Interest Received	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>16</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Employment Allowance	<u>2,826</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>3,297</u>	<u>3,687</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	<u>78,391</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>81,467</u>

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	53,515	60,127
Sundries	96	39
Advertising & Promotional Goods	214	192
Bank Charges	155	137
Equipment	1,015	3,958
Insurance	1,376	1,298
Postage & Distribution	1,440	2,046
Printing	4,081	4,154
Professional Fees	250	649
Rent and Rates	7,170	7,170
Software	485	519
Stationery & office costs	201	1,170
Telephone	1,190	1,227
Travel and Transport	1,464	1,108
Subscriptions	107	35
Repairs & Maintenance	-	7
Payroll Fees	321	662
Meetings & Events	3,594	291
Loss on disposal of asset	61	-
Depreciation	<u>1,656</u>	<u>1,548</u>
	<u>78,391</u>	<u>86,337</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	Other £ <u>3,076</u>
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Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 Total activities £	2022 Total activities £
AGM/Governance	1,906	767
Independent Examiner	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,080</u>
	<u>3,076</u>	<u>1,847</u>

9. OTHER COSTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Transfer of remaining Partnership for Change funds	<u>-</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>-</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year a total of £28 was reimbursed to one trustee for travel expenses incurred on behalf of the charity (2022: nil).

11. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	47,178	53,245
Social security costs	3,565	3,687
Other pension costs	<u>2,772</u>	<u>3,195</u>
	<u>53,515</u>	<u>60,127</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Office Staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	48,326	47,625	95,951
Investment income	16	-	16
Other income	<u>2,851</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>3,687</u>
Total	<u>51,193</u>	<u>48,461</u>	<u>99,654</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	<u>41,383</u>	<u>46,801</u>	<u>88,184</u>
NET INCOME			
Transfers between funds	<u>9,810</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>11,470</u>
	<u>3,750</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	13,560	(2,090)	11,470
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>80,171</u>	<u>25,752</u>	<u>105,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>93,731</u>	<u>23,662</u>	<u>117,393</u>

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2022	7,145
Additions	433
Disposals	<u>(744)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,834</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022	3,844
Charge for year	1,656
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(683)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,817</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,017</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,301</u>

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
STF Payroll Funds held	714	3,502
Prepayments	<u>1,256</u>	<u>1,168</u>
	<u>1,970</u>	<u>4,670</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,110	1,416
Deferred income	-	15,000
Accrued expenses	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,080</u>
	<u>2,280</u>	<u>17,496</u>

Deferred income comprised income received for projects which VoEF was not entitled to until the following year.

	2022	2021
	£	£
At 1 April	15,000	-
Deferred in year	-	15,000
Released in year	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets	2,017	-	2,017	3,301
Current assets	98,827	-	98,827	131,588
Current liabilities	<u>(2,280)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,280)</u>	<u>(17,496)</u>
	<u>98,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>

Comparatives for analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	3,301	-	3,301	2,512
Current assets	107,926	23,662	131,588	106,226
Current liabilities	<u>(17,496)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,496)</u>	<u>(2,815)</u>
	<u>93,731</u>	<u>23,662</u>	<u>117,393</u>	<u>105,923</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	87,472	8,527	548	96,547
NHS Lanarkshire	2,958	-	(2,958)	-
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	<u>3,301</u>	<u>(1,717)</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>2,017</u>
	93,731	6,810	(1,977)	98,564
Restricted funds				
NHS Lanarkshire Admin/Publications	2,706	(6,439)	3,733	-
Partnership for Change	19,941	(18,566)	(1,375)	-
NLC Flexible CVS Fund	1,015	(1,015)	-	-
VANL - Jubilee Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>(381)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>23,662</u>	<u>(25,639)</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>117,393</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,564</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,182	(42,655)	8,527
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,717)</u>	<u>(1,717)</u>
	51,182	(44,372)	6,810
Restricted funds			
NHS Lanarkshire Admin/Publications	15,000	(21,439)	(6,439)
VANL - Calendar	2,440	(2,440)	-
Partnership for Change	471	(19,037)	(18,566)
NLC Flexible CVS Fund	-	(1,015)	(1,015)
VANL - Jubilee Fund	<u>1,920</u>	<u>(1,539)</u>	<u>381</u>
	<u>19,831</u>	<u>(45,470)</u>	<u>(25,639)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,013</u>	<u>(89,842)</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	74,701	11,358	1,413	87,472
NHS Lanarkshire	2,958	-	-	2,958
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	<u>2,512</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>2,337</u>	<u>3,301</u>
	80,171	9,810	3,750	93,731
Restricted funds				
NHS Lanarkshire Admin/Publications	8,372	(5,666)	-	2,706
VANL - Calendar	2,368	(2,368)	-	-
Partnership for Change	15,012	7,679	(2,750)	19,941
NLC Flexible CVS Fund	-	1,015	-	1,015
NLC Digital Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>25,752</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>23,662</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>105,923</u>	<u>11,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,393</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,193	(39,835)	11,358
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>
	51,193	(41,383)	9,810
Restricted funds			
NHS Lanarkshire Admin/Publications	15,000	(20,666)	(5,666)
VANL - Calendar	-	(2,368)	(2,368)
Partnership for Change	28,336	(20,657)	7,679
NLC Flexible CVS Fund	4,125	(3,110)	1,015
NLC Digital Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>48,461</u>	<u>(46,801)</u>	<u>1,660</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,654</u>	<u>(88,184)</u>	<u>11,470</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

19. PURPOSES OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General funds - the unrestricted, 'free reserves' of the charity

NHS Lanarkshire - funding for administration and publication costs

Designated - Fixed Assets - represents the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets. Additions are transferred to the fund, and annual depreciation charged to it

20. PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

NHS Lanarkshire - Admin/Publications - funding towards administration and publication costs

Partnership for Change - funding for certain salary costs and the development of a service user and carer forum

North Lanarkshire Council Digital Fund - funding for office equipment

North Lanarkshire Council Flexible CVS Fund - funding for Chatterbox project

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Jubilee Fund - funding for Jubilee event

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Calendar - funding towards the costs of producing and distributing annual information calendar

