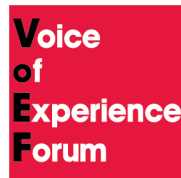


**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Voice of Experience Forum**



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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 Trustees and staff were delighted to herald the return to “business as usual” for the charity, which saw it go from strength to strength during 2023-24.

VoEF attended AGM’s and Conferences for local and national organisations including the Scottish Older People’s Assembly, Age Scotland, North Lanarkshire Carers Together, Lanarkshire Links, Alliance Scotland, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, The Poverty Action Network and Neighbourhood Networks.

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, Frailty/Older People/Care Home Workstream, NL Consortiums and Community Solutions and continued its involvement in the Airdrie Action Partnership. Voice of Experience Forum also played an important role representing older people in the Getting It Right for Everyone (GIRFE) Steering Group. It was 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. In 2023, the organisation played a pivotal role in the coordination of the local response to the Commissioner for Older People’s Bill. VoEF representatives attended Community Board meetings and pursued support for North Lanarkshire to become an Age Friendly Community. 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 its quarterly newsletters. Over the past year, social media posts saw continuing engagement with a 96% increase in interactions and a 25% increase in link clicks compared to 2022-23.

The organisation issued 4 quarterly newsletters (partially funded by NHS Lanarkshire) to keep members informed of current issues and encourage engagement and participation. VoEF staff hosted 20 information stalls at events across North Lanarkshire during the year including those at University hospitals in Monklands and Wishaw.

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In May 2023, the organisation, held an event to celebrate the Kings Coronation which was attended by 63 guests. 96% of attendees said they felt better informed of local services as a result of the information provided by the 7 stallholder organisations who attended. Our 'Rabbie Does Strictly' falls prevention event in partnership with the North East Health Improvement Team was held in January 2024 to coincide with Burns Night and 'Blue Monday'. The event empowered multiple partners to come together to create a shared vision on falls prevention, alcohol risk and social isolation and loneliness for older people. As a result, there were 4 referrals to the falls hub, VoEF gained 9 new members and 6 people became engaged with a partner organisation. It is hoped that the feedback from the event will support further health improvement events in 2024-25.

Funding from North Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire was withdrawn in September 2023. In October 2023 the organisation, in partnership with North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and Lanarkshire Links, was successful in its tender bid to Health & Social Care North Lanarkshire (HSCNL) for 'Administration Support for Engagement & Participation (Supported People)'. The organisation has worked hard to support the establishment of the Engagement & Participation (E&P) Partnership, E&P Network and the Growth Pot Fund which will offer financial assistance to local organisations working to support the achievement of the HSCNL Engagement and Participation Outcomes.

Membership

Through a wide range of engagement activities such as events, presentations, information stalls, partnership work, attending local events and more, the organisation increased its membership during 2023-24 by 60 individual members and 4 groups/organisations. This resulted in an increase in membership of almost 25%, well in excess of the 10% target set for the year.

Presentations

Voice of Experience Forum provided 18 presentations to various groups across North Lanarkshire. These presentations included information on our organisation, Social Security Scotland Benefits for Older Adults and Power of Attorney. The organisation continues to develop its relationship with Solicitors for Older People to inform attendees of up to date information and their rights as part of presentations.

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Consultations

Voice of Experience Forum co-ordinated a local response to the consultation on the proposed Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill. Contributions were gathered from individuals and organisations across North Lanarkshire and we look forward to hearing updates as it progresses. The organisation contributed to the new NHS Lanarkshire strategy 'Our Health Together' and provided a platform at our 2023 AGM for a presentation to the community. The organisation also carried out a consultation on its own engagement and participation strategy as well as engaging with members via its first online survey to determine their priorities and preferred means of communicating with VoEF in future.

Voice of Experience Forum participates in the steering group for Getting It Right For Everyone (GIRFE) to provide a Third Sector influence on strategic planning for a proposed multi-agency approach to health and social care support and services from young adulthood to end of life care, from older people's perspective. The organisation also contributed to VANL's CommUnity Agreement, Community Matters Development Plan Scheme and Digital Health & Care's Realistic Medicine application.

Voice of Experience Forum Calendar 2024

Voice of Experience Forum produced an information Calendar for 2024 with the theme of "Engagement & Participation" which was funded by Community Solutions Locality Activity Fund (Bellshill). 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 physical calendars were distributed across all localities within North Lanarkshire with digital copies also made available via our website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total income for this year was £68,051 (2023: £71,013) and our expenditure was £75,167 (2022: £89,842).

A deficit of £7,116 was incurred for the year (2023: deficit of £18,829) and at financial year end the total reserves stood at £91,448 (2023: £98,564), with all of these being unrestricted funds in both years. The deficit incurred in 2022-23 included £8,375 of exceptional items which related to the final transfer on the winding up of the Partnership for Change project.

Principal Source of Funding

Our main source of income continued to be our grant funding from North Lanarkshire Council/Health & Social Care North Lanarkshire and NHS Lanarkshire. VoEF would like to thank our funders for their continued support. Our main expenditure is on staff salaries

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around £18,792 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 £91,448, 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.

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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.

There were no changes in personnel within the staff of the Forum in the year to 31st March 2024, allowing for the benefits which continuity of staff brings.

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 2023-24 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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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 2023-24 was £29,950 (2023: £24,995).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17-6-24 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 2024 set out on pages eight to nineteen.

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: 24 June 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	56,663	7,924	64,587	67,686
Charitable activities					
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	5	482	-	482	-
Investment income	4	60	-	60	30
Other income	6	<u>2,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,922</u>	<u>3,297</u>
Total		<u>60,127</u>	<u>7,924</u>	<u>68,051</u>	<u>71,013</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	7	68,415	6,752	75,167	81,467
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,375</u>
Total		<u>68,415</u>	<u>6,752</u>	<u>75,167</u>	<u>89,842</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(8,288)</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>(7,116)</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>
Transfers between funds	17	<u>1,172</u>	<u>(1,172)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(7,116)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,116)</u>	<u>(18,829)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>98,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,564</u>	<u>117,393</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>91,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</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 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	1,758	2,017
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	1,451	1,970
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>90,241</u>	<u>96,857</u>
		91,692	98,827
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,002)	(2,280)
		<u>89,690</u>	<u>96,547</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	17	<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17.06.24 and were signed on its behalf by:


Carris Marshall - Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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.

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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	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Grants	<u>56,663</u>	<u>7,924</u>	<u>64,587</u>	<u>67,686</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
NHS Lanarkshire	-	15,000
North Lanarkshire Council	31,823	50,246
Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire	3,308	2,440
National Lottery Fund	1,600	-
LAF Consortium	2,856	-
North Lanarkshire Disability Forum	<u>25,000</u>	-
	<u>64,587</u>	<u>67,686</u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Bank Interest Received	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>30</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024 £	2023 £
Management Fees	Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	<u>482</u>	<u>-</u>

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Employment Allowance	<u>2,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,922</u>	<u>3,297</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	<u>71,285</u>	<u>3,882</u>	<u>75,167</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	46,703	53,515
Sundries	366	96
Advertising & Promotional Goods	272	214
Catering	2,207	-
Equipment	-	1,015
Hall Hire	250	-
Insurance	1,492	1,376
Postage & Distribution	1,781	1,440
Printing	4,339	4,081
Professional Fees	366	250
Rent and Rates	7,170	7,170
Software	677	485
Stationery & office costs	382	201
Telephone	1,200	1,190
Travel and Transport	1,530	1,464
Subscriptions	<u>94</u>	<u>107</u>
Carried forward	68,829	72,604

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8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward	68,829	72,604
Payroll Fees	283	321
Meetings & Events	27	3,594
Management Fees	482	-
Loss on disposal of asset	523	61
Entertainment	130	-
Depreciation	<u>1,011</u>	<u>1,656</u>
	<u>71,285</u>	<u>78,236</u>

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Totals
	£	£	£
Promotion and representation of older people's welfare and rights	<u>131</u>	<u>3,751</u>	<u>3,882</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank charges	131	155
AGM/Governance	2,581	1,906
Independent Examiner	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,170</u>
	<u>3,882</u>	<u>3,231</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year no trustees received any expenses, a total of £28 was reimbursed to one trustee for travel expenses incurred on behalf of the charity in the year ended 31 March 2023.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,080	47,178
Social security costs	3,158	3,565
Other pension costs	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,772</u>
	<u><u>46,703</u></u>	<u><u>53,515</u></u>

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

	2024	2023
Office Staff	<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>

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

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>98,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,564</u>
13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Computer equipment £
COST			
At 1 April 2023			6,834
Additions			1,275
Disposals			<u>(4,064)</u>
At 31 March 2024			<u>4,045</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023			4,817
Charge for year			1,010
Eliminated on disposal			<u>(3,540)</u>
At 31 March 2024			<u>2,287</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024			<u>1,758</u>
At 31 March 2023			<u>2,017</u>
14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
STF Payroll Funds held		150	714
Prepayments		<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,256</u>
		<u>1,451</u>	<u>1,970</u>

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	832	1,110
Accrued expenses	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,170</u>
	<u>2,002</u>	<u>2,280</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets	1,758	-	1,758	2,017
Current assets	91,692	-	91,692	98,827
Current liabilities	<u>(2,002)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,002)</u>	<u>(2,280)</u>
	<u>91,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,448</u>	<u>98,564</u>

Comparatives for 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>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	96,547	(146)	(6,751)	89,650
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	2,017	(1,534)	1,275	1,758
NLC Health and Social Care	-	40	-	40
NLC Health and Social Care - NLDF	-	(6,648)	6,648	-
	<u>98,564</u>	<u>(8,288)</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>91,448</u>
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Fund	-	283	(283)	-
VANL Bellshill Consortium	-	390	(390)	-
NLC - Laptop Contribution	-	160	(160)	-
LAF Consortium	-	339	(339)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>(1,172)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,564</u>	<u>(7,116)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,448</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	542	(688)	(146)
Designated Funds - Fixed Assets	-	(1,534)	(1,534)
NLC Health and Social Care	33,098	(33,058)	40
NLC Health and Social Care - NLDF	<u>26,487</u>	<u>(33,135)</u>	<u>(6,648)</u>
	60,127	(68,415)	(8,288)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery Fund	1,600	(1,317)	283
VANL Bellshill Consortium	3,308	(2,918)	390
NLC - Laptop Contribution	160	-	160
LAF Consortium	<u>2,856</u>	<u>(2,517)</u>	<u>339</u>
	<u>7,924</u>	<u>(6,752)</u>	<u>1,172</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,051</u>	<u>(75,167)</u>	<u>(7,116)</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for 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><u>117,393</u></u>	<u><u>(18,829)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>98,564</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,182	(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><u>71,013</u></u>	<u><u>(89,842)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,829)</u></u>

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

19. PURPOSES OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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

North Lanarkshire Council Health Social Care – funding towards operational costs to deliver engagement and participation services

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

2022-2023:

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 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

2023-2024:

National Lottery Fund – community celebration of the Coronation of King Charles

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Bellshill Consortium – production and distribution of Calendar 2024

Local Activity Fund Consortium – Health Improvement Falls Prevention event January 2024

North Lanarkshire Council Laptop Contributions – A contribution towards the purchase of two new laptops