



Noah's Ark

Children's Hospital Charity
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Annual Report 2020

Creating
brighter todays and
better tomorrows
for the children of Wales.



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Trustees' Annual Report

31 December 2020

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable group for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charitable group for the year ended 31st December 2020. 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019). This report consolidates the results of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and its subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, collectively referred to as Noah's Ark.

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A message from our Chair

2020 has been a turbulent year to say the least, but it's also one in which we have stood in awe at the strength and resilience shown by the children and families we support and the incredible staff who care for them.

We also end the year feeling more grateful than ever to our wonderful supporters, both new and old, who faced with uncertainty themselves, came forward to help – running virtual marathons, stepping the length of a virtual Wales and putting their hands deep into their pockets when we asked for support. It's thanks to their continued dedication that we have been able to fulfil many of the commitments we feared may not be possible when the pandemic hit.

Our goals for 2020 were subject to enormous change within just weeks of the year beginning. It was clear from early March that our planned fundraising would be hit hard. Work on producing a three-year strategy was paused as we pivoted our focus to creating an emergency plan to support the hospital through a rapid period of change while also attempting to secure the charity's future. We knew we had to be there for the hospital in the here and now but we also needed our boat to weather the storm so that we could still be here to support children and families in the many years to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those working quickly to identify and meet the needs of hospital patients, families and staff, as they themselves faced the huge task of adapting at speed to the evolving situation. We appealed to our supporters for help and applied for emergency COVID relief funding from charitable trusts and government schemes such as furlough. We also digitalised as many fundraising activities as possible and transformed the charity to function within a new home-based operation.

Thanks to a huge team effort, our end of year results were much better than we had at first feared. Income was, of course, lower than what we had hoped to achieve when the year began, but the gap was closed considerably meaning we were able to invest more than £640,000 in the hospital in 2020. We were grateful to end the year having been able to deliver on each of the three areas we prioritised as essential at the beginning of the pandemic: to continue our funding of the much loved play specialist service, provide support wherever needed to families

and staff during the pandemic and fund essential equipment for the paediatric critical care unit.

We are extremely proud to continue our support of the play specialist service. The team proved invaluable to the hospital once again in 2020, with each member going above and beyond the call of duty to support patients and families in lockdown and in isolation from loved ones at home.

Our large grant making scheme was paused during the pandemic. However, as you will see over the following pages, the programmes and initiatives funded through our smaller grant making scheme have made real and lasting differences to the lives of many children. We continue to work closely with the grant applicants and the wider hospital teams to prioritise projects that will bring further positive change and innovation to the hospital and improve the experience for patients and their families.

The Noah's Ark community pulled together to offer their support in a whole host of ways. Donations of stock for emergency parent packs and essential patient packs helped lighten the load of many families admitted in an emergency at the height of lockdown. Our call to supporters to help patients keep in touch with loved ones at home during lockdown was met with great enthusiasm. Thanks to donations and gifts in kind, we were able to supply wards throughout the hospital with tablet devices to keep children in isolation entertained and in touch with the people they love.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those who helped supplement our parent food banks which were set up while food outlets were closed. Hot meals for isolated parents became a source of both sustenance and support in bleak times. The food banks continue in to 2021 as the crisis continues far longer than any of us could at first have imagined. Kind supporters helped us to supply fruit boxes and even afternoon tea treats to the hospital staff working long and stressful hours.

Despite being plunged into lockdown once again, our year as a charity ended on a high as individuals and organisations scrambled to support us yet again, firstly by helping us hit our Big Give target in aid of the play specialist service and then by generously supporting our Breathe Easy Appeal. Thanks to them, we were able to provide one of three non-invasive ventilators by the end of the year and were well on track to fund a remaining two. At the point of writing, we have now hit our three ventilator target with two already in place. These will now go on to help more than 500 critically ill children a year. What a difference our supporters have made by showing such strength in adversity!

Our grateful thanks also must go to the people that help us by donating their creative talent and time and to organisations that recognised the difficulties faced by charities like ours by establishing COVID-19 emergency funds to offer support.

On behalf of the Trustees, I'd like once again to extend the most sincere of thank yous to all that helped us through 2020. You have made it possible for the charity to continue in its mission to support the incredible care delivered by frontline staff at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales. After a year that none of us will forget, I'm confident that the Noah's Ark family is stronger and ready to face the new challenges of 2021.

**Eddie Hayward OBE, Chairman,
Noah's Ark Charity**



Objectives and activities



“ Everything at Noah’s Ark is geared around the needs of a child, both physically and emotionally. As a result Emmeline doesn’t fear coming here and having treatment. It isn’t always easy to entertain an active toddler who’s wired to a drip but the play team work so hard to engage Emmeline with different things.

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Clare, Emmeline’s mum

About us

As the official charity of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, children and families are at the heart of everything we do.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our supporters, we are able to respond to urgent need across the hospital, funding innovative life-saving equipment and investing in technology that helps to train the bright clinicians of tomorrow. We invest in patient and family services and facilities, helping to ensure that every aspect of the hospital experience is centred on the wellbeing of young patients and their families. We also work with the hospital to create an environment that is less clinical and more child-friendly for the young patients who spend time there.

Our mission and goals

Working closely with, but independently of, the NHS, our goal is to support the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales as it continues to strive for excellence in paediatric care.

Our mission is to ensure that the hospital's dedicated and committed practitioners have the equipment and facilities they need to secure the best outcome possible for their young patients. We want children and their families to feel supported and cared for, in what are often very challenging times. This is why we invest in services designed to enhance and enrich patient experience.

What we fund

The Noah's Ark Charity responds to urgent need across the hospital, funding innovative life-saving equipment like non-invasive ventilators for patients in critical care. Thanks to the ongoing commitment of the charity's supporters, we help make sure that the hospital's specialist clinicians have the best resources possible at their disposal so that they can provide the highest level of treatment and care.

Recognising how vital emotional support and wellbeing is to children and families, we fund services and programmes that help give patients, parents and carers the best possible experience during their hospital stay. Our funding of the play specialist service has continued into its seventh year and, in 2020, we have been proud to introduce an emotional support service for parents on the neonatal intensive care unit.

We do all we can to make the hospital a less frightening and more familiar place to be for children by sprinkling a little fun and happiness in to hospital days. We do this through our grant making programme, our sparkle fund and, during normal times, our Friday hub club.

True to our core mission of ensuring that children and their families feel supported and cared for, we set up a resilience fund at the onset of the pandemic to help patients and families during the turbulent times ahead. Setting up parent food banks, keeping isolated patients in touch with families at home and organising a lockdown disco were just some of the ways of making the hospital stay in 2020 a whole lot better.

The values that guide us

Excellence

We strive to support the work of staff by providing the best medical equipment and facilities.

Hope

We offer hope to children and their families from across Wales.

Compassion

We place compassion at the heart of everything we do.

Family

We work together as an extended family; working in partnership with the hospital, community, patients and their families.

Charitable objects

The relief of sickness and promotion of good health in children and young people attending the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales and its outreach services, in particular by the provision of excellent facilities, equipment and other resources, and the advancement of innovative and pioneering treatments.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard for the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit.

Independence

Independent of the NHS, we work in close partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board who manage the hospital. We support the whole hospital and all its patients through our fundraising. Excluding the crisis schemes (furlough and business support,) the charity does not receive government or NHS funding. We rely entirely voluntary donations and gifts in Wills.

Setting and achieving our fundraising objectives

Now fast approaching our 21st year, the charity's fundraising objectives have evolved quite a bit since its first urgent call to action – to build a specialist hospital for the children of Wales. Five years on from when Noah's Ark opened its doors to the final stage of its development, the charity continues to work hand in hand with the health board, responding to requests for equipment that innovates care and capital development projects that allow clinical teams to deliver increasingly higher and more modern standards of service. We have become better at listening and responding to the voices of frontline staff and patient families and many of our fundraising objectives today are clearly driven by their needs.

We remain true to the mission that drives us – to strive for excellence, to secure the best outcome possible for young patients and to make families feel supported and cared for through their hospital experience. Each of our fundraising objectives are measured against achieving these overarching goals. The activities we undertake to raise funds are planned with the aim of demonstrating to our supporters the difference their fundraising can make.

How we measure success

We measure success by the impact we have on the healthcare and experience of babies, children and young people from across Wales, their families and the staff that care for them.

We also measure success against specific campaign and event targets, growth in new supporters and followers among numerous other indicators. We are pleased that there is such tangibility for the investment of our funds. We are able to easily show donors how their funds have been used for the benefit of thousands of patients treated every month.

Grant making

Since the charity launched its grant making programme in 2016, 82 initiatives, both within the hospital and in paediatric community care, have benefited from this stream of direct funding. The programme has allowed the charity to continue in its efforts to make itself accessible to all frontline staff at the children's hospital, building strong bonds in the process.

Though the charity made a difficult decision to suspend grant making for large value applications during the pandemic, we continued to make an impact on a smaller but equally meaningful scale by awarding specific grants for sums under £1,000. These grants are already making a positive difference to children's experiences and outcomes, for example, offering effective, non-invasive treatment to children with bladder and bowel conditions.

The Noah's Ark community

Our long-standing supporters, new donors and those who have so kindly remembered us in their Will, all share our passion, belief, and a dedication to creating brighter todays and better tomorrows for the children and families of Noah's Ark. They are all part of the Noah's Ark family and without them, we quite simply couldn't do what we do.

The charity runs events and campaigns and works with schools, companies, community organisations, philanthropists and grant making trusts to make our mission an evolving reality. Our regular givers help us to plan, even during the difficult times and in 2020 we reached out to many who have helped us over the years. Our wonderful fundraisers, ambassadors, patrons and volunteers all help so much to make everything we do possible.

We extend huge gratitude to those families who, having had a personal experience of the children's hospital themselves, decide to help others by fundraising in support of the charity. Many of those also allow us to tell their story, often while their hospital journey is still taking place. This takes great strength and fortitude and we express our deepest appreciation for their openness and willingness to tell their very personal stories with the aim of raising both awareness and funds.

Looking ahead

For the immediate future at least, our commitment to the children's hospital remains twofold. Firstly, we will provide continued support to both families and clinical teams as the implications of COVID-19 evolve. At the same time, we will secure funding for long term priorities like the play specialist service which is so crucial to providing that all-important child-friendly environment at the hospital.

To date, the charity continues to support parents caring alone while the one parent policy remains in place by providing food for parent kitchens. Our Sparkle Fund is maintained at a distance and as restrictions are slowly relaxed, plans are in place to safely re-introduce our much loved Friday Hub Club for young patients. As the hospital prepares for a busier winter as restrictions ease and the spread of common viruses increase, we are working with hospital colleagues to provide support for projects on PCCU and the children's emergency unit – two departments that are expected to be worst hit. Plans are also in place to re-launch our Jungle ward appeal in early winter – an area very much in need of renovation when it was first launched pre-pandemic, but even more so now.

The impact of COVID-19 has also strengthened our commitment to the emotional wellbeing of children and families at Noah's Ark and, observing the success of our emotional support service on NICU, we are working hand in hand with clinical colleagues to plan for a more robust emotional support provision across the hospital.

We end 2020 on a more positive note than we had anticipated back in March as the COVID-19 pandemic hit and, though much remains uncertain, both for the hospital and in terms of fundraising, we are determined to keep the charity secure so that we can look forward to a stable future with confidence. Medicine and patient care is a constantly evolving entity and, as the hospital looks further ahead at plans to revolutionise the patient/hospital experience through a hospital at home service and introducing a single point of entry for all patients, we plan to be there – as we always have been from the beginning.

Achievements and performance

A group of approximately ten healthcare professionals, mostly women in blue scrubs and one man in black scrubs, are standing in a line in an outdoor courtyard. They are all wearing face masks and giving a thumbs-up gesture. The courtyard features a large, vibrant mural of Noah's Ark animals, including a toucan, a butterfly, and a waterfall. The background shows a modern building with large windows. The ground is covered with green artificial grass and a paved path. A green bench and a silver pillar are also visible in the foreground.

“ The support given to us by the Noah's Ark Charity has been amazing and this will ultimately improve the care we can provide to the children we see. It's what we're all striving for. ”

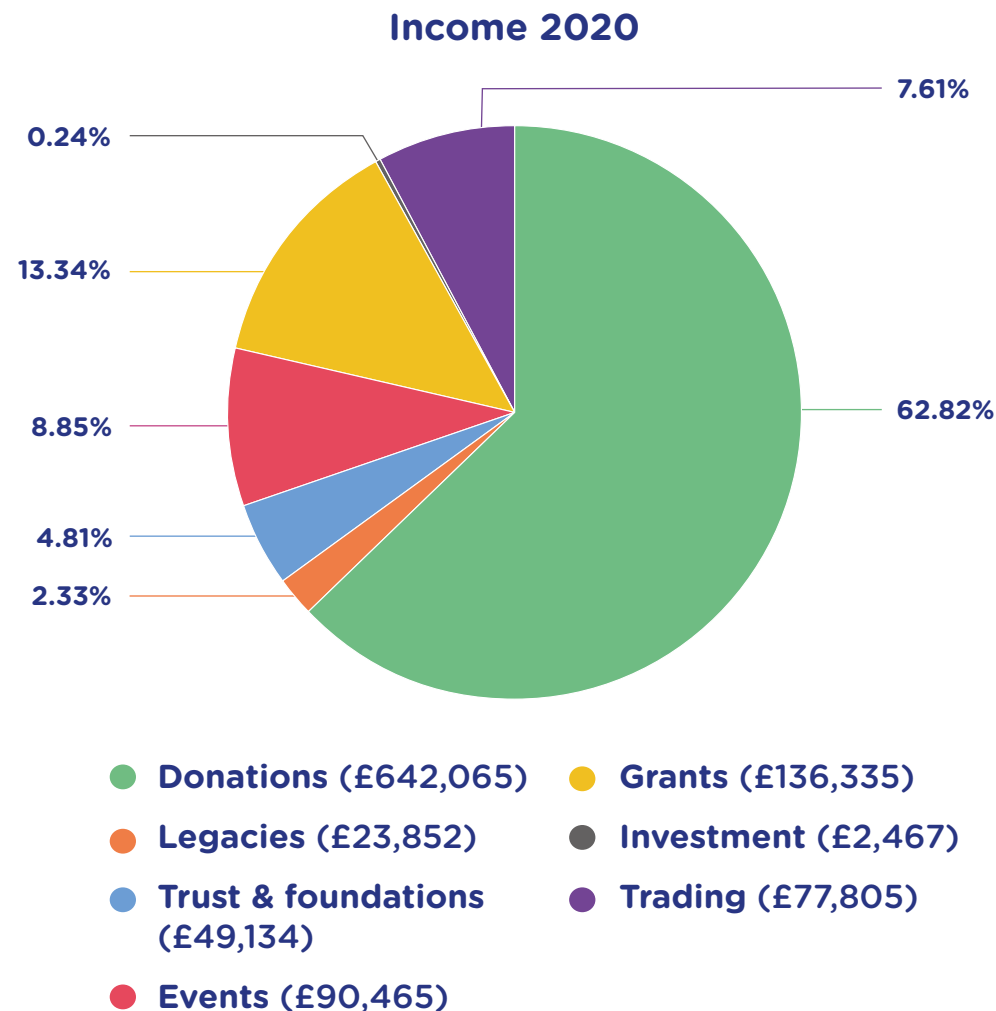
Anna, paediatric registrar

These charts illustrate the sources of our income and how that income has been spent to support children and families at the Noah's Ark Children Hospital for Wales.

The plans we had laid out as our goals and intentions for 2020 were subject to enormous change within weeks of the year beginning. Work on producing a three-year strategy was paused as our activities to generate income suddenly became subject to great uncertainty.

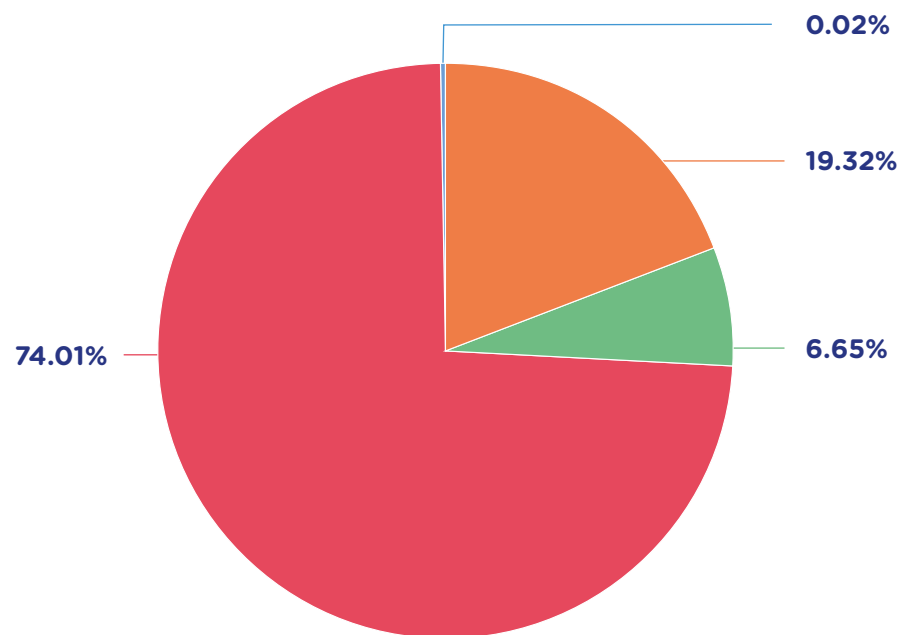
Our first response was to reach out to our hospital colleagues, offering the hand of support to both families and staff as they adapted rapidly to caring during a global crisis. We worked quickly to reassess areas of priority for the year, identifying the provision of funding for the play specialist service, providing COVID related support and, later, an urgent need for life saving respiratory equipment as essential. Moving to a home-based operation, we paused any activity designed to generate longer term income and slashed all expenditure not crucial to generating short-term funds. The furlough scheme allowed us to reduce costs further. Emergency applications were made to COVID-relief funds. We also reached out and asked our supporters to help us meet the immediate needs of the hospital during the lockdown.

We reached the end of December with better outcomes than we had dared to hope for at the start of the pandemic. We are forever indebted to the people who made that possible.



Total £1,022,123

Expenditure 2020

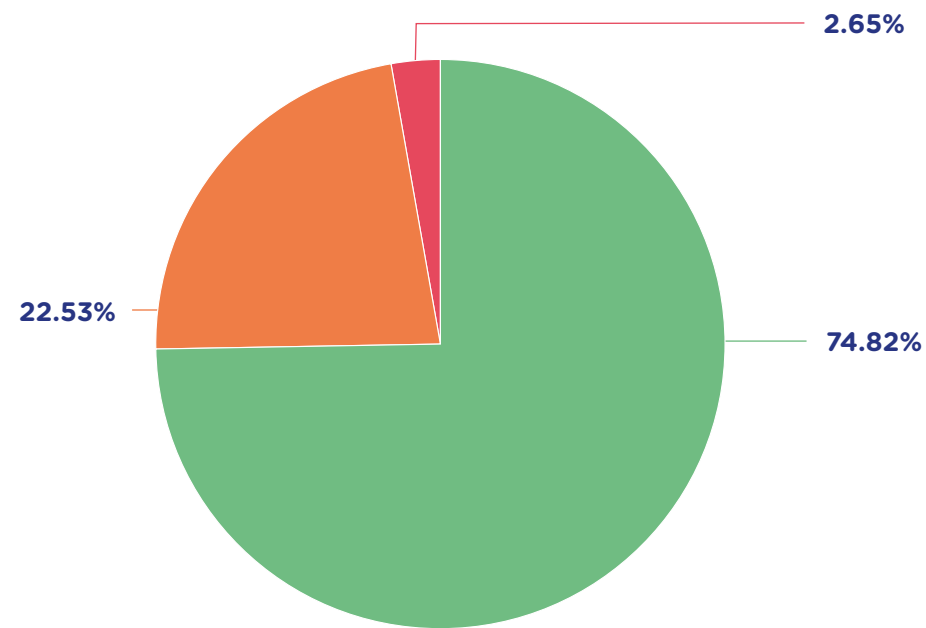


- Fundraising costs (£241,778)
- Taxation (£277)
- Charitable activities (£926,181)
- Trading (£83,154)

Total £1,251,390

74p in every £1 is spent on our charitable activities

Hospital expenditure 2020



- Patient and family services (£478,999)
- Medical equipment and innovation (£144,200)
- Direct patient care (£16,971)

Total £640,170

The difference you make

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair smiling and holding a baby. The baby is wearing sunglasses that are shaped like two gold guitars. A man's hand is visible in the upper right, adjusting the sunglasses on the baby's face. The background is slightly blurred, showing a colorful flag.

“All the ways that the Noah's Ark Charity have found to help us, all the moments of hope and joy we've been given; these have been made possible because of the people that support. It makes a world of difference to William and to all the other kids here.”

Kylie, William's mum

Helping patients and their families

We provide services to ease stress on families, raising spirits, supporting children and young people through life-saving treatment and helping to provide the best experience possible during their hospital stay.

Family support like the play specialist service bring fun into the hospital and help patients come to terms with their illness or condition. Emergency admission packs for both parents and children provide families with one less thing to worry about during intensely stressful times. Our emotional support service on NICU helps parents cope during what, for many, is the most distressing periods of their lives.

Resilience fund

In March 2020 we set up a designated COVID-19 resilience fund. The fund has three purposes – to support patients, families and the hospital itself during the crisis, to meet existing commitments such as the play specialist service and finally to help secure the future of the charity so that it can deliver on the plans made to improve the lives of thousands of children for many years to come.

Parent food banks

During the pandemic, your support gave many parents like Bryony one less thing to worry about as they dealt with the fallout from COVID-19.

Bryony didn't have any support close by during her son's 19 month stay in hospital, so when the pandemic hit and the one parent/carer policy was put in place, she wasn't sure how she would manage with daily practicalities like getting food for herself. But, thanks to our supporters, the charity was rapidly able to start funding food for parent kitchens. Local groups and businesses were also quick to help, delivering weekly hot meals.

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Because of the current situation only one parent is allowed to stay on the ward and family and friends can't come in. During lockdowns in particular, where almost everything is shut, that's been particularly hard.

I was really worried at first about how I'd manage to get food but having it there in the kitchen provided by the charity has been amazing. Knowing it's there when I need it is just one less thing to worry about.

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Bryony, Oscar's mum



Adapting and responding according to need

Our COVID-19 Resilience Fund made it possible for the charity to respond quickly to evolving clinical needs within the children's hospital.



When the paediatric critical care unit (PCCU) underwent work to create isolation cubicles for potential COVID-19 patients, we were able to provide noise cancelling headphones to help ensure that children on the unit didn't encounter any disruption while the work took place. Through the resilience fund, we were also able to provide walkie talkies so that clinical teams wearing full PPE could still communicate urgently with each other while caring for children in isolation.



As the hospital adapted rapidly to accommodate changing needs during COVID-19, so did the charity. Our hub in the hospital's reception area was re-purposed as a waiting area for A&E parents following the department's temporary move to the children's hospital and our drawstring bags, usually used for our emergency parent packs, were given out to frontline staff as PPE kit bags.

Tablets

The resilience fund made it possible to keep families together while they were apart by funding tablet devices so that children could keep in touch with a parent or siblings at home by video call. While playrooms were shut, the tablets also helped keep children distracted and relaxed. Tablets were also provided to staff, making it possible for them to give training and run sessions remotely.



Pamper packages

Life in hospital can be difficult at the best of times but when you are a parent caring for your child alone under the one parent only policy, the experience can feel twice as tough – especially for longer term families. It's why during the pandemic we also decided to provide parents with a bit of TLC by providing pamper packages for those in need of a pick me up.

Supporting tracheostomy patients

In 2020, practice educator, Cheryl Jones, was successful in applying for a small grant to fund a training doll, used to teach parents to care for their child's tracheostomy at home. Cheryl's team was also awarded funding for shadow buddies, dolls with trach tubes that support children in adapting to their tracheostomy.

Here's how both the training doll and shadow buddies are helping families like Brody's:

A buddy for Brody

Four-month-old Brody was born with CHARGE syndrome, a complex genetic condition which, most critically for Brody, meant that he was born with no nasal passage and a grade three critical airway, making it virtually impossible for him to breathe unaided. It was a huge shock for his parents Megan and Josh who had no idea of what lay ahead before he was born.

As it became clearer that Brody's breathing difficulties were complex and potentially long term, the clinical team decided to perform a tracheostomy, an opening created at the front of the neck so a tube could be inserted into the windpipe (trachea) to help Brody breathe.

Since the tracheostomy was performed back in March, Brody has been well enough to move from the paediatric intensive care unit down on to Island ward. Megan and Josh are learning how to change and care for their son's tracheostomy using the training doll funded by the Noah's Ark Charity - a vital step towards going home. Practice educator, Cheryl, says: "The training doll is indispensable to us. Megan and Josh are using it to train tracheostomy care at the moment, but we use it for nasogastric training and subcut injections on Pelican ward too, as well as training staff."

Baby Brody was also one of the first patients to receive a shadow buddy.

Cheryl continues:

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The buddies are used to support young children through the psychological and physical endeavour that having a tracheostomy brings. I wanted to help put a smile on children's faces and for them to meet a buddy who has a tracheostomy, just like them.

Once I saw them, I instantly thought of all the children who come through our doors and the challenges they face. These buddies will go on their journey with them which is just fantastic. I could not be more grateful to the Noah's Ark Charity for funding them.”

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I'm really pleased that Brody now has a toy that reflects him and the person he is. Hopefully it will teach him right from the start that his trachie isn't a bad thing and there's no need to feel different or singled out.”

Josh, Brody's dad



The play specialist service

The play specialist service has had to adapt considerably during the pandemic, extending its support to mums and dads while they struggle under the one parent only policy and bringing play to the bedside while play rooms remain shut. Play in hospital has always been vital, for mental and emotional development as well as distraction, relaxation and fun.

But with children being separated, often for long periods, from friends and siblings and isolation offering very little opportunity to interact, the play service has been more vital than ever. The Noah's Ark Charity is proud to fund this team for the seventh consecutive year.



Senior play specialist, Juliet, told us how she had to adapt her role to help.

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One of the first things we did at the beginning of this, while continuing the day-to-day tasks of providing normalising play and distraction and preparing patients for treatment, was create isolation packs, each one tailored to ages and abilities.

We have been explaining PPE to children. When staff are suddenly wearing masks, visors, gloves and aprons, it can be terrifying, so gentle explanation goes a long way to easing fear. If they're very little, I just liken it to Buzz Lightyear!

The one parent only policy takes a huge emotional toll on families. So we try and ease it by allowing the resident parent to go off the ward for a walk or to phone family while we give one-to-one play sessions to their child. This has a twofold effect: the parent is rested, benefiting their mental health, and the child has a pleasurable experience from “a masked member of staff” – therefore associating pleasure, rather than fear, with PPE.

We have a number of children undergoing neuro rehabilitation, one of whom I'm working with quite intensely. I am currently working on giving her different sensory textures, while using the associated words – cold, soft, spiky etc. (it's very hard when I'm gloved up though). I am, as always, trying to ensure that our long term babies are up to speed with their development and parents find it quite comforting to focus on something like tummy time rather than the scary surroundings.

I'm distracting patients for unpleasant procedures. That won't change. I just use washable resources and, of course, I can't blow bubbles due to the infection risk.

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William's story – written by his mum, Kylie, September 2020.



For more than a year now, my son William's home has been at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital. He celebrated his second birthday here and has spent his last two Christmases here too. The reason is that in December 2019, William was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour.

We noticed something wasn't right just after William's first birthday. Up until then he'd been a healthy, active baby. His best friends were his four siblings: Alfie, Layla, Simon and Jessica and he was a BIG food lover – with the exception of peas, which he would painstakingly pick out of his bowl with his little fingers one by one.

To begin with we noticed that William was holding his head at a tilt. Then, over a period of weeks, he became gradually paler. He also developed difficulty feeding. I took him to the doctors several times, but they couldn't find anything. But I had this terrible gut feeling that something was wrong.

At our local hospital William underwent tests and a CT scan. The initial results showed that William was dehydrated. He was taken to the high dependency unit. My husband Tom arrived and suddenly there were lots of people around us. We were taken to a room and told that our baby had a brain tumour. I felt like the room was crushing me. William was sedated to keep him stable. It was the last time we saw him as the baby we'd known. William was put in an ambulance and taken to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales where he underwent two operations in just a few short days. They succeeded in removing 85% of the grapefruit sized growth but the biopsy confirmed it as a stage three tumour of the central nervous system called an ependymoma. William was given a life expectancy of three months, extended by around three years with radiotherapy but, either way, with very little quality of life.

It's actually impossible to explain the emotional pain you feel in a moment like that. No words can do it justice. All I wanted to do was hold William and not let go but I was scared of hurting him or dislodging the tubes and machines he was connected to. He didn't look like our William, he was attached to a ventilator and still completely sedated. My overwhelming emotion was one of complete panic that just wouldn't go away.

No-one could tell for sure how, and even if, William would recover after brain surgery. William's tumour took away the vision in his right eye, the use of his left side, his ability to suck, swallow and talk. But we knew straight away that he was still in there somewhere. William had always had a strange obsession with belly buttons and after the operation he instinctively reached for his own. It's a tiny thing but it gave us hope.

As the weeks went by, we started adapting to the new version of William. He was taken off the ventilator and put on a far less invasive breathing machine which meant he no longer needed sedation. Slowly, he became more alert and learnt to communicate the difference between happy and sad – a body wiggle for happy and the drop of the lip for sad. But after three months we were told that this would probably be it for William, this would be as far as we'd get. For his sake and our sanity, we were determined it wouldn't be.

In those months we saw a lot of William's sad, downturned lip. Intensive care is dark and quiet and it isn't a place where children are supposed to spend months on end. But William was too ill to be moved. We were all so focussed on treating and stabilising William's illness that it took us a while to remember that somewhere, locked inside, was the little playful person who still needed the same stimulation as any other child his age. In early February, the amazing nurses referred William to the Noah's Ark Charity's Sparkle Fund and the charity arranged for William to receive a visit from Iggle Piggle, one of his favourite TV characters. We did see William's happy wiggle that day.

In March, three months on from William's surgery and just past the point where we were gently reminded by the clinical team that we may not see much more progress in William, we met play specialist, Juliet. By this point, William was very wary of new adults. He was scared and sad and would try to push toys that were offered to him away. But Juliet worked hard at getting to know William, slowly building his confidence so that he trusted her and knew that when he saw her he'd have fun. Juliet saw the child beyond the illness and by finding things that he could still do, she triggered his interest in the world again. She watched things William watched on his iPad and, noticing that he loved cars, she encouraged him to use his good hand by playing touch and reward games on the screen. She then made a box of small little objects that he could hold and examine and to everyone's surprise he started to hold them up to his face to have a look. One of his favourites was a rubber ball that lit up when you moved it and you could see the obvious enjoyment he got from being able to do that for himself. Very gradually his confidence started to grow.

Juliet took away the baby toys that sat un-noticed on his bed and replaced them with age appropriate ones like figures which, like any toddler, he loved to take in and out of their boxes. William played with his good hand but Juliet would gently encourage him to use what she called his 'sleepy hand' too and slowly he has started to use it a bit. The CPAP machine allows William to move a little more and he's now started to reach up and look for things which, in turn, have strengthened his arm and neck control. Juliet has also taught him to communicate 'yes' and 'no' which has opened up a new way for William to tell us what he needs. More than anything though, she's given William back some happiness and seeing that in his face again is worth more than anything. Right at the start of this journey we were told that the chances of William coming off the ventilator, let alone going home, were very slim. But slowly, thanks largely to the care that William has received here, those odds are beginning to change. The nurses and play team have helped William re-discover his interest in the world again and that's played a vital role in bringing him on. The CPAP machine that William was gradually weaned onto can be tailored to his needs at any given time. The nurses set it to lower pressure at points to encourage him to breathe more independently but it can also be increased quickly too. William's sats can drop very quickly if he's particularly excited or upset so it's vital that we can respond quickly when that happens. The CPAP machine is also something that he could have at home when the time is right too.

After eight long months William was moved down on to Island ward and it's here, with a little help again from the Noah's Ark Charity Sparkle Fund, that we celebrated his second birthday. If the version of me from a year ago could have known that this is where we'd be now, I don't think I could have coped. But William and his journey has given me this strength that I didn't know I had.

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William and Juliet -
October 2020



William's birthday -
September 2020



William finally goes home -
February 2021

Emotional support on NICU

The emotional support service on the neonatal intensive care unit, funded by the charity's Tiny Lives Appeal, launched in October 2020. Here, Noah's Ark neonatal principal psychologist, Catriona Matthews, explains more about how the service supports parents and staff.

“ Having a child on NICU is an incredibly traumatic and distressing experience, whether that child is premature or full term, and whether they spend hours, days or months on the unit. It is not how parents imagined welcoming their baby into the world and, as well as dealing with seeing their baby so fragile and undergoing necessary but invasive procedures, they are having to come to terms with the loss of the pregnancy, birth and first family moments they had imagined. This is a huge amount to deal with while also trying to work out how to be a parent and care for their babies.

While the NICU staff do a fantastic job of trying to support families emotionally, they have to balance this with providing the medical care and support that babies need.

In my role I have the specialist training and dedicated time to commit to these families to help them explore their experience and feelings and think about how best to cope during an unbelievably difficult time. Being able to make sense of their experience in some way helps parents feel in a better place to be able to provide the care and loving relationship which is so important to their babies.



Becoming a parent is a huge challenge for everyone but NICU parents are doing this whilst dealing with many additional stresses and difficulties. They may feel frightened to touch or hold their baby, worry there is nothing they can do to care for them or feel worried that they don't feel an “instant bond” with their baby. COVID has added to these difficulties by preventing mothers from being able to have their partners or family alongside them supporting them through this challenging time. Within my role, I can help parents talk about and normalise the range of feeling and worries they have about their baby and becoming a parent.

We know too that the neonatal journey doesn't end when parents go home. Their experience can continue to impact them for months, or even years, after leaving hospital. I invite parents to contact me if they need support and we're currently looking to establish a group to support parents with some of the common difficulties they may face when returning home with their babies.

Very sadly, not all babies do get the chance to go home and, on the traumatic occasions where a baby on the unit dies, I am also able to offer bereavement support. This may involve allowing parents to talk through the story of their baby's life and death, providing support to siblings, finding ways of marking important dates or developing ways of coping with the range of overwhelming emotions in response to losing a baby. All parents face the challenge of finding a way to balance loving and grieving their baby alongside continuing to live their life.

In order to give the medical and emotional care which families need, it's important that staff themselves also feel supported. Although working in NICU can be hugely rewarding, seeing babies and families in distress can also be challenging for staff. So another part of my role is to support the emotional wellbeing of the NICU team through offering group and one to one support. This, in turn, means that they are able to provide the best possible support to babies and families.”

“ As a NICU parent you struggle to understand your experience and both how and why it happened. You blame yourself and, though you try to talk to family and friends, it's difficult for them to relate and they don't understand the full impact of having a baby on NICU. Having someone like Catriona within that environment who understands and is there expressly to support you emotionally is so important.”

Tarnia, NICU mum



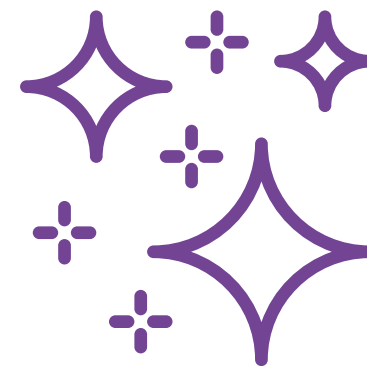
Sparkle Fund

Our Sparkle Fund aims to sprinkle a little joy in to the lives of long term families by making occasions like birthdays special or simply providing little treats to lift spirits.



Arron was born at only 25 weeks of pregnancy and spent the first four months of his life on the neonatal intensive care unit. He then moved to Island ward where, other than a short three week stay at home, he spent the rest of his first year of life.

Being in hospital and the added restrictions necessary to keep everyone safe from COVID meant that his mum couldn't have the 1st birthday celebrations that most families enjoy. But, thanks to your support of our Sparkle Fund, we were able to mark the important day in little ways with cake, presents and decorations. One of Arron's many fans at the hospital, Dr Wahid, also learnt the words to Happy Birthday in welsh to mark the occasion.



During the warmer months, the Sparkle Fund provided long term patients with a paddling pool to keep cool. Daniel has been in hospital for nearly his whole life so has never had the opportunity to enjoy the simple pleasure of a paddling pool in his back garden. Thanks to you and the creative play specialists on Island ward, we were able to bring the garden to him instead.



The festive season of 2020 felt very different for everyone, but we weren't going to let COVID get in the way of Christmas for the patients and families of Noah's Ark. As well as arranging virtual Santa visits for children on the wards, we organised a silent glowstick disco for young patients. Every child in the hospital received a glowstick and an invitation to join the disco via a shared playlist. Some of the children's favourite characters danced on the hospital's landlink while children and staff watched from their ward.

Emergency admission packs

Not all hospital admissions are planned, some happen in an emergency. In those cases, a parent or carer's only thought is for the welfare of their child and they often turn up in hospital without anything for themselves.

Thanks to our supporters, we continued to provide little bags of comfort to parents and carers in these situations, filled with things like a change of t-shirt, a toothbrush and body wash to get them through those first few days.

Thanks to our corporate supporters, Primark, we also started providing emergency admission packs for children during the October firebreak. These were a huge help to families who, having been admitted to hospital urgently with very little, found it difficult to get provisions as so many shops were shut. As well as essentials like a change of clothes and a toothbrush, we also add a few things to distract and entertain the children for when they felt well enough and a teddy to cwtch up to too.

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Some parents enter the worst time of their lives when they come to PCCU. Their child is sick and they have nothing with them, not even a toothbrush. The parent packs that Noah's Ark provide make such a difference to every one of them. The simplest of things like a hair bobble can help to take the stress away from a mum.

Suzanne, ward manager on PCCU

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Medical equipment and direct patient care

With your help, we provide innovative, state of the art equipment that ensure children being cared for at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales have access to the least invasive and most effective treatments available.

Non-invasive ventilators

After receiving an urgent plea for non-invasive ventilators, we launched our Breathe Easy Appeal in late 2020. The paediatric critical care unit (PCCU) had already been using a non-invasive ventilator funded by the charity in the past. Anticipating a sharp rise in admissions in the months to come and knowing what a vital asset the machines were to children receiving critical care, they asked for the charity's support to fund more.

PCCU treats around 560 critically ill children a year. At some point during their stay, most children will need ventilation to help keep them alive. Whereas full support from a standard ventilator would involve sedation and intubation, a non-invasive ventilator does not require the insertion of a tube so a patient can remain conscious. This is far more beneficial to both a child's physical health and wellbeing.

Suzanne Davies, ward manager of PCCU, said:

“ The emotional stress to both patients and parents is better if the child isn't intubated. Over the past six months, we've seen a huge increase in the number of children needing non-invasive ventilation. Our patient profile has changed to more complex needs children and respiratory support is one of the major issues for them.

The types of conditions that children are treated for with the non-invasive ventilator include neuro-disabilities, including those who have oxygen support at home, heart conditions with a need for cardiac support, chronic respiratory difficulties and ventilation after an operation. ”

This machine will go on to help children like Emily, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis shortly after birth. Now 14, Emily spent more than three months on PCCU after a lung infection left her too weak to breathe for herself. While there, Emily spent many weeks on the non-invasive ventilator previously funded by the charity.

Her mum, Shirley, who knows only too well what a lifeline they provide to children like hers, said:

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The machines are invaluable when your child is so unwell. We have seen and experienced ourselves how much they aid children's recovery and will be forever grateful for the technology that was available when Emily was so ill. ”



Physiotherapy

Thanks to a grant awarded to the charity by Dare to Dream Trust Wales, we were able to provide equipment used by the physiotherapy team to rehabilitate children like Cari.

Seven-year-old Cari was like any other active little girl until she started complaining of pain in her legs one morning last December. Her mum, Sarah, thought it was just growing pains at first but during the course of just a few hours, Cari's condition rapidly deteriorated.

Cari was transferred as an emergency case to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales where a further MRI confirmed a diagnosis of Guillain Barre Syndrome, a rare and serious immune system disorder which causes white blood cells to attack healthy nerves. Cari was put on a drip that thankfully stopped any further damage. But Cari's mobility had been badly affected and she faced a long period of recovery to regain her strength and independence.

Cari's mum, Sarah, says:

“ Cari started an intensive 12 week rehabilitation programme almost straight away. Being away from her siblings and pets was really hard for Cari, especially due to the COVID restrictions. She really struggled at times but the physio team did everything to find ways to keep her motivated. ”

Cari's mum



During her rehabilitation, Cari used the cycling equipment funded by the Noah's Ark Charity through Dare to Dream Trust Wales. The equipment helped to strengthen Cari's legs, which had been severely weakened as a result of her illness.

Paediatric physiotherapist, Natalie Gragasin, says: “Cari had quite a long road ahead of her and we could see the impact it was all having on her. So we used her natural desire to be challenged to build sessions around competitions that ultimately culminated in a Noah's Ark Olympics which, of course, included a cycling race.”

Thanks to everyone's hard work and perseverance, Cari was strong enough to go home in early March. Most importantly though, she was able to walk out of hospital independently on her own two feet.

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The bikes funded by the charity allow us to record the child's muscle activity and to see which areas need work. They have an active assisted mode which allows us to tailor it to what the child can do, and this can be adjusted as they get stronger. As they are portable, Cari would use one in her room in the evenings and we'd give her little challenges like completing the distance from her home to her school. ”

Natalie, paediatric physiotherapist



TENS machines

Our small grant making programme funded 20 new transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) machines to help children living with bladder conditions. These are small battery-operated packs connected by wires to sticky pads which are placed on a patient's back to help stimulate the nerves leading to the bladder. After only a few months of use, the urology team were recording fantastic results.

Karen Knight and her colleague, Nerys, look after children with complex bladder and bowel conditions at the children's hospital, working as part of the surgical team with urology. The team decided they wanted to try a new treatment called neuromodulation, which helps to stimulate nerves in the back to help improve bladder function without the need for medication. Children take the machines home and use them for an hour a day, every day, for 12 weeks.



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We see children with bladder urgency, frequency and wetting, and wanted to offer them treatment that was not medication but also not invasive. Some of the medications can have nasty side effects, like dry cracked lips and poor concentration. If patients have these side effects and can't tolerate them anymore, the tens machines are a great alternative. Parents are also very cautious about medication so tend to ask if there's anything else they can try. If you've got a ten-year-old child who's been wet all their life and then after this treatment, they're not wet again, it's life-changing. The impact of bladder conditions can be tough for a child. They can't go to sleepovers or play on trampolines. It can be restrictive.

We were so pleased when the grant was accepted and once we started the treatment, we couldn't believe how effective it was. It had a 60% success rate so, for those who'd had no response to the medication, it was life changing. It's lovely to see the look on the children's faces too. They're shocked that this simple, non-invasive treatment has been so effective and because they're so compact, they find them so easy to use. It's so nice to tell families that we've got something they can try other than medication and much of that is thanks to the grant from the Noah's Ark Charity.”

Karen, clinical nurse specialist

Environment and facilities

For many children, the change from home to hospital can be a sudden one. For others, hospital stays can be frequent and long term. Environment can have a huge impact on our overall wellbeing and it's why we as a charity work with the hospital to help provide calming and comforting surroundings for young patients and their families.

RHINO Sensory Trolleys

Thanks to your support, several wards have sensory rooms where children and parents can go to relax, play and get away from the clinical setting of the hospital for a while. But not every child is mobile and because it's our firm belief that no-one should miss out, we have introduced a new way to bring the sensory environment to children at the bedside.

Mum of PCCU patient, Sam, said he loved using one of the new mobile sensory trolleys during his long stay on the unit.

The RHINO Sensory Trolleys were funded by the charity, thanks to grants awarded by the Thomas Cook Children's Charity in 2019 and the Wallace and Gromit Children's Charity in 2020.



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The mobile unit means we are now able to transform each clinical bed space on PCCU into a sensory sanctuary for children recovering in critical care. The distraction of the bubble column and fibre optic lights provide a soothing and relaxing sensory experience for all our patients no matter how old they are.”

Emma Smith, PCCU nurse

A home from home for Oscar

Little Oscar didn't get to see his home for the first 19 months of his life, let alone his own bedroom. He spent all of that time in hospital, mostly in isolation. So when we were asked by the ward staff on Island ward to give Oscar a home from home, we were more than willing to help.



Oscar was born with CHARGE syndrome, a condition that affects his breathing, heart, hearing and sight. His first operation at only a day old was to correct a tracheo-oesophageal fistula (TOF), an abnormal connection between the trachea and the oesophagus. He's since had at least ten other operations and is currently awaiting more.

Oscar was also born with no natural immunity so for the first 12 months he and his mum, Bryony, spent their time in almost complete isolation - first in a room on NICU and then in a room on Rainbow ward. They only took their first walk outside together just a few days before Oscar's first birthday.

Bryony wanted more than anything to take Oscar home but until she was able to, we were able to bring a bit of home to their hospital room. Oscar loves Toy Story so his 'bedroom' was given a makeover complete with his own bedding, bunting, lampshade and cuddly toy.

Just like William on page 18, the continued dedication of our supporters allows us to help Oscar, Bryony and thousands of families like them in a whole host of ways. Here are the ways in which people like you made the most difficult months of one family's life a little bit better:

- Through our Tiny Lives Appeal, you made it possible for us to fund state of the art equipment that kept Oscar alive during those perilous first months.
- You funded the ventilators on NICU and PCCU that helped Oscar breathe when he was very ill and the theatre suite where he had his first life-saving operation.
- You funded the play specialist service who have supported Bryony in keeping Oscar entertained and achieving his milestones.
- You helped us provide food for Bryony and other parents like her during lockdown when ward restrictions were tight.
- You helped us bring a bit of home to Oscar's hospital room with a Toy Story themed makeover.



Staff and professional development

Our commitment to the frontline staff at the hospital shifted in 2020, as we focussed on wellbeing and thanks.

As our frontline workers went over and above for the young patients in their care, we set out to show our appreciation wherever we could. Fruit baskets and afternoon tea treats were provided regularly to lift spirits and we set up our Star Fund which allowed staff to nominate members of their own team for recognition. Pelican ward nominated their colleagues on Island, who, over the pandemic, had been combined with Jungle to create one large ward. The team's hard work was recognised with a DAB radio for their staff room.

At the end of the year, we issued a specially commissioned rainbow hero badge to show our appreciation of their hard work. These are now being worn with pride around the hospital.



**We are so grateful
to everyone who has
helped the charity over
the last 12 months.**

We hope that you have enjoyed seeing the many ways in which your support has made life better for the children and families of Noah's Ark during this toughest of years. You were there when we needed you – as always.

A huge heartfelt thank you from the patients, their families, the hospital staff and everyone in the Noah's Ark Charity team.



Our year in numbers



Noah's Ark Community in action

Our incredible fundraising community always impress us with the interesting and creative ways they think up to raise money and, despite lockdown, shielding and social distancing, 2020 was no different. Here are just a few examples of how our wonderful fundraising family came out in support of the nation's children's hospital this year.



Amelie's Rainbow

Amelie's Rainbow raised £4,500. Amelie has received a Gold Blue Peter Badge for her fundraising.



Adam Carpenter

Adam Carpenter dribbled a football around Bridgend for 13.1 miles, raising an incredible £2,530.80.



Billy Newton

Ten-year-old Billy Newton raised £1,400 in lieu of birthday presents.



St Joseph's AFC

A team from St Joseph's AFC ran 70km each, 1000km in total, raising £2,820!



Enfys and Friends

Enfys and Friends cycled 257 miles from Sandringham to Aberystwyth. The £1,718 raised was donated via the Big Give.



Jake Day

Voted Metro's Everyday Hero Champion, Jake Day ran 250Km in 30 days, raising £5,000.



Coed Glas

Coed Glas Primary School in Cardiff's teachers v pupils challenge raised an amazing £4,420.



Calon Liwsi

Calon Liwsi donated £4,000 from charity events organised by the Eynon family.



Ladies Golf

Whitchurch Golf Club (Cardiff) ladies' committee raised £3,300.



Ossie

Ossie raise £1,413 by selling rainbow hanging pom poms.

Partnerships

We are hugely grateful to the driven and dedicated companies who supported the charity throughout 2020. In an unprecedented year, we know that it has been incredibly tough for many sectors and we have been overwhelmed by those who have supported us - whether through staff fundraising, cause-related marketing, volunteering or providing gifts in kind.

Primark

Longstanding partner and fashion retailer, Primark, donated £82,000 to the charity in 2020, bringing the total raised since 2012 to almost £800,000! The money is generated through the retailer's 5p bag levy in stores across South Wales, as well as through staff fundraising.



Primark once again leaped to the children's hospital's support in October, after being inspired by the plight of three-year-old Eden who arrived at hospital in an emergency with no essentials. Primark then provided over 1000 products for children in similar situations. As a result, the charity was able to provide essentials packs for young patients admitted to hospital in an emergency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jon Coomber, store manager of Primark Cardiff, said:

“ We are so proud of our local charity partnerships, and it's a privilege to support the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales through our ongoing fundraising and donation efforts with the Noah's Ark Charity. We are delighted to bring a little joy and excitement to families during what is no doubt a very difficult time. We admire the great work of the staff at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital and who are working harder than ever to help sick children and their families. ”

BiBADO

BiBADO, the award-winning company who make parents lives easier through their innovative, problem solving weaning products, hit a milestone in 2020, having raised over £50,000 for the Noah's Ark Charity since 2018.

2020 saw extreme challenges for the charity as the pandemic hit and yet again

BiBADO stepped up, funding iPads and tablets for children to keep in contact with their families when a one parent policy, which continues to date, was put in place. The company also provided financial support to the Sparkle Fund and made a large contribution to the play specialist service through the Big Give at the end of 2020.

Rachel Wood, founder of BiBADO, said:



“ When we first set out to donate a proportion of our sales to Noah's Ark, in my wildest dreams I didn't think we would be able to achieve this! The money we have donated has been put to use helping families when they really need it the most. As a parent who has spent time in hospital with very young children, I know first-hand what a difference charities like Noah's Ark make to the families they help. ”

We are so grateful to the Noah's Ark Charity and staff, who we know support so many needs for the hospital. From play specialists to equipment - to emotional support and food for parents. They do such a fantastic job and their work is so appreciated by a lot of our Welsh-based team, who have been thankful for the help with their own children. ”

Virtual Events 2020

2020 started like any other year with a full events schedule in place. But as the pandemic took hold, it was clear that the portfolio needed to evolve rapidly. And so - our virtual events were born! Huge thanks to all those who took part and supported the charity at such a difficult time. Along the way we found some fantastic fundraising heroes!



The Noah's Ark Step Challenge

Over 400 people took part in our first virtual event – the Noah's Ark Step Challenge, raising more than £40,000. Here are some of our challenge heroes...



Clinical teams throughout the hospital signed up, setting up a leader board for the most steps completed. Collectively they raised an incredible £14,650 for the children and families in their care.



Six-year-old Osian took part in our Step Challenge and raised a fantastic £1,810. The family took part in the challenge because Osian receives immunotherapy treatment for his allergies at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.



Tommy was a resident on Jungle ward for more than three months, after becoming ill with encephalitis. He was half way through a neuro-rehab programme when COVID-19 hit and for his own safety, Tommy was sent home to continue his recovery there. Since being home, he has joined his family in completing our Step Challenge. The family stepped 421,000 collectively raising a fantastic £1,500!



14-year-old Erin Hancock did every one of her 421,000 steps at home while shielding with her little brother and sister who are both classed as clinically vulnerable. Despite being able to commit only a short time each day to make up her steps, she has now finished the challenge, raising a fantastic £4,352 in the process!



The Happy Holiday Challenge!

330 families signed up for our summer challenge for children raising almost £9,000.

Five-year-old Molly and three-year-old Bella from Cardiff completed their challenge, raising an amazing £600. The girls chose to take part themselves as Molly has received care at the children's hospital many times over the last few years.



Reindeer Run 2020

Over 1200 runners from far and wide took to the streets in December, running, walking or skipping the 5k route of their choice! An event delivered in partnership with K&M Sports Events, our reindeer runners collectively raised over £12,000!

Noah's Ark patient, Isaac, raised an incredible £1,038 after completing his 5k locally while being cheered on from the doorstep by supporters in his community.



Noah's Ark Virtual Half Marathon

While the Cardiff Half Marathon was postponed, our runners took to the streets on their own raising £11,000 in our first ever virtual half marathon.

Participants included Noah's Ark patient, Amira, who received treatment for leukaemia at the children's hospital for two years. Amira, Lola and Nanny Joan walked the 13.1 mile distance over three days during half term, only weeks after Amira finished her last course of chemotherapy. They raised over £4,000! What a trio of heroes.



Noah's Ark Virtual Grotto 2020

In partnership with IKEA and thanks to our super Santa's) 253 live calls and messages were delivered through our virtual Grotto. Santa also paid a special visit to children at the hospital live via video link.



Our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and volunteers who make our work possible.


Below are some of the companies, organisations and individuals who made substantial contributions in 2020.

Alicia Pitman
Anthony Colcombe
BiBADO Ltd
Brian Hall
Chepstow Plant International
Chloe Bigmore Trust
Christopher Dawson
Clare Carpenter
Clare Williams
Dame Shirley Bassey CBE
Dare 2 Dream Trust Wales
Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation
Diana Hopkins
Eddie Hayward OBE and Family
Emma Piotrowski and Nico
Emma Smith
Eversheds Sutherland
FairyBricks
Georgia Cox
Gethin Jones
Glenys Davies
Graham and Norma Vaughan
Hellman & Friedman

Holly San Miguel
Ian Campadonic
IKEA
Iolo Edwards
Jake Day
John Charles Rees QC
K&M Sports Events Ltd
Kam Hui
Kirsty Pearson
Laura-Jayne Evans
Les Jones MBE
Liquitherm Technologies Group Ltd
Lisa Williams
Marilyn Meisels
Mark Tregilgas
Marsh Industries
Mary Simmonds
Mia Lloyd
Mike Jayne
Moondance Foundation
Nia-Jones-Parfitt
Oasis Cardiff
Primark

Rachel Allen
Rightacres Property Company
Russell Evans
Samantha Pole
Sam Gorvett
Sara Jones
Scarlett Lewis
Spiro Borg
The Big Give
The Entertainer
The Former Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Dianne Rees JP MBE (awarded in 2021)
The Hodge Foundation
The late Frederick Croden
The Lego Foundation
The Oakgrove Foundation
The Reed Foundation
The Waterloo Foundation
Victoria Jones
Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation
Wooden Spoon Society

Financial review



“ Our roles have had to adapt a lot this year. We still prepare and support children and parents through treatment and provide developmental play but we now have to take play to the bedside instead and provide much more of the practical and emotional support that these families desperately need. ”

Catrin, play specialist

The Trustees are pleased that the group performed well, despite difficult circumstances, achieving income of £1,022,123 (charity £992,401).

Total funds of £1,196,775 were held by the group at the end of the year (charity £1,190,191), of which £304,774 were restricted (group and charity) and £892,001 (charity £885,417) were unrestricted.

There is a designated fund of £270,014 against commitments made to the hospital. This year the charity has also established a new designated fund for their COVID-19 Resilience Fund, which is used towards their spending on items and other costs to aid patients and families during the current pandemic. At the year-end this held £105,214. General reserves stood at £516,773 (charity £510,189) at the year-end. Free reserves are £484,526 for the group and £478,043 for the charity at the year-end.

During the year, expenditure on charitable activities decreased from £953,918 in 2019 to £926,181 in 2020. Grants awarded towards hospital equipment decreased by £43,776, this includes hospital grants approved in 2020 and included as creditors at the year-end of £506,414 (2019: £558,173).

At the end of 2020, £86,378 was held for the Neonatal ICU ("Tiny Lives Appeal"). The overall balance of this restricted fund was reduced as funds were drawn down for equipment and facilities at the new unit. This fund is expended based on the funding requests received and approved by the board.

The costs of raising funds was lower in 2020 at £324,932 compared to £408,573 in 2019, as we were unable to hold many fundraising events in the year.

Investment policy and objectives

The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity exercises great caution with the funds we receive. Assets are held in cash with funds invested at fixed rates on the London Money Market or on fixed term deposits, all with major British financial institutions. No funds are invested on the Stock Market.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have long considered that general reserves should not fall below £500,000 to cover approximately six months operational costs and also allow the Trustees to respond to urgent charitable requirements which may arise. The general reserve exceeds this at the year-end at £510,189 (2019: £512,630) for the charity only. The Trustees had planned to review the level of reserves to ensure that it is adequate to reflect the growth of the charity and the increasing annual requests made of the charity by the health board. In the light of a disrupted year, the decision has been postponed to 2021.

Going concern

As outlined in the Chairman's Report, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the charity and, as a result, income has fallen from £1.509m in 2019 to £1.022m in 2020. The Government's social distancing measures have had a significant impact with event, retail and corporate income streams being particularly badly affected. These adverse impacts have partly been offset by our team organising and running events and fundraising activities online, government support measures (such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and Coronavirus grant funding), and our COVID-19 emergency fundraising appeal. To mitigate the loss of income, costs were reduced where possible and proposed development activity was postponed. In addition, our large grant making scheme was paused for 2020. Despite this, we were still able to invest more than £640,000 in the hospital in 2020. The charity has always held cash reserves to meet existing commitments to support the hospital and these are drawn down as required.

Based on their assessment of the charity's financial position, considering the available cash and reserve balances and mitigation actions available to the business, the Trustees are satisfied that there will be sufficient funds to meet its liabilities and obligations as they fall due over the period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Therefore, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Our future

2020 started like any other year with a full events schedule in place. But as the pandemic took hold, it was clear that the portfolio needed to rapidly evolve.

Short term plans

Our funding priority in 2021 is to raise as much unrestricted funding as possible so that we can confidently meet existing commitments, such as funding the play specialist service.

We will continue to plan on a much shorter timescale so that we can be dynamic and respond at speed to the changing needs of the hospital, patients and families.

- The play specialist service – a core commitment of our charity, we will be proud to raise money to fund this team.
- Acute care – we will support the hospital as it plans for a post-COVID winter surge by launching an urgent care individual giving campaign.
- Capital development – we will relaunch our Jungle ward redevelopment appeal in Winter 2021.
- Emotional wellbeing – a growing area of focus. We will work alongside our hospital colleagues to identify ways in which the charity can support an enhanced emotional support service to children and families.
- Virtual hub club – with hub clubs and therapy dog visits still on hold, our Friday hub club will go virtual.
- Research – we will work with our clinical research colleagues to explore funding opportunities.
- Medical equipment – we will continue to equip our clinical colleagues with the best equipment and technology.
- Resilience fund – we will respond to urgent need across the hospital.
- Sparkle fund – we will continue to brighten up long term patients days with little treats and surprises.
- Smaller grants – our ability to respond to the needs of frontline staff will continue.

The medium to long term

Our medium to longer term goals remain constant as believing that all children in Wales should get the best possible hospital care endures our core mission.

- We will continue to support the play specialist service.
- We will continue our capital appeal, following the crisis, to transform Jungle ward so that it can accommodate the very different groups of patients within its care: neuro-rehabilitation patients, children admitted in mental health crisis and children with complex or life-long medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis and diabetes. Many of these children have repeated stays or are admitted for lengthy periods.
- We will continue to support the inspirational medical professionals and community teams for the benefit of the 73,000 children and young people that are treated every year and we remain particularly keen to support innovation in services to patients and in direct medical care.
- We will reintroduce our grant making programme and respond to the needs as identified by frontline staff.
- We will work with the hospital management on their plans to introduce a single point of entry for all patients and to ensure that the environment is child-friendly and the staff equipped with the latest medical equipment to treat the children.
- To achieve our longer terms goals to support further capital development to benefit patients and families, our initial focus will be on stability. Once this is achieved, we will resume our efforts to increase our income, continually review opportunities for growth, achieve best practice in all we do and reduce costs wherever possible.
- We will continuously review our methods of delivering emotional support services for children and families.

- We will consider how we can support plans to deliver a hospital at home service that will enable patients to be discharged more quickly, receiving transitional clinical care in their own homes.
- COVID-19 has meant all development activity not already started will be delayed. It is our intention to get everything back on track as soon as possible. We will resume the development of an overarching three year organisational strategy addressing how, through fundraising, communications and digital we will achieve our mission and goals.
- It remains our intention to continue to invest in our communications to raise awareness of our charity and drive our fundraising in order to provide the best level of support to the hospital and the children and families within it.
- We will continue to invest in our staff, grow our team where necessary and we will support those connected with our organisation that help us to deliver activities and key messages in local communities. We will show our supporters that they are valued, that without them we are nothing and we will build the Noah's Ark family and make our charity stronger so that we can make a difference to patients now and for generations to follow.



Structure, governance and management

The organisation has two separate limited companies within its group. The parent company, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Limited, is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was incorporated on 29 December 1997 under the Companies Act 1985 and registered as a charity on 11 May 1998. The charity's name was formally changed with the Charity Commission on 22 August 2012 and Companies House on 18 March 2013.

The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity has a Board of Trustees who are both Trustees and Directors of the charitable company as required by company law.

The charity's wholly owned subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, is a limited company, company number 04656756, incorporated 5 February 2003, but which was dormant for a number of years. During 2018 the activities of the shop in the foyer of the hospital were transferred from the charity into the trading subsidiary and, as such, consolidated accounts have been prepared since. The registered address is the same as that of the parent charity.

The senior management of the subsidiary are Eddie Hayward OBE, who is also a trustee of the charity, and Suzanne Mainwaring, the charity's senior management.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are appointed, by majority vote, at the Annual General Meeting, for their expertise, profile and specialist skills in adding value to our charitable and fundraising activities.

Trustee Induction, Training and Organisational Structure

Trustee Induction and Training is the responsibility of the Chair and the Director. New Trustees will be issued with a set of documents to help them become more familiar with the charity and which should include governing documents, the previous years audited accounts, information on the management structures and all relevant health and safety information. These can then be discussed at meetings with the Chair and Director.

The Trustees meet quarterly to review progress against strategic plans. Some of the Trustees also sit on separate Finance and Fundraising Groups. An AGM is called annually. The Trustees also meet monthly to discuss fundraising and general business.

The Director is responsible for the strategic plan and the day to day operation of the charity and attends the finance, fundraising and trustee meetings where a full brief is given to Trustees.

The Trustees are unremunerated. Expenses are reimbursed where claimed.

Our people

Our staff team at the end of 2020 numbered twelve. Six members of the team are employed directly by the charity and the remaining six are employed directly by Cardiff and Vale UHB. Contracts for these six staff are held by Cardiff and Vale UHB with a recharge made to the charity for the costs incurred solely in relation to the charity's activities. Pay scales, personal development review systems and incremental rises are all set by the NHS at a UK wide level and adhered to by the charity for any permanent staff.

We are indebted to our volunteers who donated an incredible 1840 hours in 2020. They are an essential part of our charity and we thank each and every one for the diverse ways in which they are involved.

Our fundraising in practice

It is an aim over the next few years to develop our honorary and ambassadorial roles and recruit those who can play a key role in helping the charity achieve its charitable objectives. We also seek to increase our celebrity support and hope to attract well known people who have a strong affinity to our cause and who will utilise their influence to cultivate and solicit support that may otherwise be beyond the reach of the fundraising team. The members of this board will serve as ambassadors for the charity raising awareness and identifying new opportunities for fundraising and engagement.

Risk management

All policies and procedures are subject to annual review to identify and minimise risk across all areas.

Disclosure

Each Trustee and other Persons of Influence within or linked to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity are required to formally disclose any outside business interests to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

At the Noah's Ark Charity, our supporters are at the heart of everything that we can achieve for the hospital and the many thousands of patients that receive specialist care here each year. We have a robust system for tracking and processing the income we receive. Our reputation for integrity and delivering on our promises is something that we strive fiercely to uphold.

We have long standing and meaningful relationship with many of our supporters and are grateful to those who give their valued support in many different ways. We respect and protect the privacy of our supporters and rely on consent and legitimate interest in all our communication. We do not sell or share donor data.

We are committed to achieving the highest standards in our fundraising and are signed up to the Fundraising Regulator and its Code of Fundraising Practice. We are confident that our people are delivering ethical fundraising through training and ongoing monitoring.

We do not work with third party fundraisers but have fundraising contracts in place with commercial participators and data processors.

We are very fortunate to have the great support of people and organisations fundraising for us in their communities. We provide the support they need to keep their activities safe and legal and obtain a fundraising agreement where we know of such activities so the public can be reassured that the activity is authorised.

We adhere to the policies of our partner Cardiff and Vale Health Board which include our commitment to the All Wales NHS Policy safeguarding children and vulnerable people. In addition, we have worked with the NSPCC to develop our own safeguarding policy. We have incorporated the values and behaviours of Cardiff and Vale Health Board and expect all our employees and volunteers to hold these core values and exhibit core behaviours.

We are currently conducting a review of our internal processes and policies to test that they remain robust and to improve effectiveness and efficiency wherever possible.

We are pleased to report that the Noah's Ark Charity received no formal complaints in 2020.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report (including the strategic report) and the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group and parent charitable company for that 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 the Charity SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 group and charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and parent charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and parent charitable company and hence for

taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the group and parent charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group and parent charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the group and parent charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Trustees' annual report, incorporating the Directors' report, was approved by order of the board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 15 September 2021 and signed on the board's behalf by:

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E A Hayward - Trustee

Report of the independent auditors to the members of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31st December 2020 which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account), the consolidated and parent charitable company Statement of Financial Position, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2019 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company 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 Directors' 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 group's or parent 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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the group and parent charitable company 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.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the group and parent charitable company financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 themselves. 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' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent 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.
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the group and parent charitable company 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 group and parent charitable company 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 group and parent 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 group and parent 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

We have been appointed auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those acts.

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We design our procedures so as to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence that the financial statements are not materially misstated due to non-compliance with laws and regulations or due to fraud or error.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations – this responsibility lies with management with the oversight of the Trustees.

Based on our understanding of the Charity and the charity sector, discussions with management and Trustees we identified financial reporting standards and Charities Act 2011 as having a direct effect on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

As part of the engagement team discussion about how and where the Charity's financial statements may be materially misstated due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk of fraud.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Our audit procedures included:

- completing a risk-assessment process during our planning for this audit that specifically considered the risk of fraud;
- enquiry of management about the Charity's policies, procedures and related controls regarding compliance with laws and regulations and if there are any known instances of non-compliance;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- enquiry of management, about litigations and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- specific audit testing on and review of areas that could be subject to management override of controls and potential bias, most notably around the key judgments and estimates, including the carrying value of accruals, provisions, grant making and revenue recognition;
- considering management override of controls outside of the normal operating cycles including testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements including evaluating the rationale of significant transactions, outside the normal course of charitable activity.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the group's or the parent company's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the Independent Auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the Independent Auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or parent charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

Continuation of the auditor's report

- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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 and to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Farzana Ahmed (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Carston Chartered Accountants

Tudor House
16 Cathedral Road
Cardiff
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Date:

Consolidated statement of financial activities

(including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2020

			2020	2019
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments from				
Donations and legacies	2	745,431	196,420	941,851
Other trading activities	3	77,805	–	77,805
Investment income	5	2,467	–	2,467
Total income		825,703	196,420	1,022,123
Expenditure on				
Raising funds:	6	(324,932)	–	(324,932)
Charitable activities (Supporting the Children's Hospital)	7	(570,874)	(355,307)	(926,181)
Taxation		(277)	–	(277)
Total expenditure		(896,083)	(355,307)	(1,251,390)
Net income / (expenditure)		(70,380)	(158,887)	(229,267)
Transfers between funds	25	(731)	(731)	–
Net movement in funds		(71,111)	(158,156)	(229,267)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		963,112	462,930	1,426,042
Total funds carried forward		892,001	304,774	1,196,775

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities. The notes form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of financial position

31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
	Note	Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	17	32,247	32,144	33,916	33,748
Investments	18	–	2	–	2
		<u>32,247</u>	<u>32,146</u>	<u>33,916</u>	<u>33,750</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	19	17,034	8,510	11,412	6,658
Debtors	20	117,198	124,173	367,394	391,610
Cash at bank and in hand		1,965,620	1,955,875	1,954,661	1,927,100
		<u>2,099,852</u>	<u>2,088,558</u>	<u>2,333,467</u>	<u>2,325,368</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<u>(935,324)</u>	<u>(930,513)</u>	<u>(941,341)</u>	<u>(938,544)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,164,528</u>	<u>1,158,045</u>	<u>1,392,126</u>	<u>1,386,824</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>	<u>1,426,042</u>	<u>1,420,574</u>
Net assets		<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>	<u>1,426,042</u>	<u>1,420,574</u>
Funds of the charity	24				
Unrestricted funds					
Parent Charity		885,417	885,417	957,644	957,644
Subsidiary		6,584	–	5,468	–
Total unrestricted funds		<u>892,001</u>	<u>885,417</u>	<u>963,112</u>	<u>957,644</u>
Restricted funds		<u>304,774</u>	<u>304,774</u>	<u>462,930</u>	<u>462,930</u>
Total charity funds		<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>	<u>1,426,042</u>	<u>1,420,574</u>

The Trustees have prepared group accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

..... Trustee

..... Trustee

..... Name

..... Name

Consolidated statement of cash flows

Year ended 31 December 2020

		2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities	Notes		
Cash generated from operations	1	18,080	309,673
Finance costs paid		(1,560)	(1,892)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		16,520	307,781
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,569)	(35,207)
Interest received		3,008	5,739
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(5,561)	(29,468)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		10,959	278,313
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		1,954,661	1,676,348
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		1,965,620	1,954,661

Notes to the consolidated statement of cash flows

Year ended 31 December 2020

1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(229,267)</u>	<u>146,180</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	10,238	6,224
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	–	1
Interest received	(2,467)	(5,846)
Finance costs	1,560	1,892
Taxation	277	355
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(5,622)	4,526
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other debtors	–	–
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments and accrued income	249,655	(190,461)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other creditors	(36,888)	355,309
(Decrease)/increase in accruals	30,594	(8,507)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>18,080</u>	<u>309,673</u>

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1/1/20	Cash flow	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,954,661	10,959	1,965,620
Total	<u>1,954,661</u>	<u>10,959</u>	<u>1,965,620</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Upper Ground Floor, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, for Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the group 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 Companies Act 2006, as well as applicable charity and company law. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity (the 'parent charitable company') and Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, its wholly owned trading subsidiary (details of which can be found in note 4), made up to 31 December 2020.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary on a line-by-line basis.

The trading results of the subsidiary are disclosed in note 4 to these financial statements.

In accordance with the provisions of s408 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 9.2 of FRS 102, the charitable company is exempt from the requirement to present its own income and expenditure account and statement of financial activities.

No separate cash flow statement has been presented for the charity itself as the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions in paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102.

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries and having considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial performance of the charity and its current performance, the Trustees believe that the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable purpose, will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Additional information on the impact of COVID-19 is discussed in the financial review on page 37 and the post balance sheet event note (note 28).

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current tax recognised in the reporting period for the trading subsidiary. The charitable company does not have any taxable profits.

Current tax is recognised on taxable income or expenditure for the current period. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies – continued

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.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- other trading activities relate to the high street shop, events and Santa's Grotto income.
- investment income relates to bank interest receivable.

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:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

Grant Policy

Grants given are recognised in the year in which they are offered and accepted without conditions attached. Grants offered for a period of more than one year are recognised as creditors if there are no conditions to be met to receive further funding. Where a condition is included in the offer before future instalments are paid the future instalment grant is recognised as commitments.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Office fixtures and fittings – 25% Straight line on cost

Shop fixtures and fittings – 20% Straight line on cost

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Items costing less than £100 are not capitalised but written off directly to the income and expenditure account.

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1. Accounting policies – continued

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

Fund accounting

General unrestricted funds represent those monies freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objects.

The charity also maintains a designated fund towards the anticipated ongoing costs of equipping the hospital.

Restricted funds comprise monies which have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, or donations subject to donor imposed restrictions.

Transfers are made between funds under the instruction of the Trustees.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Unlisted investments in the parent charitable company comprise the investment in the subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited (company registration number 04656756). This is included at cost as the majority of the profits are gift aided to the charity. The only reserves maintained in the subsidiary are for working capital purposes.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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2. Donations and legacies

Legacies

Grants

Clothes recycling schemes

Individuals and other groups

Trusts and foundations

Corporate donations

Fundraising events

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
£	£	£
23,852	–	23,852
76,199	60,136	136,335
–	–	–
375,137	66,742	441,879
32,984	16,150	49,134
151,491	48,695	200,186
85,768	4,697	90,465
745,431	196,420	941,851

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

Wallace & Gromit Children's Foundation

Dare 2 Dream Trust Wales

The Wooden Spoon Society

The Moondance Foundation

LEGO Systems

Charities Trust

Reuben Foundation

Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation

Miscellaneous small grants

Deymel Charitable Trust

Lloyds Bank Foundation

Thomas Cook Children's Charity

The Huggard Charitable Trust

The Eakin Foundation

Next plc

Western Power

Other grants (including Government COVID relief)

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
£	£	£
–	8,886	8,886
–	16,050	16,050
5,000	–	5,000
–	10,000	10,000
–	15,000	15,000
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	10,000	10,000
5,500	200	5,700
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
1,500	–	1,500
4,000	–	4,000
60,199	–	60,199
76,199	60,136	136,335

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2. Donations and legacies – continued

Legacies

Grants

Clothes recycling schemes

Individuals and other groups

Trusts and foundations

Corporate donations

Fundraising events

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019
£	£	£
356,962	–	356,962
11,340	4,443	15,783
34,267	–	34,267
315,929	143,522	459,451
12,733	375	13,108
272,090	96,503	368,593
128,422	20,672	149,094
<u>1,131,743</u>	<u>265,515</u>	<u>1,397,258</u>

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

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Dare 2 Dream Trust Wales

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Thomas Cook Children's Charity

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The Eakin Foundation

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Western Power

Other grants

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019
£	£	£
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
4,840	–	4,840
2,500	–	2,500
–	–	–
–	–	–
1,000	–	1,000
1,500	–	1,500
–	4,443	4,443
500	–	500
1,000	–	1,000
–	–	–
–	–	–
–	–	–
<u>11,340</u>	<u>4,443</u>	<u>15,783</u>

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3. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£
Trading at fundraising events	1,694	–	1,694
Shop income	69,272	–	69,272
Social lotteries	6,839	–	6,839
	77,805	–	77,805

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£
Trading at fundraising events	2,005	543	2,548
Shop income	96,855	–	96,855
Social lotteries	6,519	–	6,519
	105,379	543	105,922

In May 2019 the charity opened a high street charity shop selling donated goods.

The current year results above consolidate the foyer shop income of £36,945 (2019: £64,752) with the income of the high street shop £32,327 (2019: £32,352), excluding any intercompany transactions of £nil (2019: £249).

The full results of the trading subsidiary are detailed in note 4.

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4. Results of the trading subsidiary

As stated, the foyer shop's operations are now carried out through the trading subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited. This company is a private limited company, registered in England and Wales, company number 04656756, and its registered office is the same as that of the parent charity. The majority of the profits are donated to the charity via a gift aid distribution, in accordance with the deed of covenant in place between them. Some profits are retained as working capital for the shop.

The charity owns the entire share capital of 2 ordinary shares of £1 each. A summary of the results of the subsidiary alone is shown below:

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	36,843	64,705
Cost of sales	(20,837)	(35,266)
Gross profit	16,006	29,439
Administrative expenses, including management charges payable to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity	(14,728)	(15,266)
Other operating income: donations received	115	132
Operating profit	1,393	14,305
Tax on profit	(277)	(355)
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income	1,116	13,950
Gift aid payment to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity	–	(12,500)
Retained earnings at the start of the year	5,468	4,018
Retained earnings at the end of the year	6,584	5,468

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

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4. Results of the trading subsidiary – continued

The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed assets	103	168
Current assets	18,320	32,333
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,837)	(27,031)
Net current assets	6,483	5,302
Net assets	6,586	5,470
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	6,584	5,468
Shareholders funds	6,586	5,470

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,467	2,467	5,846	5,846

The charity continues to be very active in its support to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, supporting requests for significant funds for the provision of medical equipment and the support of direct services to patients. In addition, the charity provides funds for the provision of services and facilities for patients and their families to ensure their experience is less anxious during an often difficult time. The cash balances are held to cover any outstanding commitments to the hospital which are drawn down as required. The Trustees apply a low risk policy of investing funds in interest bearing accounts with well-established financial institutions with a significant UK presence. This will generally take the form of money market and fixed rate term deposits that generate interest that will be used for further projects.

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6. Raising funds

Raising donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	176,165	176,165	182,203	182,203
Fundraising purchases	8,519	8,519	67,104	67,104
Fundraising marketing	56,160	56,160	62,206	62,206
Third party events costs	934	934	8,471	8,471
	241,778	241,778	319,984	319,984
Other trading activities	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Purchases	32,289	32,289	39,961	39,961
Staff costs	24,971	24,971	18,476	18,476
Shop rent and service charges	10,000	10,000	4,500	4,500
Shop rates	424	424	1,206	1,206
Events marketing & merchandise	2,715	2,715	11,433	11,433
Shop utilities, ins, licences & cleaning costs	2,783	2,783	2,329	2,329
Shop miscellaneous costs	4,310	4,310	2,797	2,797
Shop depreciation	5,662	5,662	3,104	3,104
Shop exceptional items for start-up	—	—	4,783	4,783
	83,154	83,154	88,589	88,589
Aggregate amounts	324,932	324,932	408,573	408,573

As discussed above, these figures include the consolidated shop expenditure of the charitable company and the trading subsidiary, the individual results of which can be seen in note 4.

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7. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (note 8)	Grant funding of activities (note 9)	Support Costs (note 10)	2020 Totals
	£	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	192,212	640,170	93,799	926,181
	Direct Costs (note 8)	Grant funding of activities (note 9)	Support Costs (note 10)	2019 Totals
	£	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	184,871	683,946	85,101	953,918

8. Direct costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	147,007	147,007	131,461	131,461
Office costs and sundry equipment	4,536	4,536	16,878	16,878
Rent	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Travel, subsistence and catering	1,337	1,337	4,567	4,567
Training	2,877	2,877	3,132	3,132
IT costs	26,072	26,072	18,571	18,571
Subscriptions and licences	5,383	5,383	5,262	5,262
	192,212	192,212	184,871	184,871

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9. Grants payable

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	284,863	355,307	640,170
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	561,471	122,475	683,946

All of the above represent grants to institutions, namely Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, who manage and run the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

10. Support costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Management:				
Support wages	69,154	69,154	61,701	61,701
Depreciation of tangible assets	4,576	4,576	3,120	3,120
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	–	–	1	1
Bank charges	1,560	1,560	1,881	1,881
	75,290	75,290	66,703	66,703
Governance:				
Auditors' remuneration	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Accountancy fees	2,286	2,286	2,009	2,009
Legal fees	1,458	1,458	2,040	2,040
Costs of trustee meetings	136	136	1,286	1,286
Other office costs	5,629	5,629	4,063	4,063
	18,509	18,509	18,398	18,398
	93,799	93,799	85,101	85,101

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11. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation – owned assets	10,238	6,224
Other operating leases	10,000	5,212
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	–	1

12. Taxation

Taxation is only applicable on the results of the trading subsidiary. The tax charge for the year is £277 (2019: £355), based on profits of £1,116 (2019: £1,450) as adjusted by disallowed expenditure and capital allowances. The tax rate applicable is 19%.

13. Charitable company results

The charitable company has taken advantage of Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its own income and expenditure account in these financial statements. The results of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity are summarised below:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2020	Total funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Total incoming resources	795,981	196,420	992,401	1,468,730
Total resources expended	(867,477)	(355,307)	(1,222,784)	(1,324,000)
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	(71,496)	(158,887)	(230,383)	144,730
Transfers between funds	(731)	731	–	–
Net movement in funds	(72,227)	(158,156)	(230,383)	144,730
Funds:				
As at 1 January 2020	957,644	462,930	1,420,574	1,275,844
As at 31 December 2020	885,417	304,774	1,190,191	1,420,574

The above results include £nil (2019: £12,500) in gift aid donations received by Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity from Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, its trading subsidiary.

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14. Auditors' remuneration

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors and their associates for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,000	9,000

15. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

16. Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	405,167	390,019
Social security costs	9,643	2,756
Other pension costs	2,487	1,066
	417,297	393,841

Staff costs include all wages recharged by Cardiff & Vale UHB. It also includes an accrual for holiday pay of £6,835 (2019: £1,294) at the end of the year, as required by FRS 102. Social security and pension costs represent those of the charity's own payroll scheme only.

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

	2020	2019
Charity staff	12	12
Shop staff	2	2
	14	14

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

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16. Staff costs – continued

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £170,964 (2019 £174,342).

17. Tangible fixed assets – group

	Fixtures & Fittings	Shop Fixtures & Fittings	Totals
COST	£	£	£
At 1st January 2020	38,663	24,029	62,692
Additions	2,927	5,642	8,569
At 31st December 2020	41,590	29,671	71,261
 DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2020	25,737	3,039	28,776
Charge for year	4,641	5,597	10,238
At 31st December 2020	30,378	8,636	39,014
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2020	11,212	21,035	32,247
At 31st December 2019	12,926	20,990	33,916

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17. Tangible fixed assets – charity

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Shop Fixtures & Fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st January 2020	38,403	24,029	62,432
Additions	2,927	5,642	8,569
At 31st December 2020	41,330	29,671	71,001
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2020	25,645	3,039	28,684
Charge for year	4,576	5,597	10,173
At 31st December 2020	30,221	8,636	38,857
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2020	11,109	21,035	32,144
At 31st December 2019	12,758	20,990	33,748

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18. Fixed asset investments – charity only

Shares in group
undertakings
£

MARKET VALUE

At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020

2

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31st December 2020

2

At 31st December 2019

2

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Noah's Ark Appeal Limited

Registered office: Upper Ground Floor, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW

Nature of business: Trading subsidiary

	%
Class of share:	Holding
Ordinary	100

	2020	2019
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	6,586	5,470
Profit for the year	1,116	13,950

The above investments represent the 100% share capital of the trading subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited. All investments shown above are held at valuation, which is the same as cost, as the profits of the subsidiary are transferred to the parent charity as a gift aid distribution.

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19. Stocks

	2020		2019	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Merchandise for sale in shop and at events	17,034	8,510	11,412	6,658

20. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020		2019	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	7,026	-	24,234
Prepayments and accrued income	117,155	117,104	366,810	366,792
Accrued interest receivable	43	43	584	584
	117,198	124,173	367,394	391,610

21. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020		2019	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Trade creditors	54,208	52,074	38,169	38,128
Social security and other taxes	2,005	2,005	2,081	2,081
Corporation tax	277	-	355	-
Hospital grant creditors	836,405	836,405	888,901	888,901
Accruals and deferred income	42,429	40,029	11,835	9,434
	935,324	930,513	941,341	938,544

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22. Leasing agreements - group

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Within one year	13,587	10,534
Between one and five years	28,312	32,932
	41,899	43,466

23. Commitments - charity only

At the year-end, the charity had a funding commitment of £66,374 (2019: £146,000) towards funding an assistant psychologist and admin assistant as part of the emotional support project on the neonatal intensive care unit. The commitment is dependent on appointments being made for these posts.

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

<u>Group</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	32,247	–	32,247
Investments	–	–	–
Current assets	1,270,656	829,196	2,099,852
Current liabilities	(410,902)	(524,422)	(935,324)
	892,001	304,774	1,196,775
<u>Charity</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	32,144	–	32,144
Investments	2	–	2
Current assets	1,259,362	829,196	2,088,558
Current liabilities	(406,091)	(524,422)	(930,513)
	885,417	304,774	1,190,191

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24. Analysis of net assets between funds – continued

<u>Group</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	33,916	–	33,916
Investments	–	–	–
Current Assets	1,561,612	771,855	2,333,467
Current Liabilities	(632,416)	(308,925)	(941,341)
	<u>963,112</u>	<u>462,930</u>	<u>1,426,042</u>

<u>Charity</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	33,748	–	33,748
Investments	2	–	2
Current Assets	1,553,513	771,855	2,325,368
Current liabilities	(629,619)	(308,925)	(938,544)
	<u>957,644</u>	<u>462,930</u>	<u>1,420,574</u>

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25. Movement in funds

Current year:

Unrestricted funds	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
Group	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	518,098	644,114	(819,708)	174,269	516,773
Designated fund	445,014	–	–	(175,000)	270,014
COVID-19 Resilience Fund	–	181,589	(76,375)	–	105,214
	963,112	825,703	(896,083)	(731)	892,001

Charity

General funds	512,630	614,392	(791,102)	174,269	510,189
Designated fund	445,014	–	–	(175,000)	270,014
COVID-19 Resilience Fund	–	181,589	(76,375)	–	105,214
	957,644	795,981	(867,477)	(731)	885,417

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25. Movement in funds – continued

Prior year comparatives:

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2019
Group	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	516,560	1,242,968	(1,240,371)	(1,059)	518,098
Designated fund	445,014	–	–	–	445,014
	<u>961,574</u>	<u>1,242,968</u>	<u>(1,240,371)</u>	<u>(1,059)</u>	<u>963,112</u>
Charity					
General funds	512,542	1,202,672	(1,201,525)	(1,059)	512,630
Designated fund	445,014	–	–	(360,000)	445,014
	<u>957,556</u>	<u>1,202,672</u>	<u>(1,201,525)</u>	<u>(1,059)</u>	<u>957,644</u>

The general funds are freely available towards the ongoing costs of running the charity. The Trustees have a reserves policy such that at least £500,000 should be in place.

The designated fund is allocated towards funding hospital equipment and other services. Funding is initially allocated from general funds but where this takes these funds below the reserves policy of £500,000 a transfer is made from the designated funds to the general funds. A transfer of £175,000 was made this year (2019: £nil).

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25. Movement in funds – continued

Current year:

Restricted funds

– group and charity

	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Tiny Lives Neonatal ICU	282,895	2,962	(199,229)	(250)	86,378
Paediatric Intensive Care Unit	8,942	–	(1,903)	–	7,039
Island Ward	3,208	–	(388)	–	2,820
Kidney Centre	170	–	–	–	170
Owl Ward	160	1,000	–	–	1,160
Jungle Ward	1,418	10	–	–	1,428
Parent Packs	–	300	(176)	–	124
Play Specialist Equipment	2,500	–	(1,449)	–	1,051
Prom Ind Incubator	300	–	–	–	300
Vital Signs Monitor	800	–	–	–	800
Televisions	485	–	–	–	485
Endoscopy	176	–	–	–	176
Various Wards Funds	1,452	4,860	–	–	6,312
Peter Holmes Fund	60	–	–	–	60
Oncology Ward	36	9	–	–	45
Gastroenterology	663	–	–	–	663
Starfish Ward	155	–	–	–	155
Sparkle Fund	–	2,891	(873)	481	2,499
Jungle Redevelopment	155,067	12,917	–	–	167,984
Sensory Equipment	4,443	8,886	(13,172)	–	157
Back On Your Feet	–	1,200	–	–	1,200
CPAP Machine	–	37,813	(14,480)	–	23,333
Play Therapy	–	107,502	(107,502)	–	–
Star Fund	–	20	(85)	500	435
Physiotherapy Bikes	–	16,050	(16,050)	–	–
	462,930	196,420	(355,307)	731	304,774

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25. Movement in funds - continued

Prior year comparative:

Restricted funds

- group and charity

	At 1 January 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Tiny Lives Neonatal ICU	301,934	100,897	(119,936)	–	282,895
Paediatric Intensive Care Unit	7,572	1,370	–	–	8,942
Island Ward	2,873	335	–	–	3,208
Kidney Centre	170	–	–	–	170
Owl Ward	–	160	–	–	160
Jungle Ward	–	1,418	–	–	1,418
Parent Packs	36	250	(716)	430	–
Play Specialist Equipment	2,500	–	–	–	2,500
Prom Ind Incubator	300	–	–	–	300
Vital Signs Monitor	800	–	–	–	800
Televisions	485	–	–	–	485
Endoscopy	176	–	–	–	176
Various Wards Funds	1,382	70	–	–	1,452
Peter Holmes Fund	60	–	–	–	60
Oncology Ward	–	36	–	–	36
Surgical Instruments	–	1,140	(1,250)	110	–
Gastroenterology	–	663	–	–	663
Starfish Ward	–	155	–	–	155
Sparkle Fund	–	54	(573)	519	–
Jungle Redevelopment	–	155,067	–	–	155,067
Sensory Equipment	–	4,443	–	–	4,443
	<u>318,288</u>	<u>266,058</u>	<u>(122,475)</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>462,930</u>

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25. Movement in funds – continued

During the year monies were received from donors towards specific purposes. Some of these purposes were at the request of the donor and agreed by the hospital and charity, while others, such as the Tiny Lives Campaign towards a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Jungle Ward Appeal are appeals begun by the charity.

Many of the funds raised were also spent in the year on equipment, while others remain outstanding at the year end.

Transfers between funds

During the year transfers of £731 (2019: £1,059) were made from the general fund to restricted funds where expenditure against the restricted fund exceeded the funds available.

26. Related party disclosures

The charity was under the control of the Trustees throughout the current and previous year. One of the Trustees of the charity is also a director of Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, the wholly owned subsidiary of the charity, along with the Managing Director. At the year end the subsidiary owed £7,026 (2019 £11,734) in management fees and £nil (2019 £12,500) in Gift Aid distributions to the parent charity.

During the year eight of the Trustees contributed income totalling £12,894 (2019 £9,378) in the form of donations, tickets to events and the purchase of Christmas Cards. In addition, £nil (2019 £72,429) was raised from events that were organised by a number of the Trustees. There were no other transactions with related parties requiring disclosure at the year-end.

27. Limited by guarantee

Every member of the Charity undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Charity's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

28. Post Balance Sheet Events

As outlined in the financial review on page 37 the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the charity in 2020 and this has continued into 2021. With the ongoing social distancing measures our charity shop had to close again at the end of 2020, only reopening in April 2021, and fundraising events have remained largely based online.

To mitigate the impact as much as possible new online fundraising events have been developed and ongoing government support has been applied for where possible (such as the Business grants). In addition, costs continue to be closely monitored and reduced where possible. At this point in time the long-term effect on the charitable company and group is uncertain, but the Trustees remain confident of the financial position of the charitable company and its ability to meet its obligations and liabilities as they fall due. The Trustees believe that the charitable company and group have sufficient reserves to withstand the impact of the pandemic and are confident that it is correct to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.



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