

Bundle Health Board Trustees 26 January 2023

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- 2 16:02 - HBT23/02 - Minutes and actions - Chair
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- 3 16:07 - HBT23/03 - Message of thanks - Charitable Funds Committee Chair
- 4 16:09 - HBT23/04 - Presentation of the Annual Accounts for Ratification - Director of Finance
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- 6 16:24 - HBT23/06 - Date of Next meeting - 25 January 2024

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)
Draft minutes of the Trustee Meeting
on 20th January 2022 via Zoom conferencing

Present:

Lucy Reid	Vice Chair
Louise Brereton	Board Secretary
Nichola Callow	Independent Member ~ University
Cheryl Carlisle	Independent Member
John Cunliffe	Independent Member
John Gallanders	Independent Member
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce & Organisational Development
Gill Harris	Executive Director of Nursing & Midwifery / Deputy CEO
Sue Hill	Executive Director of Finance
Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member
Jacqueline Hughes	Independent Member – Unions
Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director
Richard Micklewright	Independent Member
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health
Chris Stockport	Executive Director of Primary and Community Services (part)
Helen Stephens-Jones	Director of Partnerships/communications And Engagement
Linda Tomos	Independent Member
Jo Whitehead	Chief Executive

In Attendance:

Fiona Lewis	Corporate Business Officer (<i>for live streaming support</i>)
Ann Lloyd	Interpreter
Philippa Peake-Jones	Head of Corporate Affairs (<i>for minutes</i>)
Llinos Roberts	Executive Business Manager – Chair's Office (<i>for live streaming support</i>)
Kirsty Thomson	Head of Fundraising : Awyr Las
Tim Woodhead	Operational Finance Director
Michelle Phoenix	Welsh Audit Office
Emma Jones	Digital and Data Manager

Agenda Item	Action
22/1 Welcome and Apologies	
22.1.1 The Vice-Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting	
22.1.2 Apologies for absence were noted for Mark Polin, Chairman, Adrian Thomas, Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences and Gareth Evans,	

Clinical Director Therapy Services, Therapies & Health Science.	
<p>22/2 Minutes of Meeting Held on 23 January 2020 for Accuracy and Matters Airing</p> <p>22/2.1 The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting held on 23 January 2020.</p>	
<p>22/3 Annual Report and Accounts</p> <p>22/3.1 An Independent Member highlighted that his name was miss-spelt on the second page, this was highlighted in the previous year. The Head of Fundraising apologised and advised that this would be amended.</p> <p>22/3.2 The Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee wished to express her thanks to the Head of Fundraising and her team for an exceptional year to work through and that their efforts were very much appreciated. Thanks were given to the Wales Audit Office. It was noted that the Charitable Funds Committee had not yet approved the strategy document, but would be looking for the Trustee's comments.</p> <p>22/3.3 The Operational Finance Director presented the accounts, advising that the report would be taken as read. It was noted that the largest movement on investments was highlighted on page two with a £2.3m increase in the investments due to the stock market. An Independent Member queried if the funds had returned to the same level as they were and the Operational Finance Director advised that they had bounced back to a higher level than would have been expected in 2020.</p> <p>22/3.4 The Welsh Audit Office representative presented the Audit report of the Accounts noting that they would be signed subject to approval on 21 January 2022. It was noted that the accounts had been significantly redrafted as they were originally prepared by an external company and were not of high enough quality. The Finance Department had worked closely with Welsh Audit to redraft them to bring them up to standard. The Operational Finance Director advised that a full time member of staff had been appointed who would take up post next week, this resource was already within budget.</p> <p>22/3.4 It was resolved that the Board of Trustees approved the Charity's Annual Report and Accounts, noting the ISA260, the Audit of Accounts report issued by Audit Wales</p>	
<p>22/4 Highlights from 2021/22</p> <p>22/4.1 The Head of Fundraising introduced the Digital and Data Manager, thanked the Chair and members for their support of both the Charity and the Charity Support Team and the Fund Advisors for all their hard work. Thanks were given to all supporters, volunteers and charitable partners for all they have done this year and all the healthcare staff and the NHS support staff. The new Communication, Partnership and Engagement Director was welcomed.</p>	

22/4.2 The Digital and Data Manager gave an update on the Highlights of 2021 noting that the past year had been a challenge for many reasons but that there were great developments and impressive achievements by some of the charity's supporters these are highlighted below:

Wonderful stories and supporters highlighted:

- Debbie Summers who gave a selection of Christmas gifts for in memory of her son William Tinsley
- Grateful patient Mr Hughes from Criccieth who has become a dedicated supporter of the Urology Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd, donating more than £5,000 which has helped convert a storage area into a lounge for patients
- Balfour Beatty who organised a sponsored walk, raising over £3,000 for our iCAN mental health support services following the suicide awareness training their team received from the I CAN service.
- 17 year olds Iago Rhys and Tomos Elis, who together completed the Welsh 3000s and raised over £11,000 in memory of Sian, Iago's mum who died of cancer in June and to show thanks to the staff who continue to care for Tomos' mum who is undergoing cancer treatment herself
- Sophia, a former patient on Wrexham Children's Ward who, along with her family raised over £2,000 after finishing the Three Peaks Challenge
- And our Therapeutic Support Service who organised a danceathon and raised over £2,000 to buy extra equipment for patients at Bryn Y Neuadd. Fantastic fundraiser and brilliant for team morale.
- This year has seen new, innovative equipment being purchased including RITA - Reminiscence Interactive Therapy Activities – a state of the art digital therapy system to help elderly patients with cognitive impairments, such as dementia
- Grants have also been given to fund bladder scanners. A popular request from across different wards, because it really helps both patients and staff to have this additional, much used equipment ready to hand
- Bereavement Support and a Medical Education Fellowship continue to be funded, thanks to the Covid-19 Appeal funding received, as does the funding of the Keep the Beats Public Access Defibrillator Service Officer for North Wales.
- The new Cardiac Diagnostic Vehicle, which is fitted with advanced technology, allowing clinicians to journey to vulnerable patients so they can diagnose and perform assessments remotely has been a very welcome addition for the teams that use it.
- Fundraising for more new equipment like this to help reduce the pressure on our district general hospitals continues.
- We have been fortunate to benefit from some excellent local and national media coverage this year. Kirsty provided the Comment piece for the Daily Express' NHS birthday coverage and our Ty Croeso appeal was selected to feature in The Sun's Christmas appeal.
- We were especially pleased to be able to be part of the commemoration of a year on from the Captain Sir Tom Moore appeal for NHS, featuring on the radio, local and national newspapers and on the Lorraine Show
- The Awyr Las Support Team have adapted events to suit these pandemic times to engage with new and existing supporters

The Awyr Las One Million Steps Challenge, which sees people walk 10,000 steps for 100 days, has attracted 129 participants. Together they have raised £6,504

- 73 staff, patients and supporters took part who simply wanted to experience the health benefits of the challenge.
- The Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Paediatric Dietetics Team, for example, ran a patient focused event for staff, patients and their families which attracted 22 participants and raised £1,705.
- The NHS Big Tea took place to mark the NHS' birthday again this year.
- This year the event was more of a stewardship activity, to update current supporters, rather than a fundraiser
- We were very grateful to the Chair and the Chief Executive, and the many staff members, who contributed to an online Big Tea which was enjoyed by a range of supporters
- Nationally, NHS Charities Together patrons Prince William and Kate organised a garden party in Buckingham Palace and they also arranged calls with NHS staff across the UK.
- Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Consultant Dan Menzies was one of those who received that call of thanks from Prince William
- Morrisons have become the official sponsors of the Big Tea at a national level, and we were grateful for their support here in North Wales, providing complimentary cakes and tea and organising their own Big Tea events.
- This year will see plans ramped up ready for the 75th Anniversary of the NHS in 2023.
- The Awyr Las Support Team doesn't just oversee the activity of the North Wales NHS Charity, it also provides support for the many third sector groups, like the Leagues of Friends, who support BCUHB's services directly with, on average, over £1 million a year in donations.
- This past year has been challenging for many of the third sector groups we work with, as many have not been able to open their cafes, shops or carry out their traditional fundraising events and activities.
- We would like to pay tribute to all of these important partners who play such a crucial role within our healthcare settings and thank them for the ingenuity, patience and resilience they have shown.
- Many of the groups that support BCUHB's services directly have been around for a long time. The North Wales Cancer Appeal, formerly the Ron and Margaret Smith Appeal, for example, celebrated its 30th year in 2021.
- 2021 ended with the wonderful Light Up Christmas.
- This was a great example of partnership working, with the sponsors taking a great role in supporting the event with over £12,000 and help with promoting the dedications, and Bangor City Council and the Friends of Bangor Garth Pier taking a leading role in the organisation of the event as well.
- Local group, the Bangor Soroptimists, chose to support Awyr Las again, this time supporting the costs of a defibrillator on Bangor Pier.
- Over 2,500 people attended the launch night of the lights and a partnership with LiveTech saw the new development of a 'Tribute Screen'.
- Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the Tribute Tour to some of our hospitals had to be postponed until March, but we are hopeful that this can now be combined with sharing stories from Tales from the Pandemic, an arts in health project that Awyr Las commissioned in 2020.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Tribute Tour in March gives us all something to look forward to in the spring! <p>[Chris Stockport joined the meeting]</p> <p>22/4.3 The Vice Chair thanked the Digital and Data Manager for a very informative presentation which highlighted all the amazing work that had been achieved over the past year.</p> <p>22/4.4 The Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee thanked everyone expressing the difference the charity had made personally with one of the tributes organised.</p> <p>22/4.5 It was resolved that the Board, as the Corporate Trustee of Awyr Las (the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charities), noted the information included in the presentation about the Charity's highlights so far from 2021/22.</p>	
<p>22/5 The Awyr Las Strategy 2022/23</p> <p>22/5.1 The Head of Fundraising presented the Awyr Las Strategy, advising that feedback from staff and key stakeholders and been collated including the Awyr Las survey in April. It was noted that an understanding had been developed on what the population needs. The Strategy has been benchmarked against other NHS Charities with an understanding of what real success looks like. It was noted that there is a lot to do to make sure best practice is being followed in all areas of the charity: grant giving, impact reporting, fundraising, finance and governance.</p> <p>22/5.2 It was noted that having reviewed best practice there was a need to improve donor retention rates, build on impact reporting, grow its own income and apply expenditure so that improvement for patient outcomes is identified. The Board noted that clear objectives for the 2022-2025 strategy would be identified. The Head of Fundraising advised on what would likely be invested in, considered and worked on. It was noted that the review and draft strategic and operational plans would be completed by the end of February 2022 to ensure that plans could be submitted to human resources next month and the strategy could be approved at the March 2022 Charitable Funds Committee.</p> <p>22/5.3 An Independent Member commented that there was a lot of focus on where money would be spent and a focus on where the money would be coming from would be required. A discussion around the roll out of pan North Wales activity took place.</p> <p>22/5.4 The Vice Chair thanked the team for all the work and the proposed strategy. It was agreed that documents would be shared outside of the meeting.</p> <p>22/5.5 It was resolved that The Board, as the Corporate Trustee of Awyr Las (the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charities), noted the information included in the presentation about the Charity's Strategy for 2022-25.</p>	<p>KT</p>

Teitl adroddiad:	Annual Accounts (and Annual Report) for Ratification
Report title:	
Adrodd i:	Awyr Las Board of Trustees Meeting
Report to:	
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	Thursday, 26 January 2023
Date of Meeting:	
Crynodeb Gweithredol: Executive Summary:	<p>The attached Awyr Las Annual Report and Annual Accounts (Appendix 1), which have been subject to audit (see Audit Wales, Audit of Accounts Report, Appendix 2), provide the formally reported position for the charity for 2021/22.</p> <p>The Charitable Funds Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the timetable set by the Charity Commission and in line with Charities SORP. The accounts were prepared and submitted to Audit Wales in October 2022, with the audit taking place by Audit Wales from November to January 2023.</p> <p>The Charitable Funds Committee has delegated authority to approve the final accounts. The Board (as the charity's Board of Trustees) are formally receiving the accounts at the Trustees meeting on the 26th January 2023. Audit Wales require the charity to sign a Letter of Representation as part of their audit evidence. The deadline for submission to the Charity Commission is the 31st January 2023. The accounts will not be submitted to Welsh Government.</p> <p>Statement of Financial Activities</p> <p>The Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) summaries the charity's income and expenditure for the year. Income for the year totalled £2.8m; expenditure was £1.4m, with a net gain on investments of £0.3m, giving a net increase in funds of £1.7m (increase in funds of £2.9m in 2020/21).</p> <p>Incoming Resources</p> <p>Total income of £2.8m shows an increase of 18% from previous year (£2.4m in 2020/21). Of this, £0.8m relates to an increase in legacies, £0.3m reduction in Donations and £0.1m reduction in Fundraising activities.</p> <p>Legacies in particular are a volatile and unpredictable source of income that can vary greatly from year to year. Part of the charity's strategy over the long term is to increase the legacy income it receives.</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>Expenditure of £1.4m is £0.4m less than previous year (£1.8m in 2020/21). 'Note 7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds' and 'Note 8. Analysis of charitable activity' provides the breakdown of expenditure between the running costs of the charity, fundraising costs and grants made.</p> <p>The main decrease relates to Expenditure on Charitable Activity, which is £0.5m less than previous year (£1.5m in 2020/21).</p>

The analysis over the different expenditure categories is shown in the below table.

	2021/22 £000	2020/21 £000	Movement £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	153	74	79
Staff education and welfare	78	450	(372)
Patient education and welfare	635	838	(203)
Medical research	160	151	9
Total	1,026	1,513	(487)

Movement in Investments

Many of the donations and legacies that the charity receives cannot be spent immediately, as they need to be accumulated to fund the most appropriate purchases. These donations are therefore invested in order to generate income and protect their value in real terms.

During 2021/22, the net gain on investments totalled £0.3m compared to a gain of £2.3m in 2020/21. Markets have been very volatile during 2021/22 and a challenging year for investors. Markets have been hard hit by worries over inflation, pushed up by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent rise in interest rates, hence the significant reduction in stock market performance in comparison to 2020/21.

Balance Sheet

The funds of the charity at the end of the year totalled £12.3m, comprising £5.4m of unrestricted funds and £6.9m of restricted funds. Restricted funds are those that have a legal restriction placed on them, such as legacies. These funds are further split into general funds and designated (earmarked) funds, which are identified to specific areas and/or services.

Fixed Assets

During 2017/18 a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity. The land was valued. The charity is still holding this land and is included on the Charity's Balance Sheet.

The year-end balance held in investments was £10.4m, which is an increase of £0.3m from 2020/21.

Current Assets

Debtors, as analysed in 'Note 16. Analysis of current debtors' have increased by £1.0 to £1.8m (£0.8m in 2020/21). This is due to an increase in accrued income for legacies, where we have been confirmed as a beneficiary in a Will and probate has been granted, but the distribution of the estate had not been completed.

Cash balances of £1.1m is £0.2m higher than cash held at the end of March 2020/21. Cash held at the end of the year is higher than would usually be held, but is required to pay creditors that fall due at the start of the new financial year.

	<p>Liabilities</p> <p>Creditors, as can be seen in 'Note 18. Analysis of liabilities', which is £0.1m less than previous year (£1.3m in 2020/21). This is due to the decrease in accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies, which are the funding commitments made by the charity.</p> <p>Other Notes</p> <p>Other key items included in the financial statements are as follows.</p> <p>Related Party Transactions (Note 2)</p> <p>This note identifies the transactions made with the Health Board. As the Health Board and Charitable Funds accounts are produced under different accounting regulations, there is a timing difference as to when a grant that has been awarded by the charity is recognised. Therefore, this note contains two disclosures; one that mirrors that in the Health Board accounts and one that agrees to the expenditure reported through the charity accounts.</p> <p>This note also includes details on Board members' interests where appropriate.</p> <p>Post Balance Sheet Events (Note 22)</p> <p>Due to the time delay between the balance sheet date and the date of signing the accounts, plus the materiality of the investments to the charity, a post balance sheet event is always recorded showing the movement in the value of the investments over this time.</p>			
<p>Argymhellion:</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p>	<p>The recommendation is for the Awyr Las Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 to be ratified by the Board of Trustees.</p>			
<p>Arweinydd Gweithredol:</p> <p><i>Executive Lead:</i></p>	<p>Steve Webster, Interim Executive Director of Finance</p>			
<p>Awdur yr Adroddiad:</p> <p><i>Report Author:</i></p>	<p>Bethan Roberts, Principal Finance Manager-Financial Reporting</p>			
<p>Pwrpas yr adroddiad:</p> <p><i>Purpose of report:</i></p>	<p>I'w Nodi <i>For Noting</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I Benderfynu arno <i>For Decision</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Am sicrwydd <i>For Assurance</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Lefel sicrwydd:</p> <p><i>Assurance level:</i></p>	<p>Arwyddocaol <i>Significant</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Lefel uchel o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol</p> <p><i>High level of confidence/evidence in delivery of existing mechanisms/objectives</i></p>	<p>Derbyniol <i>Acceptable</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Lefel gyffredinol o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol</p>	<p>Rhannol <i>Partial</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Rhywfaint o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol</p>	<p>Dim Sicrwydd <i>No Assurance</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Dim hyder/tystiolaeth o ran y ddarpariaeth</p> <p><i>No confidence / evidence in delivery</i></p>

	General confidence / evidence in delivery of existing mechanisms / objectives	Some confidence / evidence in delivery of existing mechanisms / objectives
<p>Cyfiawnhad dros y gyfradd sicrwydd uchod. Lle bo sicrwydd 'Rhannol' neu 'Dim Sicrwydd' wedi'i nodi uchod, nodwch gamau i gyflawni sicrwydd 'Derbyniol' uchod, a'r terfyn amser ar gyfer cyflawni hyn:</p> <p><i>Justification for the above assurance rating. Where 'Partial' or 'No' assurance has been indicated above, please indicate steps to achieve 'Acceptable' assurance or above, and the timeframe for achieving this:</i></p>		
Cyswllt ag Amcan/Amcanion Strategol:	Awyr Las Strategy	
Link to Strategic Objective(s):		
Goblygiadau rheoleiddio a lleol:	Completed in line with Charity Commission guidance and regulation.	
Regulatory and legal implications:		
Yn unol â WP7, a oedd EqIA yn angenrheidiol ac a gafodd ei gynnal?	Do/Naddo Y/N	
<i>In accordance with WP7 has an EqIA been identified as necessary and undertaken?</i>	N/A	
Yn unol â WP68, a oedd SEIA yn angenrheidiol ac a gafodd ei gynnal?	Do/Naddo Y/N	
<i>In accordance with WP68, has an SEIA identified as necessary been undertaken?</i>	N/A	
Manylion am risgiau sy'n gysylltiedig â phwnc a chwmpas y papur hwn, gan gynnwys risgiau newydd (croesgyfeirio at y BAF a'r CRR)	All risks are included in the Charity Risk Register	
<i>Details of risks associated with the subject and scope of this paper, including new risks(cross reference to the BAF and CRR)</i>		
Goblygiadau ariannol o ganlyniad i roi'r argymhellion ar waith	N/A	
<i>Financial implications as a result of implementing the recommendations</i>		
Goblygiadau gweithlu o ganlyniad i roi'r argymhellion ar waith	N/A	
<i>Workforce implications as a result of implementing the recommendations</i>		
Adborth, ymateb a chrynodeb dilynol ar ôl ymgynghori	N/A	
<i>Feedback, response, and follow up summary following consultation</i>		
Cysylltiadau â risgiau BAF: (neu gysylltiadau â'r Gofrestr Risg Gorfforaethol)	Not linked to specific risk on BAF/CRR. All risks are recorded on the Charity's Risk Register.	

Links to BAF risks: (or links to the Corporate Risk Register)	
Rheswm dros gyflwyno adroddiad i fwrdd cyfrinachol (lle bo'n berthnasol)	Amherthnasol
Reason for submission of report to confidential board (where relevant)	Not applicable
Camau Nesaf: Gweithredu argymhellion Next Steps: Implementation of recommendations N/A	
Rhestr o Atodiadau List of Appendices: Appendix 1: Awyr Las Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 Appendix 2: Audit Wales, Audit of Accounts Report, 2021/22	



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Awyr Las Blue Sky

The North Wales NHS Charity

Awyr Las / Blue Sky is the working title of the Betsi Cadwaladr
University Health Board Charity and Other Related Charities
Registered Charity Number 1138976

Annual Report & Accounts 2021 – 2022



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**Brightening patients' lives.
Going over and above for
service users.**

**Supporting transformative
change for our NHS services
in North Wales.
Together.**



The stories, facts and figures within this Annual Report and Accounts for 2021/22 demonstrate once again how wonderfully generous and supportive our communities across North Wales are, and how accomplished our NHS teams across the region are.

Since 2010, Awyr Las, our NHS Charity, has given almost £30million to help enhance the care, treatment and support that patients and service users receive in our hospitals and health centres, community clinics and from our home based services.

What a collective achievement for all of us who have donated, fundraised, volunteered and shared the important message about the crucial difference that the charity is making. What an accomplishment for all the dedicated NHS staff who have made this possible through their well-informed ideas and their motivation to do even more to improve the health and wellbeing of our local population.

We are fortunate to have such committed supporters of our NHS services, and to have such passionate NHS teams who all want to brighten patients' and service users' lives to help create transformative change in our healthcare services, which goes above and beyond what the NHS alone can achieve.

Through the years, donations given to Awyr Las have given inpatients a lifeline through providing new state-of-the-art equipment. We have given children with life-limiting conditions invaluable days out with loved ones, and given parents and carers a chance to stay close to their poorly children when they are in hospital. Together, we have given people in crisis a much needed helping hand, we have given people with a cancer diagnosis a reason to smile thanks to the wigs and complementary therapies provided, and through funding innovative research we have given hope when it's really needed. This year is no different.

I am immensely proud of the positive outcomes that the charity has had on the lives of some of the most vulnerable people living in our communities across this region this year, at a time of real hardship. The past year has seen immense pressure being put on our health services here in North Wales. Awyr Las has played a significant role in helping our NHS teams recover from the initial phase of the pandemic, responding to the needs of NHS colleagues through supporting staff wellbeing programmes as well as additional

equipment, better facilities, extra patient comforts, special projects and collaborating with partners to help to build resilience in our communities and plan for the future.

As we look towards the 75th anniversary of the NHS, Awyr Las plans to do more to shape the future of vital services here in North Wales particularly early years, cancer care and mental health support, and help address health inequalities. We know this can only be achieved through being led by devoted NHS teams, working alongside partners who share our values and mission, and through the continued support of people and organisations who have the resolve to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities. We hope many will choose to support our NHS as we move forward.

The compassion of Awyr Las' supporters, partners and the NHS teams who are the beating heart of the charity is wonderful to see. I feel truly honoured to be part of something so special.

Thank you.



**FROM THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF AWYR LAS,
THE RT HON. LORD BARRY JONES***

Thank YOU, on behalf of all the patients and service users, families and carers, NHS staff and volunteers who all benefit from all those who choose to support Awyr Las, the North Wales NHS Charity.

*Lord Barry Jones also holds the following notable positions: National Vice President, Attend – the National Association for Leagues of Friends – and President of the Deeside Hospital League of Friends



Highlights of 2021/22

April 2021

Maisy Williams, from Pwllglas, completed an epic dance challenge and raised an amazing £675 for Awyr Las in the process. Maisy, who is nine, was inspired to do the challenge by the hard work of the NHS workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Ethan ran a lap of his local marine lake every weekday from February 2021 for 100 days to raise money for Awyr Las – inspired by Sir Captain Tom Moore. This incredible challenge finished on April 21, Ethan's 11th birthday, and with £1,141 raised for the charity! Ethan's step-mum is a doctor in the NHS here in North Wales and he wanted to do something special to say thank you to her and all of her colleagues. Well done Ethan, we are so grateful for your support!

June 2021

Dr Abelian, a consultant paediatrician at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, rode 400 miles to raise money towards child health research in North Wales. He said: "Over the last few years, I have been part of a cutting-edge research project with the world-renowned MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge to improve the diagnosis of meningitis in new born babies. I wanted to do something to acknowledge this support, and to fundraise to support further high quality child health research here in North Wales".



July 2021

Andy Williams and Steve Miles, both from Holyhead, kayaked from Greystones in Ireland to Holyhead in Aid of Awyr Las and Mencap. They raised a very impressive £6,563 in the process. Andy carried out the feat as a tribute to his sister, Yvonne Marion Williams, who had mental health issues and learning disabilities and was diagnosed with incurable blood cancer.

August 2021

Becky Wyatt-Brown and her husband Chris Brown, who sadly lost their baby girl, raised more than £1,500 to buy a CuddleCot to allow families to spend one more time with their child. The kind donation was given to Ysbyty Gwynedd's Labour Ward. The CuddleCot, a Moses blanket with a refrigerated base, allows bereaved parents to spend extra precious time with their baby.



September 2021

Some fantastic moves were on display last September for the Therapeutic Support Services Danceathon! The Learning Disabilities team and all their supporters absolutely smashed it. Over £2,000 was raised, funding musical equipment for patients at Bryn y Neuadd Hospital with learning disabilities and complex needs.



October 2021

The Rainbow Flower Festival held at Holy Trinity Church, Penrhyndeudraeth raised £620 for Awyr Las. The committee wanted to thank all members of the NHS Staff for their commitment, skill, dedication and support throughout the pandemic.



November 2021

Two incredible young men raised over £11,000 for Alaw Ward in Ysbyty Gwynedd, to thank the staff there for caring for their mothers. Iago Rhys, from Tremadog, and Tomos Elis of Pant Glas, both aged 17, completed the huge 'Welsh 3000s Challenge', the 15 peaks over 3,000 feet in height in Snowdonia, in 24 hours. Siân, Iago's mother, received special care in the Alaw Ward while battling cancer, before she passed away in June at the age of 49.

December 2021

Michelle and the team on the Stroke Ward at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd were very grateful to accept a cheque for £3,450 thanks to the kind-hearted staff and customers of Cambria Pub on Cambria Caravan Park in Towyn. All the money went towards Christmas, crafts and other patient wellbeing activities on the ward.

Gwalchmai Cycling Club raised an incredible £13,000 which was shared between three local dementia charities - including £4,333.34 for Cemlyn Ward, Ysbyty Cefni, in Llangefni. The group of 17 cyclists set off from Trearddur Bay on a Friday morning, and rode some 200 miles to arrive at Swansea Bay by the following evening!



January 2022

Big thanks must go to the Whistlestop Bikers Club who donated 10 new portable DVD players for the Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Children's Ward. This incredible donation really makes such a difference for patients receiving care in hospital.



February 2022

NHS staff in Ysbyty Gwynedd were 'chuffed to bits' to receive boxes of chocolates, biscuits and a £720 donation from three kind-hearted Gwynedd Council refuse collectors. For the whole of December Simon Jones, Darron Roberts and Terry Jones dressed up as Santa and his elves cheering up local residents on their rounds. The donation will help support Long Covid Projects in the local community and additional staff wellbeing programmes.

March 2022

An incredible £20,000 was raised at the Rainbow Ball in aid of Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward! Well done everyone! The ball makes a huge difference to the hospital's Children's Ward and its hard-working staff. The money raised will buy much needed medical equipment and toys for the ward that the NHS may not be able to provide.

About the charity

Awyr Las is the NHS charity for North Wales, the area served by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). The charity's purpose is to help the NHS do more than it can on its own.

In practice, this means that donations to Awyr Las fund things like:

- Brand new equipment and technology
- Specialist training and development opportunities for NHS staff and volunteers
- Innovative research projects and trials
- Additional services, for example, complementary therapy for patients with cancer
- Extra patient comforts, such as more comfortable dialysis chairs.

Everything that the charity funds goes over and above what the NHS provides, complementing what the NHS already offers. Awyr Las does not replace the statutory funding for the NHS from the government.

Together, the improvements that are made possible by donations to Awyr Las help people in North Wales benefit from better NHS services when they need them the most.

Everything the charity does is thanks to donations and grants from individuals, organisations and foundations. The charity makes a real difference to the lives of patients and NHS staff in ways that would not be possible without donations and support. The charity funds projects and ideas in hospitals and the community – from emergency departments to community resource teams, maternity wards to eye clinics – and through its 450 designated funds, it supports all areas of healthcare in North Wales.



Designated funds

Awyr Las is currently comprised of 450 designated funds, representing almost every BCUHB ward, service, department and project across North Wales. Designated funds are attached to specific wards, departments or services and the money held within them can only be used to benefit the associated healthcare area. When a new fund is established, an objective is set and at least one Fund Advisor named. It is the responsibility of Fund Advisors to ensure that expenditure from their designated funds contributes to the stated objectives. Fund Advisors have an in-depth understanding of their ward, service or department. The role is fulfilled by staff at the heart of the NHS – people like Ward Managers, Consultants and Matrons – and they use their knowledge to inform their fundraising and decisions about charitable expenditure. This helps to make sure that designated funds have the greatest possible impact on patients and NHS staff. When you donate to a designated fund, it goes straight to that healthcare area and is made available for multidisciplinary clinical teams to use towards projects and priorities decided at the ward level.

Non-Designated funds

There are a few wards, services and departments that do not have a designated fund. The Awyr Las Support Team can provide support to establish one, or funding can be requested from the charity's non-designated fund. When donors give to Awyr Las without specifying where they want the money to go, it is assigned to the charity's non-designated fund. These donations are important, even though they are in the minority. This is because they allow BCUHB staff who do not have their own fund, or who do not have enough money in their designated fund, to still get support from the charity. Non-designated donations are often directed to a priority fund – for example, the COVID-19 Response Fund. Without a doubt, all donations from the public help dedicated NHS staff in hospitals and in communities across North Wales to go over and above for their patients, offering the very best care and treatment available.



Vision

Patients in North Wales have the best experience in our hospitals and in our communities.

Mission

To enhance Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's ability to improve the health and wellbeing of people across North Wales and deliver excellent care. In other words, the charity's mission is to help the Health Board to do more for its patients, through funding improvements to healthcare settings, supporting additional staff and patient wellbeing services and providing grants for research and innovation.



Purpose

To provide a meaningful, impactful means for those who want to support healthcare services to do so, in a way that supports local evidence-based priorities.

Values

Awyr Las shares the same set of values that guides the Health Board's work. These are:

- Put patients first
- Work together
- Value and respect each other
- Learn and innovate
- Communicate openly and honestly

The Awyr Las Support Team and the Board, as well as over 19,000 BCUHB employees who represent Awyr Las, are responsible for ensuring that everything the charity does reflects these ideals. In addition to the shared values, the work of the charity is underpinned by three guiding principles:

- Patients are at the heart of Awyr Las
- NHS staff are the lifeblood of Awyr Las
- Be true to those who support Awyr Las

Strategy

For almost 75 years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services.

As we live longer lives, many of us with complicated health conditions and diseases, the demand for the additional support that NHS charities can provide in the pursuit of outstanding healthcare is growing. People receive roughly 90% of their care from primary and community care.* With expected increases in dementia, mental health concerns, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, these services will face increased demand. Because of health inequalities, those in Wales' least deprived areas can expect to live for longer, and in better health, than those in the country's most deprived areas.

In 2017 to 2019, healthy life expectancy at birth for females living in the most deprived areas was 50.2 years, compared with 68.4 years in the least deprived areas; for males, it was 51.8 and 68.6 years respectively.†

For many years, NHS charities have worked alongside the NHS, and played a key role in helping to enhance healthcare services.

Add to that the COVID-19 pandemic, which, in addition to the immediate public health crisis and increased burden on the NHS, brought about a slew of negative consequences for communities in North Wales, many of which are enduring

These include economic and financial insecurity, worries about employment, damage to the skills and education of young people, reduced mental health, increased loneliness and addiction – each affecting individual and community resilience and wellbeing, and each having the potential to cause increased demands on local healthcare and mental health services.



*Our plan for a primary care service for Wales up to March 2018, Welsh Government. Available: [www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/986/our plan for primary care in wales up to march 2018.pdf](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/986/our_plan_for_primary_care_in_wales_up_to_march_2018.pdf)

†Health state life expectancies by national deprivation deciles – Wales: 2017 to 2019, ONS. Available: www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthinequalities/bulletins/healthstatelifeexpectanciesbynationaldeprivationdecileswales/2017to2019

Strategy (continued)

The charity has a two-fold challenge of continuing to provide the support for wards and departments in both primary and secondary care settings, whilst simultaneously securing the financial support needed to address the pressing issues outlined above in the short, medium, and long-term. In light of the above, the charity's new strategy – to be published in Spring 2023 – will have a focus on making sure the right action is taken at the right time, to help patients to access diagnosis, support, care and treatment in a more timely way, and help build long-term resilience in our local communities. The charity worked with industry experts from January to March 2021 to develop this new strategy for 2023–2026.

The Awyr Las strategy will be consistent with BCUHB's priorities as outlined in the "Living Healthier, Staying Well" plan, namely:

- Setting up lifestyle services that help people make the right choices and keep well
- Tackling health inequalities and promoting equality
- Making the most of our partnership working
- Strengthening our protection and prevention services
- Concentrating on health in the early years

The Awyr Las Support Team

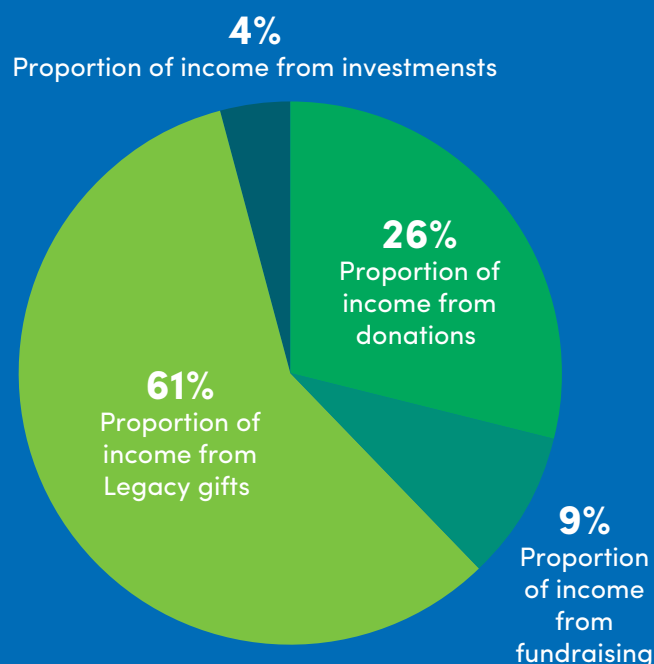
Finance, fundraising and engagement, communications and administrative support staff make up the charity's support team. It is in place to ensure that the charity can efficiently meet its objectives. The responsibilities of the charity support team are varied, and include:

- Managing the charity's finances, investment portfolio, and grant programmes effectively
- Providing direction and practical help to the charity's Fund Advisors, who are the custodians of the charity's designated funds
- Offering help, advice, and encouragement to fundraisers who generously choose to organise events and activities in favour of the charity to ensure that they have a positive experience
- Raising the charity's profile in hospitals and the community so that more people are motivated to donate, fundraise, or volunteer
- Communicating well with supporters and the wider community, from direct communication with fundraisers to broad messaging via social media
- Reclaiming Gift Aid to increase the value of donations to the charity
- Supporting independent charities – such as the Leagues of Friends – who provide additional direct philanthropic contributions to BCUHB, adding value to the Health Board's and charity's work

The year at a glance

Income

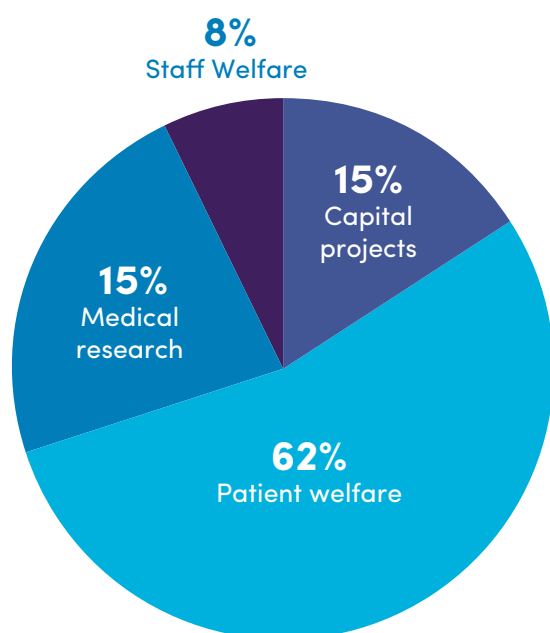
In the 2021/22 financial year, Awyr Las received an incredible amount of donations that has, and will, enable us to fund additional research and training, extra equipment and new amenities, special projects and patient and staff wellbeing programmes, which are all designed to help enhance the care and treatment patients and service users receive.



Total = £2,837,000 • Total number of donations = 5,180

Expenditure

Awyr Las has funded some amazing projects that have allowed the NHS to go over and above for patients, families and staff members across North Wales. Here's how your donations have been spent throughout the year.

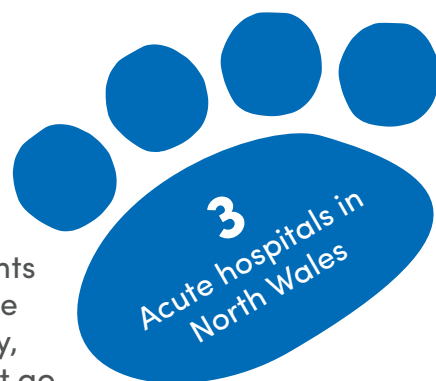


Total expenditure = £1,026,000

Background information

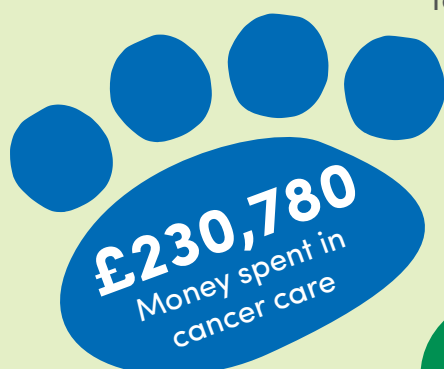


Awyr Las covers the whole of North Wales and uses donations to improve health care in acute hospitals and community sites across the region. Wards, departments and services across the region have designated funds within the charity, which can be used to fund things that go over and above what the NHS can provide.



Priority areas

Cancer care, children's services, mental health and research are some of Awyr Las' priority areas for improving care, treatment and support for patients and their families. Over the 2021/22 financial year, huge steps have been taken to provide care and support that goes over and above what the NHS can provide.



The impact of your donations

What has been made possible thanks to donations given to Awyr Las?

£10,000

A suicide prevention programme

£1,000

The installation of three defibrillators in towns and rural areas across the region.

£250

Garden furniture for patient rehabilitation

£50

One night's stay in parental accommodation

£5

Crafts for patients with dementia

£5,000

Additional equipment, for example an incubator to store blood products for research projects or a device to enable patients with pulmonary diseases to be mobilised sooner after hospitalisation, aiding their chances of recovery

£500

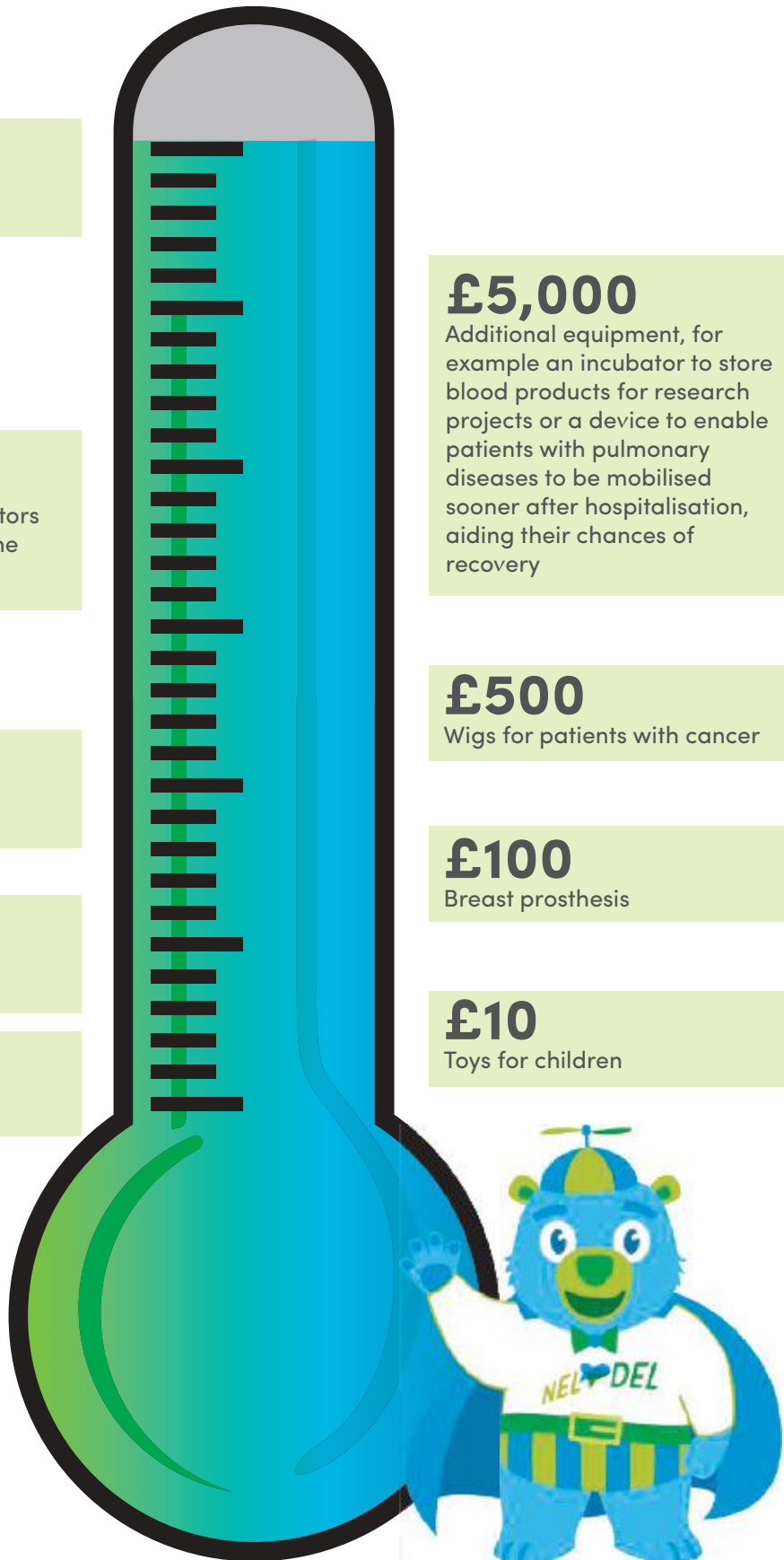
Wigs for patients with cancer

£100

Breast prosthesis

£10

Toys for children



The impact of your support

Families, organisations, businesses and individuals together made 5,180 donations to Awyr Las in 2021/22. All donations have and will make a difference for patients, their families and for NHS staff, volunteers and partners. The average donation amount in 2021/22 was £224.28. Donations given this year have helped fund small toys and games worth as little as £5, which have helped keep patients and service users entertained for days, and donations have also helped funded large-scale improvements.

Cancer Research Project

A £52,620 grant awarded in 2021/22 has helped fund a project to help oncologists to identify triple-negative breast cancer patients who are most likely to respond to treatment, whether that be chemotherapy or immunotherapy. The aim of the project is to help identify who will benefit as well as those who will not, saving patients from the unnecessary trauma of chemotherapeutic drugs and allow them to seek alternative treatment best tailored to them. The researchers involved say this project could potentially have a significant impact on the healthcare provision for triple-negative breast cancer patients in North Wales.

This project was prioritised because breast cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in women, with over 400,000 estimated deaths globally every year. Triple-negative breast cancer accounts for about 15-20% of all malignant mammary neoplasm, and it disproportionately affects young women who carry the BRCA1 mutation. Currently there is no clinical or scientific test or method that can inform an oncologist if a triple-negative breast cancer patient will respond well to chemotherapy drugs. This grant aims to help identify a means of doing this.



Wigs for Cancer Patients

In 2021/22 a £75,000 grant was given to help fund the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's comprehensive wig fitting service for patients with cancer across North Wales.

The cost of the wigs start from £90 depending on the length of a patient's hair. As most chemotherapy treatments is completed in six months, generally one wig is provided, although more can be provided if needed. This service is offered at all three main hospital sites in the region, which means that patients have access to a qualified wig advisor/fitter alongside their hospital appointments.

A charitable grant for wigs is given annually because hair loss can have a huge emotional impact on patients. Being able to offer a wig can help mitigate this distress, and it is a service which is hugely appreciated by patients and by staff in cancer services.

New markers for screening infections in post-operative urology patients

According to a National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) report, 20,000 to 25,000 deaths occur every year in UK hospitals following surgery. A common complication after surgery is infection, which could be hospital acquired or as a result from the operation itself.

A £68,000 grant from Awyr Las has funded a research programme aimed at helping with the diagnosis of infections in post-operative urology patients, and to distinguish between viral and bacterial causes of infections to allow the accurate use of antibiotics.

This project has been prioritised because postoperative complications are common and can cause extended treatment plans and long hospital stays, and as the NCEPOD report states, these complications can even result in death.



Research study into Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that involves not only the primary motor signs of the condition, but also non-motor symptoms, including mental, physical, and psychological complications. A £52,737 grant has been awarded this year to look into the role of caffeine being a possible prognostic biomarker and neuroprotective agent for the condition's onset and progression.

This grant was prioritised because until this year there had only been one investigation in North Wales reporting the prevalence of Parkinson's disease. That investigation had reported that the region had a fivefold higher incidence of Parkinson's disease compared to the general population because of the aging population in this region.



Outdoor Instructor Sessions for Staff via Plas Y Brenin Outdoor Centre

During the pandemic, hard pressed NHS staff were offered outdoor activity sessions with National Outdoor Centre, Plas Y Brenin (PYB), in Capel Curig, to help with their wellbeing. This financial year's funding of £10,000 was a continuation of these sessions to help with staff decompression following Covid-19.

The Staff Wellbeing Support Service (SWSS) felt it was an excellent opportunity for staff teams to come together again in the outdoors with highly qualified PYB instructors. One of the impacts has been to help team cohesion and to reconnect relationships within the workforce.

There is much evidence which supports the use of the outdoors and movement for enhancing wellbeing, resilience and encouraging good working relationships. The SWSS team feels this is another avenue of wellbeing and psychological care in which teams can support each other.

"The evidence informs us that during the recovery phase of a pandemic staff are afforded space to reflect on their experience," said Dr Kate Shakespeare, Senior Clinical Psychologist.

"Staff may be more likely to feel less resilient during this period due to fatigue and are at risk of experiencing heightened distress. We'd like to mitigate this where we can, and this includes offering these sessions to support our colleagues."

In three weeks 140 enquiries were received to attend the outdoor sessions from a range of departments across BCUHB primary and secondary care.



Small but important extras



In November 2021, Friends of Colwyn Bay Hospital kindly donated £178.35 to buy confectionery for patients. Other examples of smaller but significant grants include:

- A pressure cushion (to relieve pressure and numbness) at £180
- A mental health counselling session for £48
- A £15 jigsaw for patients with dementia
- A breast prosthesis for £85 for breast cancer patients
- Crayons for a children's ward

North Wales Forensic Mental Health Service

The BCUHB Forensic Mental Health Service provides long-term care and support for individuals with complex mental and physical health needs, and provides a holistic care package for the patients residing in the medium secure unit and community.

The forensic service has invested in a multiuse sports hall and provides a graded programme of physical fitness. These fitness sessions, which are provided by a physical training instructor, focus on essential skills such as personal wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence building, time management, structured day, and social skills and interaction.

The equipment in the gym was over 14 years old and needed a refresh this year, so the service was awarded a grant for £1,100.00 for new gym equipment.



Menter Mon partnership



There are 1,618 Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADS) within the BCUHB catchment area, thanks to the success of the Keep the Beats Project, which was established through a partnership between the Ambulance service, the NHS in North Wales and the cardiac charity SADS UK (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome).

When Keep the Beats launched in 2018, the survival rate for patients suffering an out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) in Wales was believed to be around half the survival rate of those recorded in England.

North Wales, having exceptionally rural areas, needed to quickly employ a strategy to improve this survival rate. A North Wales Public Access Defibrillator Support (PADS) Officer, Tomos Hughes, was funded through Awyr Las for a two year period so he could be teach lifesaving skills and install

defibrillators to help improve the survival rate for people experiencing an OHCA. Menter Mon gave a grant of £76,734.40 in 2021 to support the Keep the Beats project. Thanks to this and other donations, Keep the Beats has now doubled the volume of lifesaving equipment available in North Wales' communities, and Tomos provides support to ensure they are rescue ready. Menter Mon's grant funded 40 defibrillators around North Wales. If successful, the project should see an increase in survival outcomes from OHCA within the North Wales area.

Cardiology Diagnostic Vehicle

In 2021, Awyr Las funded a £66,000 cardiology diagnostic vehicle, the first of its kind in the UK, the purpose-built van has been kitted out with equipment, which is used to assess vulnerable patients who have suspected heart failure closer to their homes.

This means many of the patients don't have to go into hospital.

"The idea came to me during the Covid pandemic," said Liana Shirley, Advanced Imaging Specialist with the Heart Failure Community Clinics.

"During the Covid crisis we had nowhere to hold clinics, as the beds had been reassigned for Covid patients. My colleague Hannah and I had to start doing home visits, where we would have to drag a scanner in full PPE into people's homes. It was hard, but necessary."

Liana's husband suggested that her job would be made much easier if she had a van that could hold all the necessary equipment that was needed to assess the patient.

This cardiology diagnostic vehicle is now seen as 'the future of cardio diagnostics'.



Therapeutic Support Service Fund



The Therapeutic Support Service (TSS) is a nurse led activity and non-invasive therapies unit which is part of inpatients for people with learning disabilities at Bryn Y Neuadd Hospital.

In 2021, the team spent over £1,000 on replacing and enhancing sports, sensory and musical resources for the unit to improve patients' engagement and experiences during their hospital stay. Jane Williams, Manager at TSS, said: "As part of the assessment and treatment of patients with learning disabilities whilst in hospital, the TSS offers opportunities to maintain ordinary patterns of daily living. Our activities ensure our inpatients have opportunities to enjoy meaningful activities off the ward giving them someone to talk to, something to do and something to look forward to, and that is the crux of what we do. This enables our nurses to deliver non-invasive therapies, treatment and assessment in a social context rather than 'over a desk'. Replacing and enhancing our music and sensory resources

means we can offer a better patient experience, something which supports and develops their inclusion in their communities once they leave hospital, and their citizenship."

Jane and her 16 members of staff are well known for organising great fundraising activities, including a 24-hour danceathon at Bryn y Neuadd.

Jane said: "Good ideas are not in short supply at TSS. It's a joyful part of the health service where creativity and having fun alongside our patients is very much part of the job description".

Emergency phone on the suspension bridge

In October 2021, Awyr Las agreed to contribute £10,000 towards the cost of installing emergency phones on the Menai Suspension Bridge, to help increase safety at the site.

The phone lines will allow timely access to support services including the Samaritans and local policing services to help those in need. There are now eight emergency phones on the Menai Bridge at key access points. The benefit of the installation is currently being evaluated and the findings will be shared on a national basis to inform similar work across Wales.

David Patel, Regional Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Coordinator for BCUHB, believes that the installation of these phones is an essential tool in supporting safety at the site.

David said: "Awyr Las has helped safeguard the safety of users to the site by providing funding to support the installation of crisis phones. These phone lines will give people in need the opportunity to connect with a local Samaritans branch who can offer listening support to those who need it. This is one of the measures introduced to help ensure that people can access support when they need it and it also helps to support increased safety at the site".



Thank you to all the companies that have supported Awyr Las this year!

Here are just some examples of how local and national businesses have helped to make a difference this year

Redrow Ltd

Redrow Ltd presented Awyr Las with a cheque for more than £15,000 for the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre (NWCTC) at Glan Clwyd Hospital in memory of their much loved colleague, Karen Thomas, who sadly lost her battle to cancer at the centre back in June 2019.

The NWCTC, which provides services for patients from all over North Wales, was selected by staff based at Redrow's Ewloe headquarters as their chosen charity for 2019/20. Due to Covid, the Charity of the Year partnership was extended to the end of 2021.

Employees dedicated themselves to raising funds through different events, including dress down days, raffles, auctions and a Christmas market.

Staff raised a fantastic total of £10,225, which was increased to £15,337 thanks to Redrow's match funding scheme. The company donates £1 for every £2 raised by its employees for their chosen charity of the year.

Emma Davies of Redrow, said: "The staff at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre were such a support to Karen and her family during her cancer treatment and end of life care, and we wanted to do something in her memory.

"We're proud of all our employees who have taken part in our fundraising activities and are delighted to have raised more than £15,000.

"We hope this will make a real difference to the centre and the people who benefit from its services, it has been our pleasure to raise funds to support its invaluable work."



Medtronic



In 2021 staff in the Cardiology Department at Wrexham Maelor received a £3,000 educational grant from Medtronic. Sally Owen, Chief Cardiac Physiologist Cardiology at Wrexham Maelor, explained the importance of additional funding like this.

She said: "Without these grants we would find it difficult to attend conferences, which really help our learning and development. The recent one we have been on gave us the opportunity to learn from renowned Cardiologists across the globe.

"We have learnt how to adopt models of best practice and also where the future of our service could be heading. It gave us a chance to review new products from suppliers and get some hands-on training in some of the tech suites which was extremely valuable. We are so grateful for this support."

SP Energy Networks

The Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward Rainbow Ball held on Friday 18th March 2022 was a huge success, raising an incredible £20,000. The glittering evening was supported by principal sponsor SP Energy Networks. The supportive company have previously supported two other balls for the Children's ward, helping to raise over £50,000 to date for children's services. 195 guests were treated to a champagne reception, hosted by sponsors SG Estates, and a three-course dinner as well as musical entertainment.

Lisa Harvey, Lead Nurse for technology dependent children, said: "The night was a huge success and surpassed all our expectations.

"The ball had been delayed because of the pandemic three times so it was fantastic to see everyone have such a good time. All the profits from the night will go to buy extra medical and play equipment for the children and young people to enhance their experiences on the ward. It was a huge team effort, and it couldn't have happened without the support we received from all our sponsors."

Liam O'Sullivan, Director of SP Energy Networks, added: "We were delighted to support the Wrexham Maelor Children's Ward ball as principal sponsor for the third time running. SP Energy Networks are committed to engaging with and supporting the local communities we serve. We are extremely proud to take part in raising vital funds for the children treated on the ward and their families.

"The ward staff have worked extremely hard over the last two years and we're so thankful for the support they provide to the local community."



MoneySupermarket.com and the Asda Foundation



Other donations from businesses included £1,000 kindly given to the Coed Celyn, Garden Project by MoneySupermarket.com, and a donation of £990 from the Asda Foundation for the same project. The staff on Coed Celyn, an eight-bed, mixed sex mental health rehabilitation unit have been working hard to make the outside area a more pleasant space for patients.

Noel Williams, Interim Ward Manager on Coed Celyn, said: "These corporate donations have been extremely helpful in improving and adding to our new re-vamped garden area. This extra money has allowed us to fund activities and equipment to enhance the daily activity of our patients, and has allowed us to make full use of our facilities. Thanks to the charitable support we've received, our patients have been more proactive in partaking of outdoor activity, helping improve their mental and physical wellbeing."

Legacy gifts

NHS services in North Wales are fortunate to be remembered by so many people each year in their wills. Legacy gifts help fund research, cutting-edge equipment and special projects. The legacy of those who choose to include a healthcare service in their will can be felt for many years by patients and staff who benefit from their generosity.



All legacies, large and small, help make a difference for patients. In 2021/22, Michelle Rosemary Oldbury left a significant legacy gift of £126,461 to the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, and Peter Jones remembered the centre with a generous legacy gift of £60,000.

Gwyneth Young's legacy of £77,123 to the Alaw Cancer Unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd will help enhance the services available for patients, and

Francis Morgan's legacy of £42,894 will help make a lasting difference for patients receiving treatment in Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The charity received £1,730,819 in legacy donations during the 2021/22 financial year.

Julie Roberts, Oncology Ward Sister, explained why legacies are so important: "Leaving a gift in a will can help us continue to provide extra care for patients. Legacies make a lasting impact on our hospitals and of course on our patients. Donations and legacies of all sizes are gratefully appreciated. They really will help to transform the lives of future patients and their families."

This year Andrew Gairns left a generous legacy of £17,000 to the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA), a dedicated fund which supports the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre, and another £33,380 will be gifted from his estate in the next financial year.

Carol Pritchard Jones, the Chair of NWCA, said: "There are amazing staff at the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre who give high quality, compassionate care. We are hugely grateful when patients and families want to recognise this and reward the care they have been given.

"It is just wonderful that former patients and people in our local communities choose to give back in this way to help us move cancer services forward here in North Wales. We are truly grateful to those who have left legacies, however large or small."



International Healthcare Partnerships

Awyr Las has dedicated funds which aim to support international partnerships between the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and hospitals in African countries. These long-term partnerships provide BCUHB staff with new clinical skills and knowledge as well as the staff and volunteers in the partner hospitals. Here are two examples of how these funds are making a difference through the partnerships they support.

Betsi Kenya Health Link (BKHL)

In 2019, a group of volunteers formed a link between the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and the Busia County Referral Hospital (BCRH) in Kenya, and the Betsi Kenya Health Link Fund was established.



The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) donated £14,992 to the Betsi Kenya Health Link in the 2021/22 financial year for a project that aimed to strengthen the engagement of the community in Busia County so the healthcare team there can better understand their needs to improve the population's health and wellbeing.

The WCVA funding paid for a Health Needs Assessment (HNA), which was instrumental in identifying some urgent priority health needs for Busia County, for example a lack of bedding in the hospital. The funding paid for Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to meet over 2,500 community members. These volunteers have completed nearly 900 risk assessments. They now record data on key non-COVID public health threats and have detected a possible case of polio. This work has drawn the interest of Washington University, which plans to fund a scale-up of the project across the whole county.

The WCVA funded project has had an impact on the health and wellbeing of the communities in Busia County in the following ways:

- **Improved surveillance of COVID-19:**
The trained healthcare workers are now better equipped to identify health risks in the community and are now more able to relay this information to the public health authorities for further action.
- **Improved surveillance of other conditions:**
Surveillance of other infectious conditions and health threats has also improved and is now reported through a live community event-based surveillance system.
- **Improved motivation of community health workers**
The community health workers who were involved in the project have reported that they are more motivated, having gained knowledge and skills about COVID-19 and received support to deliver on their tasks.
- **Faster reporting of health threats**
A new online reporting system has reduced reporting time for health threats in Busia County and improved the response from the public health authorities.

Betsi Quthing Project

The Betsi-Quthing Link (BQL) International Health Partnership is between the Lesotho Ministry of Health, Quthing District, and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Awyr Las' BQL Fund has successfully delivered a number of projects thanks to a series of grants it has received since 2012. In 2021, the BQL Fund committee successfully applied to the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)'s Wales and Africa Grants Scheme and was awarded £66,063 of funding to deliver mental health training to over 400 community leaders and public sector workers across Quthing District.

The pandemic had a significant impact on poverty and stress on the already very poor population of over 120,000 people in the remote rural mountainous district. Clinical psychologists from North Wales who are trained in Mental Health First Aid and compassionate leadership approaches have been able to support senior health staff in Lesotho to help address the increased rates of suicide, depression, anxiety, substance misuse and gender-based violence which have been reported in Quthing since the pandemic began.

Gifts in kind

In 2021/22 Gifts in Kind worth £5,935 were given to the charity to help enhance patient care and staff wellbeing during what was a challenging period for both patients as staff. These gifts included plants, furniture & other items to update outdoor spaces and gowns for babies born sleeping. Gifts in kind were given by individuals, businesses and community groups, and all were gratefully appreciated by staff and families who benefited from the generous support given.



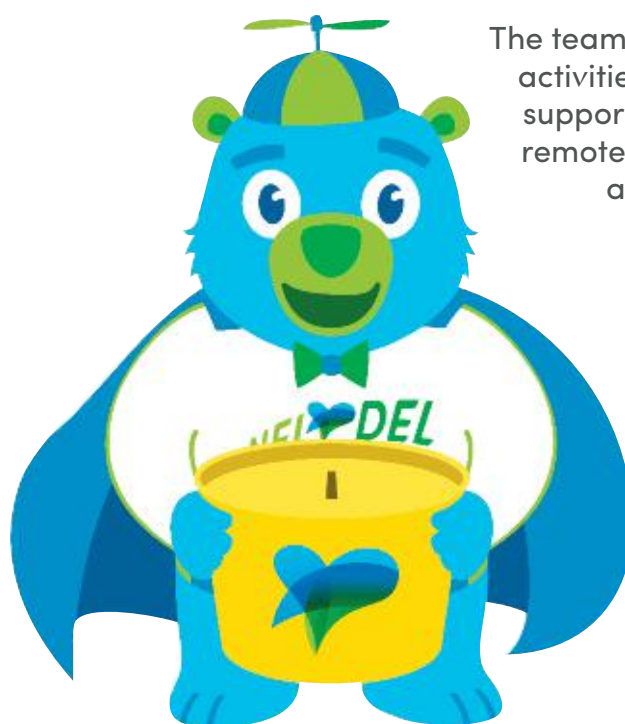
Looking ahead

The charity's focus for 2022/23 will be to continue to support communities as they navigate the ongoing pandemic. Addressing the long-term impact of COVID-19 will remain a priority. This work will be supported by money distributed by NHS Charities Together under its Stage 2 'Building Resilience' and 3 'Recovery' grant programme, funded by their COVID-19 urgent appeal.

Projects planned for this work stream will focus on building resilient communities. As well as redoubling the charity's focus on early intervention, the new strategy will provide a roadmap for addressing several key themes that have emerged during the pandemic, including:

- Supporting staff health and wellbeing, making sure they are cared for and supported to remain resilient
- Investing in research, development, training and mentoring to ensure staff are supported to work well in the challenging and dynamic environment of 21st century healthcare
- Encouraging innovation and research to help drive improvements in the quality of care and the patient experience in North Wales
- Collaborating with health and social care providers, local charities, our communities, and our patients and their families to build strong relationships that enable us to find creative solutions to the challenges we face

The Awyr Las Support Team looks forward with cautious optimism, hopeful that we will soon see the safe return of events and mass participation fundraising. In the meantime, we are continuing to invest in digital and hybrid events.



The team has placed a focus on digital and hybrid activities that enable BCUHB staff and external supporters alike to be part of something meaningful remotely, such as the One Million Steps challenge, and the Light up Christmas event.



Volunteer support

Additionally, we continue to seek to build on the relationships made with local individuals who registered as COVID-19 volunteers, supporting them where possible to transition to become regular volunteers within the Health Board, for example, as part of the valued Robins Volunteer Scheme.



Governance

Linked charities

The charity's registration incorporates a linked charity, the North Wales Cancer Appeal (NWCA). A very active subsidiary, NWCA volunteers work alongside NHS staff in the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre and raise additional funds for priority projects that benefit patients and families affected by cancer.

Trustee recruitment, appointment and induction

The charity has a sole Corporate Trustee, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Whilst BCUHB Members undertake responsibility for the administration of the charity's funds as part of their tenure of the Board, they do not hold trustee status as individuals. The Chair and Independent Members of the Health Board are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Government, with the Executive Directors being appointed in accordance with Health Board policy. New members of the Board are provided with appropriate induction and training on behalf of the Executive Director of Finance. Orientation documentation provided for new members includes the previous year's annual reports and financial statements, copies of the charity's governing documents, and relevant Charity Commission publications.

Charity staff

The charity does not directly employ any staff. The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Executive Director of Finance. Members of the Awyr Las Support Team are employed by the Health Board and then recharged to the charity in accordance with the proportion of their time that has been spent on charity work.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees have concluded that the Corporate Trustee through the Charitable Funds Committee comprises the key management personnel of the charity as they are in control of directing the charity.

The charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the charity trustees for their work undertaken as trustee. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests, register them with the Health Board and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. All related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

The charity's advisors

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 5 Queen St, Rhyl, Denbighshire, LL18 1RS

Investment advisors: Brewin Dolphin, Time Central, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SR

Registered auditors: Wales Audit Office, 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ

The charity's investments

Many of the donations received by the charity cannot be spent right away since they must be accumulated, in order to fund the most pressing and relevant items to improve patient care. As a result, Awyr Las invests these contributions in order to earn income and protect their real-world worth. During the financial year 2021/22, Brewin Dolphin Limited was the charity's investment manager.

Ethical investment framework

The Trustee has adopted an ethical framework for investments, with underlying principles supporting an ethical component of the overall investment strategy.

Investment strategy

This has given direction to the Investment Managers to develop a suitable investment strategy. The investment strategy is consistent with these ethical principles, whilst affording sufficient flexibility to provide the best balance of risk and reward for the charity. During the financial year 2021/22, the portfolio was managed in accordance with this agreed strategy. It is recommended that there is negative exclusion of investment in companies manufacturing and distributing:

- Alcoholic products
- Tobacco products
- Any products which may be considered in conflict with the Health Board's activities

Investment in companies which have a poor record in human rights and child exploitation and/or which derive their profits from countries with poor human rights records should not be permitted. In addition, investment in companies that demonstrate compliance with the principles of the Equality Act 2010 should be supported. Investment performance is monitored by the Charitable Funds Committee at its quarterly meetings. The committee receives reports from the investment managers explaining the portfolio's performance, the level of risk seen and expectations for the future.

Charitable Funds Committee

Operational responsibility for the administration of the charity is delegated to a Charitable Funds Committee, a committee of the full Health Board.

Purpose

The purpose of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Charitable Funds Committee is to make and monitor arrangements for the control and management of the Health Board's Charitable Funds, held within the BCUHB charity, Awyr Las. The committee meets quarterly.

Corporate Trustee Membership in 2021/22

A number of changes to Board membership, including interim and acting up arrangements, have occurred during the year and are reflected in the table at Appendix 1.

Performance

The overall goal of the charity is to benefit staff and patients at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in accordance with the preferences of supporters. The Awyr Las Support Team and the Charitable Funds Committee undertake a number of key activities.

Connecting with staff

To accomplish its goal, the Charity Support Team prioritises actions that promote awareness among Health Board employees, assisting them to learn about fundraising and the money accessible to them from the charity. The team also focuses on simplifying the methods for raising and applying for money, as well as empowering staff to innovate and utilise existing funding (or, in the absence of funding, to proactively raise the necessary monies) to help them to implement their ideas. The charity continues to embrace technology, including video conferencing, to stay connected with staff.

Evaluating requests for funding

To ensure that the charity's money is well spent and meets with its objectives, all applications for grants over £5,000 require ratification and/or authorisation from the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC), which is a committee of the full Health Board.

The Charitable Funds Advisory Group (CFAG) was established at the start of 2016 to provide further scrutiny of applications. The CFAG is a sub-committee of the Charitable Funds Committee. Because of COVID-19, the CFAG was temporarily stood down until 2021, and it now approves applications online, rather than in person. The CFAG has a remit to consider funding applications from £5,000 to £25,000 from general or specific charitable funds.

The group has the authority to approve or reject those applications. The decision to approve or reject an application is undertaken on behalf of the Charitable Funds Committee under the charitable funds scheme of delegation. Membership of the CFAG is varied. Like the CFC, members of the CFAG use their specialist knowledge to make informed decisions on funding, taking into account local needs and organisational priorities.

Applying for funding

Applicants must outline their proposed project's outcomes and how they will be measured in order to be considered for funding. They must also show that they have assessed the risks and investigated mitigating factors. All grant applicants must show how their plan would help to reduce health inequalities and promote the Health Board's dementia strategy.

Awyr Las Support Team

To help meet the charity's objectives, the Awyr Las Support Team has transitioned from working geographically to working thematically. In practice, this guarantees that East, West and Central still have a dedicated point of contact, but that individual members of the team can undertake projects that are more defined, and closely aligned with their skills and experience.

This evolution has enabled the team to be more effective within the current capacity. The charity's Support Team continues to streamline its processes and develop relationships with other teams within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to ensure it can provide the highest possible level of donor care.

Complaints

The Awyr Las Support Team did not uncover any failure to comply with Fundraising Regulation by staff or Awyr Las volunteers in 2021/22. The charity received no official fundraising-related complaints in the past year.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year and when considering applications for grant funding, the trustees consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's grant-making process

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Projects costing less than £5,000 can be authorised by a Fund Advisor – the colleagues that act as guardians for their designated funds – thus enabling NHS staff to gain prompt access to funding. Because of this, staff can quickly implement their ideas, meaning the tangible positive differences they wish to achieve for their patients or colleagues can be realised almost immediately.

There is a formal application and scrutiny process for requests of £5,000 or more. The Charitable Funds Advisory Group considers requests of between £5,000 to £25,000. Requests for £25,000 or more must be considered by the Charitable Funds Committee. The application process is designed to be accessible, whilst ensuring projects receive rigorous scrutiny to ensure they are robust, innovative, and realistically able meet the objectives set out by the applicant.

Non-designated funds

These funds are given to the charity with no preference expressed by the donor. They are used to fund things that are needed either across the region, or in areas/services that do not have their own fund.

The Finance Director – Operational Finance acts as the Fund Advisor on non-designated funds and so can authorise expenditure up to £5,000. Non-designated funds have been decreasing in value significantly over recent years. This is an ongoing challenge for the charity as it limits the things that can be funded where there is no suitable designated fund.

Designated funds

Within Awyr Las, most donations sit in one of the 450 designated funds, which are aligned to specific wards and departments. Every fund has at least one Fund Advisor, who is the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000. Fund Advisors receive monthly statements outlining the income and expenditure on the fund. For all expenditure over £5,000, a scheme of delegation is in place whereby additional approvals are required from the senior team for that area in the Health Board and the Charitable Funds Committee. This ensures that applications are fully reviewed and assessed alongside the objectives of the charity.

Financial summary

The following figures are taken from the full accounts approved on 26th January 2023, which carry an unqualified audit report. The accounts should be viewed in full if more details are required. This part of the Trustee's annual report comments on key features of those accounts. The full accounts have also been logged with the Charity Commission.

Almost all the charity's income comes from the voluntary efforts of NHS staff and the general public.

Income 2021/22

Donations

£746,000

Legacy gifts

£1,731,000

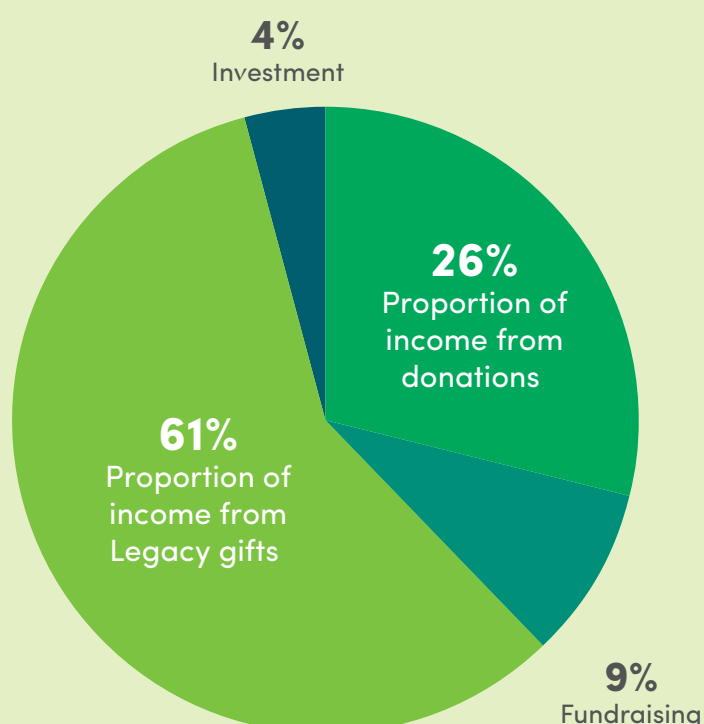
Fundraising

£258,000

Investments

£102,000

Total income
£2,837,000



This year, donations generated £746,000 (26%) of the charity's total income. Legacy gifts formed 61% of the charity's income (£1,731,000). Fundraising accounted for 9% of the charity's total income (£258,000). Investment of funds not immediately required by the charity has generated £102,000 in returns, equating to 4% of Awyr Las' total income.



Financial health

The assets and liabilities of Awyr Las as at 31st March 2021 are shown below, compared with the position at 31st March 2021. Find further details in the financial statements section.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted income funds £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	150
Investments	15	4,427	5,959	10,386	10,057
Total fixed assets:		4,577	5,959	10,536	10,207
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	802	1,031	1,833	796
Cash and cash equivalents	17	487	633	1,120	926
Total current assets:		1,289	1,664	2,953	1,722
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(404)	(592)	(996)	(1,209)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		885	1,072	1,957	513
Total assets less current liabilities		5,462	7,031	12,493	10,720
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Total net assets / (liabilities)		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	6,937	6,937	5,345
Unrestricted income funds	21	5,375	0	5,375	5,259
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15	15
Total funds		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619

The notes on pages 43 to 54 form part of these accounts

Signed:

Name: Jackie Hughes (Chair of Trustees)

Date:

Risk analysis

As part of the Charitable Funds Committee meetings, which usually take place at least four times a year, the trustees consider the major risks facing Awyr Las. In 2021/22 the Charitable Funds Committee met three times.

Managing risk

The main risks to the charity are reviewed by the Charitable Funds Committee on a quarterly basis, with the whole risk register being presented and reviewed annually in March. The charity's Risk Register was most recently reviewed on 18th October 2022 and is available to view here on pages 207 – 226: Bundle Charitable Funds Committee 18 October 2022 (nhs.wales). See below for the full URL. An individual risk analysis is completed for all Awyr Las events and activities, and for new processes and ways of working introduced by members of the Awyr Las Support Team.

Reserves

Both restricted and unrestricted funds are used to make grants through the charity. These funds are further split into non-designated (general) funds and designated (earmarked) funds.

Authorisation and levels of funding

Reserves are that part of a charity's unrestricted income funds that are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. A good reserves policy gives confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and also provides an indicator of future funding needs and its overall resilience.

The reserves policy takes into account the charity's financial circumstances and other relevant factors. Deciding on the level of reserves that a charity needs to hold is an important part of financial management and forward planning. Reserves levels which are higher than needed may tie up money unnecessarily. However if reserves are too low then the charity's solvency and its future activities can be put at risk.

The charity, drawing on Charity Commission guidance and examples of best practice from other charities, has adopted a reserves policy that includes a target level of reserves. It is good practice to keep the reserves policy under review to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the charity.

The Charitable Funds Committee reviews the Awyr Las reserves policy and target level of reserves annually, and has historically calculated the target based on the latest audited accounts. In March 2022 it was agreed that the reserves policy would be based on expenditure that has been approved in principle, and that it would also consider the latest audited accounts.

One of the charity's reserves can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets (see tangible fixed assets, note 14 in the Accounts).

Target level of reserves

When developing the recommended Reserves Policy, the following circumstances were considered: a) The Charity's structure:

A Reserves policy considers unrestricted funds, the funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects, and not restricted funds, which are subject to specific trusts which may be declared by the donors, or with their authority, e.g., in a public appeal, but still within the objects of the charity.

At 31st March 2021, the Charity held £5,274,000 in unrestricted funds, £5,345,000 in restricted funds, totalling £10,619,000. This means 50% of the charity's income is unrestricted and should be considered in the reserves policy. However, the charity has over 400 different funds, the majority of which are designated funds. At 31st December 2021 the charity's balance was £11,343,789, but only £980,447, or 9% of the total funds, were undesignated. 91% of the charity's funds are earmarked to benefit specific patient groups and services in line with what supporters have requested. The designated funds may be unrestricted, but that does not mean they have not been earmarked for a particular project/ward/service in accordance with donor wishes.

The designation has an administrative purpose only, and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund, but the Charity Commission states that designated funds set aside to meet essential future spending should be excluded from reserves.

b) Strategic planning, future needs and opportunities, and the anticipated levels of income and expenditure for the current and future years:

A draft 3 year 2022-25 strategy, drawn up in Q3 2021/22 and independently reviewed by an external agency in Q4 of 2021/22, proposed an increase in expenditure on both operational costs and charitable activities and set income targets which reflected the investment in fundraising capability. The independent review recommended that the principles that underpin the strategy be approved.

c) Additional internal and external influences on the charity's reserves:

Fluctuations in the charity's investments, which can rise or fall in value on a monthly basis, need to be considered. There needs to be an insurance against the risk of a large fall in the investments. In 2008/09, the investments of Awyr Las' three predecessor charities fell by 26%, and in 2019/20 they fell by 11%. In addition, the reserves policy needs to ensure the charity can support larger projects that cannot be paid for with one year's worth of income and, if income was severely reduced, continue to support projects for a minimum of six months.

d) Monitoring and reassessing reserve levels:

The target level of reserves needs to be reassessed on an annual basis. The Trustees should review the actual reserves held against the target throughout the year on a quarterly basis, to ensure that sufficient funds are held within the charity, whilst also continuing to utilise funds within a reasonable period of receipt.

Reserves policy 2021/22

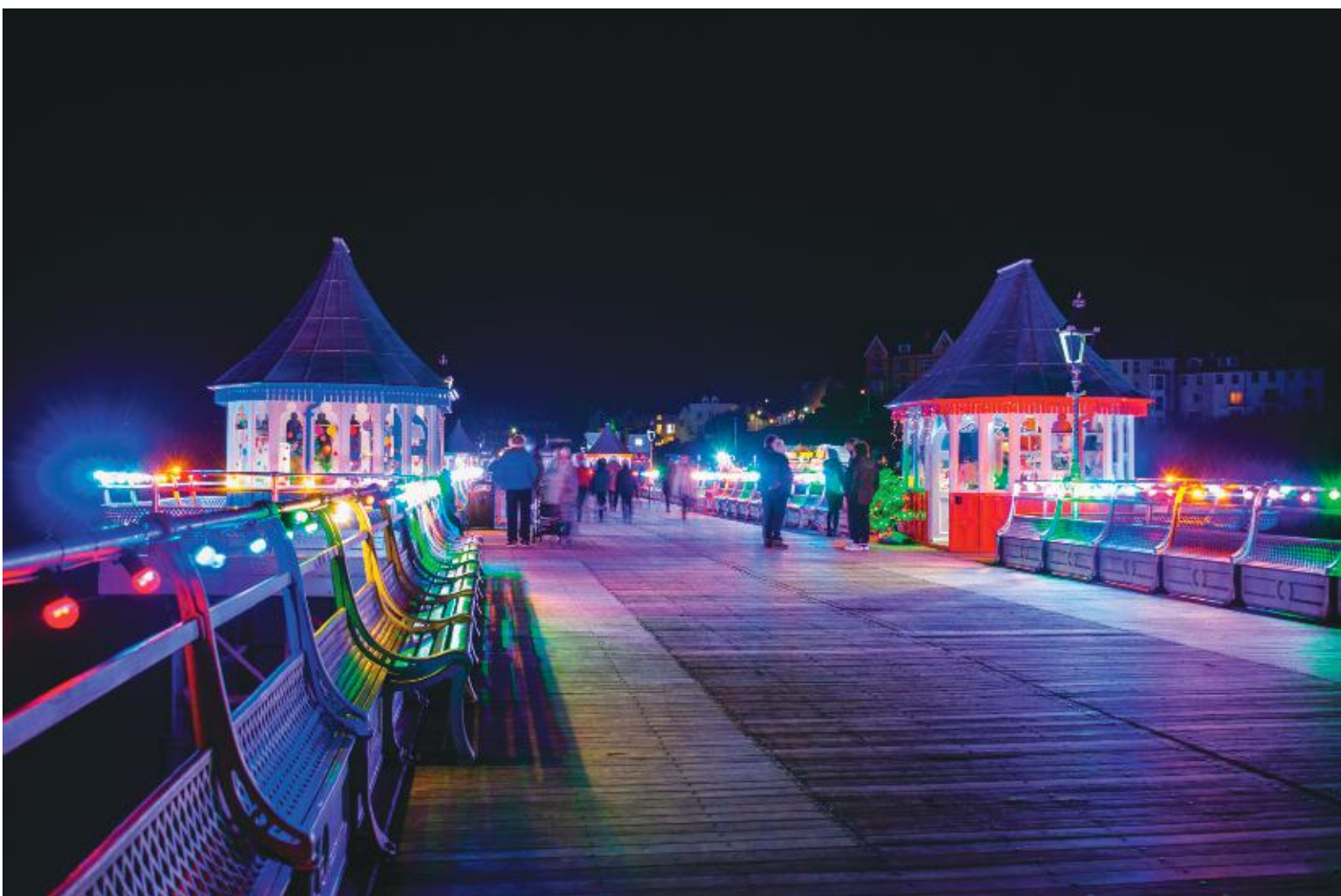
The reserves policy reflects future strategic planning, basing reserve targets on average three year income and expenditure goals, which were recommended for in principle approval by an independent review carried out by an external agency from January – March 2022.

In November 2021 the charity's investment managers, Brewin Dolphin, recommended that the reserves requirement be adjusted to reflect future planned expenditure rather than past income and expenditure levels.

The charity's target level of reserves is based on the following calculation:

- One year's operational costs, with average figures taken from approved (or those with in principle approval as necessary) strategic plans
- 25% of the value of investments held, with average figures taken from the last three years' of audited accounts
- 25% of charitable activity (grants) expenditure, with average figures taken from approved (for 2022/23, using the figures included in the draft strategy with in principle approval, as necessary) strategic plans.

The reserves target, set by the Charitable Funds Committee in March 2022 is £3,754,000. The available unrestricted balance at 31st March 2022 was £5,375,000 and the restricted balance at 31st March 2022 was £6,937,000. The charity was holding higher reserves than it should have been at the end of 2021/22. It is expected that in 2022/23 the charity will bring the amount of reserves it holds into line with the level of reserves identified by the trustees as appropriate.



BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD CHARITY & OTHER RELATED CHARITIES

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOREWORD

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition issued October 2019 and applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. This edition consolidates the changes to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Update Bulletins 1 and 2, the Charities Act 2011 and changes to UK Generally Accepted Practice since the launch of SORP (FRS102) on 16 July 2014, as it applies for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the corporate trustee of the charity under paragraph 16c of Schedule 2 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

The Trustees have been appointed under s11 of the NHS and Community Care Act 1990.

Awyr Las, the working name of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related Charities, is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd September 2010. Within the charity group registration there are two subsidiary charities:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity; and
- The North Wales Cancer Appeal.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS HELD ON TRUST

The main purpose of the charity is to apply income for any charitable purposes relating to the National Health Service wholly or mainly for the services provided by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	727	1,750	2,477
Other trading activities	5	210	48	258
Investments	6	59	43	102
Total incoming resources		996	1,841	2,837
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	230	140	370
Charitable activities	8	747	280	1,027
Total expenditure		977	420	1,397
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	160	108	268
Net income / (expenditure)		179	1,529	1,708
Transfer between funds	20	(63)	63	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		116	1,592	1,708
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	5,274	5,345	10,619
Total Funds carried forward		5,390	6,937	12,327

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Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Donations and legacies	3	724	1,270	1,994
Other trading activities	5	312	6	318
Investments	6	53	36	89
Total incoming resources		1,089	1,312	2,401
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	7	164	97	261
Charitable activities	8	893	620	1,513
Total expenditure		1,057	717	1,774
Net gains / (losses) on investments	15	1,408	915	2,323
Net income / (expenditure)		1,440	1,510	2,950
Transfer between funds	20	6	(6)	0
Other recognised gains / (losses)				
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	14	15	0	15
Net movement in funds		1,461	1,504	2,965
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	21	3,813	3,841	7,654
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Name : Jackie Hughes (Chair of Trustees)

Date :

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 31 March 2022

	Note	Total Funds 2021-22 £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19	153	14
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividend, interest and rents from investments	6	102	89
Proceeds from the sale of investments	15	7,902	959
Purchase of investments	15	(8,275)	(760)
(Increase) / decrease in cash awaiting investment	15	311	(260)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		40	28
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		193	42
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	17	926	884
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	17	1,119	926

Note on the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

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

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The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and as amended in the second edition issued October 2019.

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

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

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

(b) Funds structure

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

- A restricted fund or
- An endowment fund.

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

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

Those funds which are neither endowment nor restricted income funds, are unrestricted income funds which are sub-analysed between designated (earmarked) funds where the Trustees have set aside amounts to be used for specific purposes or which reflect the non-binding wishes of donors and unrestricted funds which are at the Trustees' discretion, including the general fund which represents the charity's reserves. The major funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in note 21.

(c) Incoming resources

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

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

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

(d) Incoming resources from legacies

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

Receipt is probable when:

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

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

(e) Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

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

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

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

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

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

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

A constructive obligation arises when:

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

(f) Recognition of expenditure and associated liabilities as a result of grants (cont.)

The Trustees have control over the amount and timing of grant payments and consequently where approval has been given by the Trustees and any of the above criteria have been met then a liability is recognised.

Grants are not usually awarded with conditions attached. However, when they are those conditions have to be met before the liability is recognised.

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

(g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those costs which do not relate directly to a single activity. These include staff costs, costs of administration, internal and external audit costs. Support costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities on an appropriate basis. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in note 11.

(h) Fundraising costs

The costs of generating funds are those costs attributable to generating income for the charity, other than those costs incurred in undertaking charitable activities or the costs incurred in undertaking trading activities in furtherance of the charity's objects. The costs of generating funds represent fundraising costs together with investment management fees. Fundraising costs include expenses for fundraising activities and a fee paid to a related party, the Health Board, under a fundraising agreement. The fee is used to pay the salaries and overhead costs of the Health Boards' fundraising office.

(i) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs, where not wholly attributable, are apportioned between the categories of charitable expenditure in addition to the direct costs. The total costs of each category of charitable expenditure include an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 8.

(j) Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price (or value of the asset on a full replacement cost basis if donated), costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000.

Land is stated at open market value. Valuations are carried out by a professional valuer at least every five years with an impairment review undertaken in all other years. No depreciation is applied to land.

Tangible fixed assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

(k) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. Fixed asset investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and are subsequently measured at their fair value (market value) at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and other investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors. Further information on the charity's investments can be found in note 15.

(l) Debtors

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

(m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day to day running costs of the Charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, usually in notice interest bearing savings accounts.

(n) Creditors

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

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

(o) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the closing and opening carrying values, adjusted for purchases and sales.

2. Related party transactions

During the year none of the Trustee's Representatives or members of the key management staff or their close relatives have undertaken any material transactions with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charitable Funds.

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

The Charity has made grant payments for revenue and capital to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Such payments are for specific items which are in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board prepares its accounts in accordance with the Government Financial Reporting Manual (FRoM) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), whereas the Charity prepares its accounts in accordance with FRS 102. The Charity, therefore, recognises a constructive obligation when it awards a grant, whereas the Health Board recognises it when the grant is received. This creates a timing issue as the Charity recognises expenditure before the Health Board does.

In its accounts and under FRS 102, the Charity recognises that it has made grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalling £0.94 million (2020-21: £1.41 million). Under the FRoM and IFRS, grant payments to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board totalled £1.24 million (2020-21: £1.82 million). The Charity reported liabilities of £0.29m with the Health Board as at 31st March 2022 (2020-21: £0.19m).

The audited accounts of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board are included in their annual report and accounts and are available from their website.

A number of the Health Board's members have declared interests in related parties as follows:

Name	Details of positions held during the financial year	Dates positions held	Details of interest declared
Independent Board Members			
J Whitehead	Chief Executive	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is on the GP Performers List and works as a locum in GP practices and the Health Board's GP Out of Hours Service.
Prof A Guha	Interim Executive Medical Director	01.04.21 – 22.08.21	Chair of the Wirral Asian Association, that promotes the culture and heritage of people of Asian heritage. The Charity also works for the community at large. Sits on a number of key committees at Health Technology Assessment Wales, All Wales Medical Strategy Group and Health Education and Improvement Wales.
N Lyons	Executive Medical Director	23.08.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is employed by Macmillan Cancer Charity and works with the Health Board.
A Thomas	Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse is employed by Boots UK as an Accuracy Checking Technician. Son is employed by the Health Board (nature of the role has not been disclosed)
G Evans	Acting Executive Director Therapies and Health Sciences	01.03.22 – 31.03.22	Member of the Welsh Allied Health Professions Committee (WAHPC). Member of the National Joint Professional Advisory Committee. Spouse is employed as a nurse by the Health Board.
M Wilkinson	Executive Director Planning and Performance	01.04.21 – 24.08.21	Associate at Mtech Access
Independent Board Members			
M Polin OBE QPM	Chair	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Spouse employed by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board as a health visitor
L J Reid	Independent Member and Vice Chair	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	*Committee Chair for the Primary Care Appeals Services, NHS Resolution. Specialist advisor for the Care Quality Commission. Justice of the Peace for HMCTS, North Wales Central. Director of Anakrisis Ltd which provides specialist training and advisory services to NHS England
Prof N Callow	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching and Head of College of Human Sciences, Bangor University.
Cllr C Carlisle	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	County Councillor for Colwyn Ward, Conwy County Borough Council. Cabinet Member for Children Families and Safeguarding (to May 2021). Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding (from May 2021). Deputy Chairman (political) Clwyd West Conservatives. Governor at Ysgol Bryn Elan. Member of the Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Adoption Panel. Panel member of Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board.
J Cunliffe	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Director of Abernet Ltd. Member of the Joint Audit Committee, North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.
J F Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Daughter is employed by the Health Board's District Nursing team at Plas Pawb Caernarfon.
Cllr R Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Director of Meditel Limited. Local Authority member for Plaid Cymru, Gwynedd County Council. Member of the Care Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee at Gwynedd Council. Councillor - Bangor City Community/Town Council.
L Meadows	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Trustee of Wirral Hospice St Johns, in a voluntary capacity.
L Tomos CBE	Independent Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Trustee for Cyngor Llyfrau Cymru/Books Council of Wales.
J Gallanders BEM	Independent Member	01.11.21 – 31.03.22	Former Chief Officer at the Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW)
Associate Board Members			
M Edwards	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 31.03.22	Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services at Gwynedd Council. Lead Director for ADSS Cymru on the Welsh Language. Member of the Welsh Language Partnership Board. Chair of the Regional Integrated Commissioning Board. Member of the Regional Partnership Board
G Evans	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 28.02.22	See above
Ff Williams	Associate Board Member	01.04.21 – 30.04.21	Chief Executive of Adra (Tai) Cyfyngedig/ Housing Association.
C Budden	Associate Board Member	01.06.21 – 31.03.22	Chief Executive of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association

Material transactions between the Charity and related parties disclosed during 2021-22 were as follows:	Expenditure with related party £000	Amounts owed to related party £000	Income from related party £000	Amounts owed by related party £000
Bangor University	20	3	3	0
Cyngor Gwynedd/Gwynedd	0	0	1	0

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Donations	727	19	746	1,060
Legacies	0	1,731	1,731	934
	727	1,750	2,477	1,994

4. Role of volunteers

Like all charities, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity is reliant on a team of volunteers for our smooth running. Our volunteers perform two roles:

- **Fund advisors** – Within the Charity there are 435 (2020-21: 414) designated funds which are identified to specific areas and/or services. Every fund has at least one fund advisor, who acts as the authorised signatory on the fund for purchases up to £5,000 and receives monthly statements as to the income and expenditure on the fund. Fund advisors are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure they authorise from their funds is appropriate and fits in with the objects of the fund and the Charity. They are also responsible for ensuring that their designated fund is never in a deficit position.
- **Fundraisers** – A number of volunteers actively support the Charity by running events such as coffee mornings, sponsored walks and sports tournaments, as well as supporting events directly organised by the charity.

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

5. Other trading activities

Income from other trading activities arises from fundraising events that are organised by the Charity, or by volunteers in aid of the Charity. These include events such as coffee mornings, cake bakes, sporting challenges and sponsored walks. The Charity generated £258,000 income from other trading activities during the financial year (2020-21 £318,000).

6. Gross investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Fixed asset equity and similar investments	59	43	102	89
Short term investments, deposits and cash on deposit	0	0	0	0
	59	43	102	89

7. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Fundraising office	137	104	241	201
Fundraising events	56	1	57	20
Investment management	22	16	38	22
Support costs	15	19	34	18
	230	140	370	261

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity

	Grant funded activity £000	Support costs £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Grants for NHS Capital expenditure	136	17	153	74
Staff education and welfare (including gift in kind)	57	21	78	450
Patient education and welfare	597	38	635	838
Medical research	144	16	160	151
	934	92	1,026	1,513

Gifts in kind worth £5,935 were received and used for the benefit of staff in 2021-22 (2020-21 £134,648).

9. Analysis of grants

The Charity does not make grants to individuals. All grants are made to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide for the care of NHS patients in furtherance of our charitable aims. The total cost of making grants, including support costs, is disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and the actual funds spent on each category of charitable activity, is disclosed in note 8.

The Trustees operate a scheme of delegation for the charitable funds, under which fund advisors manage the day to day disbursements on their projects, in accordance with the directions set out by the Trustees in the Charity Standing Financial Instructions. Funds managed under the scheme of delegation represent ongoing activities and it is not possible to segment these activities into discrete individual grant awards. The Trustees do make grant awards based on invited applications from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

10. Movements in funding commitments

	Current liabilities £000	Non-current liabilities £000	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Opening balance at 1 April (see note 18)	909	101	1,010	1,361
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities	(249)	(20)	(269)	(351)
Closing balance at 31 March (see note 18)	660	81	741	1,010

As described in notes 8 and 9, the charity awards a number of grants in the year. Many grants are awarded and paid out in the same financial year. However, some grants, especially those relating to research and development or for funding specific posts are multi-year grants paid over a longer period.

11. Allocation of support costs

Governance costs are those support costs which relate to the strategic and day to day management of a charity.

Support and overhead costs are allocated between fundraising activities and charitable activities based on the proportion of expenditure incurred against them both during the year. These support and overhead costs are then further allocated to unrestricted and restricted funds based on the balance held in these funds.

	Raising funds £000	Charitable activities £000	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Governance				
External audit	6	15	21	20
Finance and administration	12	33	45	55
Total governance	18	48	66	75
Finance and administration	13	37	50	41
Other costs	2	7	9	8
	33	92	125	124

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted Income funds £000	Total Funds 2021-22 £000	Total Funds 2020-21 £000
Raising funds	14	19	33	18
Charitable activities	40	52	92	106
	54	71	125	124

12. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The Charity does not make any payments for remuneration nor to reimburse expenses to the Charity Trustees for their work undertaken as Trustees.

13. Auditors remuneration

The auditors remuneration of £20,937 (2020-21: £20,180) related solely to the audit of the statutory annual report and accounts.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land 2021-22 £000	Freehold land 2020-21 £000
Cost and valuation		
Balance brought forward	150	135
Additions	0	0
Revaluations	0	15
Disposals	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Depreciation and impairments		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Impairment	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net book value at 1 April	150	135
Net book value at 31 March	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

During 2017-18, a piece of land located in Porthmadog was donated to the charity, for the benefit of the Madog Community & Hospital fund. The land was independently and professionally valued at open market value by the District Valuer in March 2021. There has been no impairment to the land in 2021-22. The charity intends to dispose of the land on the open market.

15. Fixed asset investments

Movement in fixed assets investments

	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Market value brought forward	10,057	7,673
Add: additions to investments at cost	8,275	760
Less disposals at carrying value	(7,902)	(959)
Increase / (decrease) in cash awaiting investment	(311)	260
Add net gain / (loss) on revaluation	268	2,323
Market value as at 31 March	<u>10,387</u>	<u>10,057</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value.

All of the Charity's investments are held within a portfolio which is now managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited after taking over from Rothschild Wealth Management Limited on 1st April 2021. With effect from 1st April 2021, a process of transferring the investment portfolio commenced and by 30th June 95.8% of the portfolio had been transferred. The remaining element was transferred on 19th August 2021. The key objective of the portfolio is to preserve and grow the investments' value in real terms, in order to continue to support charitable distributions over the long term. In order to meet this objective, the Trustees have agreed on a 'balanced' approach for the investment strategy. A 'balanced' portfolio is intended to achieve steady growth over the long term through a diversified approach to investment. Attention is paid to avoiding the worst of the downside and capturing some, but not all, of the upside of financial market returns. Capital preservation in real terms over a long time horizon is the primary objective, and some volatility is acceptable in order to achieve this.

The environment for investors remains challenging, highly volatile and valuations are much lower. In managing our portfolios, Brewin Dolphin Limited assess these risks and the potential impact they will have on the portfolio on an on-going basis. They also adjust investments to make the most of opportunities and to protect against risks as they see them. Risks promote uncertainty and make markets unpredictable over short periods. A solid allocation to diversifying assets and portfolio protection has therefore been maintained, resulting in risk within the portfolio being considerably lower than the broader equity markets.

16. Analysis of current debtors

Debtors under 1 year

	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Accrued income	1,807	791
Prepayments	0	0
Other debtors	26	5
	1,833	796

17. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Cash in hand	1,120	926
	1,120	926

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

18. Analysis of liabilities

	Total 31 March 2022 £000	Total 31 March 2021 £000
Creditors under 1 year		
Trade creditors	56	61
Creditors owed to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	296	194
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	575	909
Other accruals	3	45
Deferred Income	66	0
	996	1,209
Creditors over 1 year		
Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies	166	101
	166	101
Total creditors	1,162	1,310

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

	Total 2021-22 £000	Total 2020-21 £000
Net income / (expenditure) (per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,708	2,950
Adjustment for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(268)	(2,323)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(102)	(89)
Donated fixed assets	0	0
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(1,037)	(253)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(148)	(271)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>153</u>	<u>14</u>

20. Transfer between funds

There have been the following transfers between material designated funds:

- £63,360 was transferred from General Funds (unrestricted) to various restricted funds to reimburse net overall charity costs, less income from interest and investment gain/loss. This is included in Other Funds in Note 21.b., offset by the transfers in totalling £2,800 that are noted below.
- £1,400 was transferred from Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd (unrestricted) to the North Wales Clinical Research Centre (unrestricted) to fund the ENT Research Project.
- £1,400 was transferred from Cancer Support Group - YMW (unrestricted) to the North Wales Clinical Research Centre (unrestricted) to fund the ENT Research Project.

21. Analysis of funds

a. Analysis of restricted fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Leukaemia/Allied Blood Disease - YMW	197	1	(7)	0	5	196
Cardiology Fund - East	187	1	(25)	0	4	167
Wrexham Maelor General Fund	200	54	(9)	1	5	251
Wrexham Medical Institute	324	2	(11)	1	8	324
Pathology Leukaemia/Haematology - Glar	131	1	(8)	0	3	127
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	472	397	(85)	16	8	808
General Fund - Glan Clwyd	347	3	(12)	1	9	348
North Wales Cancer Centre Appeal	458	82	(25)	23	13	551
BCU Legacies Fund	697	1,059	0	0	0	1,756
Ysbyty Gwynedd General Purposes	636	38	(22)	4	13	669
LLandudno General Purposes	240	6	(8)	1	6	245
Ruthin Community Hospital General Purp	179	3	(13)	0	5	174
Ophthalmic Unit - H M Stanley	139	(3)	(6)	0	4	134
Renal Unit - YG	109	1	(12)	0	3	101
Oncology Fund - Glan Clwyd	106	1	(11)	0	3	99
Other Funds	923	195	(166)	16	18	987
	<u>5,345</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>(420)</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>6,937</u>

The objects of each of the restricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the fund's name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The BCU Legacies fund holds the accruals for legacies where probate has been granted, but we have not yet received the cash. This fund is used to protect the designated funds from fluctuations in the final legacy received. When the legacy is received it will be credited to the designated fund specified in the Will and the accrual will be reversed out from the BCU Legacies fund.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

b. Analysis of unrestricted and material designated fund movements

	Balance 1 April 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Transfers £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Balance 31 March 2022 £000
Cancer Support Group - YMW	373	43	(57)	(1)	0	358
Cardiology Department Central - Patients Fun	122	4	(19)	0	0	107
Cancer Charitable Fund - Glan Clwyd	746	57	0	(1)	0	802
Madog Community & Hospital Fund - Land	135	0	0	0	0	135
Janet Jones (Alaw) - YG	664	135	(34)	0	0	765
Gynae Services - West	108	0	0	0	0	108
General Funds - West	132	1	0	0	0	133
General Funds - Llandudno	131	0	0	0	0	131
General Funds - Investment Gains / Losses	1,740	(29)	0	0	268	1,979
Other Funds	1,108	785	(868)	(61)	(108)	857
	5,259	996	(978)	(63)	160	5,375

The objects of each of the unrestricted funds are to benefit the patients of the area, department or service stated in the funds' name, in accordance with the Charity's overall objectives. There is one fund listed above that is not aligned to a specific area:

- The Investment Gains fund holds the unallocated and unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. This fund is used to protect the other designated funds from fluctuations in the investment values.

The General Funds include all donations for which a donor has not expressed any preference as to how the funds shall be spent. These funds are applied for any charitable purpose to the benefit of the patients of the Health Board, at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have set an opening or closing balance of £100,000 or above as the threshold for the separate reporting of material designated funds. In the interests of accountability and transparency a complete breakdown of all such funds is available upon written request.

22. Post balance sheet events

The accounting statements are required to reflect conditions applying at the end of the financial year. No adjustments have therefore been made in respect of changes to the market value of investments following the end of the accounting period.

The Charity receives a quarterly portfolio report from its investment managers and the market value of investments held by the Charity have decreased by £1,129,000 to the end of September 2022, as detailed below:

	31 March 2022 £000	30 September 2022 £000	Movement £000	Movement %
Investments	10,386	9,257	(1,129)	-10.87%

Statement of the Trustee's Finance Representative's Responsibilities

As the Trustee's Finance Representative for the Charity, I am responsible for:

- the maintenance of financial records appropriate to the activities of the funds.
- the establishment and monitoring of a system of internal control.
- the establishment of arrangements for the prevention of fraud and corruption.
- the preparation of annual financial statements which give a true and fair view of the Charity and the results of its operations.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities I confirm that the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 16 attached have been compiled from and are in accordance with the financial records maintained by the Trustee and with applicable accounting standards and policies for the NHS.

Trustee's Finance Representative

Date of sign off

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Note	funds	Income	31 March	31 March
		£000	funds	2022	2021
			£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	14	150	0	150	150
Investments	15	4,427	5,959	10,386	10,057
Total fixed assets		4,577	5,959	10,536	10,207
Current assets:					
Debtors	16	802	1,031	1,833	796
Cash and cash equivalents	17	487	633	1,120	926
Total current assets		1,289	1,664	2,953	1,722
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(404)	(592)	(996)	(1,209)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		885	1,072	1,957	513
Total assets less current liabilities		5,462	7,031	12,493	10,720
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(72)	(94)	(166)	(101)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	21	0	6,937	6,937	5,345
Unrestricted income funds	21	5,375	0	5,375	5,259
Revaluation reserve		15	0	15	15
Total funds		5,390	6,937	12,327	10,619

The notes on pages 5 to 16 form part of these accounts

Signed :

Name : Jackie Hughes (Chair of Trustees)

Date :

The independent auditor report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 under the Charities Act 2011. These comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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Report on other requirements

Matters on which I report by exception

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

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Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

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Appendix 1: BCUHB Board membership 2021/22

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Mark Polin	Chairman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Board • Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Chair Finance and Performance Committee 	
Lucy Reid	Independent Member Vice Chair	Community Primary Care & Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Chair Mental Health Act Committee • Chair Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns
Lyn Meadows	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Acting Chair Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Vice Chair Audit Committee to 14/12/21 • Vice Chair Quality, Safety and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Cleaning, Hygiene and Infection Management

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
			Experience Committee • Member Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee to 09/12/21	
Cllr Cheryl Carlisle	Independent Member	Community	• Board member • Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Mental Health Act Committee • Member Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee	• Carers • Children and Young people
Cllr Medwyn Hughes	Independent Member	Local Authority	• Board member • Chair Audit Committee • Vice Chair Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Member Digital & Information Governance Committee to October 2021	• Patient and Public Involvement • Welsh language

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Prof Nichola Callow	Independent Member	University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Member Digital & Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Vice Chair Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Jackie Hughes	Independent Member	Trade Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Member Audit Committee • Member Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • Member Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Chair Charitable Funds Committee • Ex Officio Local Partnership Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence and Aggression • Equality

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John Cunliffe	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Chair Digital & Information Governance Committee • Chair Finance and Performance Committee • Chair Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Member Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee 	
Eifion Jones	Independent Member to 31/08/21	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Vice Chair Finance and Performance Committee • Member Mental Health Act Committee • Member Audit Committee 	
Jo Whitehead	Chief Executive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Audit Committee (at least annually) • Joint Chair / Member, Local Partnership Forum 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Linda Tomos	Independent Member	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Member Finance and Performance Committee • Member Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Chair Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Gill Harris	Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery / Deputy Chief Executive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Mental Health Act Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • In attendance Audit Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Sue Hill	Executive Director of Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Audit Committee • Lead Director / Member, Charitable Funds Committee • Lead Director / In attendance, Finance and Performance Committee • Lead Director Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • Member Local Partnership Forum • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee to October 2021 	

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Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Public Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Mental Health Act Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Mental Health and Capacity Compliance Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Sue Green	Executive Director of Workforce & Organisational Development (OD)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director/In attendance, Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • In attendance Performance, Finance and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee to October 2021 • In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / Member 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Mark Wilkinson	Executive Director Planning and Performance to 24/08/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member • Lead Director / In attendance, Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Stakeholder Reference Group 	
Prof Arpan Guha	Acting Executive Medical Director to 11/07/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration & Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Nick Lyons	Executive Medical Director wef 12/07/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee • In attendance Finance and Performance Committee • Member Charitable Funds Committee • In attendance Remuneration & Terms of Service Committee • In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee 	
Adrian Thomas	Executive Director Therapies & Health Sciences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • Lead Director / In attendance Healthcare Professionals Forum • In attendance Quality, Safety and Experience Committee 	
Louise Brereton	Board Secretary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members • In attendance at Audit Committee 	

Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Dr Chris Stockport	Executive Director Primary and Community Services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member • In attendance, Quality, Safety and Experience Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Strategy, Partnerships and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Partnerships, People and Population Health Committee • Lead Director / In attendance Digital and Information Governance Committee 	

Associate Board Members				
Name	Position	Area of expertise / representation role	Board committee membership	Champion roles
Morwena Edwards	Associate Member	Director of Social Services, Gwynedd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Ffrancon Williams	Associate Member	Chair Stakeholder Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Claire Budden	Associate Member		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member 	
Gareth Evans	Associate Member	Chair Healthcare Professionals Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Board Member • In attendance Quality, Safety & Experience Committee 	



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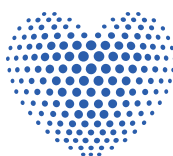
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We intend to issue an unqualified audit report on your Accounts. There are no issues to report to you prior to their approval.

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Audit of Accounts Report

Introduction

- 1 We summarise the main findings from our audit of your 2021-22 annual report and accounts in this report.
- 2 We have already discussed these issues with the Charity Accountant.
- 3 Auditors can never give complete assurance that accounts are correctly stated. Instead, we work to a level of 'materiality'. This level of materiality is set to try to identify and correct misstatements that might otherwise cause a user of the accounts into being misled.
- 4 We set this level at £28,800 for this year's audit.
- 5 We have now substantially completed this year's audit.
- 6 In our professional view, we have complied with the ethical standards that apply to our work; remain independent of yourselves; and our objectivity has not been compromised in any way. There are no relationships between ourselves and yourselves that we believe could undermine our objectivity and independence.

Proposed audit opinion

- 7 We intend to issue an unqualified audit opinion on this year's accounts once you have provided us with a Letter of Representation based on that set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 8 We issue a 'qualified' audit opinion where we have material concerns about some aspects of your accounts; otherwise we issue an unqualified opinion.
- 9 The Letter of Representation contains certain confirmations we are required to obtain from you under auditing standards.
- 10 Our proposed audit report is set out in **Appendix 2**.

Significant issues arising from the audit

Uncorrected misstatements

- 11 There are no misstatements identified in the accounts, which remain uncorrected.

Corrected misstatements

- 12 There were initially misstatements in the accounts that have now been corrected by management. However, we believe that these should be drawn to your attention and they are set out with explanations in Appendix 3.

Other matters arising from the audit

- 13 During the planning of our audit we identified some areas of risk specific to Awyr Las that we reported to you in our Audit Plan.

Transfer of Investment portfolio from Rothschild to Brewin Dolphin

- 14 We identified the accounting treatment of the transfer of investment portfolio from Rothschild to Brewin Dolphin during the year as a significant risk. The investment portfolio represents a material balance within the financial statements and such a transfer is not a regular occurrence, increasing the potential risk of error.
- 15 Audit work undertaken such as reviewing all investment balances including additions and disposals made by both investment managers and reconciling the investments transferred between the managers did not identify any issues that impact on the Awyr Las financial statements.

New charity accountant appointed to prepare the 2021-22 financial statements

- 16 During the audit of the 2020-21 financial statements, we highlighted an issue surrounding the quality of the initial draft accounts presented for audit.
- 17 A new charity accountant was appointed to prepare the 2021-22 financial statements. Although supported by experienced members of the finance team, the production of the financial statements is complicated and having a new accountant prepare the financial statements, increases the risk of errors arising.
- 18 Whilst misstatements were identified during our audit (as set out within Appendix 3), we have noted an improvement in the quality of the financial statements received.

Recommendations

We intend to hold a post projection learning exercise with key staff to identify an action plan to further improve the accounts production and audit process for future years.

Appendix 1

Final Letter of Representation

Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board Charity letterhead

Auditor General for Wales
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** January 2023

Representations regarding the 2021-22 financial statements

This letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements (including that part of the Remuneration Report that is subject to audit) of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on their truth and fairness and their proper preparation.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made enquiries as we consider sufficient, we can make the following representations to you.

Management representations

Responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities for:

- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with legislative requirements and the Charities Act 2011; in particular the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance therewith; and
- the design, implementation, maintenance and review of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

Information provided

We have provided you with:

- full access to:
 - all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as books of account and supporting documentation, minutes of meetings and other matters;

- additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
- unrestricted access to staff from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
- the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;
- our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;
- our knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others;
- our knowledge of all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements; and
- the identity of all related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Financial statement representations

All transactions, assets and liabilities have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

The methods, the data and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.

All events occurring subsequent to the reporting date which require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted for or disclosed.

All known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Representations by those charged with governance

We acknowledge that the representations made by management, above, have been discussed with us.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of true and fair financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The financial statements were approved by The Charitable Funds Committee on 18 January 2023.

We confirm that we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to you. We confirm that, as far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you are unaware.

Signed by:

Signed by:

Jackie Hughes

Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee
and Trustees Representative – on behalf of
those charged with governance

On behalf of management

Date: ** January 2023

Date: ** January 2023

Appendix 2

Proposed Audit Report

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 under the Charities Act 2011. These comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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Appendix 3

Summary of Corrections Made

During our audit, we identified the following misstatements that have been corrected by management, but which we consider should be drawn to your attention due to their relevance to your responsibilities over the financial reporting process.

Exhibit 3: summary of corrections made

Value of correction	Nature of correction	Reason for correction
Note 10 – Movements in funding commitments: Increase / (Decrease) in liabilities - Current Liabilities decreased from £298,000 to £249,000	The movement in liabilities in Note 10 was amended by £49,000 to be correct and consistent with the disclosure in Note 18 Analysis of Liabilities).	To ensure the disclosures in the accounts are consistent.
Note 7 - Analysis of expenditure on raising funds: Unrestricted funds decreased from £236,000 to £230,000 Note 8 – Analysis of expenditure on charitable activity: Grant funded activity decreased from £940,000 to £934,000 Note 16 - Analysis of current debtors: Other debtors from increased from £14,000 to £26,000	Expenditure was overstated by £12,000 due to the inclusion of expenditure cancelled during 2022-23. Awyr Las paid the funds over to the Health Board during 2021-22 and so an additional debtor has been included to ensure this is reimbursed. This has also impacted on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note 19• Note 21	To ensure only valid expenditure is reported within the financial statements.
2020-21 comparative figures: Various	The comparative disclosures were amended for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note 3• Note 5• Note 14	To ensure the comparatives disclosures agreed to the 2020-21 audited financial statements.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 19 • Note 21a • Note 21b 	
Note 22 Post Balance Sheet Events: Narrative amended	The narrative disclosing the change in market value of the Charity's investments since the year end was amended from £1,131,000 to £1,129,000.	To ensure that the narrative disclosure in Note 22 states the correct movement in market value of investments.
Note 21 Analysis of Funds: Revaluation Reserve increased from £nil to £15,000 Unrestricted Other Funds decreased from £846,000 to £831,000	The draft accounts combined the Revaluation Reserve incorrectly within Unrestricted Other Funds.	To ensure that the classification of reserves is in alignment with Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SoRP) requirements.
Note 18 Analysis of Liabilities: Creditors under 1 year, 'Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies' decreased from £660,000 to £575,000 Creditors over 1 year 'Accruals for grants owed to NHS bodies' increased from £81,000 to £166,000	This was identified by the charity accountant following agreement to supporting documentation.	To ensure that the classification of creditors is disclosed correctly.
Note 3 Income from Donations and Legacies: Income from donations decreased by from £812,000 to £746,000 Note 18 Analysis of Liabilities: Creditors under 1 year 'Deferred Income' increased from £nil to £66,000	Grant income of £66,063 relating to 2022-23 was incorrectly included within the 2021-22 financial statements.	To ensure that income has been accounted for within the correct financial year.

<p>Note 2 Related Party Transactions: Narrative amendments</p>	<p>The related party disclosures have been updated to disclose the capacity in which key officers' relatives are employed by BCUHB.</p> <p>In addition, expenditure of £1,000 relating to Cyngor Gwynedd / Gwynedd Council have been amended to nil to reflect the lack of transactions during the year.</p>	<p>To ensure that the related party disclosures are accurate and in accordance with the Charities SoRP.</p>
<p>Annual Report: Various</p>	<p>Several amendments were made to the Annual Report relating to either revisions to disclosures of information, narrative changes or typos.</p>	<p>To ensure the Trustees Annual Report complies with the Charities SoRP.</p>



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Teitl adroddiad: <i>Report title:</i>	Review of the Awyr Las Annual Report 2021/22			
Adrodd i: <i>Report to:</i>	Awyr Las Board of Trustees Meeting			
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: <i>Date of Meeting:</i>	Thursday, 26 January 2023			
Crynodeb Gweithredol: <i>Executive Summary:</i>	<p>Awyr Las is the working name for the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Charity and other related charities, Charity number: 1138976. The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the single trustee for the charity.</p> <p>The Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's Board act as the Board of Trustees of the charity. The responsibility for the management and use of the charity's funds lies with the Board, which has established a Charitable Funds Committee for the purpose of making and monitoring arrangements for the control and management of the charity.</p> <p>This presentation provides the Board of Trustees with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An overview of the charity's activity in 2021/22, which is included in the Charity's Annual Report 2. A summary of the charity's activity in 2022/23 3. A forward look for 2023/24 and beyond 			
Argymhellion: <i>Recommendations:</i>	The Board of Trustees are asked to note the information included in this presentation.			
Arweinydd Gweithredol: <i>Executive Lead:</i>	Steve Webster, Interim Executive Director of Finance			
Awdur yr Adroddiad: <i>Report Author:</i>	Kirsty Thomson, Head of Fundraising			
Pwrpas yr adroddiad: <i>Purpose of report:</i>	I'w Nodi <i>For Noting</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I Benderfynu arno <i>For Decision</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	Am sicrwydd <i>For Assurance</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lefel sicrwydd: <i>Assurance level:</i>	Arwyddocaol <i>Significant</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Lefel uchel o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol <i>High level of confidence/evidence in</i>	Derbyniol <i>Acceptable</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lefel gyffredinol o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol <i>General confidence / evidence in delivery of</i>	Rhannol <i>Partial</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Rhywfaint o hyder/tystiolaeth o ran darparu'r mecanweithiau / amcanion presennol <i>Some confidence / evidence in delivery of existing mechanisms / objectives</i>	Dim Sicrwydd <i>No Assurance</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Dim hyder/tystiolaeth o ran y ddarpariaeth <i>No confidence / evidence in delivery</i>

	delivery of existing mechanisms/objectives	existing mechanisms / objectives	
<p>Cyfiawnhad dros y gyfradd sicrwydd uchod. Lle bo sicrwydd 'Rhannol' neu 'Dim Sicrwydd' wedi'i nodi uchod, nodwch gamau i gyflawni sicrwydd 'Derbyniol' uchod, a'r terfyn amser ar gyfer cyflawni hyn:</p> <p><i>Justification for the above assurance rating. Where 'Partial' or 'No' assurance has been indicated above, please indicate steps to achieve 'Acceptable' assurance or above, and the timeframe for achieving this:</i></p> <p>This presentation provides acceptable and not significant assurance because it provides an overview of activity only. More detailed plans and activity evaluations are submitted to the Charitable Funds Committee for scrutiny.</p>			
Cyswllt ag Amcan/Amcanion Strategol:	Awyr Las Strategy		
Link to Strategic Objective(s):			
Goblygiadau rheoleiddio a lleol:	All activity carried out for and on behalf of the charity is managed in line with Charity Commission guidance and regulation.		
Regulatory and legal implications:			
Yn unol â WP7, a oedd EqlA yn angenrheidiol ac a gafodd ei gynnal?	Do/Naddo Y/N		
In accordance with WP7 has an EqlA been identified as necessary and undertaken?	N/A		
Yn unol â WP68, a oedd SEIA yn angenrheidiol ac a gafodd ei gynnal?	Do/Naddo Y/N		
In accordance with WP68, has an SEIA identified as necessary been undertaken?	N/A		
Manylion am risgiau sy'n gysylltiedig â phwnc a chwmpas y papur hwn, gan gynnwys risgiau newydd (croesgyfeirio at y BAF a'r CRR)	All risks are included in the Charity Risk Register		
Details of risks associated with the subject and scope of this paper, including new risks(cross reference to the BAF and CRR)			
Goblygiadau ariannol o ganlyniad i roi'r argymhellion ar waith	The charity's operational budget is submitted for scrutiny and approval to the Charitable Funds Committee on an annual basis and is monitored throughout the year.		
Financial implications as a result of implementing the recommendations	No recommendations are included within this presentation.		
Goblygiadau gweithlu o ganlyniad i roi'r argymhellion ar waith	N/A		
Workforce implications as a result of implementing the recommendations			
Adborth, ymateb a chrynodeb dilynol ar ôl ymgynghori	N/A		



Feedback, response, and follow up summary following consultation	
Cysylltiadau â risgiau BAF: (neu gysylltiadau â'r Gofrestr Risg Gorfforaethol) Links to BAF risks: (or links to the Corporate Risk Register)	Not linked to specific risk on BAF/CRR
Rheswm dros gyflwyno adroddiad i fwrdd cyfrinachol (lle bo'n berthnasol) Reason for submission of report to confidential board (where relevant)	Amherthnasol Not applicable
Camau Nesaf: Gweithredu argymhellion Next Steps: Implementation of recommendations Not applicable	
Rhestr o Atodiadau List of Appendices: Appendix 1: Presentation - Review of the Awyr Las Annual Report 2021/22	



Awyr Las
Blue Sky

Elusen GIG Gogledd Cymru
The North Wales NHS Charity

Crynodeb o 2021/22

An overview of 2021/22



Rhif Elusen Gofrestredig / Registered Charity Number 1138976



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**Cymhariaeth â
blynyddoedd blaenorol ac
elusennau eraill y GIG**

**A comparison with
previous years and other
NHS charities**



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Cynlluniau ar gyfer 2023 a'r dyfodol

Plans for 2023 and beyond



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Diolch i chi a chwestiynau

Thank you and questions



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