



Noah's Ark

Children's Hospital Charity
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Annual Report

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brighter **todays** and
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for the children of Wales.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable group for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charitable group for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019). This report consolidates the results of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and its subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, collectively referred to as Noah's Ark.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

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A message from our Chair

Edward Hayward OBE

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2021, a year of highs and lows in which celebrations to mark our 21st birthday were mostly put aside while we continued to support those who we are here to represent in the midst of a global pandemic. It's a situation, I think it's safe to say, that very few of us could have predicted. The Noah's Ark family has now achieved 21 years of caring together and the strength of the bonds that each of you has helped to create over those years is why we have been able to weather these most recent ones. You are the ones who have kept this ark afloat – thank you.

Young patients and their families were our inspiration as always, keeping our focus sharp through difficult times. We kept children and young people at the heart of every decision and action and are delighted to share outcomes from that in this report.

As the COVID-19 crisis continued, so did the support we introduced at speed within the hospital at the start of lockdown in 2020. Our range of emergency packs for parents, children and young people admitted in mental health crisis continued, as did our food provision for parents caring for their children alone while ward restrictions were in place. We also introduced ward activities as soon as it was safe to do so with visits from our therapy dog, Nico, and one to one story and song sessions delivered virtually to children on the wards.

During its second year, the effect of the pandemic on mental health continued to make an impact. The admission rates for children in mental health crisis remained at an all-time high and the effect on families, many of whom are already coping with life changing experiences, was visible. Emotional support for

families and staff was needed in 2021 more than ever. It has rapidly become a key focus for the charity as we have been fortunate to witness first-hand the positive impact that support and advocacy has when offered at the point of need.

The emotional support service funded by the charity on the neonatal intensive care unit has had a demonstrable impact. We now have plans to launch a similar service covering paediatric critical care and major trauma. During 2021 we also invested in a scoping exercise to assess the demand for emotional support across the children's hospital, supporting the development of a strategic approach to delivering this care.

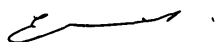
Working collaboratively with the health board, we hope to be able to progress these plans in 2022.

Thanks to our donors and fundraisers, the charity also continues to fund the play specialist service. We never cease to be in awe of the positive impact that these talented professionals have on children, young people and their families.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity Company Limited by Guarantee

We were also able to fund state of the art equipment on the paediatric critical care unit, supporting the unit as they continuously strive to maintain a gold standard of clinical care.

On behalf of the Trustees, I'd like once again to extend our sincerest thanks to all those who helped us through this and each of our 21 years. You have made it possible for the charity to continue in its mission to support the incredible care delivered by frontline staff at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales. After another year that none of us will forget, I'm confident that the Noah's Ark family remains united and ready to face the new challenges of 2022.



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



Objective and activities



“No family wants to see their child sick in hospital but if they do, we know first-hand what an impact donations made by people like you can make.”

Adrienne, mum to Otis

About us

As the official charity of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, children and families are at the heart of everything we do. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our supporters, we can respond to urgent need across the hospital, funding innovative life-saving equipment and investing in technology that helps to train the bright clinicians of tomorrow. We invest in patient and family services and facilities, helping to ensure that every aspect of the hospital experience is centred on the wellbeing of young patients and their families. We also work with the hospital to create an environment that is less clinical and more child-friendly for the young patients who spent time there.

Our mission and goals

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

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

Our key areas of focus in 2021

Equipment: The Noah's Ark Charity responds to urgent need across the hospital, funding innovative or life-saving equipment. Thanks to the ongoing commitment of the charity's supporters, we have helped make sure that the hospital's specialist clinicians have the best resources possible at their disposal so that they can provide the highest level of treatment and care.

Helping patients and families: Vital in a patient centred model of care for both children and their families, we have

supported services and programmes that help give patients, parents and carers the best possible experience during their hospital stays. Funding for the play specialist service continued in to its eighth year and, following the success of the charity's emotional support service for families on NICU, we embarked on a collaborative project with the health board to scope out a hospital wide service.

Sparkle and fun: Through our grant making programme, our Sparkle Fund and Friday Hub Club, we worked to make the hospital a less frightening and more familiar place to be for children, sprinkling a little fun and happiness into hospital days. We celebrated different seasons and festivities from Easter gifts, summer lollipops, family nights, virtual Santa visits and the ever-popular silent disco.

Practical support: As for most of 2021 strict visitor restrictions were still in place, our COVID-19 resilience fund allowed us to continue providing food for parents on the wards. Our range of emergency packs created for patients and families admitted unexpectedly has also become a staple provision for families in need.

The values that guide us

Excellence

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

Hope

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

Compassion

We place compassion at the heart of everything we do.

Family

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

Charitable objects

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

Public benefit

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

Independence

We are independent of the NHS but work in close partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board who manage the hospital. We support the whole hospital and all its patients through our fundraising. The charity receives no government or NHS funding. We rely entirely on voluntary donations and gifts in Wills.

Setting and achieving our fundraising objectives

Our fundraising objectives have evolved quite a bit since our first urgent call to action – to build a specialist hospital for the children of Wales. We continue to work hand in hand with the health board, responding to requests to support innovation and progress in health care and funding capital development projects that allow clinical teams to deliver increasingly higher and modern standards of service. We have become better at listening and responding to the voices of frontline staff and patient families and many of our fundraising objectives today are clearly driven by their needs.

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

How we measure success

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

We also measure success against specific campaign and event targets and growth in new supporters and followers, among numerous other indicators. We are pleased that there is such tangibility for the investment of our funds. We can confidently show donors how their funds have been used for the benefit of thousands of children each year.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees takes the identification and management of risk seriously in governing the charity. The charity's management team scrutinises the activities and commitments of the charity and reports to Trustees monthly to ensure controls and any necessary mitigating actions are agreed for each area of risk.

The charity scrutinises and establishes core risk areas that could significantly impact the charity's ability to fulfil its purpose and deliver its commitments and core activities to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales. The charity accepts that no activity comes with zero risk, indeed some risk is inherent to our organisation, the charitable sector, the environment in which we work, and the activities required to deliver our purpose. The very nature of our work is to raise funds and it is our duty to maximise the contributions of others while minimising risk to a level that will not compromise our impact and remains within our values as an organisation.

Principal risks

COVID-19

The pandemic caused severe disruption to fundraising and income generation giving rise to risk across the following areas: major capital projects, grant making, financial sustainability, reputation and delivery of core activities at the hospital. The charity took many mitigating measures in 2020 and 2021, providing a roadmap to recover pre-pandemic levels of income. Whilst we are making progress, there is still uncertainty in some sectors and some of the charity's events in early 2022 were impacted through participant isolation. Therefore, COVID-19 still presents a risk to the charity but as regulations and guidelines continue to be lifted, we hope that barriers to fundraising will likewise reduce. Some of the measures taken during the pandemic such as postponing investment in development activity will ease very slowly and cautiously to allow the charity to rebuild its income to pre-pandemic levels.

Capital development projects and the changing need at the hospital

The pandemic brought significant changes to clinical admissions and nursing care over the last two years; both medicine and surgery is now delivered in more flexible ways. COVID-19 has influenced patterns of paediatric activity due to closure of the schools and reduced numbers of usual respiratory illnesses during lockdown but has presented the hospital with different challenges of children and young people with behavioural and emotional crisis admissions. These will need to be considered in any capital redevelopment along with all other services and reverting to "normal activity" in forthcoming winters.

These significant changes to the health need and clinical delivery affects the charity's ability to continue with appeals for capital development launched before the pandemic struck. There is also the risk that capital costs will escalate when planning continues. This carries a high reputational risk with donors and stakeholders which the charity must manage.

High levels of concern over the rise in the cost of living and general economic uncertainty

The areas of risk here are financial stability, reputation and the delivery of core activities. The charity team and Trustees work closely together to explore and develop streams of income that could then offset falls in income elsewhere. The current fundraising strategy identifies as a priority the need to increase the number of donors making recurring monthly gifts. Regular giving allows the charity to plan with confidence. The charity monitors closely its designated, committed and free reserves to ensure that while existing commitments to the hospital will be met, sufficient income can also be generated to meet urgent need at the hospital.

Investment strategy

The charity has continued to retain funds in short term deposits and accessible funds. Whilst the gains in better economic times could be attractive, the charity prefers to be able to immediately access funds without risk to support the hospital. The nature of the organisation is that there are not significant liquid funds over and above the commitments to projects which would allow surplus cash to be invested in longer term investments.

Grant making

This programme makes the charity accessible to all frontline staff at the children's hospital, building strong bonds in the process.

In 2021, we continued to make an impact on a smaller but meaningful scale by awarding specific grants for sums under £1,000 for a range of projects such as a beads of courage programme. These grants are already making a positive difference to children's experiences and outcomes.

Though the charity suspended grant making for large value applications during the pandemic, pre-existing applications were considered as prospective fundraising appeals or, where possible, funding from external organisations was sought. Thanks to a very large pledge from Simmons & Simmons, it was possible to give the green light to an emotional support service on critical care and major trauma which will launch in 2022. We look forward to reopening the whole grant programme in 2022 and encouraging proposals from hospital staff at all levels.

The Noah's Ark community

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

We run events and campaigns and work with schools, companies, community organisations, philanthropists and grant making trusts to make our mission an evolving reality. Our regular givers help us to plan, even during difficult times and in 2021 we reached out to many who have helped us over the years. Our wonderful fundraisers, ambassadors and volunteers play a key role in making everything we do possible.

We extend huge gratitude to those families who, having had a personal experience of the children's hospital themselves, decide to help others by fundraising in support of our charity.

Many of those also allow us to tell their story, often while their hospital journey is still taking place. This takes great strength and fortitude and we express our deepest appreciation for their openness and willingness to tell their very personal stories with the aim of raising both awareness and funds.

Looking ahead

At the beginning of 2022, there is hope that things seem to be returning to normal. There is certainly an air of optimism that our plans for the year ahead and beyond can continue with confidence.

We will continue to fund the play specialist team, a service so crucial to providing that all-important child-friendly environment at the hospital. Supporting patients and their families during their hospital journeys will remain a cornerstone of our work and initiatives that create brighter days for inpatient families will continue.

Our therapy dog, Nico, was welcomed back with huge excitement towards the end of 2021 and the relaunch of Friday Hub Club, albeit virtual for now, was made a reality in time for Christmas. A full programme, with views to grow these services even further, is in our sights for 2022.

Emotional support is fast becoming an area of key focus for the charity. Following the success of the psychology service for NICU families funded through our Tiny Lives Appeal, 2022 will see the charity fund a similar service within paediatric critical care and major trauma. In addition, we plan to play an integral role in the development of a potential new hospital-wide emotional support and wellbeing service, so every Noah's Ark family has access to this type of support if they need it.

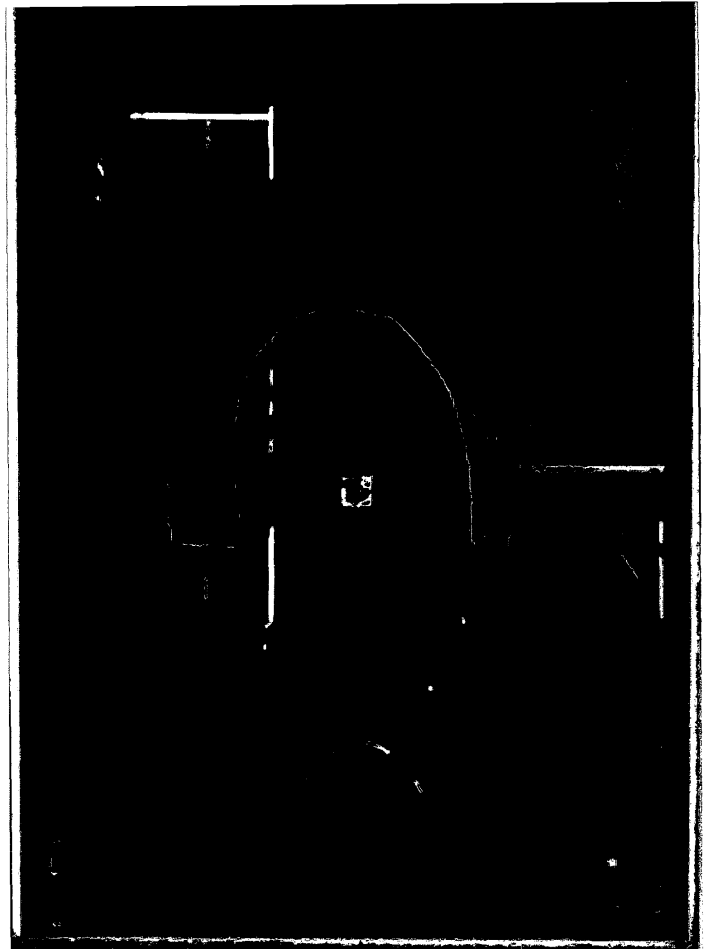
Our appeal to redevelop Jungle Ward has made significant progress, now being more than a third complete. Work to raise the remaining funds will continue once next phase consultations and the capital planning preparation is complete.

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The charity will reopen its grant making programme, launching with the announcement of funding for a radiology phantom to optimise radiation doses in X-rays. This is particularly beneficial for children requiring multiple X-rays during their treatment. Hospital staff, at all levels, will be encouraged to come forward with proposals that bring innovation and improvement in health care provision.

We will resume long term planning with the health board senior management, following a hiatus brought about by two years of COVID-19 and its implications on service delivery. We anticipate that the charity will be asked to partner on further development projects such as a single point of entry for children and young people.

To deliver this support to the hospital, our fundraising will also change in the year ahead as we return to more in person events. A full calendar of activities is in place and we will look forward to seeing our supporters and volunteers face to face once again. Keeping the charity stable for the future remains of crucial importance but with some renewed confidence, we feel able to move forward. We shall continue to develop our digital activity, making it easier for people to connect with our message, increasing our online presence in retail and investing in technology to support both our fundraising and governance.



Achievements and performance



“The charity has made the hospital more child centred and less medicalised. For us, it's made a very tough situation a little less hard and the value of that is unquantifiable.”

Rupert's dad

Our year in fundraising

Like many other organisations, the pandemic changed our working practices dramatically. Some of those changes, such as the increased use of digital platforms at both the front and back end of the charity, will remain permanently. Lockdowns and restrictions meant that planning ahead was made much more difficult and many of our volunteers understandably felt uncertain about their return.

After surviving a year of such uncertainty and the need for constant rapid response to ever changing need at the hospital, we anticipated an even more difficult year in 2021, expecting that the closing of government schemes and a likely rise in the cost of living could impact significantly on our fundraising.

Companies largely remained as remote operations, meaning that activities involving teams became difficult to organise. Virtual event fatigue was beginning to show and a demand and hope for in person events made virtual events less appealing. In addition, COVID-19 relief funding schemes were no longer so available.

This said, despite another challenging twelve months in fundraising, our end of year result was higher than we had anticipated, and we achieved net growth over 2020. Indeed, we had several positives to celebrate.

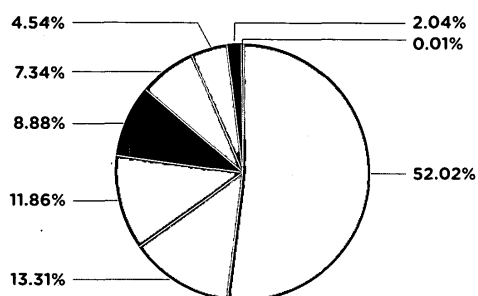
We introduced two great events to our calendar, the Zipline and Cyclothon and our Big Give campaign was again a big success. We were exceptionally pleased to reopen 24 of our textile recycling banks in partnership with Tesco. Community fundraising had a strong year and many hospital families went on to become incredible fundraisers and champions.

We value our corporate and trust supporters and saw a significant upturn towards the end of the year, not only because of an exceptional donation but in general as employees returned to work.

Expenditure was once again slashed in 2021 and investment was postponed unless the return was short term. We hope to move forward with postponed plans in 2022 and continue developing a new three-year strategy that will bring focus and stability after such difficult times.

We are certainly more optimistic at the beginning of 2022 than we were as we entered 2021. Investment in areas such as legacies, retail, events, and technology will be key to returning to the growth trajectory we were on before the lockdown. Our relationships with the hospital staff and families have gone from strength to strength during the past two years and it is by working collaboratively that we will forge a bright future and continue our passionate support of the nation's specialist children's hospital.

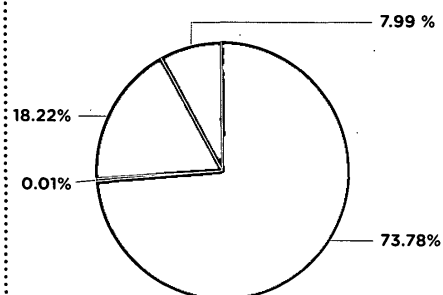
Income 2021



- Donations (£639,432)
- Legacies (£163,622)
- Grants (£145,704)
- Trading (£109,143)
- Events (£90,255)
- Trust & foundations (£55,747)
- Clothing Recycling (£25,106)
- Investment (£118)

Total £1,229,127

Expenditure 2021

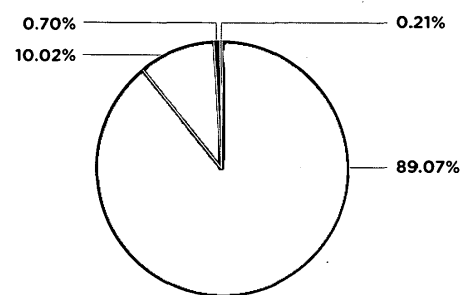


- Fundraising costs (£213,845)
- Trading (£93,753)
- Charitable activities (£865,743)
- Taxation (£82)

Total £1,173,423

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

Hospital expenditure in 2021



- Patient and family services (£505,551)
- Medical equipment and Direct Patient Care (£56,896)
- Professional development (£3,968)
- Environment (£1,220)

Total £567,635

The difference made with your support



“Izzy decided we should take part in the Zipline and we did it just weeks after she finished her treatment. She's always had such empathy for other children on the ward and she just decided that she wanted to do something to help other children like her. Noah's Ark have been an amazing support so we all wanted to do something to say thank you.”

Julie, Izzy's mum

Helping patients and their families

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

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

Resilience fund

The designated COVID-19 resilience fund that we set up in March 2020 continues to be essential to our operation. The fund helps us to respond quickly where necessary to support patients, families and the hospital itself during the pandemic. Parent food banks set up in all wards during the first lockdown have continued as parents still find themselves in difficult situations without the broader support network of visiting friends and extended family.

PCCU Sibling packs

Being the sibling of a child in hospital, particularly one who is very ill, can be very difficult and confusing for a child at home. It's why, in 2021, the charity funded packs to maintain special bonds while families are apart.

Baby Amelia was only eight days old when she started experiencing seizures in January 2021. She was transferred to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with the herpes virus, an unsafe swallow and calcification of the brain which was the cause of her seizures. Amelia's condition was life limiting and she spent most of her life as a resident on either Island Ward or the paediatric critical care unit (PCCU).

Parents, Sarah and Michael visited Amelia as much as they could but with a round trip that would often take two hours and two other children under five to care for, it was tough. Though COVID-19 rules around visitation were relaxed as 2021 progressed, visits by anyone other than parents or carers were only allowed in extenuating circumstances. Knowing of their situation, Amelia's care team on Island Ward had made special arrangements so that Kaitlyn (5) and Logan (3) could see their sister but on the day of their visit, Amelia's condition deteriorated and she was taken to critical care.



Sarah admits that it was hard to explain to the children why their little sister couldn't come home and they weren't able to see her. Sarah and Michael tried their best to include them through frequent video calls and showing pictures but the children were still very confused and separate from Amelia's life.

Having witnessed many situations like this, PCCU nurse Emma Smith developed the idea of sibling bags – a package of activities to help children bond with their brother or sister during their time apart as well as some treats and a best brother/sister certificate to make them feel special.

Emma says:

“Family is the most special bond and being apart from that unit is unimaginable for our families. On PCCU this creates real difficulties, especially for siblings when their brother or sister is ill and they have been unable to visit due to ongoing restrictions. Family life has been turned upside down. So, we had an idea – a sibling happy bag!

We want to help brothers and sisters feel just as special and included in their sibling's journey; to help them feel connected by giving them an opportunity to draw a picture and send a framed photograph of themselves for their sibling on PCCU. It's a space where a brother or sister can just be themselves, feel special and important, and continue to do all that they can do during tough times.

I can't thank supporters of the Noah's Ark Charity enough for turning this idea into a reality by continuing to donate and raise funds for the hospital. ”

Kaitlyn and Logan were the first children to receive PCCU children's bag.

Sarah says:

“Kaitlyn and Logan were so happy with their bags. They couldn't wait to put their special sibling certificates in frames and we made pictures and cards with the craft stuff to put around Amelia's cot together on weekends. Logan looked around the house for Amelia for a long time when she first went in to hospital and neither of them were able to build a bond with her like they have with each other. The sibling bags were a really nice, child friendly way to make them feel part of Amelia's life. ”



The play specialist service

From outpatient visits to extended stay patients, the play specialist service performs a vital role in children's lives right throughout the hospital. As the pandemic rolled on in to its second year, the team continued to prove an invaluable support to families as parents cared for their children single headedly while hospital access was restricted.

Though playrooms remained largely shut during 2021, the team were undeterred, adapting their roles to provide care at the bedside and helping children to both understand and cope with their conditions and treatment.

The play team on Pelican Ward support children with renal and cardiac condition. Sometimes the patients they care for are admitted to the ward for long periods while at other times the children come from home for regular treatment.

Alesha and Adam are brother and sister. They share the same big bright eyes, an addiction to cheese and a keen love of Disney songs. But those aren't the only similarities. Alesha and Adam also share a kidney disorder called congenital nephrotic syndrome.

Nephrotic syndrome is a condition that causes the kidneys to leak large amounts of protein into the urine. This can lead to a range of problems including swelling of body tissue, a greater chance of catching infections and, in very rare cases, kidney failure.

Because of their shared condition, both children have spent extended periods in hospital as inpatients and both now visit the children's hospital at least three times a week for haemodialysis. At some point before they become much older, they will also both need kidney transplants.



Shehla says:

“People always say that it must be so hard and stressful to live our life, but it's ours now and there's nothing we wouldn't do for our children. Yes it's hard when they're unwell but it's a family effort and by that I very much mean the team here at the hospital too.

When Adam was ill at Noah's Ark last summer, Waheed took the night shifts before going straight to work in the mornings while I took the days. But there were times I needed to be with Alesha at home or at her appointments and I don't know how we would have managed during that time without the support of play specialist, Donna. Adam was hooked up to a machine to give him nutrition for the majority of the day but she'd provide a whole range of activities like water play, painting, messy play and reading stories. Knowing that Adam was with Donna helped me feel less torn.”

Donna and play team member, Carys have been a part of the support system around Adam and Alesha since they started haemodialysis. They provide play opportunities that keep the children happy and entertained during long periods attached to machines. As the children miss out on so much school, Carys and Donna also plan developmental activities to help Alesha and Adam meet their milestones. Through play, they also provide the children with emotional support so that they can understand and adjust to their often very medicalised lives.

Carys says:

“Alesha has both a fluid and food restricted diet which she found very hard to cope with at first. She didn't understand why it was unsafe for her to drink as much as she wanted to or eat her favourite food like her friends did. Donna and I worked alongside the dietician and psychologist to support the family.

To help Alesha, we created personalised PJ Masks themed stories which she could read each day to remind her. We then sat with the family to create a daily routine planner where Alesha could add what she would eat and drink that day and then remove them as she went along. It was a visual reminder for Alesha to be aware that once they had gone from the planner, she could not have any more that day.”

Carys and Donna also encourage the children to play hospitals, carrying out dressing changes, bloods or injections on their dolls and teddies. This improves their knowledge of what each procedure involves and has helped to reduce anxieties when it's their turn.

Carys says:

“During the sessions they use real equipment to see what they feel like and what they do. Alesha's understanding of some of the key procedures she has gone through is incredible!”

When the time comes, Alesha and Adam will go to Bristol for their transplants so the play team have worked with Shehla to create individual transplant plans for the children. The play team are also preparing Adam and Alesha so they know what to expect in a way that they can understand.

Shehla says:

“I don't know what I would do without the support of the play team. With everything they've both been through, you'd think that the children would dread coming here but they don't, they love it. Carys, Donna and the whole team are like a second family to us and we can't thank them enough for what they do.”

Emotional support on the neonatal intensive care unit

The emotional support service on the neonatal intensive care unit saw its first complete year of operation during 2021, providing direct support to 240 families. Here, Tom and Madi explain how support from the charity's principal NICU psychologist, Catriona, helped them through an incredibly tough start to parenthood.

Baby Oliver is Madi and Tom's first baby, but he was Madi's fourth pregnancy so they feel particularly blessed. Because of their history, Madi was monitored very closely during her pregnancy and everything went well until at 24 weeks, she suffered a partial abruption of the placenta and started to bleed. Madi was admitted to hospital on strict bed rest and given steroids to prepare the baby's lungs in the high likelihood that she would go in to premature labour.

Baby Oliver kept growing for another month until Madi's waters broke at nearly 29 weeks and he was born weighing exactly 1kg. Oliver was put in a bag to maintain his temperature and rushed straight to the neonatal intensive care unit where he was placed on a ventilator.

Madi says:

“Those first few days on intensive care were frightening. Although we'd had some time to prepare for the fact that this would probably happen, we went straight from becoming parents in hard circumstances to this strange clinical environment where everything beeped. But thought it was really scary, we didn't have much time to think because things would change constantly. His medication would change or his oxygen levels would fluctuate and he'd need more or less support. We were pretty much living minute to minute.”

About a week in to their 71-day stay, Madi and Tom were introduced to Catriona, the Noah's Ark Charity NICU psychologist.

Catriona would visit regularly and for Madi, having someone to talk through her worries with, especially when Tom went back to work part time, was a great help.

Tom says:

“Leaving Madi for big parts of the day was hard because I was worried about her. I remember walking in and seeing her with Catriona and feeling a big sense of relief to see that someone was there on the ward just for her – especially when something alarming had happened. Because Madi was getting the support she needed, I felt supported too. Catriona's presence helped us both cope.”

Like many parents living through the NICU experience, Madi and Tom didn't feel able to start processing what had happened until Oliver was stable. As his condition started to improve, he graduated to the nursery to learn to feed without a tube before going home. The clinical team were also trying to reduce Oliver's oxygen in the hope that he could go home without it. Both Madi and Tom remember those long final days as some of the hardest. No longer running on adrenaline, they were exhausted and desperate to get home to start life as a family.

Madi says:

“Though Oliver was definitely through the worst, we actually had some of our scariest days in the nursery. I remember one day in particular where Oliver's oxygen levels had to be increased again after his stats started to drop. The clinical team came around to see me and started talking about chronic lung disease. It was something that hadn't been mentioned before and I just fell apart. Luckily Catriona was there with me at the time and she was able to support me through it.”

Catriona also advocated on my behalf when I asked to speak with the consultants about it the next day. Because she's known our story from the beginning, she was able to explain things to the doctors in a way that I just didn't feel I was able to at that point. She then spent time with me making sure I'd got all the answers I needed to feel ok. She helped me cope in a way I wouldn't have been able to on my own. 99

Tom says:

66 The doctors and nurses on NICU are incredible but rightly so, their main focus has to be the babies in their care. Catriona is able to make space just for the parents, helping them to process all the whirlwind of emotions that comes with the territory. It can be a pretty lonely experience because as NICU parents, we haven't had the happy birth story that most people have. Catriona helps you process and cope by reassuring you that what you're feeling is completely valid and normal. And being able to talk about those feelings and accept them helps you feel better equipped to be there for both your baby and partner. 99

Happily, Oliver was finally well enough to be discharged from hospital after ten weeks. Catriona continued to support Madi and Tom during their transition home.



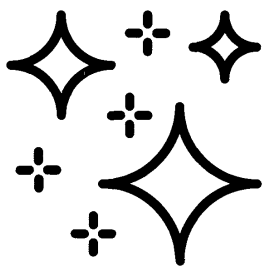
Sparkle Fund

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

In July 2021, Caleb was helping to lift decking in his uncle's garden when the whole lot fell on top of him, breaking several vertebrae in his back and crushing his spinal cord. Caleb was rushed to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales where he underwent emergency surgery. He spent the next six weeks lying completely flat in a hospital bed so that his back could heal. Very gradually, Caleb starting to regain some sensation in his legs and his feet. Despite knowing he had a long period of rehabilitation ahead of him, Caleb positivity and sunny disposition never faltered.

On day 103 of his hospital stay, Caleb celebrated his 16th birthday. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, he wasn't able to have his friends and extended family with him as he would have like but thanks to supporters like you, we were still able to make sure he had good time. Working with his physio team, we organised a birthday party for Caleb complete with cake, banners and gifts.

His new friend Nico even joined as a special party guest!



Emergency admission packs

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

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



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Physiotherapist, Mez, is no stranger to an emergency having worked on both adult and children's intensive care units for 24 years. But when her eleven-year-old son was sent to the children's hospital in a great deal of pain and later admitted for emergency surgery, she says she hadn't given a second thought to anything she might need to bring with her.

Mez says:

“ A few weeks ago I took my son to the GP and got sent straight to the hospital, although I live locally there was no time to pop home to grab a bag and my priority was getting my son to the hospital asap. He had surgery that night and thankfully he was fine.

Having the parent pack and being able to brush my teeth and change into a clean t-shirt felt like luxury. It also meant that I didn't have to trouble a family member to bring a bag of essentials, leaving them free to look after my other son.

In an emergency it's the simple things that you're grateful for. I can only imagine how helpful it is for families that live far away or who have a longer stay to be given these essentials.

Thank you to the Noah's Ark Charity for providing a parent pack for me. ”

Hub Club

Three-year-old Rupert was an inpatient on Island Ward for five months. His parents took it in turns to be with him in hospital while also looking after their older daughter at home and trying to work when they could.

As COVID-19 restrictions were still in place, Rupert couldn't have visits from extended family and, other than the occasional day release home, he's was apart from his sister the whole time.

Stories like Rupert's are part of the reason why the charity established our hub club activities. Hospital days can feel long, even when you're only in for a few days. But children who stay for weeks, and in a fair number of cases, months, miss out on so much of what makes being young fun.

Thanks to the continued support of our donors, the Noah's Ark Charity has been able to help make hospital life a little more fun for Rupert during his stay.



Gaz says:

“It's hard to even describe what it's meant for us to have the hub club activities for Rupert during our stay here.

The medical staff are great and we're confident that he's getting his health needs met, but as parents it's so important that his emotional needs are met too.

Just like any little boy, Rupert needs to laugh and explore and have things to get excited about, and the hub club activities have provided that. He's always so excited to see Nico the therapy dog and having Santa dial in to speak to him virtually at Christmas time meant that he didn't miss out on the magical milestones that every childhood needs.

The music and story sessions have felt like an escape from the hospital environment and it's so lovely to see him interact and enjoying activities that, in other circumstances, he'd be doing at nursery.

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Books for babies

Having a baby born early and sometimes very unwell is completely overwhelming. So it's quite understandable that reading a story may not be something that comes immediately to mind for a new parent on the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

However, studies show that reading aloud can significantly decrease a NICU baby's stress levels. When they aren't able to experience much physical touch, familiar voices from long before they were born provide reassurance and comfort. And the benefits don't end there because reading aloud has been proven to have a positive impact on a mum or dad's wellbeing too, helping them feel part of their baby's care and more able to cope with their NICU experience. Recent research even shows that reading aloud significantly improves the language skills of a NICU baby as they grow.

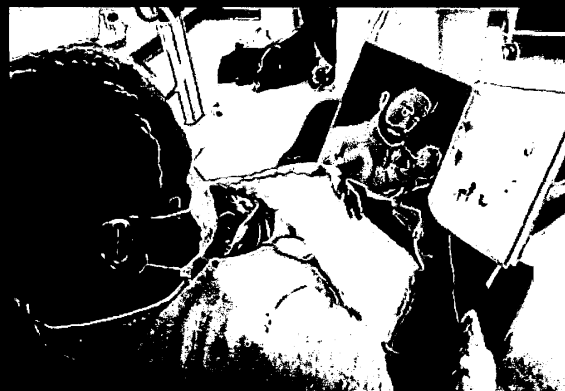
In 2021 the Noah's Ark Charity launched a project in collaboration with NICU to provide parents with their own storybooks to read to their babies during their time on the unit. The books have been specially selected to reflect the very different nature of a start to life and parenthood on neonatal intensive care.

Daniel and Alice's twins Elias and Ezra have been receiving care on NICU since they were born more than eleven weeks early weighing under 4 kilos between them. Though the couple have two older daughters at home, learning to become parents to two tiny babies in such a medicalised environment has been understandably difficult for them both. Dad, Daniel, admits he felt quite unsure of his role for quite some time.

Daniel says:

“ You feel so torn as a parent in this situation at first because you desperately want to hug and care for your new baby like any mum or dad would. But the wires and machines are daunting and the fear of dislodging something or somehow hurting them makes you nervous. Having something to do like read to them gives you a sense of purpose, especially in those early days when they can't come out for a cuddle.

I love the books because they're sympathetically written with the NICU experience in mind. Ezra and Elias knew our voices before they were born and it soothes them when we read to them. And I think I find it as relaxing as they do. It gives me a sense of normality and purpose and it helps to switch off from racing thoughts. ”



Beads of Courage – cardiology

Having funded Beads of Courage on the renal unit for several years, 2021 saw us expand to include heart patients too. The cardiac programme supports emotional wellbeing of children born with congenital heart defects and those who develop heart conditions at a later stage.

Nine-month-old Tilly was born with a condition called complete heart block. It means that electric signals from the upper chamber of her heart can't pass normally to the lower chamber causing her to have an irregular heartbeat. The condition affects one in every 1 in 22,000 people and in Tilly's case is caused by an auto immune disease.

Mum, Danielle, was first referred to the paediatric cardiology team at Noah's Ark after an abnormality was discovered at her 20 week scan. Danielle was put on medication and monitored closely but was warned that her baby may not survive. Thankfully, Tilly was born safely at 38 weeks but, with a heart rate of only 65 rather than the average 140 beats per minute, she was taken to the neonatal intensive care unit for monitoring for a few days.

After a week in hospital and having received training on basic life support, Danielle and her husband Carl were able to take Tilly home to meet her older siblings, Riley and Raya.

Danielle admits to feeling both happy and completely overwhelmed.

Danielle says:

“ It came as a complete shock when Tilly was diagnosed as both my other children had been born heart healthy. When I tried to research complete heart block, there wasn't much out there. As it can be caused by a number of different factors, everyone's experience and how they are affected is different. I'd been told during pregnancy that Tilly would need a pacemaker at some point between birth and around nine-years-old and to have that hanging over us has been hard. ”



Tilly returns frequently to the children's hospital where her consultant, Dr Wilson, assesses her for the signs of heart failure which would trigger the need for a pacemaker. She did have some signs early on but these are currently being successfully managed with medication.

During one of Tilly's visits, a scan detected a PDA – an opening between the two major blood vessels leading from the heart. In many circumstances PDAs can close naturally over time. But in Tilly's case, with her heart already working twice as hard as it should, she needed surgery quickly to correct it.

Because Tilly's little body is working so hard, she sleeps more than other babies her age and it can be a challenge to gain weight. She also has low immunity which means she's highly susceptible to bugs and viruses. It's been tough to adapt for the whole family, but Danielle says the support of the clinical team has been amazing and has really helped to carry them through.

Danielle says:

“ We've been supported by our specialist cardiac nurse from day one and we have open access to Noah's Ark assessment unit so if I'm worried about anything I can speak to someone or take Tilly in to be checked.

We've had at least four hospital stays since Tilly was born and though it really disrupts family life, it's a comfort to know that we're coming somewhere friendly and familiar. The play specialists on the cardiac unit have been incredible and it was them who introduced us to the beads of courage programme.

Donna gave us a pack and talked it through it all and now every time Tilly has a procedure or visits clinic or has an admission, she gets a new bead.

It sounds like a small thing but we're so proud of Tilly and we want her to know how much she's been through as she gets older and how courageous she's been. I also think it will help nurture a positive association with the hospital. Instead of being worried or scared she'll look forward to seeing the play team and to get a new bead. ”

Danielle also uses the beads of courage to help her older children feel involved in Tilly's journey.

Danielle says:

“ My older son in particular is very switched on and he picked up how upset we were when we were given the diagnosis during my pregnancy. They both love their sister and when they see us go off on our many visits to the hospital, sometimes for days on end, we don't want them to be worried or feel left out. The beads allow us to explain to the children what's going on in a positive way. It gives us an opportunity to talk about Tilly's experience as a family so it's something that everyone feels a part of. ”

Medical equipment and direct patient care

Critical care is a fast-evolving discipline. With the hospital officially named as the children's major trauma centre for Wales in late 2020, the charity continues its commitment to help provide a gold standard in paediatric critical care. Thanks to those who donate and fundraise on the charity's behalf, we provide state of the art equipment and innovative patient focussed programmes that ensure children being cared for at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital have access to the least invasive and most effective care available.

A weighing slide board

A child's weight is something that the clinical team needs to establish quickly on admission to PCCU so that the accurate level of nutrition can be calculated. Weighing a child who is extremely unwell, unstable and attached to several tubes and wires can, however, be a challenge.

Funding of a weighing slide board has made it possible for a child to be weighed at the point that they are transferred from the trolley to the bed, allowing the team to provide the nutrition their patient needs quickly and accurately.

Air/Oxygen blenders

Unlike the majority of children on PCCU, it's not safe for cardiac patients to be given 100% oxygen while receiving respiratory support. In babies born with birth defects of the heart for example, full oxygen without being blended first with air would cause significant unbalancing and compromise the vital flow of blood around the body.

As more and more babies with complex heart conditions survive, the PCCU team are seeing an increase in the number of cardiac patients on the ward. They therefore need more equipment to address their specific needs. Blenders funded by the charity during 2021, combine and deliver the perfect mix of air and oxygen to safely support these children's respiratory needs.

Both the weighing slide board and the blenders were generously donated in loving memory of Taj Champenois by his family and friends.



Non-invasive ventilation

In early 2021, thanks to the success of our Breathe Easy Appeal, the charity was able to fund a second non-invasive ventilator on PCCU.

At some point during a child's stay on either intensive care or the high dependency unit, most children will need ventilation to help keep them alive. Whereas full support from a standard ventilator would involve sedation and intubation, the non-invasive ventilator does not require the insertion of a tube. This means that a patient can remain conscious which is far more beneficial to both a child's physical health and wellbeing.

PCCU early mobility programme

Support for our Autumn appeal also made it possible to fund a new early mobility programme for children on the paediatric intensive care unit. Now it's helping children like Alice to get back on their feet again.

Magda was driving home after visiting her sister when a head on collision almost claimed her family's lives. Both 18-month-old Alice and her three-year-old sister, Maya, were in the back of the car when a vehicle coming from the opposite direction veered into their lane. The combined impact of the head on crash was more than 110 miles an hour.

Miraculously, Magda and Maya escaped from the crash, each with a relatively minor broken arm. Toddler Alice, however, had not fared as well. Her spine had been broken and the bruising around her spinal cord was potentially life threatening. The injury had caused damage to the left side of Alice's body and there was no knowing whether it would be permanent.

Alice was put into halo traction and fitted with a tracheostomy to help her breathe. She later underwent vital but very risky surgery in an attempt to further stabilise her spine.

As Alice's condition finally began to improve, the physiotherapy team gradually introduced resources provided through the early mobility programme to help Alice progress. They used sensory equipment and play therapy to encourage the toddler to move and strengthen her left side until eventually she was able to sit up supported by a specialist chair.

After weeks of being unable to hold her, the team helped Magda to cuddle her daughter for the first time in a new adapted armchair which was also funded through the appeal. Alice also stood for the first time in a supportive standing frame.

Unable to talk because of her tracheostomy, the early mobility programme also helped Alice to communicate with her mum. Her physios recorded the word 'Mama' on a big red button that Alice learnt to tap for her mother's attention. The device called a Big Mac turned out to be very good exercise for the left arm that her mum feared at one point Alice would never move again.

By the end of January, Alice had made so much progress that she was able to leave intensive care. Alice has since had both the halo and the tracheostomy removed and to the delight of everyone around her, has started to walk again.



Supporting care through innovative VR technology

Your donations are now helping to ease children's anxiety during painful and distressing procedures through specialised VR technology created specifically for hospital settings.

Frontline staff do everything in their power to make the hospital experience as friendly and relaxing as possible for children. But the reality is that medical procedures can be frightening and sometimes painful. It's why the charity has been so pleased to introduce the expansion of DR VR, a virtual reality distraction therapy tool that supports pain relief, anxiety and stress in young patients.

The technology was first introduced to the paediatric emergency department in 2019. Now, thanks to public donations and some incredible support from the Chloe Bigmore Trust, it's very recently been made available to young patients undergoing lengthy treatment for cancer and for children receiving care on PCCU too. The programme will also be re-introduced in the emergency department after a pause during COVID-19.

Paediatric emergency department play specialist, Corrine Stokes, has witnessed the incredible benefits of the new technology first-hand.



Corrine says:

“Many children arriving at hospital in an emergency are extremely anxious. Some are in a great deal of pain or distress and may have to undergo invasive procedures. Others have been to hospital many times before and have become phobic of the environment as a result. If children are too upset to receive the care they urgently need, many will be admitted on to the wards, creating greater pressure on available bed spaces. Dr VR has made it possible for me to supporting patients in a wide range of scenarios. I've seen children in a great deal of distress, relax almost instantly in an immersive virtual experience of their choice, be that walking with dinosaurs or jetting around in space. It has vastly improved our patients' experiences and reduced the need for admissions as a result.

I'm so pleased that Noah's Ark supporters have made it possible for the VR technology will now be there to help make life a little better for children on the cancer and paediatric critical care units too.”

Staff and professional development

As COVID-19 progressed in to its second year, the effects of the pandemic on the day to day running of the children's hospital continued to make an impact. Staff shortages due to isolation, the one parent only policy and the closure of play rooms had an inevitable effect on the morale of families, but it took its toll on frontline staff too. The medical ward also saw a sudden and dramatic increase in children admitted in mental health crisis and, with the extra resource needed to keep those patients safe, it became evident that the team needed support.

From August 2021 the charity co-funded a short-term psychology post with the health board to support staff on the ward. The team were first consulted on how they wanted that support to look and from those discussions a combination of 1:1s and group sessions were offered.

The 1:1s gave staff the space to reflect and get help to process emotions after experiencing difficult work-based events. A series of reflective groups sessions called Taking care, giving care were also established, offering staff the opportunity to share experiences and gain support from each other.

Acting on feedback from the team, the sessions also taught basic support skills so that staff themselves could feel better equipped to help families and young people experiencing their own difficulties.

One big theme to come out of the consultation conducted with staff was the need for more emotional support for inpatient families, with 76% of those asked saying they felt it was very much needed. This feedback from frontline teams has further galvanised the charity in its commitment to help provide this service to hospital families in the years to come.



Environment and facilities

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

During the sudden shift in priorities brought about by COVID-19 for both the charity and hospital, the difficult decision was made to pause the Jungle Ward redevelopment during the pandemic.

As at April 2022, we wait for the capital planning team to return to their schedule and for pressure on hospital staff to ease. To ensure that we are as ready as possible to move forward once things return to 'normal', we focussed on the one non-clinical area of the future Jungle Ward during 2021 – its playroom.

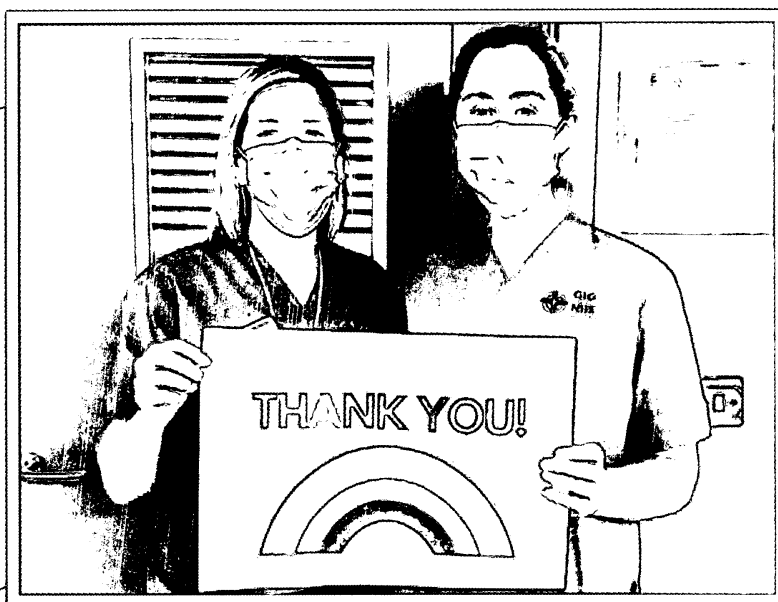
Reaching out to Jungle Ward families, we gathered feedback which was then used to create a proposed design for the future playroom. With inclusivity at the heart of our ambition for the children of Jungle Ward the design, created by a specialist play company, includes a soft sensory space, creative play areas and a teen zone for older patients. The design was used in a successful Christmas campaign to raise funds specifically for the playroom so that it can one day soon be made a reality.



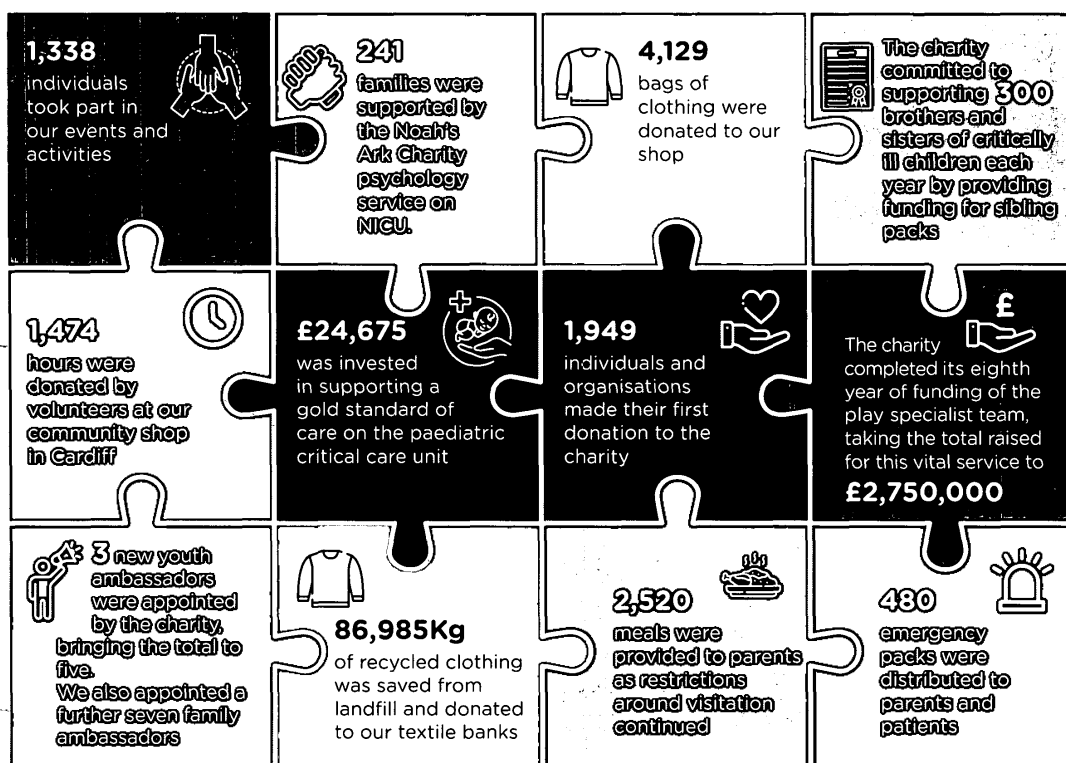
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to everyone who has
helped the charity over
the last 12 months.

We hope that you have enjoyed
seeing the many ways in which
your support has made life better
for the children and families of
Noah's Ark during what was another
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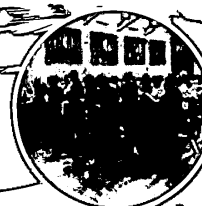
Our year in numbers



Noah's Ark Community in action



Rainbow Ward patient
Morgan, inspired his family to raise over £7,000 by holding a prize draw and several community events throughout 2021.



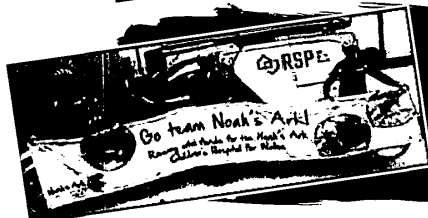
The Welsh Hospital's Choir
refused to let a global pandemic stand in the way of delivering their annual event in support of the charity. They re-organised to deliver their concert online raising £1705.



Maesteg Comprehensive School raised an incredible £1,984 from their fund-raising day with activities including a sponsored walk, musical performances, art activities and a forces fitness session.



Pembroke Primary School in Chepstow donated £1,500. Teacher, Joanna, shaved her head in solidarity with school pupil, Elsie, who lost her hair during cancer treatment.



Carl Stokes and Phil Flew completed the Highland 500 Cycle Challenge, raising £2,910 for Noah's Ark. The duo are keen to continue with their fundraising in 2022 with an even bigger cycling challenge!



Lucia and Maya raised £249 by selling lemonade to their friends and neighbours at the local park.



Foresters Community Group donated £4,000 to provide emergency patient packs and Christmas hampers.



The Wilkinson family shaved their heads, raising £1,221 in the process! The family wanted to say a big thank you for the treatment their son received.



Julie Cashell and friends from Crickhowell Running Club raised an incredible £4,217 with the help of their local community. They ran from the English border across the width of Wales!

Partnerships

We are hugely grateful to the driven and dedicated companies who supported the charity throughout 2021. It was another difficult year, remaining tough for many sectors and we are so thankful to those whose support was ongoing and to those who chose to support the charity for the very first time – whether through staff fundraising, cause-related marketing, recycling or providing gifts in kind.

A spotlight on Tesco

Longstanding partners, Tesco, have raised over £1.5 million for Noah's Ark through staff fundraising and textile recycling since the charity was established in 2000. In 2021 we were delighted that, in partnership with Wilcox, 24 Noah's Ark Charity clothing banks were reinstated at Tesco stores across South and West Wales. During 2021 the clothing banks have raised an amazing £25,106 and generated 86,985kg of textile – the equivalent weight of more than seven double decker buses!

Tesco operations manager for facilities, Janet Pentecost says:

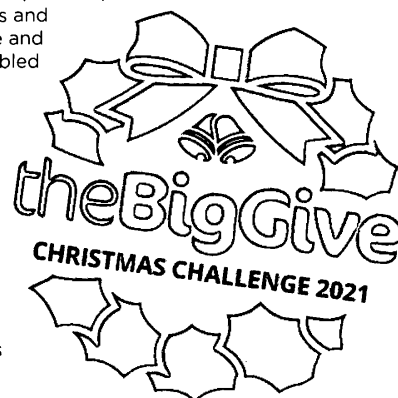
“ This is a wonderful charity that really helps and supports the patients in the specialist children's hospital in Cardiff. Tesco store colleagues in Wales are engaging and helping to raise awareness of the charity. Just to hear that £1.5m has been raised over 20 years is amazing. This is a great example of how recycling in the community comes together to offer help. ”



The Big Give Christmas Challenge

The Noah's Ark Charity have taken part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge for four years now. The online match funding campaign has proved to be a hugely positive way to galvanise corporate partners, major donors, groups and individuals to donate and see their money doubled at a pivotal point in the fundraising calendar.

2021 was no exception. The campaign took place between the 30 November and 7 December and thanks to the very generous support of funders like the Rees Foundation and our fantastic network of supporters, the week was a great success, raising £54,486 in support of the newly relaunched Jungle Ward Appeal.



Events 2021

With most restrictions still in place, many of our events remained virtual during 2021. Despite continuing to miss in-person meet ups with supporters, a great deal of fun was had along the way and we discovered so many fantastic fundraising heroes!

The Noah's Ark Step Challenge

The tip to the toe of Wales is 187 miles – or 421,000 steps. Sounds like a lot, doesn't it? But a family of four stepping for just half an hour each day could do that distance together in just 19 days! Over 300 people took part in the Step Challenge 2021 and did exactly that to raise £17,000 for Noah's Ark.

Amelia-Rose is a four-year old to be reckoned with. Despite being born with osteogenesis imperfecta, or brittle bone disease as it's more commonly known, she took part in our step challenge and managed to complete 7,000 steps a day!

And not only that, she raised almost £1,000 in sponsorship for the charity in the process!



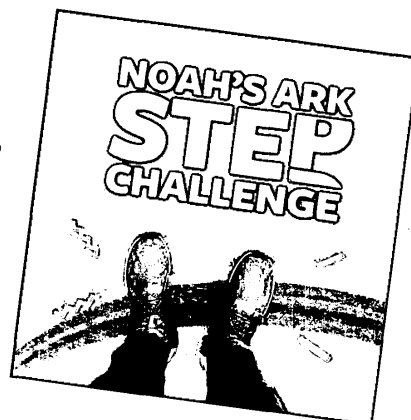
In March 2020, one year old Joey Marengi, began treatment for pulmonary blastoma, a very rare form of childhood cancer. Thankfully, after ten gruelling months of chemotherapy, he was given the all clear and was able to return to life with his family.

Imogen, Joey's mum, decided to start 2021 on a positive note and signed herself and her family up for our step challenge. They have since raised £6,600 for Noah's Ark!



Imogen says:

“ I wanted to give myself and my wider family a tangible way of giving back to the children's hospital for looking after Jo so well. Even if the money we raise helps one other family a little bit, then it's absolutely worth it. ”



Virtual Half Marathon

156 runners took to the streets of Wales for the Virtual Half Marathon, collectively raising £15,000 for the charity.

Participants included Liz Howells, who raised an incredible £1,533. Liz's son, Taliesin, was born prematurely and spent over five months at Noah's Ark, during which time he was diagnosed with a serious enzyme deficiency called PKU.

Thankfully, by July 2020, Taliesin was well enough to go home. He continues to be seen as an outpatient at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital but is doing very well.



Superhero Dash

Over 100 participants donned their capes to complete our 5k virtual Superhero Dash, raising a super duper £6,000!

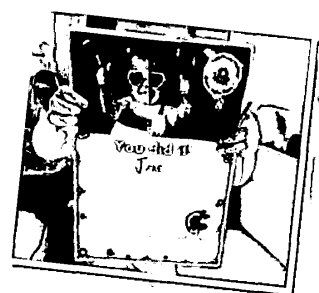
Participants included the Spencer family who dressed up as The Incredibles to complete their 5k raising over £1,700. Six-year-old, Jake, was born with a necrotised small intestine and spent more than half of his first year being treated at Noah's Ark.

Jake is still under the care of the fantastic gastro team at the hospital.



Happy Holiday Challenge

During the summer of 2022, 76 families signed up to complete a challenge a day for each day of the school holidays. Collectively they raised £3,000 in the process and received medals for their efforts to show off at school at the beginning of term.



Newport 10k

Ten runners took to the streets of Newport to help raise vital funds for Wales only children's hospital. Participants included Elin and her friends, Einir and Teleri collectively raised an incredible £7,053. For Elin, the charity and the children's hospital hold a very special place in her heart as her daughter, Anest, was treated there for heart failure.

Now two years old, Anest is doing really well.

Elin says:

“ We wanted to raise money to pay for a special chair that could be used by mums of children on PCCU. As a mum who has spent a lot of time there, it's something I wanted to give back for all the support shown to me and Anest. ”



London Marathon

Our dedicated team of London Marathon runners ran the iconic course and raised over £4,000. Ben Hughes, from MHM group, was our intrepid charity place recipient, raising an impressive £3,000.

Ben was joined by Gareth Selway and Nadia Thirb who were lucky enough to secure independent places for the event in aid of Noah's Ark.

Olivia Stacey also took on the London Marathon on behalf of the Chloe Bigmore Trust, raising funds for Noah's Ark. She then took her challenge to another level by completing what's widely regarded as the toughest 10 marathons in a 10 period. Her fundraising topped at an incredible £13,656.10! The money raised has funded the new VR technology on PCCU for a three year period with the remainder going towards the charity Sparkle Fund and Hub Club. Amazing achievements by all!



Zipline

100 thrill seekers took on the world's fastest seated zipline at Zip World, Aberdare, collectively raising an astonishing £23,000 for the charity. The zipline was the charity's first in person event for 18 months due to the pandemic and it felt like a real treat to be there to cheer our participants on.

Isabella took part with her family after completing seven months of treatment for leukaemia. Isabella was given the all-clear only a short time before her challenge and continues to visit the children's hospital for maintenance doses. She decided to take part in the challenge to raise money for other children going through similar experiences to her.

Other participants included over very own Noah's Ark Theatre team who were successful in raising over £4,000 in sponsorship!



Reindeer Run

In December, 350 Reindeer Runners put on their antlers and put their best feet (or in some cases, hooves) forward to raise over £8,000 in sponsorship.

One of these was Rainbow Ward patient, Alys. Alys was admitted to the children's hospital's oncology unit before Christmas and has been receiving treatment ever since.

To help keep her strong during her chemotherapy Alys decided to take part in our Reindeer Run, completing her mile by walking up and down the ward corridor.

Hero, Alys, raised an incredible £850 for the charity in the process!



Grotto

Despite ongoing restrictions and a new strain of COVID-19, Santa was still able to spread the magic of Christmas through his live calls and pre-recorded video messages.

With the help of our handy elves, Santa was beamed directly into living rooms all over Wales and enjoyed a chat with over 200 children, while raising much needed funds for others spending the festive season in hospital.

The big man in red also made special live virtual visits to children on the wards in the days running up to Christmas.

Thank you

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers who make our work possible. Below are some of the companies, organisations and individuals who made substantial contributions in 2021.

Alex Evans
Alfie Ford
Alicia Pitman
Anthony Colcombe
Brian Hall
Cal & Micaela
Chepstow Plant International
Christopher Dawson
Dare 2 Dream Trust Wales
DM Thomas Foundation for Young People
Edward Hayward OBE
Emma Piotrowski and Nico
Fairybricks
Felicity Watkins
Foresters Financial UK
Fortem Capital
Georgia Cox
Glenys Davies
Greenery
Holly San Miguel
Ian Campodonic
IKEA
Imogen Merenghi
Iolo Edwards
James Aldridge

JMP Wilcox
John Charles Rees QC
K & M Sports Events
Kier Places
Kirsty Pearson
Laura-Jayne Evans
Liquitherm Technologies Group Ltd
Lisa Williams
Marilyn Meisels
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Mia Lloyd
Michelle Gee
Mike Jayne
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Nia Jones-Parfitt
Nicola Madoc-Jones
Oasis Cardiff
Olivia Stacey
Otis, Adrienne & Ray
Pauline M Edwards
Poppy Jones
Primark
Rachael Allen
Rachel Spencer

Ro Merenghi
Runtech Ltd.
Russell Evans
Samantha Pole
Sara Jones
Sharon Willmott-Doyle
Simmons & Simmons
Spiro Borg
Tesco
The Champenois Family
The Chloe Bigmore Trust
The Entertainer
The family and friends of Taj Champenois
The Former Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr Dianne Rees JP MBE
The Hayward Family
The late Iris Lewis
The late T M Malley
The late T Rees
The Masonic Charitable Foundation
The Reed Foundation
Victoria Jones
Whitehead Building Services



“We feel so privileged to have had such an incredible hospital that provided Cai with a chance at life. The amazing team at Noah's Ark never gave up on him.”

Micaela, Cai's mum

Financial review

The Trustees are pleased that despite the ongoing impact of the pandemic there has been a small increase in income achieving £1,229,127 in 2021 (charity £1,183,589)

Total funds of £1,252,479 were held by the group at the end of the year (charity £1,245,612), of which £381,848 were restricted (group and charity) and £870,631 (charity £863,764) were unrestricted.

There is a designated fund of £335,014 against commitments made to the hospital. This year the charity has also continued with the designated fund for their COVID-19 Resilience Fund, which is used to cover spending on items to aid patients and families during the ongoing pandemic. At the year-end this held £23,928 following an agreement to move £100,080 into general reserves. General reserves stood at £511,689 (charity £504,822) at the year-end. Free reserves are £488,596 for the group and £481,765 for the charity at the year-end.

During the year, expenditure on charitable activities decreased from £926,181 in 2020 to £865,743 in 2021. Grants awarded towards hospital equipment decreased by £72,535, this includes hospital grants approved in 2021 and included as creditors at the year-end of £546,035 (2020: £506,414).

At the end of 2021, £381,848 was held in restricted funds, £309,999 of which relates to the Jungle Ward redevelopment and its related playroom appeal referred to on page 34.

The cost of raising funds was lower again in 2021 at £307,598 compared to £324,932 in 2020, as we were again unable to hold many fundraising events in the year.

Investment policy and objectives

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

Reserves policy

The Trustees have long considered that general reserves should not fall below £500,000 to cover approximately six months operational costs and allow the Trustees to respond to urgent charitable requirements which may arise. The general reserve exceeds this at the year-end at £504,822 (2020: £510,189) for the charity only. The Trustees had planned to review the level of reserves to ensure that it is adequate to reflect the growth of the charity and the increasing annual requests made of the charity by the health board, but in the light of the ongoing impact of the pandemic, the decision has been postponed to 2022.

Going concern

As previously outlined in the 2020 Annual Report, the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the charity with income falling from £1.509m in 2019 to £1.022m in 2020. Although the ongoing pandemic and uncertainty continued to have a significant impact in 2021 with event and corporate income streams being particularly badly affected, we are pleased to see an increase in income in 2021 achieving £1.229M by the end of the year. By the last quarter of 2021, corporate income was recovering and optimism in general grew. A large corporate donation pledge also made a significant difference to this source. These adverse impacts, particularly within events, have partly been offset by our team continuing to organise and run events and fundraising activities online, government support measures (such as business grants), and our own appeals to supporters. To mitigate the loss of income, costs were reduced where possible and proposed development activity was again postponed. In addition, our large grant making scheme remained paused for 2021. Despite this, we were still able to invest more than £567k in the hospital in 2021. The charity has always held cash reserves to meet existing commitments to support the hospital and these are drawn down as required.

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



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Our future

Despite huge interruption to our three-year plan, we have continued to make progress in many vital areas of our work. We shall maintain our firm hand of support to the hospital and its families as we progress through varying stages of the COVID-19 crisis with a focus on emotional support and wellbeing. We will prioritise stability, visibility and the retention of supporters to rebuild our levels of income and continue the pre COVID-19 growth trajectory.

- We will thank supporters who have been so magnificent throughout the pandemic and share with them the great impact their donations and other support has made.
- We will be proud to continue with our ongoing support of the play specialist service – a core commitment of our charity,
- We look forward to the launch of an emotional support service in paediatric critical care and major trauma and look forward to hearing about the impact of this service.
- We will continue to support emotional wellbeing and mental health throughout the hospital by working alongside our hospital colleagues to identify ways in which the charity can support an enhance the emotional support provision to children and their families.
- We will be able to run virtual Friday Hub Club and develop a full programme of blended virtual and in person activities as COVID-19 restrictions ease.
- We will work with our clinical research colleagues to explore funding opportunities to support research projects.
- We will continue to equip our clinical colleagues with the best equipment and technology.
- We will continue to brighten up the days of patients and their families with treats and surprises, recruiting a co-ordinator to both manage this activity and the hub club as things return to normality.
- We will reopen our grant making programme and encourage frontline staff to approach us with ideas for positive change and innovation at the hospital. Our smaller grant programme will continue, enabling us to respond to the needs of frontline staff at speed.
- Our resilience fund will continue to provide essentials for the parent kitchens so parents have one less thing to worry about when caring for a child in hospital.
- We hope to continue with our Jungle Ward redevelopment appeal in 2022 if the necessary capital planning preparatory work can be completed.
- We will resume the development of an overarching three-year organisational strategy addressing how, through fundraising, communications and digital we will achieve our mission and goals.
- We will demonstrate the impact made by donations and other forms of support given to the charity.
- We will show supporters that they are valued, we will build the Noah's Ark family and make the charity stronger to make a difference to patients now and for generations to follow.

The medium to long term

- We will continue to support the play specialist service as part of our wide-ranging support for patients and their families.
- We will focus on building emotional support and wellbeing into our core offering as a charity for patients, families and hospital staff.
- We will complete our capital appeal to transform Jungle Ward so that it can accommodate the very different groups of patients within its care: neuro-rehabilitation patients, children admitted in mental health crisis and children with complex or life-long medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis and diabetes. Many of these children have repeated stays or are admitted for lengthy periods.
- We will continue to support the inspirational medical professionals and community teams for the benefit of the 73,000 children and young people that are treated every year and we remain particularly keen to support innovation in services to patients and in direct medical care.
- We will work with the hospital management on their plans to introduce a single point of entry for all patients and to ensure that the environment is child-friendly, and the staff equipped with the latest medical equipment to treat the children.
- To achieve our longer terms goals to support further capital development to benefit patients and families, our initial focus will be on stability.
Once this is achieved, we will resume our efforts to increase our income, continually review opportunities for growth, achieve best practice in all we do and reduce costs wherever possible.
- We will consider how we can support plans to deliver a hospital at home service that will enable patients to be discharged more quickly, receiving transitional clinical care in their own homes.



Structure, governance and management

The organisation has two separate limited companies within its group. The parent company, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Limited, is a charitable company limited by guarantee and as such is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The company was incorporated on 29 December 1997 under the Companies Act 1985 and registered as a charity on 11 May 1998. The charity's name was formally changed with the Charity Commission on 22 August 2012 and Companies House on 18 March 2013.

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

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

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

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

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

Trustee Induction, Training and Organisational Structure

Trustee induction and training is the responsibility of the Chair and the Director. New Trustees will be issued with a set of documents to help them become more familiar with the charity and which should include

governing documents, the previous years audited accounts, information on the management structures and all relevant health and safety information.

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

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

The Trustees are unremunerated. Expenses are reimbursed where claimed.

Our people

Our staff team at the end of 2021 numbered twelve. Six members of the team are employed directly by the charity and the remaining six are employed by Cardiff and Vale UHB. Contracts for the latter six staff are held by Cardiff and Vale UHB with a recharge made to the charity for the costs incurred solely in relation to the charity's activities. Pay scales, personal development review systems and incremental rises are all set by the NHS at a UK wide level; the charity is guided by these for its permanent staff.

We are indebted to our volunteers who donated an incredible 3,702 hours in 2021. They are an essential part of our charity and we thank each and every one for the diverse ways in which they are involved.

It is an aim to continue to develop our honorary and ambassadorial roles and recruit those who can play a key role in helping the charity achieve its charitable objectives. We also seek to increase our celebrity support and hope to attract well known people who have a strong affinity to our cause and who will utilise their influence to cultivate and solicit support that may otherwise be beyond the reach of the fundraising team.

Risk Management

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

Disclosure

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

Our fundraising in practice

At the Noah's Ark Charity, our supporters are at the heart of everything that we can achieve for the hospital and the many thousands of patients that receive specialist care here each year.

We have a robust system for tracking and processing the income we receive. Our reputation for integrity and delivering on our promises is something that we strive fiercely to uphold.

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

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

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

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

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

Our internal processes and policies are periodically reviewed to test that they remain robust and to improve effectiveness and efficiency wherever possible. Following the many changes to working practices during the pandemic, several policies and the staff handbook have been amended.

We are pleased to report that the Noah's Ark Charity received no formal complaints in 2021.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group and parent charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the group and parent charitable company's website.

Report of the Trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 26th July 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:



E A Hayward - Trustee

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity (the 'parent charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account, the consolidated and parent charitable Statement of Financial Position, the consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Continuation of the auditor's report

Other information

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

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of Trustees

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our planning procedures identify the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the operations and financial statements of the company. These are reviewed internally with the audit team including relevant industry experience and expectations as well as externally with the client management. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the UK Companies Act 2006, UK GAAP (FRS 102) and relevant tax legislation.

Once identified, we assess the risks of material misstatements in relation to the laws and regulations, irregularities, including fraud and adjust our testing accordingly. Our audit procedures include:

- Discussing with Trustees and management which areas of the business they believe to be more susceptible to fraud, and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent activities;

- Obtaining an understanding of the key controls put in place by the group to address risks identified, assessing the effectiveness of those and discussing how these are maintained and monitored internally;
- Assessing the risk of management override and review and testing of journal entries made into the accounting system;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by the group in relation to the significant accounting estimates employed in the preparation of the financial statements;
- Discussing with Trustees and Management the legal and regulatory obligations of the business and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of non compliance.

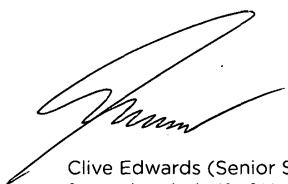
Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularities likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Continuation of the auditor's report

Use of our report

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



Clive Edwards (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Haines Watts Wales LLP, Statutory Auditors

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Date: 8 August 2022

Financial Statements

Consolidated statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	850,775	269,091	1,119,866	941,851
Other trading activities	3	109,143	–	109,143	77,805
Investment income	5	118	–	118	2,467
Total income		960,036	269,091	1,229,127	1,022,123
Expenditure on					
Raising funds:	6	(307,598)	–	(307,598)	(324,932)
Charitable activities					
Supporting the Children's Hospital	7	(673,834)	(191,909)	(865,743)	(926,181)
Taxation		(82)	–	(82)	(277)
Total expenditure		(981,514)	(191,909)	(1,173,423)	(1,251,390)
Net income / (expenditure)		(21,478)	77,182	55,704	(229,267)
Transfers between funds	25	108	(108)	–	–
Net movement in funds		(21,370)	77,074	55,704	(229,267)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		892,001	304,774	1,196,775	1,426,042
Total funds carried forward		870,631	381,848	1,252,479	1,196,775


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


Statement of financial position

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	17	22,093	22,055	32,247	32,144
Investments	18	1,000	1,002	–	2
		<u>23,093</u>	<u>23,057</u>	<u>32,247</u>	<u>32,146</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	19	16,847	7,202	17,034	8,510
Debtors	20	223,606	236,270	117,198	124,173
Cash at bank and in hand		1,685,264	1,670,448	1,965,620	1,955,875
		<u>1,925,717</u>	<u>1,913,920</u>	<u>2,099,852</u>	<u>2,088,558</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(696,331)	(691,365)	(935,324)	(930,513)
Net current assets		<u>1,229,386</u>	<u>1,222,555</u>	<u>1,164,528</u>	<u>1,158,045</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,252,479</u>	<u>1,245,612</u>	<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>
Net funds		<u>1,252,479</u>	<u>1,245,612</u>	<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>
Funds	24				
Unrestricted funds					
Parent Charity		863,764	863,764	885,417	885,417
Subsidiary		6,867	–	6,584	–
		<u>870,631</u>	<u>863,764</u>	<u>892,001</u>	<u>885,417</u>
Restricted funds		<u>381,848</u>	<u>381,848</u>	<u>304,774</u>	<u>304,774</u>
		<u>1,252,479</u>	<u>1,245,612</u>	<u>1,196,775</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>

The Trustees have prepared group accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


 Trustee
 E. A. HAYWARD
 Name


 Trustee
 J. A. HAYWARD
 Name

Consolidated statement of cash flows

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

		2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities	Notes		
Cash generated from operations	1	(275,550)	18,080
Finance costs paid		(2,898)	(1,560)
Taxation paid		(277)	–
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>(278,725)</u>	<u>16,520</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,749)	(8,569)
Interest received		118	3,008
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(1,631)</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(280,356)	10,959
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		1,965,620	1,954,661
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>1,685,264</u>	<u>1,965,620</u>

Notes to the consolidated statement of cash flows

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	55,704	(229,267)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	10,903	10,238
Interest received	(118)	(2,467)
Finance costs	2,898	1,560
Taxation	82	277
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	187	(5,622)
Increase in prepayments and accrued income	(106,408)	249,655
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other creditors	(236,818)	(36,888)
(Decrease)/increase in accruals	(1,980)	30,594
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(275,550)	18,080

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1/1/21	Cash flow	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,965,620	(280,356)	1,685,264
Total	1,965,620	(280,356)	1,685,264

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1. Accounting policies

General information

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

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the group have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006, as well as applicable charity and company law. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity (the 'parent charitable company') and Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, its wholly owned trading subsidiary (details of which can be found in note 4), made up to 31 December 2021.

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

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

In accordance with the provisions of s408 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 9.2 of FRS 102, the charitable company is exempt from

the requirement to present its own income and expenditure account and statement of financial activities.

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

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries and having considered the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial performance of the charity and its current performance, the Trustees believe that the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable purpose, will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Additional information on the impact of COVID-19 is discussed in the financial review on page 44.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

Taxation

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

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

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1. Accounting policies – continued

Income

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

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

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

Expenditure

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

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

Grant Policy

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

Allocation and apportionment of costs

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Office fixtures and fittings – 25% Straight line on cost

Shop fixtures and fittings – 20% Straight line on cost

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Items costing less than £500 are not capitalised but written off directly to the income and expenditure account.

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1. Accounting policies - continued

Stocks

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Unlisted investments in the parent charitable company include the investment in the subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited (company registration number 04656756). This is included at cost as the majority of the profits are gift aided to the charity. The only reserves maintained in the subsidiary are for working capital purposes.

Financial instruments

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

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

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

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£
Legacies	163,622	–	163,622
Grants	10,000	135,704	145,704
Clothes recycling schemes	25,106	–	25,106
Individuals and other groups	291,986	58,748	350,734
Trusts and foundations	15,544	40,203	55,747
Corporate donations	259,394	29,304	288,698
Fundraising events	85,123	5,132	90,255
	850,775	269,091	1,119,866

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£
The Ashley Family Foundation	–	3,534	3,534
Jenour Foundation	–	1,000	1,000
Charities Trust (Yorkshire Building Society)	–	1,932	1,932
Dare to Dream Trust Wales	–	75,000	75,000
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	–	50,000	50,000
GE Aviation Wales	–	1,088	1,088
Next Pic	–	3,150	3,150
Other grants (including Government COVID-19 relief)	10,000	–	10,000
	10,000	135,704	145,704

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2. Donations and legacies - continued

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£
Legacies	23,852	—	23,852
Grants	76,199	60,136	136,335
Clothes recycling schemes	—	—	—
Individuals and other groups	375,137	66,742	441,879
Trusts and foundations	32,984	16,150	49,134
Corporate donations	151,491	48,695	200,186
Gift Aid from subsidiary	—	—	—
Fundraising events	85,768	4,697	90,465
	<u>745,431</u>	<u>196,420</u>	<u>941,851</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£
Wallace & Gromit Children's Foundation	—	8,886	8,886
Dare 2 Dream Trust Wales	—	16,050	16,050
The Wooden Spoon Society	5,000	—	5,000
The Moondance Foundation	—	10,000	10,000
LEGO Systems	—	15,000	15,000
Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation	—	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous small grants	5,500	200	5,700
Next plc	1,500	—	1,500
Western Power	4,000	—	4,000
Other grants (including Government COVID-19 relief)	60,199	—	60,199
	<u>76,199</u>	<u>60,136</u>	<u>136,335</u>

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3. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£
Trading at fundraising events	2,606	–	2,606
Shop income	97,867	–	97,867
Social lotteries	8,670	–	8,670
	109,143	–	109,143

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

The current year results above consolidate the foyer shop income of £58,177 (2020: £36,945) with the income of the high street shop £39,747 (2020: £32,327), excluding any intercompany transactions of £57 (2020: £nil).

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

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4. Results of the trading subsidiary

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

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover	58,188	36,843
Cost of sales	(33,598)	(20,837)
Gross profit	24,590	16,006
Administrative expenses, including management charges payable to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and audit fees	(24,363)	(14,728)
Other operating income: donations received	138	115
Operating profit	365	1,393
Tax on profit	(82)	(277)
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income	283	1,116
Gift aid payment to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity	-	-
Retained earnings at the start of the year	6,584	5,468
Retained earnings at the end of the year	6,867	6,584

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

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4. Results of the trading subsidiary - continued

	2021	2020
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:	£	£
Fixed assets	38	103
Current assets	24,526	18,320
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(17,695)	(11,837)
Net current assets	6,831	6,483
Net assets	6,869	6,586
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	6,867	6,584
Shareholders funds	6,869	6,586

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	2021 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	118	118	2,467	2,467

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

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6. Raising funds

Raising donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	2021 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	166,670	166,670	176,165	176,165
Fundraising purchases	10,370	10,370	8,519	8,519
Fundraising marketing	35,756	35,756	56,160	56,160
Third party events costs	1,049	1,049	934	934
	213,845	213,845	241,778	241,778
Other trading activities	Unrestricted funds	2021 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Purchases	45,914	45,914	32,289	32,289
Staff costs	27,277	27,277	24,971	24,971
Shop rent and service charges	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Shop rates	–	–	424	424
Events marketing & merchandise	–	–	2,715	2,715
Shop utilities, ins, licences & cleaning costs	3,558	3,558	2,783	2,783
Shop miscellaneous costs	678	678	4,310	4,310
Shop depreciation	6,326	6,326	5,662	5,662
Shop exceptional items for start-up	–	–	–	–
	93,753	93,753	83,154	83,154
Aggregate amounts	307,598	307,598	324,932	324,932

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

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7. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (note 8) £	Grant funding of activities (note 9) £	Support Costs (note 10) £	2021 Totals £
Supporting the Children's Hospital	190,160	567,635	107,948	865,743

	Direct Costs (note 8) £	Grant funding of activities (note 9) £	Support Costs (note 10) £	2020 Totals £
Supporting the Children's Hospital	192,212	640,170	93,799	926,181

8. Direct costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
Staff costs	145,048	145,048	147,007	147,007
Office costs and sundry equipment	5,601	5,601	4,536	4,536
Rent	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Travel, subsistence and catering	1,866	1,866	1,337	1,337
Training	642	642	2,877	2,877
IT costs	27,216	27,216	26,072	26,072
Subscriptions and licences	4,787	4,787	5,383	5,383
	190,160	190,160	192,212	192,212

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9. Grants payable

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	375,726	191,909	567,635
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£
Supporting the Children's Hospital	284,863	355,307	640,170

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

10. Support costs

	Unrestricted funds	2021 Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Management:				
Support wages	74,398	74,398	69,154	69,154
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	4,577	4,577	4,576	4,576
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	–	–	–	–
Bank charges	2,898	2,898	1,560	1,560
	81,873	81,873	75,290	75,290
Governance:				
Auditors' remuneration	12,240	12,240	9,000	9,000
Accountancy fees	1,836	1,836	2,286	2,286
Legal fees	5,415	5,415	1,458	1,458
Costs of trustee meetings	540	540	136	136
Other office costs	6,044	6,044	5,629	5,629
	26,075	26,075	18,509	18,509
	107,948	107,948	93,799	93,799

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11. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	10,903	10,238
Other operating leases	14,414	13,367

12. Taxation

Taxation is only applicable on the results of the trading subsidiary. The tax charge for the year is £82 (2020: £277), based on profits of £365 (2020: £1,393) as adjusted by disallowed expenditure and capital allowances. The tax rate applicable is 19%.

13. Charitable company results

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total Funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total incoming resources	914,495	269,091	1,183,586	992,401
Total resources expended	936,256	191,909	1,128,165	1,222,784
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	(21,761)	77,182	55,421	(230,383)
Transfers between funds	108	(108)	-	-
Net movement in funds	(21,653)	77,074	55,421	(230,383)
Funds:				
As at 1 January 2021	885,417	304,774	1,190,191	1,420,574
As at 31 December 2021	863,764	381,848	1,245,612	1,190,191

The above results include £nil (2020: £nil) in gift aid donations received by Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity from Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, its trading subsidiary.

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14. Auditors' remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors and their associates for the audit of the charity's financial statements	12,240	9,000

15. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

16. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	401,143	405,167
Social security costs	8,881	9,643
Other pension costs	3,369	2,487
	413,393	417,297

Staff costs include all wages recharged by Cardiff & Vale UHB. Social security and pension costs represent those of the charity's own payroll scheme only. The average monthly number of staff directly employed by the charity and recharged by Cardiff & Vale UHB during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Charity staff	10	12
Shop staff	2	2
	12	14

There were no employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 during the current or prior year.

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16. Staff costs - continued

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £191,855 (2020: £170,964).

17. Tangible fixed assets - group

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Shop Fixtures & Fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st January 2021	41,590	29,671	71,261
Additions	749	—	749
Disposals	—	—	—
At 31st December 2021	42,339	29,671	72,010
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2021	30,378	8,636	39,014
Charge for year	4,642	6,261	10,903
Eliminated on disposal	—	—	—
At 31st December 2021	35,020	14,897	49,917
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2021	7,319	14,774	22,093
At 31st December 2020	11,212	21,035	32,247

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17. Tangible fixed assets - charity

	Fixtures & Fittings	Shop Fixtures & Fittings	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1st January 2021	41,330	29,671	71,001
Additions	749	—	749
Disposals	—	—	—
At 31st December 2021	<u>42,079</u>	<u>29,671</u>	<u>71,750</u>
 DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2021	30,221	8,636	38,857
Charge for year	4,577	6,261	10,838
Eliminated on disposal	—	—	—
At 31st December 2021	<u>34,798</u>	<u>14,897</u>	<u>49,695</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2021	<u>7,281</u>	<u>14,774</u>	<u>22,055</u>
At 31st December 2020	<u>11,109</u>	<u>21,035</u>	<u>32,144</u>

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18. Fixed asset investments

MARKET VALUE

At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021

Additions

Group Unlisted
investments
£

—

1,000

1,000

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31st December 2021

At 31st December 2020

1,000

—

Charity Unlisted
investments
£

MARKET VALUE

At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021

Additions

2

1,000

1,002

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31st December 2021

At 31st December 2020

1,002

2

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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

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18. Fixed asset investments - continued

Noah's Ark Appeal Limited - £2

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

Nature of business: Trading subsidiary

	%
Class of share:	Holding
Ordinary	100

	2021	2020
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	6,869	6,586
Profit for the year	283	1,116

The above investments represent the 100% share capital of the trading subsidiary, Noah's Ark Appeal Limited.

Cardiff Blues Limited - £1,000

During the year, 1000 shares in Cardiff Blues Limited were donated to the charity.

All investments shown above are held at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

19. Stocks

	2021		2020	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Merchandise for sale in shop and at events	16,847	7,202	17,034	8,510

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20. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021		2020	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	–	12,728	–	7,026
Prepayments and accrued income	223,572	223,508	117,155	117,104
Accrued interest receivable	34	34	43	43
	<u>233,606</u>	<u>236,270</u>	<u>117,198</u>	<u>124,173</u>

21. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021		2020	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£		
Trade creditors	83,826	83,093	54,208	52,074
Social security and other taxes	2,197	2,197	2,005	2,005
Corporation tax	82	–	277	–
Hospital grant creditors	569,777	569,777	836,405	836,405
Accruals and deferred income	40,449	36,298	42,429	40,029
	<u>696,331</u>	<u>691,365</u>	<u>935,324</u>	<u>930,513</u>

22. Leasing agreements – group

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	14,600	13,587
Between one and five years	16,936	28,312
	<u>31,536</u>	<u>41,899</u>

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23. Commitments - charity only

At the year-end, the charity had a funding commitment of £80,587 towards funding a Clinical Psychologist to provide psychological care provision for families on the Paediatric Critical Care unit. The commitment is dependent on an appointment being made to the post.

As at 31st December 2020, the charity had a funding commitment of £66,374 towards funding an assistant psychologist and admin assistant as part of the emotional support project for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. This commitment was dependent on appointments being made for these posts which took place in 2021 and the costs are now reflected in 2021.

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

<u>Group</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	22,093	–	22,093
Investments	1,000	–	1,000
Current assets	1,374,794	550,923	1,925,717
Current liabilities	(527,256)	(169,075)	(696,331)
	<u>870,631</u>	<u>381,848</u>	<u>1,252,479</u>
<u>Charity</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	22,055	–	22,055
Investments	1,002	–	1,002
Current assets	1,362,997	550,923	1,913,920
Current liabilities	(522,290)	(169,075)	(691,365)
	<u>863,764</u>	<u>381,848</u>	<u>1,245,612</u>

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24. Analysis of net assets between funds – continued

<u>Group</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	32,247	–	32,247
Investments	–	–	–
Current Assets	1,270,656	829,196	2,099,852
Current Liabilities	(410,902)	(524,422)	(935,324)
	<u>892,001</u>	<u>304,774</u>	<u>1,196,775</u>

<u>Charity</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	32,144	–	32,144
Investments	2	–	2
Current Assets	1,259,362	829,196	2,088,558
Current liabilities	(406,091)	(524,422)	(930,513)
	<u>885,417</u>	<u>304,774</u>	<u>1,190,191</u>

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25. Movement in funds

Current year:

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2021
<u>Group</u>	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	516,773	919,533	(959,805)	35,188	511,689
Designated fund	270,014	–	–	65,000	335,014
COVID-19 Resilience Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Fund	105,214	40,503	(21,709)	(100,080)	23,928
	<u>892,001</u>	<u>960,036</u>	<u>(981,514)</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>870,631</u>

Charity

General funds	510,189	873,992	(914,547)	35,188	504,822
Designated fund	270,014	–	–	65,000	335,014
COVID-19 Resilience Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Fund	105,214	40,503	(21,709)	(100,080)	23,928
	<u>885,417</u>	<u>914,495</u>	<u>(936,256)</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>863,764</u>

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25. Movement in funds - continued

Prior year comparatives:

Unrestricted funds

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

Charity

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

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

The designated fund is earmarked for funding future grant requests for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, from the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, for the provision of medical equipment and the support of direct services to patients such as the play specialist service outlined on page 20 and the commitment towards the psychological care provision for families on the Paediatric Critical Care unit as outlined in Note 23. During the year £567,635 was spent on grants awarded as detailed in note 9.

Funding is initially allocated from general funds but where this takes these funds above/below the reserves policy of £500,000 a transfer is made between designated funds and general funds. A transfer of £65,000 was made this year from general funds to designated funds (2020:£175,000 transfer from designated funds to general funds).

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25. Movement in funds – continued

Current year:

Restricted funds – group and charity	At 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tiny Lives Neonatal ICU	86,378	115	(75,884)	10	10,619
Ward Funds	18,959	23,710	(21,819)	(6,500)	14,350
Kidney Centre	170	–	–	–	170
Parent Packs	124	3,740	(1,139)	–	2,725
Play Specialist Equipment	1,051	1,000	(207)	–	1,844
Prom Ind Incubator	300	–	–	–	300
Vital Signs Monitor	800	–	–	–	800
Televisions	485	–	(485)	–	–
Endoscopy	176	–	–	(176)	–
Peter Holmes Fund	60	–	–	–	60
Surgical Instruments	–	1,932	–	–	1,932
Gastroenterology	663	–	–	–	663
Sparkle Fund	2,499	7,633	(1,713)	30	8,449
Jungle Redevelopment & Playroom	167,984	143,215	(1,200)	–	309,999
Sensory Equipment	157	297	(95)	28	387
Back On Vaur Feet	1,200	385	–	–	1,585
CPAP Machine	23,333	6,131	(14,480)	–	14,984
Play Therapy	–	50,922	(50,922)	–	–
Star Fund	435	–	(79)	–	356
Physiotherapy Bikes	–	–	–	–	–
Beads of Courage	–	294	–	–	294
Integrated Theatres	–	1,000	–	–	1,000
Virtual Hub Club	–	3,534	(1,136)	–	2,398
VR Therapy	–	10,375	(22,750)	12,375	–
Sept 21 mailing general	–	14,808	–	(5,875)	8,933
	304,774	269,091	(191,909)	(108)	381,848

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25. Movement in funds - continued

Prior year comparative:

Restricted funds - group and charity	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Tiny Lives Neonatal ICU	282,895	2,962	(199,229)	(250)	86,378
Ward Funds	15,371	5,879	(2,291)	-	18,959
Kidney Centre	170	-	-	-	170
Parent Packs	-	300	(176)	-	124
Play Specialist Equipment	2,500	-	(1,449)	-	1,051
Prom Ind Incubator	300	-	-	-	300
Vital Signs Monitor	800	-	-	-	800
Televisions	485	-	-	-	485
Endoscopy	176	-	-	-	176
Peter Holmes Fund	60	-	-	-	60
Surgical Instruments	-	-	-	-	-
Gastroenterology	663	-	-	-	663
Sparkle Fund	-	2,891	(873)	481	2,499
Jungle Redevelopment & Playroom	155,067	12,917	-	-	167,984
Sensory Equipment	4,443	8,886	(13,172)	-	157
Back On Your Feet	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
CPAP Machine	-	37,813	(14,480)	-	23,333
Play Therapy	-	107,502	(107,502)	-	-
Star Fund	-	20	(85)	500	435
Physiotherapy Bikes	-	16,050	(16,050)	-	-
	<u>462,930</u>	<u>196,420</u>	<u>(355,307)</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>304,774</u>

Donations are allocated to restricted funds when they have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes or the donor has requested they are used for a specific purpose which could be for a certain piece of equipment or to be spent on a particular ward. Any donations not spent during the year are carried forward until such time when the expenditure is required.

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25. Movement in funds - continued

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose
Various ward funds	To fund expenditure on certain wards as requested by the donor
Beads of Courage	Beads of Courage support children through their daily treatments; heart surgery; and any bumps in the road to their journey of recovery. Each procedure they have, a bead is given as a milestone marker and as a way for children to track their unique story.
Kidney Centre, Gastroenterology, Integrated Theatres	To fund expenditure in certain department
Parent Packs	To fund the provision of emergency supplies such as toiletries
Play Specialist Equipment	To fund equipment for the use of the Play Specialist Service
Vital Signs Monitor, Prom Ind Incubator, Sensory Equipment, CPAP Machine, Surgical Instruments	To fund specific pieces of equipment as requested by the donor
Back on your feet packs	To fund essential items such as clothing and toiletries for patients admitted in mental health crisis
Play Therapy	To fund the ongoing Play Specialist Service
Virtual Hub Club	Until restrictions on visitors are lifted our hub club is virtual. Our song and storyteller Dave, runs group or one to one sessions with patients via Zoom.
Chwarae PCCU	To fund equipment for the Paediatric Critical Care Unit to make the experience for a child less daunting
VR Therapy	To fund the purchase of VR equipment
Sept 21 mailing general	Donations received as part of an appeal in September 2021 that were for general expenditure. Once all the specific expenditure relating to the September appeal has taken place then the remaining balance in this fund will be transferred to unrestricted funds
Star	This fund was set up at the start of lockdown to support frontline staff with items to help with mental health or treat hampers and has continued to help in this way. The most recent purchase were treat hampers for each ward to celebrate International Nurses Day
Sparkle	To fund over and above happiness treats, activities and experiences for patients such as Easter gifts, character visits and birthday parties
Neonatal / Tiny Lives	To fund equipment and services within the Neonatal Intensive Care Services
Jungle Redevelopment and Playroom	To fund the redevelopment of the existing Jungle Ward

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25. Movement in funds - continued

Transfers between funds

During the year transfers of £68 (2020: £731) were made from the general fund to restricted funds where expenditure against the restricted fund exceeded the funds available. During the year transfers of £176 (2020: £nil) were made from restricted fund to general funds. This represents surplus restricted balances which have been agreed with the funder to transfer into unrestricted funds.

26. Contingent Assets

As at 31 December 2021, the Charity had been notified of 12 legacies where the value remains uncertain and therefore an accrual has not been recognised within the financial statements. Based on correspondence received, these legacies are estimated to have a total value of £230,569.

27. Related party disclosures

The charity was under the contrai of the Trustees throughout the current and previous year.

One of the Trustees of the charity is also a director of Noah's Ark Appeal Limited, the wholly owned subsidiary of the charity, along with the Managing Director. At the year end the subsidiary owed £12,728 (2020: £7,026) in management fees and £nil (2020: £nil) in Gift Aid distributions to the parent charity.

During the year, six of the Trustees contributed income totalling £1,034 (2020: £12,894) in the form of donations, tickets to events and the purchase of Christmas Cards. There were no other transactions with related parties requiring disclosure at the year-end.

28. Limited by Guarantee

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



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