

**NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST**

CHARITABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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Health and Social Care Trust**

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Laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly
under Article 90(5) of the Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1972
(as amended by the Audit and Accountability Order 2003)
by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

on

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (as amended by Article 6 of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003), the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has directed the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust to prepare for each financial year a statement of accounts in respect of endowments and other property held on trust by it in a form determined by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis and must provide a true and fair view.

In preparing the financial statements the Accounting Officer is required to;

- follow the guidance within the HSC Manual of Accounts issued by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety including relevant accounting and disclosure requirements, and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- state whether applicable accounting standards as set out in Charities SORP 2005 have been followed, and disclose and explain any material departures in the financial statements;
- keep proper accounting records;
- ensure an effective system of internal control and establishing arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.

The Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, as Accounting Officer for health and personal social services resources in Northern Ireland, has designated Mr Liam McIvor of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust as the Accounting Officer for the Trust. The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which the Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust's assets, are set out in the Accountable Officer Memorandum, issued by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

CERTIFICATES OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

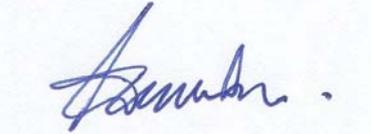
I certify that the annual accounts set out in the financial statements and notes to the accounts (pages 13 to 22) which I am required to prepare on behalf of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust have been compiled from and are in accordance with the accounts and financial records maintained by the Trust and in accordance with the accounting policies for HSC Charitable Trust Funds as approved by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.



..... Director of Finance

17 June 2014.....Date

I certify that the annual accounts set out in the financial statements and notes to the accounts (page 13 to 22) as prepared in accordance with the above requirements have been submitted to and duly approved by the Board.



..... Chairman

17 June 2014.....Date



..... Chief Executive

17 June 2014.....Date

Annual Governance Statement 2013/14

1. Introduction and Scope of Responsibility

The Board of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust (NIAS) is accountable for internal control. As Accounting Officer and Chief Executive of the Board, I have responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and assets for which I am responsible in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to me by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPSNI).

In essence, the role of Accounting Officer is to see that the Trust carries out the following functions in a way that ensures the proper stewardship of public money and assets:

- To enter into and fulfil service level agreements with health and social care commissioners;
- To meet statutory financial duties; and
- To maintain and develop relationships with patients, the local community, commissioners, other HSC bodies and suppliers.

The Trust is directly accountable to the DHSSPSNI for the performance of these functions.

The Trust works in partnership with the DHSSPSNI, Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) and the Public Health Agency (PHA) through groups such as the Performance Management and Service Improvement team at HSCB. The Trust also works closely with other partner organisations through the establishment and representation on various working groups, for example local ambulance liaison groups. These arrangements continue to be reviewed and updated in response to changes in the structure of Health and Social Care across Northern Ireland.

2. Compliance with Corporate Governance Best Practice

NIAS applies the principles of good practice in Corporate Governance and continues to further strengthen its governance arrangements. NIAS does this by undertaking continuous assessment of its compliance with Corporate Governance best practice.

Trust Board is currently engaged in a process of self-assessment against the Board Governance Self-Assessment Tool issued by DHSSPSNI. The assessment covers four key areas: Board composition and commitment; Board evaluation, development and learning; Board insight and foresight; and Board engagement and involvement. Action plans arising from the self-assessment continue to be developed and progressed. The Trust's Audit Committee annually tests its effectiveness and application of good practice through the Audit Committee Self-Assessment checklist, issued by the National Audit Office. Areas of improvement are highlighted for consideration through this process.

3. Governance Framework

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to:

- identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of organisational policies, aims and objectives; and
- evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The system of internal control has been in place in the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts and accords with Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety guidance.

The Board exercises strategic control over the operation of the organisation through a system of corporate governance which includes:

- a schedule of matters reserved for Board decisions;
- a scheme of delegation, which delegates decision making authority within set parameters to the Chief Executive and other officers; and
- standing orders and standing financial instructions, including the establishment of an audit committee, an assurance committee and a remuneration committee.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular financial information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability.

The process of maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of internal control is embedded throughout the organisation. In particular:

The Trust Board exercises financial supervision and control by:

- Approving the financial strategy;
- Requiring the submission and approval of budgets within approved allocations/overall income;
- Defining and approving essential features in respect of important procedures and financial systems (including the need to obtain value for money); and
- Defining specific responsibilities placed on directors and employees as indicated in the Scheme of Delegation Document.

All members of the Board and employees, severally and collectively, are responsible for:

- The security of the property of the Trust;
- Avoiding loss;

- Exercising economy and efficiency in the use of resources; and
- Conforming to the requirements of Standing Orders, Standing Financial Instructions, Financial Procedures, the Scheme of Delegation and other financial procedures which the Director of Finance may issue.

The Audit Committee's primary role is to independently contribute to the Trust Board's overall process for ensuring that an effective internal financial control system is maintained.

The Assurance Committee is responsible for assuring the Trust Board that effective and regularly reviewed arrangements are in place to support the implementation, maintenance and development of governance (clinical and non-clinical) and risk management and that such matters are properly considered and communicated to the Board.

The Remuneration Committee's primary role is to advise the Board about appropriate remuneration and terms of service for the Chief Executive and Executive Directors employed by the Trust.

4. Business Planning and Risk Management

The Trust's governance arrangements rely on the principles of business planning and risk management to ensure that statutory obligations and ministerial priorities are properly reflected in the management of business at all levels in the organisation.

The Board identifies the strategic, corporate objectives and risks and monitors the achievement of these in the public interest. It has established a framework of prudent and effective controls to manage these risks, underpinned by core controls assurance standards. Decisions are taken by the Board within a framework of good governance to build a successful organisation, which is always striving to achieve excellence.

The Trust's Corporate Plan sets the strategic direction for the Trust in line with the stated purpose, mission and vision of the organisation, aligned to the relevant principles and values, which direct action consistent with Ministerial priorities. Key strategic aims are identified through this process which leads to the development of strategic objectives which contribute to delivery of those aims.

NIAS develops an Annual Business Plan & Trust Delivery Plan in support of the Corporate Plan to take account of available resources and outline Trust priorities in terms of actions and activity to secure objectives for the year.

The Board of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust has established an Assurance Committee, which is a committee of the Board, and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of risk management within the organisation. The Assurance Committee meets at least three times a year and reviews the Corporate Risk Register, compliance with Controls Assurance Standards and the report of Untoward Incidents as standing items, as well as other health and safety and risk management issues. The meetings are recorded and the minutes are reported to the Trust Board. The Trust's Medical Director has been given delegated responsibility for the oversight of risk management and a full time Risk Manager has been in post since July 2005.

In order to strengthen the arrangements for Risk Management, the Trust Board continues to review the arrangements in place with reference to DHSSPS guidance and advice. Such changes are reflected in the Risk Management Strategy which was reviewed, updated and approved by the Trust Board in 2013/14. The Trust's Risk Management Strategy specifies a number of reactive and proactive ways in which risk can be identified. The means of identification include, although not exclusively, untoward incident reporting, complaints management, risk assessment, horizon-scanning at Trust Board level, claims management, controls assurance, benchmarking and consultation with staff and service users. The strategy also places upon all Trust employees the responsibility to be aware of and to report any and all risks to which they or the Trust are exposed.

Identified risks are recorded on the Risk Register, evaluated and, if necessary re-evaluated, in line with the AS/NZS 4360 Risk Management Standard. In accordance with the Trust's risk strategy, this takes into account the likelihood and potential impact on the Trust's patients, employees, environment, reputation and resources. This evaluation then prompts the development of individual risk treatment plans against which progress is monitored through the Trust's Risk Register.

Corporate Risks are those that impact on the organisation as a whole or which cannot be resolved immediately or adequately reduced by treatment at a local level. They are recorded on the Corporate Risk Register, which is reviewed at each meeting of the Assurance Committee and by the responsible manager, on a continual basis.

Local Risks are those which have a localised impact and which can be reduced to an acceptable level by treatment at a local level. These are recorded on the Local Risk Register and are the responsibility of the Trusts line management. Local Risk Register updates are forwarded to the relevant Directors for distribution and review at local level on a regular basis.

5. Information Governance

In terms of information governance the Director of Finance and ICT is the Trust's Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) and is supported by Information Asset Owners (IAOs) throughout the Trust. The SIRO leads the Information Governance risk assessment and management processes within the Trust and advises the Board on the effectiveness of information risk management across the organisation. The Trust has in place information governance policies and procedures to support this area and has participated in data protection reviews and governance audits. In addition, the Trust has established an Information Governance Steering Group, which will review the management of all information risks and information governance arrangements within the Trust.

Training continued throughout the year to staff to support the information governance agenda. The Trust aims to deal openly and transparently with requests for information and we continue to review our systems, policies and procedures to ensure strong information governance and data protection. There have been no significant information related breaches brought to the attention of the SIRO during the 2013/14 year.

The Medical Director has been appointed as the Trust’s Caldicott Guardian with particular responsibility for access to, and the use of, person identifiable patient information. The Medical Director also has a representative role on the UK Council of Caldicott Guardians. The Caldicott Guardian and the SIRO support the Trust Board in recognising the importance of best practice in relation to the broader information governance agenda.

6. Assurance

The Trust assessed its compliance with the applicable Controls Assurance Standards which were defined by the Department and against which a degree of progress was expected in 2013/14. The Trust has met the required levels of compliance as determined by the Department.

The Trust continues to develop systems and processes to ensure compliance with Controls Assurance Standards. An action plan will be developed for any areas of non-compliance within controls assurance standards and progress against the plan will be monitored throughout the year.

7. Sources of Independent Assurance

The NIAS obtains Independent Assurance from the following sources:

- Internal Audit
- External Audit
- Business Services Organisation

The Trust also relies on other significant assurance functions, both internal and external to the organisation, and considers the implications of any relevant findings for the governance of the organisation. These may include, but will not be limited to, any reports issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General or Public Accounts Committee and reviews by DHSSPSNI commissioned bodies.

The Trust commissions an internal audit service from the Business Services Organisation (BSO) which operates to defined standards and whose work is informed by an analysis of risk to which the Trust is exposed. Annual audit plans are based on this analysis. In 2013/14 Internal Audit reviewed the following systems which have relevance to Charitable Trust Funds.

Audit Assignment	Overall Level of Assurance
Non Pay Expenditure	Limited (Three Priority 1 Findings)
Bank and Cash	Satisfactory (No Priority 1 Findings)
General Ledger	Satisfactory (No Priority 1 Findings)
Board Effectiveness	Satisfactory (One Priority 1 Finding)

In the annual report, the Internal Auditor's overall opinion for the year ended 31 March 2014 was that there was a satisfactory system of internal control designed to meet the organisation's objectives. However, Limited assurance has been provided in a number of areas, including Volunteer Driver Expenses and the percentage implementation of previous recommendations has fallen. In general, procurement (beyond the COPE) and contract management processes require strengthening going forward. Controls in the new financial systems also require further and prompt development.

In common with all HSC organisations, the Trust moved to the new Finance, Procurement and Logistics (FPL) system during the year and began the process of transferring elements of activities to a Shared Service Centre (SSC). This was a significant challenge for the Trust in terms of preparation, implementation and deployment of the new systems and the changes in responsibilities with the move to shared services. The Trust's performance in terms of prompt payment of invoices dipped during the year and a number of issues were identified in the operation and controls available within the new system. Performance against the 30 day target or other agreed payment terms dipped as low as 78% for the month of June due to lost processing days in preparation for and implementation of the new FPL system. This resulted in the Trust not meeting the cumulative target of 95%. Performance in month has been maintained at 90% or above from November 2013 and performance for March 2014 was 93% paid within 30 days, or other agreed terms. Performance against other measures of prompt payment performance, for example payment of invoices in ten working days, showed a similar dip during preparation and implementation of the new systems which affected cumulative performance. Performance has recovered towards the end of the year, but this target remains a specific challenge to NIAS given the geographical spread of services. Roles and responsibilities between the Trust and the SSC will continue to develop and be formally defined and clarified in 2014/15 as part of the transition to 'business as usual' with the new systems and operating environment.

Recommendations to address these control weaknesses have been considered by the Audit Committee and have been or are currently being implemented. Progress on implementation will continue to be reviewed by Internal Audit and considered by the Audit Committee.

During the year, the Trust Board met in workshop form and assessed its own performance against key functions, focussing on self-assessment of board effectiveness; assurance framework development; business planning and strategic priorities.

The NIAS Assurance Report to Trust Board was developed in response to DHSSPS guidance on Assurance Frameworks. As part of on-going development and in response to Internal Audit findings, the Assurance Framework has been revisited and a replacement developed which was subjected to further detailed consideration by the Trust Board through the Assurance Committee during 2013/14, commencing with a workshop in June 2013. The Trust Board has determined that the work to date represents a solid base for development in the future.

8. Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, I have responsibility for the review of effectiveness of the system of internal governance. My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal governance is informed by the work of the internal auditors and the executive managers within the Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports. I have been advised on the implications of the result of my review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Trust Board, Audit Committee and Assurance Committee. A plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement to the system is in place.

9. Internal Governance Divergences

Prior year control issues which continue to be considered control issues

Business Services Transformation Programme

During 2013/14 NIAS, as part of an HSC wide investment – the Business Services Transformation Programme (BSTP) – introduced replacement Finance and Human Resource systems. Specific elements of the programme include replacement Financial, Procurement and Logistics (FPL) systems, replacement Human Resource, Payroll, Travel and Subsistence (HRPTS) systems and the introduction of Shared Services. There remain a number of key risks associated with the introduction of replacement systems and changes in working practices. These risks relate to maintaining business as usual, ensuring the successful transition to the new systems and practices and also in ensuring that the benefits of modern systems and ways of working are realised. The Trust will continue to work with the BSTP to mitigate these risks.

Issues in the current year and anticipated future issues

Board Effectiveness and Cohesion

The definition of a Trust Board quorum and the impact on the decision-making processes, particularly in respect of senior executive remuneration, have taken significant time. This, on occasion, has put a strain on relationships between Board members. Also, issues over assurance reporting and performance management presented a challenge to conducting board business. The Self-Assessment audit of board effectiveness undertaken in 2013/14 highlighted the need to improve board effectiveness and cohesion, leadership and direction in a time of change which the board should address. An action plan has been developed to address these issues.

11. Conclusion

The NIAS Trust has a rigorous system of accountability which I can rely on as Accounting Officer to form an opinion on the probity and use of public funds, as detailed in and required by Managing Public Money Northern Ireland.

Further to considering the accountability framework within the Trust and in conjunction with assurances given to me by the Head of Internal Audit, I am content that the NIAS has operated a generally sound system of internal control and governance during the period 2013/14 that supports the achievement of policies, aims and objectives.

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', is positioned above the typed name.

Mr Liam McIvor
Chief Executive

17 June 2014

NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST - CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS

THE CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust for the year ended 31 March 2014 under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended. These comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

Respective responsibilities of the Accounting Officer and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Accounting Officer's Responsibilities, the Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. My responsibility is to audit, certify and report on the financial statements in accordance with the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended. I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me and my staff to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my certificate.

I am required to obtain evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the incoming and outgoing resources recorded in the financial statements have been applied to the purposes intended by the Assembly and the financial transactions recorded in the financial statements conform to the authorities which govern them.

Opinion on regularity

In my opinion, in all material respects the incoming resources and application of outgoing resources recorded in the financial statements have been applied to the purposes intended by the Assembly and the financial transactions recorded in the financial statements conform to the authorities which govern them.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust's Charitable Trust Fund's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of its incoming and outgoing resources for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended and Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety directions issued thereunder.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which I report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit; or
- the Governance Statement does not reflect compliance with Department of Finance and Personnel's guidance.

Report

I have no observations to make on these financial statements.



*KJ Donnelly
Comptroller and Auditor General
Northern Ireland Audit Office
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30 June 2014

NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE HSC TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2014

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Endowment Funds £000	2014 Total Funds £000	2013 Total Funds £000
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generating funds						
Voluntary income	2	2	0	0	2	1
Activities for generating funds		0	0	0	0	0
Investment income	3	0	0	0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources		0	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources		2	0	0	2	1
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income		0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising trading: Costs of goods sold and other costs		0	0	0	0	0
Investment management costs		0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	6	(2)	0	0	(2)	(4)
Governance Costs	5	(1)	(1)	0	(2)	(2)
Other Resources Expended		0	0	0	0	0
Total Resources Expended		(3)	(1)	0	(4)	(6)
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources before transfers		(1)	(1)	0	(2)	(5)
TRANSFERS						
Gross transfers between funds	8	0	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources before other recognised gains and losses		(1)	(1)	0	(2)	(5)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS / LOSSES						
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		0	0	0	0	0
Gains (losses) on investment assets	10	0	0	0	0	2
Net Movement in Funds		(1)	(1)	0	(2)	(3)
Adjustment to add back: notional audit fee		1	1	0	2	2
Net Movement in Funds excluding Notional Audit Fees		0	0	0	0	(1)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Fund balances brought forward at 01 April 2013		2	6	0	8	9
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2014		2	6	0	8	8

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	Notes	31 March 2014 £000	31 March 2013 £000
Fixed Assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible assets		0	0
Heritage assets		0	0
Investments:			
Investments	10	7	12
Programme related investments		0	0
Total Fixed Assets		<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
Current Assets			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	11	1	0
Short term investments and deposits		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand.		0	0
Total Current Assets		0	0
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12.1	0	(4)
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)		<u>1</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		8	8
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12.2	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges		0	0
Net Assets		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	13	6	6
Endowment funds	13	0	0
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted income funds	13	2	2
Revaluation reserve	13	0	0
Total Charity Funds		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these accounts.



Chief Executive

17 June 2014



Chairman

17 June 2014

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

1(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' The Statement of Recommended Practice issued in March 2005, and with relevant guidance issued by the DHSSPS.

1(b) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in full in the statement of financial activities as soon as the following three factors can be met:

- Entitlement – arises when a particular resource is receivable or the charity's right becomes legally enforceable;
- Certainty – where there is reasonable certainty that the incoming resource will be received;
- Measurement – when the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1(c) Incoming Resources from Legacies

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds are not currently in receipt of any legacies.

1(d) Gifts in Kind

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds are not currently in receipt of any gifts in kind.

1(e) Intangible Income

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds are not currently in receipt of any intangible income.

1(f) Resources Expended and Irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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Notes to the Accounts

1 (g) Allocation of Support Costs and Overheads

Support costs and overheads have been allocated between Governance Costs and Charitable Activities. Costs which are not wholly attributable to an expenditure category have been apportioned. The analysis of support costs and the bases of apportionment applied are shown in Note 5. Where costs are shared by two or more charitable activities, support costs have been apportioned between categories and this is analysed in Note 6.

1(h) Costs of Generating Funds

The costs of generating funds are the cost of investment management fees.

1(i) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise all direct costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity. These costs comprise direct costs and an apportionment of overhead and support costs as shown in Note 5.

1(j) Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise all costs incurred in the governance of the charity. These costs include costs related to statutory audit together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

1 (k) Fixed Assets

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not have any fixed assets.

1 (l) Donated assets

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not have any donated assets.

1 (m) Leases

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not have any leases.

1(n) Investment Fixed Assets

Investment Fixed Assets are shown at market value as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

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1(n) Investment Fixed Assets (continued)

Property assets are not depreciated but are shown at market valuation.

Quoted stocks and shares included in the balance sheet are carried at market value based on the closing market value at the year-end.

Other investment fixed assets are included at the Trustee's best estimate of market value.

1(o) Realised Gains and Losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1(p) Funds Structure

Where there is a legal restriction on the purposes to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified in the accounts as a restricted fund. Funds where the capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes and cannot itself be spent are accounted for as endowment fund. Other funds are classified as unrestricted funds. Funds which are not legally restricted but which the Trustee has chosen to earmark for set purposes are classified as designated funds.

1 (q) Pensions

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not have any employees.

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2. Analysis of Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2014 Funds £000	Total 2013 Funds £000
Donations from individuals	2	0	2	1
Corporate donations	0	0	0	0
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	1

3. Gross Investment Income

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds earned no gross investment income during the financial year (2013 £nil).

4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds earned no incoming resources from charitable activities during the financial year (2013 £nil).

5. Allocation of Support Costs and Overheads

	2014 Total Funds £000	Allocated to Governance £000	Charitable Activities £000	2013 Total Funds £000
Financial Administration	0	0	0	0
Salaries and related costs	0	0	0	0
Staff training	0	0	0	0
Staff recruitment	0	0	0	0
Office rent	0	0	0	0
Internal Audit	0	0	0	0
External Audit	2	2	0	2
Telephone/ postage / stationery	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	0	0	0	0
Other professional expenses	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	0	2

The basis of apportionment for external audit is usage. This is notional expenditure only and there is no actual charge made to the fund accounts (see note 9).

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6. Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	Grant Funded Activity £000	Support Costs £000	2014 Total £000	2013 Total £000
Medical research	0	0	0	0
Purchase of new equipment	0	0	0	0
Building and refurbishment	0	0	0	0
Staff education and welfare	2	0	2	4
Patient education and welfare	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	4

7. Analysis of Grants

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not provide any grants.

8. Transfers between Funds

There have been no transfers between the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds during the year (2013 £nil).

9. Auditor's Remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £2,150 (2013 £2,100) related solely to the audit with no other additional work undertaken (2013 £nil). This is notional expenditure only and there is no actual charge made to the fund accounts.

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10. Analysis of Fixed Asset Investments

10.1 Investments in a Common Investment Fund

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Market value at 1 April 2011	12	11
Net cash inflow / (outflow)	(5)	0
Share of income	0	0
Share of realised gains / (losses)	0	0
Share of unrealised gains / (losses)	0	1
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Market Value at 31 March 2012	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>

10.2 Market Value as at 31 March 2014

	Held in UK £000	Held outside UK £000	2014 Total £000	2013 Total £000
Investment properties	0	0	0	0
Investments listed on Stock Exchange	0	0	0	0
Investments in a Common Investment Fund	7	0	7	12
Investments in a Common Deposit Fund or Investment fund	0	0	0	0
Unlisted securities	0	0	0	0
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	0	0	0	0
Investments in connected bodies	0	0	0	0
Other investments	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total market value of fixed asset investments	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>

11. Analysis of Debtors

11.1 Amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
Accrued income	0	0
Other debtors	1	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

11.2 Amounts due over one year

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds had no debtor amounts due after one year of 31 March 2014 (2013 £nil).

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12. Analysis of Creditors

	2014 £000	2013 £000
12.1 Amounts falling due within one year		
Loans and overdrafts	0	0
Trade creditors	0	0
Other creditors	0	4
Accruals	0	0
Deferred income	0	0
Total	0	4

12.2 Amounts falling due after more than one year

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds had no creditor amounts due after more than one year of 31 March 2014 (2013 £nil).

13. Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2013 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	Transfers £000	Gains and Losses £000	Fund at 31 March 2014 £000
Endowment funds						
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Endowment funds total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted funds						
A Barr	1	0	0	0	0	1
Omagh	2	0	0	0	0	2
Newry	3	0	0	0	0	3
Other*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted funds total	6	0	0	0	0	6
Unrestricted and material designated funds						
General	2	2	(2)	0	0	2
Unrestricted and material designated funds total	2	2	(2)	0	0	2
Grand Total	8	2	(2)	0	0	8

* Other includes those funds which are individually less than 5% of the total funds held.

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14. Commitments

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds do not have any commitments as at 31 March 2014 (2013 £nil).

15. Financial Guarantees

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Charitable Trust Funds have not given any financial guarantees as at 31 March 2014 (2013 £nil).

16. Related Party Transactions

The Trust Board acts as “corporate trustee” for the Charitable Trust Funds and is responsible for ensuring that these funds are held and managed separately from public funds. During the year none of the members of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust Board or members of the key management staff or parties related to them has undertaken any material transactions with the Charitable Trust Funds.

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

The Charitable Trust has not made any revenue and capital payments to the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust.