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I am honoured to present our 2023/24 impact report which shows that together we really can do great things.



Welcome from our Chair

This report supplements the traditional annual report and accounts.* It shows the strides we have made towards our vision of ensuring every person cared for and working in our hospitals, community and health and social care services is treated with compassion and has access to the best equipment and treatments in the best environments.

It has been a remarkable year for the charity; our new Chief Executive, Beth Crackles alongside a newly formed senior team are making sure that we are in the best possible shape to support patients, their families and staff across Sheffield's NHS.

Despite the continued pressures faced by the cost-of-living crisis, our supporters never cease to amaze me with their kindness and fundraising efforts.

Through generous donations, fundraising events and our friends in businesses across the city, we have awarded £2.3 million in grants to help Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust to provide even better treatments, care and support.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers. Whether volunteering in our charity shop at the Northern General, cheering on our runners at the Sheffield Half Marathon and Sheffield 10k, knitting twiddle mitts for dementia patients, supporting our annual golf day or offering time and expertise as a fellow trustee, I am humbled by their generosity with their time and talents. Their support epitomises the passion with which the people of Sheffield support Sheffield's NHS and Sheffield Hospitals Charity.

I'm excited about our future. There will be challenges on the road ahead but with a dynamic and committed team at the charity and your continued support, I'm confident that we will continue to progress.

Please rest assured that we will never forget that our role is to help our supporters thank the NHS for the care they and their loved ones receive.

*Annual Report and Accounts can be found on the Companies House website

Adrian Stone, Chair of the Board of Trustees

When Sheffield's NHS needs help, thanks to you, we're there to provide it.



A message from our Chief Executive

When you read through our impact report, I hope you feel the same huge pride that I do in seeing what we have achieved together.

Our NHS continues to face unprecedented challenges and our commitment to provide additional funding to **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** and **Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust** who support people at every stage on life's journey has never been more crucial.

My first year as Chief Executive has seen us build momentum, increasing our reach and impact and building strong partnerships across the city.

We've strengthened our team and continue to invest in all areas of the organisation, to ensure that we can identify and fund support for patients and staff, life-changing research and more, enhancing care **from birth to the end of life and everything in between.**

We celebrated the 75th Anniversary of our NHS with the official opening of the Secret Garden at the Northern General Hospital where we were joined by NHS colleagues, charity ambassadors Joe Scarborough and Tony Christie and of course our wonderful supporters whose collective efforts have made this space a reality for staff and patients alike.

Our partnerships have gone from strength to strength, including a brilliant collaboration with Meadowhall Shopping Centre.

We teamed up with Pete McKee for our Christmas campaign encouraging people to give a message of thanks to our NHS staff. Our video 'Sheffield Actually' based on the Love Actually film featured Pete giving his own thanks to our NHS and nursing staff from the Chesterman Unit who looked after him so well during his time in hospital.

The generosity and unwavering support of our donors and partners has meant we can fund many impactful projects across our beneficiary Trusts and I'm excited to share some of these with you in this report.

I want to end by saying my own thank you. From marathon runners to event organisers, sky divers to cake bakers, lottery players to regular givers and to the army of volunteers that give the gift of their time – thank you for all you have done and for all you continue to do, to help support Sheffield's NHS.

Beth Crackles, Chief Executive Officer



Our Values



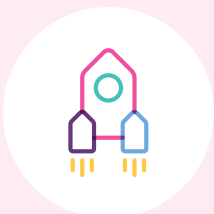
1. We're the best together

We work collaboratively with our beneficiary Trusts and other organisations to have the greatest impact for the people of Sheffield. We help our supporters and volunteers to give back to the NHS in ways that suit them. We employ talented people and encourage each other to be the best we can be.



2. We go the extra mile

Whether you're a patient, NHS staff, supporter or employee, we strive to make people feel uplifted. Our funding is always above and beyond what the NHS can provide, and we ask; how can we fund the best outcomes in this area? We go the extra mile for each other, our beneficiaries and our supporters, and ask; how can we help? As a team, we celebrate our successes and work hard to improve and innovate.



3. We look to the future

We help build a brighter future for the NHS in Sheffield. When funding, we ask; how will this help our Trusts now and in the future? As a charity, we aim to be financially and environmentally sustainable. When investing in our charity, we ask; does this help build a sustainable organisation and a happy, productive team?

Where your funds have made the biggest difference




Staff welfare & amenities

£221K



Ground-breaking research

£429K



Improvements to places & spaces

£298K



Staff training & courses

£154K



Patients welfare & amenities

£814K



Cutting-edge equipment

£385K

We've given over £2.3 million in grants to help Sheffield's NHS thanks to your support

Projects that matter

Hyper-Realistic Manikin a step change for trauma response teams



It is critical that frontline trauma response teams receive specialist training so that they are prepared to care for people who have sustained multiple injuries and are in life-or-death emergency situations.

The hyper-realistic training manikin funded by Sheffield Hospitals Charity enables trainers to replicate life-threatening injuries and emergency situations in a fully interactive way.

The teams are therefore as skilled, rehearsed and prepared as possible to deliver life-saving care. A thoracotomy is the emergency opening of a patient's chest following a severe traumatic injury, such as a stabbing, to control bleeding. It is the ultimate emergency trauma procedure performed in the emergency department. It requires expertly trained staff to come together with little notice and perform seamlessly together. Prior to the hyper-realistic manikin, there was no way of simulating this complex and life-saving technique.

Alan Hewitt, Acute and Emergency Medicine Lead Clinical Educator

"We've put the manikins to great use since being funded by the charity. Because they look and feel highly realistic, it allows staff to practice clinical skills, teamwork and emergency procedures in a simulated environment which feels just like the real thing.

Just like pilots practice flying planes in realistic cockpits to keep passengers safe, staff can practice patient care at a high standard to keep patients safe. Staff often feed back the realism of the manikin allows them to be immersed in the scenario which didn't happen previously as the equipment was too plastic.

Having the manikins has allowed us to launch new courses such as the REX course (Resus Excellence) which trains Emergency Department nurses in advanced care.

As I write this the Trauma team are currently practicing an advanced life-saving procedure often used to save the lives of victims of knife crimes. We're looking to expand our simulation programmes to train more staff and having this high-quality equipment will go a long way in making this successful."



Life-changing Virtual Dementia Tour

The Virtual Dementia Tour, provided by Training 2 Care, was funded by the charity and is a scientifically and medically proven method of giving a person with a healthy brain the experience of what living with dementia might be like.

It allows NHS staff to enter the world of a person with dementia and understand which simple changes need to be made to their practice and environment to really improve lives of people living with the condition.

Staff were also given the opportunity to become a Dementia Champion and encouraged to share their learnings from their dementia training experience with NHS colleagues.

Sally Byers, Dementia Practitioner

“We sought funding for The Virtual Dementia Tour because it has been evidenced to significantly increase staff empathy and understanding for the challenges that people with dementia face. The training uses virtual reality and sensory enhancements to replicate the ways dementia can cause physical and sensory changes and confusion for people. By developing a deeper understanding, staff are then able to enhance the care they provide and improve the experience for patients and their families who access our services.”



Taking care of you



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Patient Discharge Lounge

When you are ready to be discharged from the Northern General Hospital you can wait for your transport or your 'take home' medications to be dispensed by the pharmacy in the Discharge Lounge.

Discharge Lounge staff collect patients who are ready to leave the ward and transfer them to the lounge located in the Outpatients Department in Brearley Wing.

Hayley Jarvis, Lead Nurse for Clinical Operations

"The Discharge Lounge project is something that we are extremely proud of. We were keen to create a space that feels less clinical and a step closer to home for our patients.

Working alongside the charity to add the finishing touches has absolutely transformed the space, with stunning LED panels to create a calm environment for people on patient trolleys, to media walls and a range of furniture to suit individual preferences.

The support we have received has been phenomenal and exceeded our expectations for the environment. We're so proud to be relocated in our Lounge in the beautiful new environment we call home and to share it with our patients and their relatives here at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals."

New Technology for Spinal Cord Injuries Centre

The Princess Royal Spinal Cord Injuries Centre located at the Northern General Hospital is the second largest in the UK. It is one of eight centres in England designated to receive and treat patients with spinal cord injuries. Serving a population stretching as far as East Anglia, it is the regional centre for excellence for Yorkshire, North and North-West England, the East, West Midlands and East Midlands.

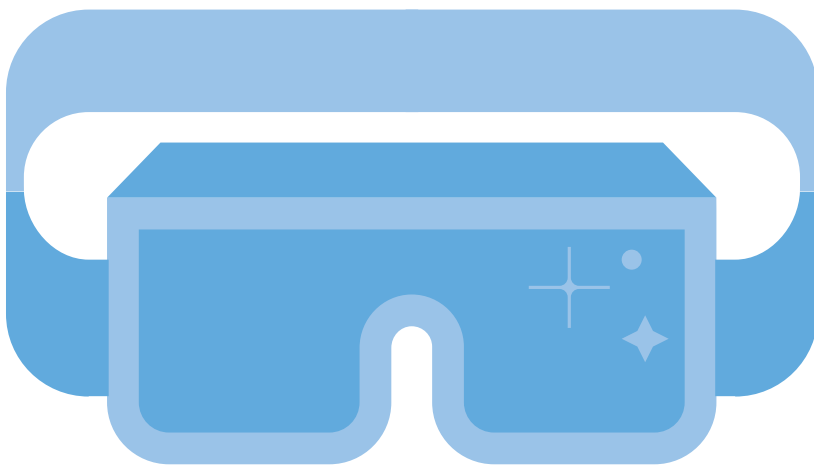
VR (Virtual Reality) and EC (Environmental Control) technology have the potential to revolutionise the way that spinal cord injury rehabilitation is delivered. Charitable funding was approved to establish the first in-UK facility among all NHS Spinal Injuries Rehabilitation Centres to provide a comprehensive virtual reality and environmental control provision.

Access to innovative technology can help to enhance autonomy in mobility and improve quality of life for patients.

EC allows patients with extremely limited mobility to perform simple tasks that they otherwise would be unable to do independently – like change the TV channel or even call a loved one. VR can provide patients with severe grades of paralysis in hands and legs a safe and controlled environment to practise functional tasks.

Michelle Thompson, Discharge Coordinator Spinal Injuries Centre

“Access to assisted technology, enables patients to have their own voice, and to be heard at probably the most vulnerable time of their life. You can gain independence and learn that there is life after a spinal cord injury.”





Nick Bell, a former patient the Spinal Injuries Centre:

“When I couldn’t move my feet or feel my legs I knew I had some sort of spinal injury. For a long time after, I’d be in the hospital bed and thinking to myself, why me? how I am here? I just wanted my partner to take me home, not realising the extent of my injuries.

After my accident, I felt like I was lost. I felt useless. I wanted to give up and I didn’t want to bother anyone. When you do get that independence back, it is the best thing ever. It changes your life massively and funding for VR and EC technology will change so many other lives.

For people to be able to communicate with their families, with their children, and have independence without having to call a nurse over makes such a difference.”

“The technology will be amazing for patients. Sometimes you just want to cry but you’ve got to wake up and say I’m not going to let this defeat me. It’s so important to stay motivated and keep pushing yourself.”

New parents with babies in NICU receive a pack from the charity

Sheffield Hospitals Charity fund the Family Care Nurse role thanks to your ongoing support.

New parents get a tote bag to carry important medical information, a cool bag for storing breast milk, a thermos mug so they can take a drink onto the unit when they are with their baby, and a pen to take down essential care notes.

The little things often make the biggest difference.



Chloe, Family Care Nurse NICU

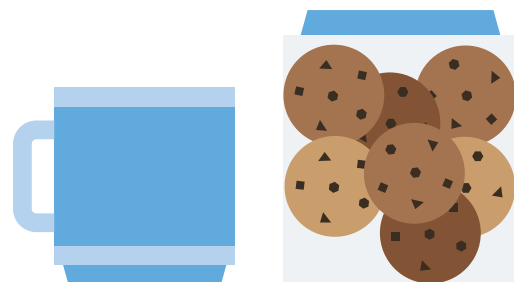
"I'm Chloe, Family Care Nurse on the Jessop Neonatal Unit. I also work clinically caring for babies in intensive care.

Being the Family Care Nurse means I get to support families on the unit and improve their experiences whilst their baby is being cared for by the other nurses. I can have the time to support with the 'little' extras that make a hard and scary time, a little bit easier for them.

I love that I can implement new initiatives for families to make memories whilst they are here. Being on the unit, I regularly see the impact the charity has on families. The refreshments provided benefit over 100 families a month and they are always so grateful."

"My grandson was delivered very, very ill with a life-threatening illness back in April. It was a very worrying time as you can imagine. One thing we found very helpful was the kitchen area in the Neonatal Unit that had 24/7 refreshments available. It was lovely to be able to sit, catch your thoughts and spend time as a family. It's something so simple but I did see it was charity-funded and that's why I'm fundraising for Sheffield Hospitals Charity now. As a grateful family, believe it or not a cup of coffee and a biscuit went a long bloomin' way."

Nicky Park

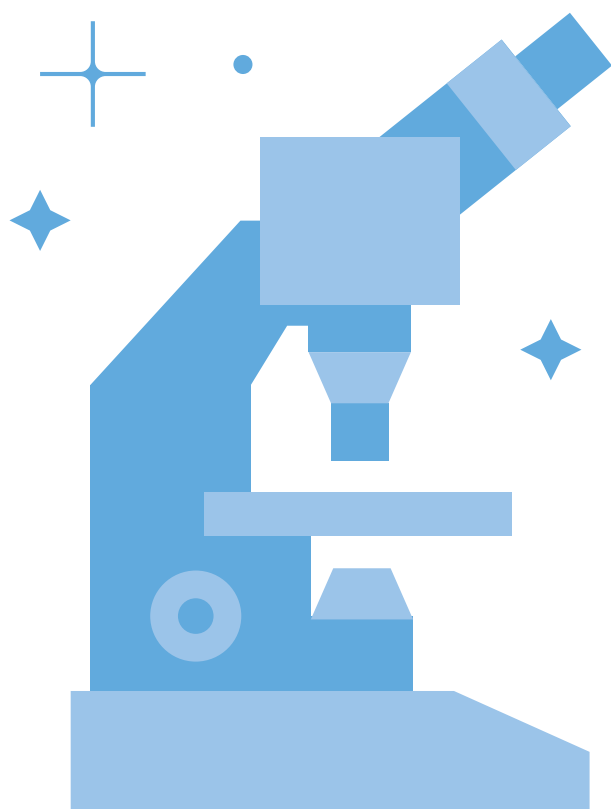


New possibilities for Prostate Cancer Treatment

Dr Steven L Wood

“Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. If the cancer stays in the prostate it can be treated and the patient can be cured but unfortunately sometimes the cancer spreads around the body, especially to the bones and then becomes more difficult to treat and is incurable. So, it is really important to try to prevent this spread to the bones.

We are working on the exciting possibility of using an already existing drug to try to block the process which allows the cancer to spread through the bloodstream out of the prostate and into the patient’s bones. This new approach is still in the early stages but if we can show that it works in our laboratory studies, which are supported by Sheffield Hospital Charity, this will open up exciting new possibilities for prostate cancer treatment to prevent spread to bones, which will then be followed up by clinical trials in patients with prostate cancer.”





Haematology Clinical Psychologist

Blood disorders touch a lot of people's lives at a lot of different points. Diseases of the blood can be either benign disorders (not harmful or severe), bleeding problems or clotting problems or they can be malignant disorders (cancer related and likely to be harmful) such as leukaemia for example.

We have funded a Clinical Psychologist to work within the Haematology team at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. They provide psychological and emotional support for people undergoing treatments like a stem cell transplant.

Aileen Nield, Post Transplant Clinical Nurse Specialist

"In my role for post stem cell transplant support and late effects monitoring, I am very aware of the huge impact that undergoing a transplant for blood disorder or auto immune disease can have.

Patients often experience complications which can be life changing, for example severe fatigue, changes to appearance, vulnerability to infection and facing increased risk of another cancer or long-term health issue. They need support to manage this huge adjustment.

By having a clinical psychologist available, patients can access guidance and learn strategies to manage their worries, stress, anxiety and uncertainty. This is often easier than talking to friends or family about their fears. This is a vitally important service helping patients to manage the often-huge impact that a transplant has on mental wellbeing, and I have seen first-hand the difference this makes."



I lost my identity as Nikki the nurse and became Nikki the patient.

Nicola Gorman, Haematology Patient

“Fortunately or unfortunately depending on how you view it I have used the psychology services several times. I have had two stem cell transplants now and have weathered the storm that the treatment does to your body both physically and mentally and at times it’s pretty brutal.

As an inpatient, the Clinical Psychologist came to see me which was reassuring and helped with the weeks spent in a small room feeling rubbish and very vulnerable.

For me personally, it was after leaving the hospital that the fears and the questions like, ‘what will I do if it comes back?’ started. Your mind races (especially at night) trying to come to terms with what has happened and what your future holds.

I had to leave my job as a district nurse which I loved. I lost my identity as Nikki the nurse and became Nikki the patient.

The psychology services helped me realise that I still had those qualities that made me a good nurse, and that I could use them in different ways. Having someone you can say anything to, cry if you need to and not have things brushed off with ‘at least you’re alive’ is so important. Making sense of a life changing illness isn’t easy. I am so grateful to the sensitive and supportive psychology team that helped me do just that.”



Secret Garden

The Secret Garden, designed by Tom Beaumont at Weddle Landscape Designs, was the realisation of a two-year long project by Sheffield Hospitals Charity to provide a peaceful space, filled with wildflowers, seated areas and greenery, where hospital staff can spend their breaks during what can often be physically and emotionally testing hospital shifts.

The project was launched in 2021, in recognition of the huge dedication of hospital staff and the extra strain on their wellbeing following the COVID-19 pandemic. The garden was created to ensure that staff felt valued and supported, and were given a safe, quiet and relaxing space to help busy workdays feel a little easier.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, an unused and unloved area of the Northern General Hospital site was transformed into a natural haven. Funds were raised in a variety of ways – from sponsored hikes and cycle rides to golf days and donations in memory of loved ones, for whom the garden will be a lasting legacy. We also want to extend our thanks to NHS Charities Together who made a significant contribution to this project.

Rhian Bishop, Staff Engagement and Wellbeing lead, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

“The Secret Garden makes a huge difference to both our patients and staff and is an excellent addition to our ongoing health and wellbeing support. Being outside and connecting with nature is known to be incredibly important for our wellbeing. It’s amazing to have the garden and provide staff with an outdoor sanctuary to spend a period of calm, appreciate nature and enjoy a moment of respite during busy shifts.”

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Eye Care Liaison Officers

Eye Care Liaison Officers (ECLOs) provide people recently diagnosed with an eye condition the practical and emotional support they need to understand their diagnosis, deal with their sight loss and maintain their independence.

ECLOs have the time to dedicate to patients following consultation, so that they can discuss the impact the condition may have on their life.

When attending an eye clinic, some people may not be able to take in or understand all the information they are given about their sight condition and may not know what questions to ask. At what can be a distressing time, the ECLO team help provide essential support in clinic when it is needed most.

Sheffield Hospitals Charity are proud to fund two ECLOs at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Ali Anthony, Vision Rehabilitation Specialist

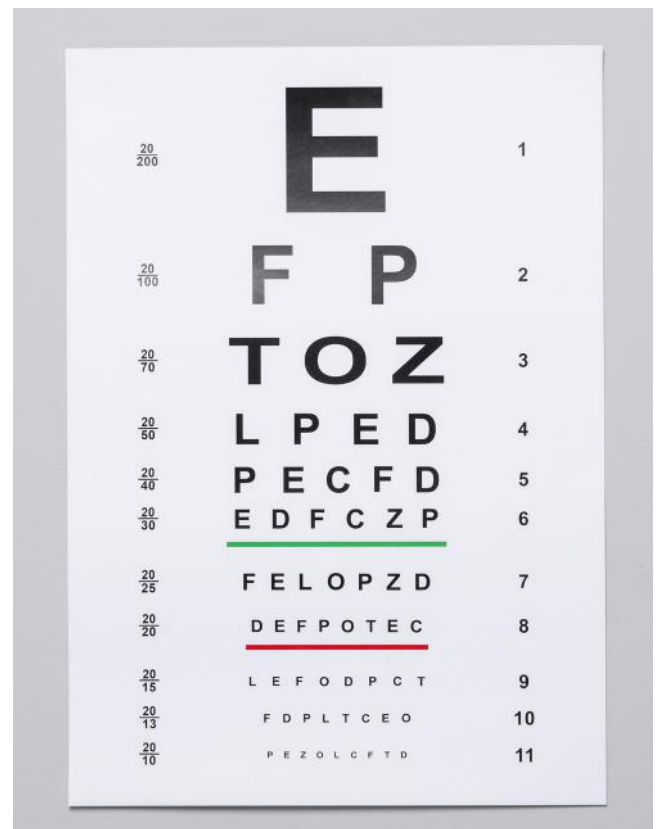
“I would like to express my appreciation for our Eye Clinic Liaison Officers in Sheffield. The service they provide is invaluable and serves as a crucial link between Health and Social Care.

We have regular communication, and both Sharon and Tracy consistently demonstrate their willingness to assist, often exceeding expectations in their support for patients. Their professionalism, efficiency, and reliability make them a pleasure to collaborate with. I have complete confidence knowing they serve as the first point of contact for patients during their most vulnerable moments.”

Sharon Gill and Tracy Fishwick, Eye Care Liaison Officers, said:

“The ECLO role is to provide a bridge between hospital and community services. We prioritise the patient’s own needs and aspirations. We support with challenges they may face such as impact on their work, ability to drive, living alone, and managing sight loss with other health conditions. We help people with what certification they may need and who to register their sight loss with.

We have helped 414 people in the last 5 months. Our service is invaluable to anyone suffering sight loss, not only on a practical level with daily tasks but also the emotional impact sight loss can have on a person that can affect their overall wellbeing.”



Children's Bereavement Books



Books can be used to introduce death and grief to children.

They help to support children in families where a loved one is either terminally ill or dying and can be used to help bereaved children feel less alone and make sense of confusing and sad emotions. The books help parents and guardians to talk to children about someone close to them that may be very unwell or dying and give information in an age-appropriate way.

Studies have shown how children who understand what is happening and can express their feelings have better outcomes long-term following a bereavement.

Books are available for children and families to read at both Weston Park Cancer Hospital and at the Palliative Care Unit at the Northern General Hospital.

Wellness Wallets

Wellness wallets are used to keep antenatal notes during pregnancy. Printed on the wallets are important messages around when to seek medical advice which are available in various languages. An initial pilot that was funded by NHS England saw 80,000 Wellbeing Wallets distributed within 15 NHS Trusts across the country.

Nearly all of the trusts reported a significant decrease in stillbirth rates whilst the wallets were in use. Midwives noticed that women regularly read the information printed on their wallet whilst waiting for their appointments. At least three babies were deemed to have been saved as a result of women reading the wallets and acting on the information provided.

“Our stillbirth rate has decreased, which is brilliant, and the MAMA wallets have been part of a number of measures we have taken over the last year to improve fetal surveillance”

Hannah Ford, Community Midwifery Matron at Jessop Maternity Wing



Forest Close Sensory Garden

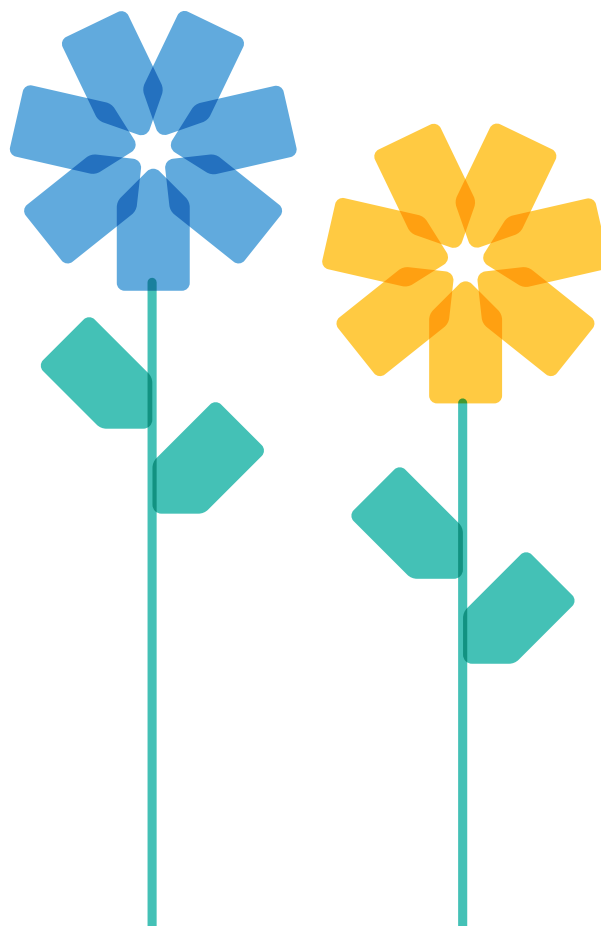
Forest Close is a mental health inpatient rehabilitation unit for adults living in Sheffield.

Their aim is to provide care to people with severe and enduring mental health needs who require support to aid their recovery. They work alongside people in the unit to encourage them to build on their strengths and improve their quality of life.

Thanks to charitable funds a sensory garden has been created by staff, patients, and members of the community. The space has been designed so that patients benefit from having a relaxed space to sit outside and engage in their own meditation or mindfulness.

People can learn about how to grow plants and herbs, as well as general garden maintenance under the supervision of staff.

Staff will also benefit from the calming nature of the garden. An area to relax before, during, and after busy shifts.



Volunteer Services and Arts in Health



Active volunteers

302



Hours logged

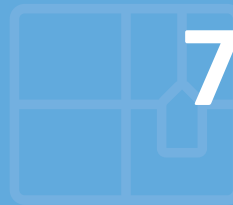
20,518

Pharmacy packages
delivered

26,043

Patients and visitors
supported

73,769



Active Response tasks
completed

2,244



Thanks to you, Sheffield Hospitals Charity is proud
to fund the Volunteer Services and Arts in Health team.



Therapy dogs

There are seven owners and eight dogs in the Therapy Dogs team who conduct both patient and staff visits with the aim of providing a little bit of joy and improve wellbeing. From the Teenage Cancer and Chemotherapy Daycase Units at Weston Park, to the Acute Therapy department and Radiology, the dogs and their owners brighten people's days.

"Yesterday I visited the Endoscopy department with a really lovely outcome from a patient that had gone through a traumatic procedure. With the help of Pippa and Teddy's calming influence, we left the patient telling jokes and feeling much better from our visit. It was wonderful to see both staff and patients seeing the difference dogs make in giving comfort and unconditional empathy."

Janet, Dog Owner



Arts in Health

Our NHS Health Stories

Over the course of a single day, NHS staff shared their stories and reflected on what it meant to be part of the NHS at this landmark moment in history. 19 locations across the UK took part, including Sheffield and the programme included poetry, music, dance and visual art created by staff, telling their stories in their own words.

The project has gone on to win a Royal Society for Public Health, Health & Wellbeing Award, marking how influential it has been in bringing to life incredible stories from across the NHS.

In and Out of Hospital Project

In and Out of Hospital was a project funded by Arts Council England and Sheffield Hospitals Charity which began in 2017 with the aim of embedding creative activities and their associated benefits into healthcare.

20 patients took part in sessions with singing for lung health facilitator Helen Lyle in partnership with the Long Covid Support Hub.

25 participants with facial disfigurements following cancer took part in a print making session at the Head and Neck support group at Burton Street Hillsborough.

“It improved my wellbeing, I enjoyed socialising at the same time as learning new skills which I can enjoy with my grandchildren.”



Music Concerts

18 professional music concerts a month took place across 19 wards.

“Three sisters and a Deputy Nurse Director stood in amazement watching one patient engage with music. A moment of goosebumps all round!”

Staff member Brearley 7
(Northern General Hospital)

Enhancing Environments

The Arts in Health Team offer specialist project management for the installation of artwork in the hospitals to create a more calming and pleasant environment for patients, visitors and staff.



Proud to fund the NHS Thank You Awards



The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Thank You Awards celebrate the incredible achievements and dedication of NHS staff from across the Trust.

NHS colleagues can nominate an individual or team who they feel has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

We're proud to fund these awards to ensure that NHS staff get the recognition that they deserve. The awards were held in the ballroom at Sheffield City Hall and were hosted by Manish Bhasin, a BBC sports journalist and presenter.

Other awards included Excellence in Patient Care, Innovation Award, Role Model of the Year Award and Team of the Year.

“Getting nominated by your peers is the best - like getting player of the year. Thanks to everyone I've met volunteering. It's made my life better.”

David Drabble, winner of the PROUD Volunteer of the Year Award

Thanks to your generosity, we have funded cutting-edge equipment

Richard returned to the Northern General Critical Care Unit

While out riding the route for a cycling event on a summer's morning, a car veering on the wrong side of the road collided with Richard at 40mph, catapulting him 20 meters from his bike. He was blue-lighted to the Northern General Hospital suffering life-threatening injuries including 35 rib fractures, 5 spinal fractures and severe injuries impacting his lungs and breathing. Richard was placed onto the Critical Care Unit. His survival was miraculous.

Richard went on to recover and make a gift of £10,803 to fund a MOTomed therapy device for the Critical Care Unit which offers a lifeline to patients striving to regain mobility and strength. The state-of-the-art equipment supports both arm and leg movement and even integrates interactive games to encourage patient engagement and recovery.

Reflecting on his journey when he went to see the device, Richard shared, "The generosity and support from the physio team at NGH were unparalleled. They went above and beyond to aid my recovery and inspired me to give back to those who had supported me through my darkest hours. I am so grateful to be here and for something positive to have come from my accident."



"It's incredible to see the passion Richard has for helping others in their rehabilitation journey. I think his story will inspire lots of people. We're so grateful to Richard and Sheffield Hospitals Charity and it was great to be able to show him how much of a difference this piece of equipment will make for our patients in the future."

Sam Dean, Clinical Specialist
Physiotherapist Critical Care

Pete McKee's Big Christmas Thank You

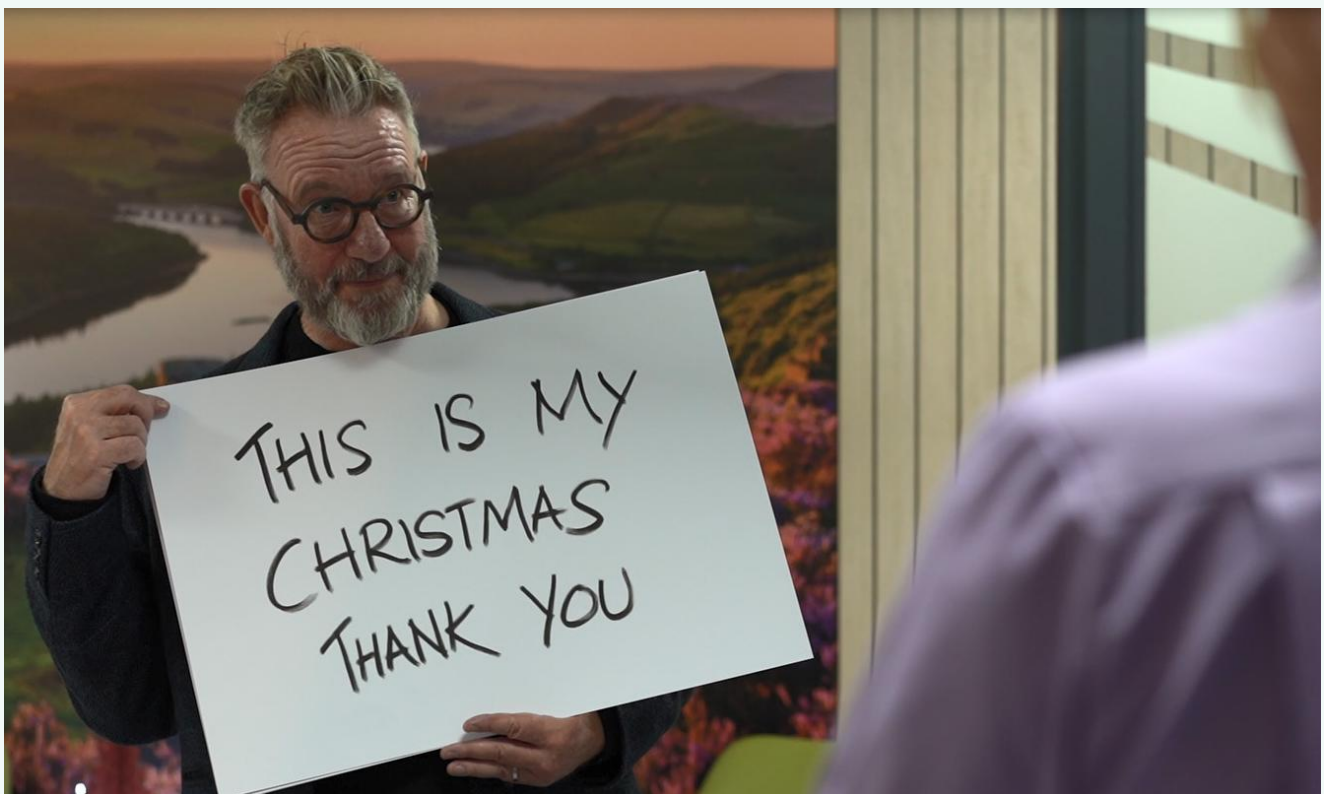
"I finally got the chance to live out my childhood dream and for a very brief moment become an actor! I'm forever indebted to the NHS and the wonderful staff, so I jumped at the opportunity to help raise a smile and some much-needed funds for the charity."

Pete McKee

Pete McKee backed Sheffield's Big Christmas Thank You, encouraging people to send a personal message of thanks to our local NHS staff.

Supporters across the city received a letter from Pete telling his story about the care he received following an emergency heart operation at Sheffield's Northern General Hospital. They also received a keepsake postcard of a painting inspired by his time on the ward called The Handover.

To support the campaign Pete starred in a heartfelt parody of a well-known scene from the Christmas film Love Actually. It was filmed on the Chesterman Unit, where Pete was looked after and featured two staff nurses. The film was renamed as Sheffield Actually and went viral on social media.



A little Thank You goes a long way



Sheffield Hospitals Charity are trialling My Thank You, a platform that gives patients, families and friends the opportunity to tell NHS staff what a difference they make.

My Thank You gives NHS staff the opportunity to hear just how much their work matters to the people they care for.

Promotional materials have been installed in seven trial locations throughout the hospitals encouraging patients and visitors to thank someone who has helped them via a QR code or a text with a link to the platform.

People can select the ward, and the name of the team or team-member they want to thank and write their message. If they choose, they can also make a donation to the charity.



Your gift to us was a Christmas gift to them



Thanks to our supporters the charity could deliver gifts in December to staff and patients across Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and Sheffield Health and Social Care.



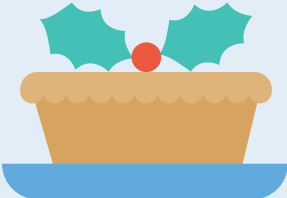
Christmas is a time for spending with family and friends but unfortunately many people don't have that choice.



We spread some festive magic to over 600 patients with small gifts which let them know someone was thinking about them.

“Patients became emotional and tearful when they received their gift. It’s incredible that such a small gesture can have such an enormous impact on someone’s life and sense of worth. I felt very humbled by the whole experience.”

Sam Coggeran a member of staff at Royal Hallamshire Hospital



Partnerships that make a difference - Meadowhall



We teamed up with our friends at Meadowhall Shopping Centre as their charity partner for six months to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the NHS.

The Giving Box

A box shaped like a giant present allows customers to give a donation to charity. When a donation is received it lights up as a thank you. To coincide with the 75th anniversary of the NHS, the Giving Box was wrapped with messaging for Sheffield Hospitals Charity from July until December and visitors to the centre could make their donation to support Sheffield's NHS.

Hendo's, Joe Scarborough and Meadowhall – the perfect partnership

A Sheffield Hospitals Charity pop-up shop opened in Meadowhall selling limited edition commemorative bottles of Sheffield's much loved Henderson's Relish. The Hendo's bottles featured a label designed by charity ambassador and renowned artist Joe Scarborough celebrating the 75th anniversary of the NHS.

At the store, visitors were also treated to an exhibition of some of Joe's original paintings and he made a guest appearance which went down a storm.

On the day of opening, such was the excitement of a limited edition Henderson's Relish, there was a queue at the door! Also on sale were limited runs of Joe's 'Up the Blades' prints which he painted to celebrate Sheffield United's promotion to the Premier League.

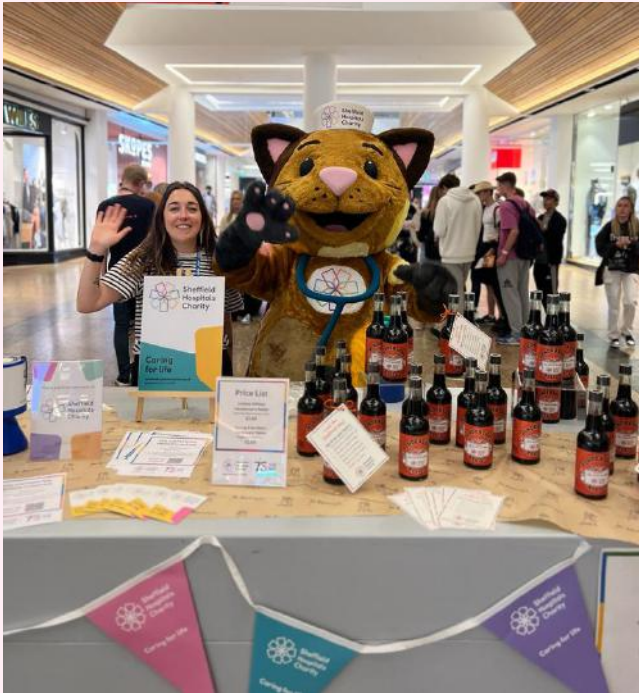
Proceeds from the pop-up shop's product sales were donated to the charity and Henderson's Relish gave an incredibly generous £3,000 donation.

Henderson's (Sheffield) Ltd General Manager, Matt Davies:

"All the staff at Henderson's Relish are proud to support the NHS in Sheffield and want to recognise the great work of NHS staff in our city.

Henderson's were delighted to make this contribution to the Sheffield Hospitals Charity to kick-start their fundraising. We knew Joe Scarborough's fantastic limited-edition bottle of Henderson's Relish would help raise further funds for the charity as we celebrated the NHS's 75th anniversary".





Student Night

Meadowhall Student Night is a must for new students coming to study in the city. Viral TikTok DJ Suat, famous for surprise mobile sets, took over the centre entertaining more than 10,000 students on the night.

Sheffield Hospitals Charity were there with mascot Charikitty, a stand selling our limited edition Hendo's complete with recipe tips for new to Sheffield students who might not have tasted our lovely relish before! We also gave out temporary Strong & Northern Tattoos in exchange for a donation which were very popular.

Meadowhall Turned Pink and Blue for Baby Loss Awareness Week

Meadowhall Shopping Centre supported Baby Loss Awareness Week with a number of initiatives.

The Jessop Bereavement Services team were on hand in the centre to talk, listen and advise. Joined by our Arts in Health Team, visitors to the centre could create a paper butterfly and write a message in memory of babies lost.

Having the opportunity for people to stop and talk about their loss was hugely welcomed.

Meadowhall turned the lights in the dome blue and pink in memory of all babies that died too soon.



Photo credit: James Marshall





Glitz and Glamour at the Retail Awards

Sheffield Hospitals Charity were official charity partners at the Meadowhall Retail Awards. Our Chief Executive Beth Crackles took to the stage to talk to hundreds of retailers about the charity and play our Christmas video featuring Pete McKee. Charity staff were there to run a competition where guests could make a donation in exchange for having their picture taken. The pictures were put up on the big screen and some lucky selfie winners were randomly selected to win some fantastic Meadowhall prizes.

Exclusive Joe Scarborough designed Meadowhall festive gift card

Festive gift card wallets featuring Joe's design were on sale for just £1 with 100% of the proceeds going straight to Sheffield Hospitals Charity.

The design featured many characters Joe has painted across years in recognition of Meadowhall's 33rd anniversary celebrations. It featured the iconic dome in a festive design with characters including Father Christmas himself and was the first time Joe's work has been digitally remastered, with the help of Danny Marsh in Joe's team.

The gift cards raised over £5,000.

"I was thrilled that Meadowhall and Sheffield Hospitals Charity asked me to get involved. The inspiration came from characters I've painted across the last 30 years, and I hope that everyone liked the results."



Fabulous Fundraisers



Three Peaks Challenge for FSHD Research

“As physios at Sheffield Neuro Physio we treat all different types of neurological conditions and see first hand how they affect people’s lives. I have a client who has FSHD. She is heavily involved in fundraising for research into FSHD and has been pivotal in pushing for that research to take place in Sheffield. This research will positively impact the lives of everyone with FSHD by improving our understanding of the condition and hopefully, one day, developing a treatment. I found this inspirational and wanted to contribute in some way to the work she was doing.

Our team decided to walk the Yorkshire Three Peaks in the hope of raising money and contributing to my client’s fundraising efforts. I’m proud to say that we raised just over £3,500. We also got some of our other clients involved by getting them to count their steps, encouraging them to walk further to see whether their steps could add up to walking one of the Peaks. It was something a little different for them and gave our team and our clients a great sense of community.”



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Our annual golf day returned on 10th June with huge thanks to our sponsors IFM Insurance Brokers Limited. IFM have been lead sponsors of this event for the past 8 years and we thank them for their continued support.

We were joined by 45 teams of four who teed-off at Hallamshire Golf Club – one of Yorkshire’s finest golf courses.

The golf day raised an incredible £24,669 for neurology and neurosciences across Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

White Collar Boxers took to the Ring

A charity boxing event took place at Magna raising funds for Sheffield Hospitals Charity thanks to the 1st Class White Collar Boxing which raised a massive £4,512.71! Funds raised supported prostate cancer research here in Sheffield.

“Sheffield Hospitals Charity is an amazing organisation that makes a real difference in the lives of patients and their families. Their support for cutting-edge research, vital equipment, and patient care is invaluable, and it’s something that everyone in Sheffield has relied on at some point in their life! We at 1st Class White Collar Boxing are proud to have been able to give back to such an incredible cause”



NHS Professionals take on a 75 mile challenge

“Taking on the 75-mile spin bike challenge for SHC was an unforgettable experience for all of us. The day was filled with energy, determination, and a shared sense of purpose. As a team, we supported and motivated each other through every mile, and the encouragement from everyone around us—colleagues, friends, staff members and visitors—made it even more special.

It wasn’t just about reaching the 75 miles; it was about coming together as a team to make a difference. Knowing that our efforts were helping to support such a meaningful cause that has supported each of our families at some point, gave us that extra drive when the challenge felt tough.

“The atmosphere on the day was incredible, with smiles, laughter, and even some cheers as we hit milestones. It was heartwarming to see how many people were willing to donate and support us. We felt so proud to contribute to Sheffield Hospitals Charity and make a positive impact in our small way.”

Nicole Smith-Atick, NHS Professionals

Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Sikh Temple

Dedicated fundraiser and Premier Store Owner, Mandeep Singh teamed up with the Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Sikh Temple to organise his tenth annual charity football match, held this year at Sheffield United's home ground.

The event saw the Punjab Kings take on the Sheffield Lion's to battle it out on the pitch at Bramall Lane.

They raised an incredible £18,200 for Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Endoscopy Services.





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