

Board Meeting in Public

Tuesday, 30 September 2025

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Executive Summary (max 300 word count)				
This report is submitted to the Board to draw attention to the main items discussed at the NHSBT Charity Committee meeting held on Monday 08 September 2025.				
Previously Considered by				
N/A				
Recommendation	The Board is asked to note the report.			
Risk(s) identified (Link to Board Assurance Framework Risks)				
N/A				
Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborate with partners <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in people and culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drive innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Modernise our operations <input type="checkbox"/> Grow and diversify our donor base				
Appendices:	None			

1. Introduction

This report is submitted to the Board to draw attention to the main items discussed at the NHSBT Charity Committee meeting held on 8 September 2025.

2. Charity Strategy and Operational Plan

The Committee considered and endorsed the Charity's strategic priorities for the next five years, alongside its long-term vision and success framework extending over a 10-year period. The Charity's strategic direction will inform future operational planning. The Committee approved the NHSBT Charity's objectives for the period 2025–2030.

3. Quarterly Finance Report

The Committee received the first quarter report of the 2025-26 financial year. During the quarter, the Trust Fund received £22,000 in unrestricted donations, including £5,000 via JustGiving and £4,000 in interest income. Expenditure for the same period totalled £11,000, with £7,000 allocated to the Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) Lead grant and £2,000 used by the Donor Family Care Service for a team bereavement training event, funded from earmarked reserves. As at the end of June 2025, the Charity Fund held a bank balance of £380,000, of which £124,000 remains uncommitted and available for future use.

Work is progressing well on the preparation of the Charity's Annual Report and Accounts for 2024–25.

4. Charity Risk Register

The Committee considered a NHSBT Charity Risk Register. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Head of Charity would carry out a further review of the identified risks and present findings at the next committee meeting.

5. Professional Nurse Advocate, NHS Charities Together Grant Final Report

The Committee considered a report on the utilisation of the NHS Charities Together grant of £48,193k to fund a Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) Lead. The report which detailed the services impact and engagement of the Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) Lead was presented for assurance.

6. Review of 2025/26 Annual Budget (including re-charging of Charity costs)

The Committee approved the updated 2025-26 annual budget.

7. NHS Charities Together Funding Application

Committee members considered a proposal to submit an application to the NHS Charities Together grant scheme. If successful, the proposed project would see the NHSBT commission the Hospital Art Studio to develop the Gift of Life Garden in Luton through a £25,000 grant from NHS Charities Together. The application was approved subject to all necessary NHSBT authorisation in place.

8. Charity Procedures and guidance

Committee members approved the revised Charity Procedure and Guidance.