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Is there a plan to communicate this to the organisation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yet to be determined		

Executive Summary

This paper is submitted to the Board for assurance. The information included in this report has previously been presented to and discussed by the Charity Committee at the 22/06/26 meeting. This paper provides:

- **Key information from the Charity Committee members' 'An Effective Charity Committee' Awareness training' session** held in June. As all Board members are part of the Charity's Corporate Trustee Board, it's important everyone is aware of these points.
- **A reminder of the Charity's 10-year income projections**, which were draw up following a benchmarking exercise in Q1 2025, which are currently being revised as part of the annual strategy review. These projections have informed the Charity's 5-year plan.
- **An overview of the Charity's 5-year plan.** The Charity is currently in its trial phase. The Charity's funding focus is on innovation, infrastructure and education, and its operational plan aims to empower NHSBT staff and supporters, embed the Charity within the wider organisation, and promote how charity support enhances the excellent work NHSBT is already doing.
- **An overview of the progress made against the 10 key areas of Charity activity which are monitored quarterly by the Charity Committee.** More attention is being directed to grants management in Q2. Progress in certain areas is limited due to the capacity within the team at present; an NHSBT Charity Skills Share scheme has been developed to help embed the Charity across the organisation and help address the current limitations for growth.
- **Examples of projects which the Charity may encourage people to fundraise for publicly.** In accordance with the current Charity procedures, all public fundraising campaigns with £250,000.00+ targets must be approved by the Board.

Previously Considered by

NHSBT Charity Committee confirmed assurance of the progress in delivering the Charity Strategy for Q1 2026–27, with strong performance against key priorities and emerging opportunities.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to confirm assurance of the progress in delivering the Charity Strategy and regulatory compliance. The Board is asked to consider how Board members may be able demonstrate their own support for the Charity.

Risk(s) identified (Link to Board Assurance Framework Risks)

NHSBT Charity risks are monitored monthly by the Head of Charity and are reviewed annually by the Charity Committee.

Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to:

☒ Collaborate with partners	☒ Invest in people and culture	☒ Drive innovation
☒ Modernise our operations	☒ Grow and diversify our donor base	