

THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Foundation's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)".

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Foundation are to ensure the advancement and promotion of medical research and education, the dissemination of the results of such research, and the establishment and maintenance of scholarship grants to be awarded to scientists and other people or establishments involved in branches of medical and related sciences.

The Foundation provides research awards in the general medical field but primarily in pathology, and funds research and other projects where appropriate and in keeping with its aims.

All of the Foundation's objects are recognised by English law to be exclusively charitable.

The Trustees meet regularly with the Foundation's investment advisors to evaluate the performance of its portfolio.

The Foundation does not employ any personnel.

Achievements and performance

During the year the Foundation's investments performed in line with many other charity portfolios. The Foundation had investment income of £609,405 (2024: £666,320) and a net gain in value of investments of £257,272 (2024: £2,258,464).

The Trustees have appointed Cazenove Capital, an investment manager, to advise and manage the funds and to invest these funds with the aim of generating, on average, the sum of 4% (2024: 4%) plus consumer purchase index annual return and losses of no more than 15% (2024: 15%) in any one year.

The Foundation made 18 grants totaling £421,469 (2024: 18 totaling £1,010,125). The Trustees aim to make grants to more individuals who are doing research at leading medical institutions. A few applicants who were offered our grants simultaneously secured funding from other sources. This confirms that we are approving candidates assessed externally as being of the highest quality. The Foundation ceased giving intercalated awards in 2018 but is making larger awards in a joint scheme with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Foundation reviewed the 2018 agreement with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland and concluded that the grants made were worthwhile and effective and the joint venture funding was being used correctly, for the benefits outlined in the Trust Agreement and within the confines of the joint venture funding agreement. The Trustees have agreed to extend the agreement for a further 5 year term committing to jointly fund a further £5 million for similar projects with the Pathological Society with effect from 1 January 2023. These projects will continue to about 2029 as some projects are for three years.

Reports by the awardee are provided annually and are reviewed by the Foundation and the Pathological Society and a decision is made as to whether to continue funding the grant.

The Foundation has made a fair start to the current financial year and remains conservatively invested in the global markets.

The Finance Committee met and communicated regularly and also met with the investment advisors on several occasions. The investment advisors have attended one Trustee meeting during the year to 31 March 2025.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Financial review

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the results show a total net gain in funds of £289,858 (2024: £1,774,715) and net assets of £29,123,652 (2024: £28,833,794).

The incoming funds were received from the portfolio managed by Messrs Cazenove Capital as investment income of £531,142 (2024: £553,578). The charity had valuation gains on its portfolio amounting to £257,272 (2024: £2,258,464).

Expenditure on governance costs amounted to £23,456 (2024: £19,776), investment management charges amounted to £91,684 (2024: £82,907) and legal and professional fees amounted to £26,633 (2024: £28,763). These costs combined (being Investments management, Legal charges and Governance costs) represent 0.49% (2024: 0.46%) of the fund. The investment management fee is due to the legislation regarding commissions payable to advisers which means that the Foundation pays 0.3% commission on its portfolio valuation in addition to the fees charged by the fund managers. Both are deducted from the fund annually before being reported to the Foundation. The overall cost is approximately 1.25%. The charitable grants made to medical institutions are shown in Note 6 to the financial statements amounting to £421,469 (2024: £1,010,125).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have carefully considered the minimum amount of reserves that they should hold, having taken into account that they wish the Foundation to continue for the long term, as well as the annual commitments that the Foundation has made and wishes to make in the future. The foundation's policy is to distribute substantially all its income. The invested assets are in effect, a financial reserve. The grants made in recent financial years have been broadly equivalent to the foundation's income. It is planned that this level of expenditure can be maintained in the future with a minimum amount of reserves at £15m. This level of reserves was maintained throughout the year.

Grant Making Policy

The Fellowship grants (jointly funded with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland) continue and are progressing well. The take up has been slower than anticipated but is now moving towards the level that was initially predicted.

The Grant is recognised in the financial statements when the recipient is informed in writing that they have been selected to receive the grant and the recipient confirms their willingness to accept the award. The expenditure is recognised as incurred and offset against the total liability of that grant. The Foundation acknowledges its share of the award.

Future Grants

In 2018 the Foundation decided that grants should be more focused on promoting clinical academic careers, specialising in pathology with an emphasis on histopathology. Therefore, the Foundation agreed with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland to each fund £2,500,000 in the five years to 2023 to develop bursaries which include pre-doctoral academic clinical fellowships, clinical PhD fellowships, clinical lecturer support and clinical intermediate fellowships. This agreement has been extended for a further 5 years from 2023 where each party contributes £2,500,000 over that period. Both parties believe that this will grow during the course of this financial year as more suitably qualified candidates are found and accept our offer to fund research.

The Foundation will also continue to make grants for other purposes at its discretion provided they are within its remit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees' induction, training and remuneration

The Trustees are selected because of their skills in either medicine or their speciality in administration, finance or law.

The Trustees are or have been trustees of other charities. The medical trustees receive training from the conferences etc. that they attend. The non-medical Trustees also attend courses offered by Cazenove Capital and other relevant courses.

The Trustees are not remunerated other than Eric Rothbarth who deals with the day to day matters of the Foundation and manages the Foundation with respect to all its activities (fund managers, banking relationships, legal and audit as well as the website, IT needs, applications for grants) and the Foundation's relations with its stakeholders.

Risk and mitigation

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Foundation may be exposed and discusses these at each board meeting.

The key risk relates to a potential loss of income or capital due to fluctuations in investment markets, which is mitigated by employing experienced and well-regarded investment managers and giving them a clear mandate of strategy and benchmark, and regular review points. This risk is under scrutiny, as the markets are being influenced by the world economic crisis, political turmoil and continued high inflation. Trustees take a long-term view on investments, and believe that the mitigations to minimise the impact seem to be appropriate. Trustees continue to monitor this area at every trustee meeting.

Investment policy

The Trustees regularly review their investment strategy and have agreed the following guidelines for their investment managers. The objective is to receive an average investment return of 4% plus consumer price index per annum in money terms over the longer term. The constraints are that:

1. There is no great requirement for liquidity but the Foundation will maintain liquid reserves to cover at least one year's grant payments and any commitments for longer term grants.
2. The portfolio should be managed on a total (capital and income) return basis but with a minimum annual distribution to match the income generated (excluding capital gains).
3. The Trustees are looking at a medium term time horizon being 3-7 years.
4. The Trustees employ Messrs Cazenove Capital, a firm of investment managers, to manage the portfolio. This firm is a subsidiary of Schroder & Co and there has been no change in investment managers other than the name.

At 31 March 2025, £71,004 (2024: £868,070) of the charity's cash was held by Messrs Cazenove Capital as part of the investment portfolio. A further £260,168 (2024: £251,079) was held in a 90 day notice account, £500 (2024: £500) in a current account and £2,330 (2024: £3,046) in a reserve account at Coutts. A further £2,881 (2024: £17,721) was held at Lloyds Banking Group PLC. A new reserve account was also opened with Lloyds Bank Group PLC, holding £127,604 (2024 : £nil).

Structure, governance and management

The Jean Shanks Foundation is constituted by a charitable trust deed dated 11 November 1985 and is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 293108).

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements were:

Mr Eric Rothbarth

Dr Julian Axe

Professor Sir James Underwood

Professor Sir Nicholas Wright

Mr Alistair Jones

Professor Adrienne Flanagan

Professor Mark Arends

Professor E. Anne MacGregor (Appointed 1 May 2024)

Professor Humphrey Hodgson (Appointed 1 May 2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The power of appointing new or additional Trustees is vested in the Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet at least twice yearly to assess grant applications, review current and ongoing projects and to review the Foundation's investment portfolio and agree future funding and strategy.

The Trustees are responsible for deciding the overall strategy of the Foundation and monitoring progress. One Trustee (Mr Eric Rothbarth) is delegated by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operation of the charity as the Managing Trustee.

Public benefit

The sections of this report above entitled "Objectives and Activities" and "Achievements and Performance" set out The Jean Shanks Foundation's objectives, and report on the activity and successes in the year to 31 March 2025, as well as explaining the plans for the current financial year. The Jean Shanks Foundation's work benefits medical practitioners and medical specialists in carrying further research to further medicine and cures for present and new diseases.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued on public benefit by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Foundation should undertake.

The Trustees have considered the extent to which these activities are of benefit to the public and concluded:

- 1 That the aims of the organisation continue to be charitable;
- 2 That the aims and the work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- 3 That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay; and
- 4 That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



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Mr Eric Rothbarth

Trustee 15 Sep 2025

Dated:

THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 Foundation and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Foundation for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Jean Shanks Foundation (the 'Foundation') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation 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 Foundation'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.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 Foundation'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charity did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity. We determined that the following were most relevant: the Charity SORP, FRS 102 and Charities Act 2011.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charity, together with the discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting records, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Testing key income lines, in particular cut-off, for evidence of management bias.
- Obtaining third-party confirmation of material bank and investment balances.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the charity board minutes for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the trustees of the charity.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Acre House
11-15 William Road
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15 Sep 2025
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THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Investments	3	609,405	666,320
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	4	91,684	82,907
Charitable activities	5	485,135	1,067,162
Total resources expended		576,819	1,150,069
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	257,272	2,258,464
Net movement in funds		289,858	1,774,715
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		28,833,794	27,059,079
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		29,123,652	28,833,794

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

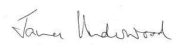
	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		30,518,872		30,314,553
Current assets					
Debtors	12	45,410		33,357	
Cash at bank and in hand		393,483		272,346	
		438,893		305,703	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,423,549)		(1,218,806)	
Net current liabilities			(984,656)		(913,103)
Total assets less current liabilities			29,534,216		29,401,450
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(410,564)		(567,656)
Net assets			29,123,652		28,833,794
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			29,123,652		28,833,794
			29,123,652		28,833,794

15 Sep 2025

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



Mr Eric Rothbarth
Trustee



Professor Sir James Underwood
Trustee

THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	16		(439,594)		(407,223)
Investing activities					
Cash withdrawn from operating activities		550,000		150,000	
Investment income received		10,731		3,877	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash generated from investing activities			560,731		153,877
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			121,137		(253,346)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			272,346		525,692
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			393,483		272,346
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THE JEAN SHANKS FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Jean Shanks Foundation is a registered charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Foundation's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The Foundation is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees believe that the Foundation has adequate resources, which include a significant investment portfolio, to be able to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

All of the Foundation's funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Foundation is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received by our investment advisor of the investment portfolio.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated to the charitable activity in the statement of financial activities.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in managing the Foundation's investment portfolio.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one year or multi-year grant. Grant awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside of the control of the charity. Where no conditions exist, the full grant payable is recognised in the year the grant offer has been communicated.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable, and the effect of discounting is material. The discount rate used is the rate offered on government bonds (Gilts) for a commensurate or similar time period offered in the year in which the grant award is made.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.6 Financial instruments

The Foundation has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Foundation's balance sheet when the Foundation becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Foundation does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Foundation's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees do not believe there to be any judgements or estimates that would be considered critical to the financial statements.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from listed investments	531,142	553,578
Interest receivable	78,263	112,742
	<u>609,405</u>	<u>666,320</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management	91,684	82,907
	<u>91,684</u>	<u>82,907</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Medical Research and Education		
Secretarial expenses	1,000	1,000
Office expenses	11,957	6,779
Legal and professional	26,633	28,763
Bank Charges	620	719
	<u>40,210</u>	<u>37,261</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	421,469	1,010,125
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	23,456	19,776
	<u>485,135</u>	<u>1,067,162</u>

6 Grants payable

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
University of Sheffield	-	239,928
University College London	109,950	418,823
Academy of Medical Sciences	30,000	25,000
Institute of Cancer Research	50,000	-
University of Southampton	-	21,784
University of Edinburgh	-	32,904
University of Nottingham	-	116,639
Queen Mary University of London	-	59,993
Grand Rounds	3,000	750
University of Glasgow	-	25,000
Student Scholarships	5,280	6,841
University of Oxford	223,239	62,463
	<u>421,469</u>	<u>1,010,125</u>

During the year, 18 grants were made to institutions (2024: 18).

Reconciliation of grants payable

	2025	2024
	£	£
Commitments as at 1 April 2024	1,722,858	1,068,049
Commitments made in the year	421,469	1,010,125
Grants paid during the year	(379,753)	(355,316)
	<u>1,764,574</u>	<u>1,722,858</u>
Commitments as at 31 March 2025		

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	19,200	19,200	-	18,500	18,500
Accountancy	-	4,256	4,256	-	1,276	1,276
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,776</u>	<u>19,776</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	-	23,456	23,456	-	19,776	19,776
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,776</u>	<u>19,776</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year with the exception of Mr Eric Rothbarth who was paid a fee of £25,000 (2024: £25,000) for his services managing the Foundation on a day to day basis. Five trustees (2024: one) were reimbursed a total of £5,888 (2024: £3,362) for travel and office expenses.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the current or prior year.

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	138,869	2,344,432
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	118,403	(85,968)
	<u>257,272</u>	<u>2,258,464</u>

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11 Fixed asset investments

	Investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	29,446,483	868,070	30,314,553
Additions	11,329,433	(11,329,433)	-
Valuation changes	138,869	-	138,869
Cash withdrawn	-	(550,000)	(550,000)
Investment management fees	-	(89,574)	(89,574)
Dividends and interest received	-	586,621	586,621
Disposals	(10,466,917)	10,585,320	118,403
	<u>30,447,868</u>	<u>71,004</u>	<u>30,518,872</u>
At 31 March 2025	30,447,868	71,004	30,518,872
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,447,868</u>	<u>71,004</u>	<u>30,518,872</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>29,446,483</u>	<u>868,070</u>	<u>30,314,553</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>45,410</u>	<u>33,357</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants payable	1,354,010	1,155,202
Accruals	<u>69,539</u>	<u>63,604</u>
	<u>1,423,549</u>	<u>1,218,806</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants Payable	<u>410,564</u>	<u>567,656</u>

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15 Related party transactions

At 31 March 2025, Mr Eric Rothbarth was owed £25,000 (2024: £25,000) by the Foundation.

During the year, included within grants payable is £1,589,943 (2024: £861,429). These amounts represent grants which are payable to The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland, who then grant these amounts to the institutions, under the terms of agreement. Under this agreement, The Foundation and The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland share grants payable 50/50. Professor Mark Arends, a trustee of the Foundation, is a Trustee and General Secretary of the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

16	Cash generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Surplus for the year	289,858	1,774,715
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(609,405)	(666,320)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(118,403)	85,968
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(138,869)	(2,344,432)
	Investment management fees from portfolio	89,574	82,062
	Movements in working capital:		
	Increase in creditors	47,651	660,784
	Cash absorbed by operations	(439,594)	(407,223)

17 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Foundation had no debt during the year.