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Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	C M Brown E Gregory, (The Bath and Wells Dbe Trust) S M Pegge
Trustees (Directors)	M A Conway, Chair E Grosvenor (appointed 17 September 2024, accounting officer) P R Harrison A M Hiscox C L Hudson T Khodabandehloo D Moncrieff (appointed 17 September 2024) S Pike S D Shaw S Slevin R Wainwright (resigned 7 February 2025)
Company Secretary	C A McKinley
Principal and Registered Office	Misterton Learning Centre, Middle Street, Misterton, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8LZ
Company Registration Number	15513554
Auditors	Albert Goodman Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2025. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The 2024/2025 academic year marks the inaugural year for Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust, a truly uplifting chapter defined by steady growth, thoughtful innovation, and shared optimism for the future. As our very first year of operation, our journey was shaped by the strengthening of safeguarding and engagement at the Misterton Learning Centre, the expansion of curriculum options thanks to Pearson and AQA accreditation, and the ever-deepening connection between our therapeutic and educational approaches.

We made significant strides in our strategic goals, preparing for a new site in Wellington, nurturing and developing our dedicated workforce, and refining our governance as we move toward welcoming our first CEO. As we look ahead to our inaugural OFSTED inspection, our focus remains on embedding trauma-informed practice, ensuring robust safeguarding, and fostering consistent, compassionate leadership throughout the Trust.

This report celebrates our activities, achievements, and partnerships, while also thoughtfully reflecting on challenges and setting a clear path for future growth. Above all, it is grounded in our shared commitment to providing every young person in our care with an environment that is nurturing, ambitious, and deeply therapeutic - where each individual is truly seen, valued, and encouraged to thrive.

I extend sincere thanks to our dedicated staff team, whose compassion, resilience, and professionalism underpin our work. Our partners at The Shaw Trust and CAMHS continue to play an essential role in the delivery of our therapeutic model. We are deeply grateful to the Diocese of Bath and Wells for their generous provision of the Misterton Building, which has provided a nurturing and stable environment for our young people to thrive. I also thank the Board of Trustees for their thoughtful governance, and our colleagues in the Local Authority and Homes2Inspire for their ongoing collaboration.

Above all, I recognise the courage and determination of our young people, whose resilience and willingness to engage with new opportunities continually inspire and guide our mission. Their ability to overcome challenges, embrace learning, and contribute positively to our community is the driving force behind everything we do. We celebrate their achievements, their growth, and their unwavering hope for the future.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The company registration number is 15513554.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

The academy trust through its Articles has indemnified its Trustees to the fullest extent permissible by law. During the period the Academy also purchased and maintained liability insurance for its Trustees.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Management of the academy is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Individual trustees attend training courses and conferences organised by appropriate bodies in order to ensure their knowledge and understanding is up to date.

Organisational structure

The management structure consists of three levels; The Members, the Trustees and the Head Teacher and teaching staff.

The board of trustees sets the strategic aims of the school in line with its objectives and monitors progress towards the achievement of these aims, as well as compliance with the law. The finance/audit committee and trustees join together for some meetings where it is felt appropriate and particularly to ensure consensus with budget setting.

Each FGB meeting has covered Business and Finance, Education and safeguarding, health and safety as well staff and pupil well-being.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The academy uses the appraisal process as evidence to identify any pay increase the leadership team. Where applicable, any staff who are employed at The Shaw Trust but hold a key management position within Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust also form part of their appraisal process.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

The Shaw Trust are considered to be a key related party to the Trust. Horizons work alongside The Shaw Trust and share resources to enable both Trust's to operate efficiently.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

This year, our strategic priorities centred on strengthening our integrated clinical–educational model and ensuring high-quality, therapeutic education for young people with complex needs. We focused on personalised pathways designed to enhance stability, wellbeing, identity formation, and engagement. Governance development continued to mature, with Trustees meeting twice to reinforce accountability structures and ensure compliance. Preparations for organisational growth, including the development of a second site and evolution of our workforce structure, also formed a significant part of this year's activity.

Public benefit

The academy trust provides educational services to all children in the local area. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

Strategic Report

Achievements and performance

The Misterton Learning Centre continued to stabilise, moving confidently beyond its initial establishment phase. Safeguarding indicators improved as relationships strengthened and routines became more predictable. Attendance and engagement increased as young people developed trust in the environment and the adults supporting them.

Academic progress was evident across the cohort. Year 11 learners completed GCSEs or Functional Skills, while Pearson registration enabled broader curriculum pathways, including AQA Awards. Our four-stage curriculum: Relax, Explore, Practise, and Stretch, proved increasingly effective in supporting differentiated and trauma-informed learning.

The multidisciplinary approach remained central to the Trust's work. Joint planning between education, therapy, and pastoral teams ensured each learner received a coherent, personalised, and therapeutic plan. Staff continued to benefit from ongoing CPD and clinical supervision, further embedding trauma-informed practice across the Trust.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

Financial review

A large amount of income is obtained from the Department for Education in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to the purposes of education. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2025 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds (non-fixed assets) in the statement of financial activities.

The Trust also receives significant funding from the Local Authority as a result of the specialised support the Trust provide.

During the period, the Trust received income of £569,959 (2024: £nil) and incurred expenditure of £433,444 (2024: £nil) generating a surplus of £136,515, excluding actuarial gains from the LGPS.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

The trustees review the cash reserve levels of the academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of cash reserves.

The trustees have determined that the minimum appropriate level of free cash reserves for 2024/25 should be £100,000. This is to provide sufficient working capital for at least 3 months to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. It also ensures there is sufficient cash in case of additional spend required for the development of our new site in Wellington. The reserves policy will be reviewed again in 2025/26.

The academy's level of free reserves (unrestricted funds) is £1,201. Additionally, within restricted funds the academy holds £137,314 of reserves that are considered freely available for general purposes.

Investment policy

The Trustees' investment powers are set down in the Articles of Association, which permit the investment of monies that are not immediately required for its purposes in such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed or required by law. The Trust's current policy is to invest surplus funds in short term cash deposits.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Young people accessing the Trust present with high levels of trauma, anxiety, and emotional dysregulation. This resulted in challenges related to attendance, engagement, and behaviour. Staff worked closely with homes, carers, and social workers to co-develop reintegration plans. The introduction of Family Support Workers significantly enhanced our capacity to rebuild relationships and strengthen engagement. Technology, such as the AV robots, have been used to support remote reintegration where needed.

Workforce complexity across multiple agencies also required senior oversight. Trustees and leaders dedicated considerable time to refining governance and leadership structures, building the foundations for the future appointment of a CEO to ensure greater strategic cohesion.

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Fundraising

The academy trust does not use any external fundraisers. All fundraising undertaken during the year was monitored by the Trustees.

Plans for future periods

The year ahead will focus on further strengthening leadership capacity, including the appointment of a CEO. Preparations for the phased opening of the Wellington site will continue, with an emphasis on consistency of culture, safeguarding, and educational quality.

We will continue to prepare for our first OFSTED inspection, reviewing and strengthening policies, training, and quality assurance processes. Workforce development will remain a priority, with investment in CPD, clinical supervision, and trauma-informed practice.

Deepening partnerships with key agencies, including The Shaw Trust, CAMHS, and the Local Authority will remain central to our strategy, alongside exploring new opportunities to enhance our therapeutic model. These initiatives position the Trust for sustainable growth and improved outcomes for the young people we serve.

The 2024/25 academic year has marked a period of meaningful consolidation, ongoing progress, and deliberate strategic growth for the Trust. We have worked diligently to reinforce our organisational foundations, ensuring our provision is both stable and resilient in the face of evolving challenges. These efforts have enabled us to confidently lay the groundwork for future expansion, with the assurance that our core values and commitment to excellence remain uncompromised.

Throughout this period, our unwavering dedication to delivering high-quality therapeutic education has guided every decision and initiative, ensuring our young people continue to receive the best possible support.

Looking ahead, the Trust is exceptionally well positioned to further transform the lives of those we serve. The strengthening of our leadership structures, the broadening of our provision, and the enhancement of workforce development initiatives have collectively created a robust platform for sustained success. Additionally, our ever-deepening partnerships with key stakeholders and agencies have fortified our capacity to offer innovative and effective support to young people.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The academy trust and its trustees do not act as the custodian trustee of any other charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)

Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 3 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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M A Conway
Trustee

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to E Grosvenor, Trustee, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
M A Conway	2	4
E Grosvenor	4	4
P R Harrison	4	4
A M Hiscox	1	4
C L Hudson	4	4
T Khodabandehloo	4	4
D Moncrieff	4	4
S Pike	1	4
S Slevin	3	4
R Wainwright	1	2

The Finance Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
E Grosvenor	1	1
C L Hudson	1	1
D Moncrieff	1	1
S D Shaw	1	1

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

The accounting officer has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the academy trust has delivered value for money during the year by:

- **Ensuring spend is appropriate and within budgets, and through budget monitoring with the CFO**
- **Sourcing local and high quality suppliers for the Trust, particularly around food supplies**
- **Good recruitment practices ensuring a strong cohort of employees in the Trust**

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to 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 academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to 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 Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The risk and control framework

The academy trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- **comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;**
- **regular reviews by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of reports, which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;**
- **setting targets to measure financial and other performance;**
- **clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;**
- **identification and management of risks.**

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

In 2024/25, risk and control has been managed at Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust with trustee scrutiny including:

- Budgets setting and approval.
- Monthly management accounts, including accounts discussion at Trust Board meetings.
- Segregation of duties within the Trust.
- Policy setting and approval.
- Trust Risk Register.

In addition the Board of Trustees will appoint an internal auditor in the academic year 2025/26.

On a quarterly basis, the reports to the Board of Trustees, through the audit committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the Responsible Officer to date.

Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, E Grosvenor, Trustee has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

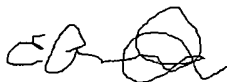
- the work of the responsible officer ;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 3 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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M A Conway
Trustee



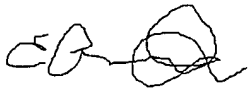
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E Grosvenor
Trustee

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Department for Education (DfE) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2024, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2024.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and DfE.



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E Grosvenor, Trustee
Accounting officer

3 February 2026

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Department for Education, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from DfE/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the Board on 3 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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M A Conway
Trustee

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy trust's affairs at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that act. 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 Academy 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 Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 12], 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 Academy'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 liquidate the Academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Academy through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Academy, including the Companies Act 2006, Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025, Charities SORP 2019, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Academy's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the academy's legal advisors.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)**

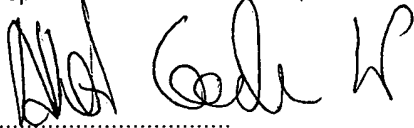
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Academy and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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For and on behalf of Albert Goodman, Statutory Auditor

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3 February 2026

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and further to the requirements of the Department for Education (DfE) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust during the year to 31 August 2025 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust and the DfE in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we may state to Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust and the DfE those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust and the DfE, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Governing Body's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of the Board of Trustees' funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated and the Academy Trust Handbook extant from 1 September 2024, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by DfE. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy trust's income and expenditure.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

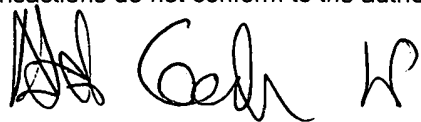
INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY (CONTINUED)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Reviewing compliance against the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook (September 2024);
- A review of the governance policies and procedures with specific consideration of financial planning, monitoring and control;
- Gaining assurance that the lines of delegation and the limits set both internally by the academy and by DfE have been adhered to;
- A review of all meeting minutes of the board trustees;
- An examination of financial transactions to identify any unusual items which may be improper; and
- A review of the declaration of interests completed by the trustees.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



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3 February 2026

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2024/25 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy trust's educational operations	2	-	568,758	-	568,758
Investments	3	1,201	-	-	1,201
Total		1,201	568,758	-	569,959
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations	5	-	433,444	-	433,444
Total		-	433,444	-	433,444
Net income		1,201	135,314	-	136,515
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gain/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	20	-	2,000	-	2,000
Net movement in funds		1,201	137,314	-	138,515
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2024		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2025		1,201	137,314	-	138,515

The Academy Trust was dormant in the 2023-24 academic year.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST
(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 15513554)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	27,171	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>365,083</u>	<u>-</u>
		392,254	-
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(253,739)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>138,515</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>138,515</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets		<u>138,515</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds of the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted general fund	11	137,314	-
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund	11	<u>1,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u>138,515</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements on pages 19 to 38 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



 M A Conway
 Trustee

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		31 August 2025 £	31 August 2024 £
	Note		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	13	363,882	-
Cash flows from investing activities	15	<u>1,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		365,083	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	16	<u><u>365,083</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty is set out below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by DfE, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions, there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are spent on capital projects in line with the terms and conditions of the grant. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.

Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items, they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy trust's accounting policies.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

This includes all expenditure incurred by the academy trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy trust apportioned to charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 or more for IT equipment and £2,500 for other items are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Land & Buildings that are held under relevant Diocese are not included as tangible assets within the Trust. The land and buildings occupied by the Trust are provided to it by site trustees under a mere licence (also referred to as a Church Supplemental Agreement) which contains a two year notice period. Having considered the fact that the academy trust occupies the land and buildings as may be, or may come to be, erected on it by a mere licence that transfers to the academy no rights or control over the site save that of occupying it at the will of the site trustees under the terms of the relevant site trust, the trustees of the academy trust have concluded that the value of the land and buildings occupied by the academy trust company will not be recognised on the balance sheet of the academy trust. Any improvement property works made to such properties are expensed to the Statement of Financial Activities and shown under a separate expense heading.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line/reducing balance basis over its expected useful life, per the table below. Where an asset comprises of two or more components which have substantially different useful lives, each component is depreciated separately over its useful economic life.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Asset class

Computer equipment
Furniture and equipment

Depreciation method and rate

Straight line over 4 years
Straight line over 4 years

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the academy trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the academy trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high-quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources, which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders, where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme as calculated by the actuary is an asset of £35,000. The asset has been limited to £0 as the trustees believe that the criteria for recognition of an asset have not been met.

2 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Restricted funds £	2024/25 Total £	2024/24 Total £
DfE revenue grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	100,000	100,000	-
Other DfE grants	26,558	26,558	-
	<u>126,558</u>	<u>126,558</u>	<u>-</u>
Other government grants			
Local authority grants	442,200	442,200	-
Total grants	<u>568,758</u>	<u>568,758</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Total £	2024/24 Total £
Short term deposits	<u>1,201</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>-</u>

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

4 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £	Other costs £	2024/25 Total £	2024/24 Total £
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	234,113	-	44,487	278,600	-
Allocated support costs	3,905	52,053	98,886	154,844	-
	<u>238,018</u>	<u>52,053</u>	<u>143,373</u>	<u>433,444</u>	<u>-</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024/25 £	2024/24 £
Fees payable to auditor - audit	12,650	-
Improvements to Diocesan property	<u>9,890</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2024/25 £	2024/24 £
Direct costs - educational operations	278,600	-
Support costs - educational operations	154,844	-
	<u>433,444</u>	<u>-</u>

	2024/25 Total £	2024/24 Total £
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Analysis of direct costs

Teaching and educational support staff costs	234,113	-
Educational supplies	14,801	-
Staff development	224	-
Other direct costs	670	-
Technology costs	26,638	-
Trip costs	<u>2,154</u>	<u>-</u>
Total direct costs	<u>278,600</u>	<u>-</u>

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

5 Charitable activities (continued)

	2024/25 Total £	2024/24 Total £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	3,905	-
Rent, rates and utilities	15,244	-
Insurance	250	-
Catering	10,133	-
Maintenance of premises and equipment	21,192	-
Cleaning	15,617	-
Technology costs	642	-
Professional fees	78,891	-
Other support costs	8,900	-
Governance costs	70	-
Total support costs	154,844	-

6 Staff

Staff costs

	2024/25 £	2024/24 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	182,741	-
Social security costs	17,386	-
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	37,891	-
	238,018	-

Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Charitable Activities		
Teachers	4	-
Administration and support	1	-
	5	-

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
(CONTINUED)

6 Staff (continued)

Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs and employer national insurance contributions) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024/25
	No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u><u>1</u></u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £178,951 (2024: £Nil).

7 Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the academy trust. The principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as trustees.

During the year ended 31 August 2025, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £178 (2024 - £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 trustees (2024 - 0).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 21.

8 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

9 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
VAT recoverable	<u><u>27,171</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025****(CONTINUED)****10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	31 August 2025	31 August 2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,368	-
Other taxation and social security	5,064	-
Other creditors	21,732	-
Accruals and deferred income	204,575	-
	<u>253,739</u>	<u>-</u>
	31 August 2025	31 August 2024
	£	£
Deferred income		
Resources deferred in the period	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding NHS funding received in advance for the 2025-26 academic year.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

(CONTINUED)

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Restricted funds					
<i>Restricted general funds</i>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	100,000	(22,793)	-	77,207
Other DfE grants	-	26,252	(26,252)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	306	(306)	-	-
Other Local Authority Grant	-	442,200	(382,093)	-	60,107
Pension reserve	-	-	(2,000)	2,000	-
Total restricted general funds	-	568,758	(433,444)	2,000	137,314
Total restricted funds	-	568,758	(433,444)	2,000	137,314
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>					
General	-	1,201	-	-	1,201
Total unrestricted funds	-	1,201	-	-	1,201
Total funds	-	569,959	(433,444)	2,000	138,515

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

General annual Grant (GAG) - Funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to support the education and running costs of the academy. Under the funding agreement with the secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2025.

Other DfE grants - Grants from the Department for Education to support pupils with further needs.

Other Local Authority grants - Amounts received from Local Authority and the NHS to support students with additional special educational needs.

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025****(CONTINUED)****12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	1,201	391,053	392,254
Current liabilities	-	(253,739)	(253,739)
Total net assets	<u>1,201</u>	<u>137,314</u>	<u>138,515</u>

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Total Funds £
Total net assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Reconciliation of net income to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income	136,515	-
Interest receivable	(1,201)	-
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	2,000	-
Increase in debtors	(27,171)	-
Increase in creditors	<u>253,739</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>363,882</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Cash flows from financing activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025****(CONTINUED)****15 Cash flows from investing activities**

	2025 £	2024 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	1,201	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,201	-

16 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand and at bank	365,083	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	365,083	-

17 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2025 £
Cash	-	365,083	365,083
Total	-	365,083	365,083

18 Contingent assets

At the 31 August 2025 the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) actuary valuation reported a net asset of £35,000. The trustees have considered the valuation and whilst the academy may benefit from a reduction in employer contributions in the future, this is not definite and based on a number of external factors. As a result, the trustees consider this asset to be a contingent asset and have not recognised this asset in the balance sheet at the year end. The actuarial gain in the Statement of Financial Activities has been reduced accordingly.

19 Member liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

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20 Pension and similar obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Somerset Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS to the period ended 31 March 2022.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies the level of future contributions.

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million

The result of this valuation was implemented on 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2027.

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20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £25,211 (2024: £Nil).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2025 was £9,000 (2024 - £Nil), of which employer's contributions totalled £7,000 (2024 - £Nil) and employees' contributions totalled £2,000 (2024 - £Nil). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 24.4 per cent for employers and 5.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2025	2024
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.60	3.80
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.60	2.80
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	<u>6.20</u>	<u>5.20</u>

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in the mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2025	2024
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	22.20	22.20
Females retiring today	23.70	23.70
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	23.80	23.80
Females retiring in 20 years	<u>25.40</u>	<u>25.40</u>

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20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	31 August 2025 £
Discount rate +0.1%	50,000
Discount rate -0.1%	54,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	53,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	51,000
CPI rate +0.1%	54,000
CPI rate -0.1%	<u>50,000</u>

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	2025 £
Equities	67,000
Gilts	3,000
Other bonds	10,000
Property	5,000
Cash and other liquid assets	<u>2,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>87,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £7,814 (2024 - £Nil).

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2025 £
Current service cost	4,000
Interest income	1,000
Interest cost	<u>(1,000)</u>
Total amount recognized in the SOFA	<u>4,000</u>

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2025 £
Current service cost	4,000
Interest cost	1,000
Employee contributions	2,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(31,000)
Losses or gains on curtailments	1,000
Benefits paid	<u>75,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>52,000</u>

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20 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Changes in the fair value of academy's share of scheme assets:

	2025
	£
Interest income	1,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	2,000
Employer contributions	7,000
Employee contributions	2,000
Benefits paid	<u>75,000</u>
At 31 August	<u><u>87,000</u></u>

21 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust and the composition of the board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest.

There were no related party transactions in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 7.

Expenditure related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

The Shaw Trust

(A trust with directors in common)

Employees of The Shaw Trust work within Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust. During the year recharges of £61,099 for salary costs were made between The Shaw Trust and Horizons Therapeutic Education Trust.

The element above £2,500 has been provided 'at no more than cost' and The Shaw Trust has provided a statement of assurance confirming this.

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying DfE of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.