

Annual Report

2025



Hospital
Broadcasting
Service

Executive Committee Members

Chair	Niall Anderson
Treasurer	Robert Craw (<i>to 15-Oct-2025</i>)
	Stuart Sloan (<i>from 15-Oct-2025</i>)
Programme Director	Spence Canniffe
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SC053770

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Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Niall Anderson
Chairman
15th April 2026



Stuart Sloan
Treasurer
15th April 2026

Accounts independently examined

Douglas Green
15th April 2026

Executive Committee's Report

The Executive Committee of The Hospital Broadcasting Service are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year 1st January to 31st December 2025.

The Hospital Broadcasting Service (also known On-Air as 'HBS') is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator as charity SC053770 and governed by a Constitution.

This report and attached accounts have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025. The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

The accounts are produced on a cash basis and do not take account of any future anticipated income or expenditure.

Charitable Objects

The objects of The Service shall be to relieve sickness, infirmity, handicap and old age amongst persons living in the area served by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes, nursing homes for the elderly and other similar establishments.

The radio station broadcasts are primarily focused on the approximately six thousand patients in hospitals operated by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. In addition, programmes are often listened to in the wider community both on hospital sites and by an increasing number of former patients who continue to tune-in once they return home.

Hospital-based listening is via the bedside entertainment equipment at the QEUG and by the use of our internet streaming at other sites via a free patient Wi-Fi service.

Organisation

The Hospital Broadcasting Service is run entirely by volunteers, who pay an annual membership subscription. Members are not reimbursed for any personal out-of-pocket expenses. It is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by a Constitution and managed by trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Related Organisations

The Hospital Broadcasting Service is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA), the national charity that is an umbrella organisation which supports and promotes hospital broadcasting in the UK. Our members regularly interact with the office bearers of HBA and when available attend the annual conference and training days that they organise.

The Hospital Broadcasting Service maintains a close working relationship with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde including participation in the NHSGGC Volunteering Strategic Forum, to which over fifty organisations are invited. There are also regular 1:1 sessions with the NHS volunteering management team.

"What a brilliant show. Never knew about it b4. Music is great. Chat is great. Keep them coming. Tam again from ward 10a."

One of hundreds of texts received during the year

Listener Interaction

Direct interaction with patients increased modestly during the year with additional volunteers joining our ward request collecting team but also the departure of others as their availability changed. Face-to-face request collecting is currently largely focussed on the QEUH site but the expansion of this activity to other hospitals remains a key objective once we have recruited sufficient additional volunteers.

We continued the process of having presenters on-site recording chats with willing patients, these were then taken back to the studios for editing and broadcast. The initiative introduced near the end of last year of using a 'live' headset connected back to the studios via a high-quality broadcast link also continued to be used occasionally. This allows the studio-based presenter to chat live with a patient and find out more about their record request.

The trial of a 'Staff Choice' show was successful but was put on hold to concentrate on playing record requests from patients. Our Listen-Again option now in its second full-year saw a steady increase in usage. Listen-Again allows any programme broadcast in the previous 14 days to be heard on-demand. The peak date for use of this option was Boxing Day when almost 400 plays of shows were requested. The initial reason for introducing this service was for patients who may miss hearing their request, but the use of it is far wider than we ever imagined.

Technical Developments

There were no major technical changes during the year however the studio mixing desks and associated equipment in the main transmission rack are now over 12 years old and starting to fail and need repaired. The technical team have therefore been reviewing the options and costs for replacement equipment to cover at least the next decade.

Replacement will also include leveraging the ability that high-speed broadband gives for programmes to be hosted remotely from the central studios. The intention is not to close down the central studios but to enable trained presenters to host shows without having to travel, making their volunteering time more effective. This same technology will also allow presenters to host in real-time directly from hospital wards.



(Left) Our Christmas Day show featuring patients chatting about their record choices continues to be a popular programme. Robert Craw and Frank Dunn are seen here in the QEUH in a break between recording interviews.

(Right) Gill Sisson - a member of the public - won our 'Host Your Own Show' competition which she entered during her visit to the studios for Doors Open Day in September. Gill runs a Forest School in Glasgow's Linn Park, so asked us to create a show centred on one of their monthly 'Trees and Teas' walks. Pictured are the contributors to that show.

Conversion to SCIO

At the start of the year, the unincorporated charity SC009138 which had operated since 1970 was wound-up in agreement with OSCR. All assets were transferred to a new charity 'HBS SCIO' along with the volunteer members. From an operational and external perspective the organisation continued to operate seamlessly over the period of the transition with the operational identities 'HBS' and 'The Hospital Broadcasting Service' remaining unchanged.

With the 'old' charity being wound-up a decision was taken not to hold a formal AGM within just a few weeks of moving to the SCIO. The first AGM, in alignment with OSCR guidance will therefore be in 2026.

Glasgow's Doors Open Days

Having taken part in the 2023 event and refurbishment of the building where our studios are based preventing us from participating the following year we once again opened our doors to the public in September 2025. Around 60 people visited and we recruited 2 new volunteers as a direct result plus created an excellent programme about the nature on our doorstep in Glasgow as a result of the 'Host Your Own Show' competition we ran on the Open Day.

Sponsors

Following the Covid pandemic, the income strategy has an increased focus on sponsorship. During the year we had renewals from Specsavers, Scottish Dental Care and Snappy Shopper. We are actively looking for further sponsors.

Promoting Local Groups & Initiatives

The promotion of services relevant to our listeners is an area we continued to develop. Some of these are in the form of interviews which are broadcast on our magazine show, while others are done as infomercials which can have multiple plays, sometimes for hundreds of times.

The most significant promotion in 2025 was highlighting the work of Alcoholics Anonymous where an initial 30 second infomercial led on to a 3-minute monologue version, then a formal interview and finally developed into a 30-minute podcast-style show which is broadcast monthly and the audio shared by AA on their website in the podcast format. The formal interview was entered into the national hospital radio awards 'Speech Package' category.



Spence Canniffe was awarded the inaugural UK-wide hospital radio 'Unsung Hero' award at the national conference in Hinckley



HBS was among fifty organisations whose volunteers support patients in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Hospitals, that were invited to a Civic Reception at Glasgow City Chambers



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	9,626				9,626	10,753
Legacies					-	
Grants	3,500				3,500	25,285
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	565
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	636				636	444
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	13,762	-	-	-	13,762	37,047
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	122
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	122
Total receipts	13,762	-	-	-	13,762	37,169
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	563
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	17,172	596			17,768	19,175
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	17,172	596	-	-	17,768	19,738
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,072				3,072	1,000
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	3,072	-	-	-	3,072	1,000
Total payments	20,244	596	-	-	20,840	20,738
Net receipts / (payments)	(6,482)	(596)	-	-	(7,078)	16,431
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(6,482)	(596)	-	-	(7,078)	16,431

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	32,238	1,401			33,639	17,208
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(6,482)	(596)			(7,078)	16,431
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	25,756	805	-	-	26,561	33,639
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

Niall Anderson

Niall Anderson

04 March 2026

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The unrestricted funds are used to meet the day-to-day running costs of the Service. The restricted funds are donations/grants for specific projects.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Running of organisation	Templeton GT	1	2,500
	Running of organisation	ME Bell Trust	1	1,000
			Total	3,500

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
John Douglas	600				600	600
HMRC Giftaid	408				408	269
Yaldi	234				234	140
Alcoholics Anonymous	670				670	-
Scottish Dental Care	1,250				1,250	1,200
Specsavers					-	5,505
Robert Crow (Member)	100				100	107
Membership Fees	270				270	235
Online Foundation/Everyclick/Give as you live					-	227
Bearsden & Milngavie Highland Games	1,250				1,250	1,150
Door Open Day Donations	30				30	-
Various Members Donations	431				431	327
Recycle 4 Charity					-	3
Highlanders Institute	3,000				3,000	-
Snappy Shopper	1,000				1,000	-
Cairns Church					-	60
Antonine Probus Club					-	50
Newmilns Gala Committee					-	250
Bishopbriggs Golf Club					-	150
Lenzie Probus Club					-	40
Cadder Mens Club					-	60
Bishopbriggs Probus Club					-	30
Charities Trust	180				180	50
ATG					-	200
Blind Company					-	100
Jill Korn	51				51	
Lesley Capitanchik	152				152	
Total	9,626	-	-	-	9,626	10,753

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Templeton Goodwill Trust	2,500		2,500	2,200
MEB Charitable Trust	1,000		1,000	1,000
BOS Foundation			-	2,085
NHS GGC Legacy Fund			-	20,000
Total	3,500	-	3,500	25,285

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Rent	10,685				10,685	10,411
Electricity	2,252				2,252	2,070
Telephone	845				845	872
Insurance	1,461				1,461	1,392
Equipment and Repairs	50				50	673
Internet Radio	107				107	107
PPL Licence	692				692	673
HBA Membership	50				50	50
IRN Subscription	523				523	506
Member's T Shirts	24				24	300
Bearsden & Milngavie Highland Games		596			596	684
Misc expenses	69				69	1,162
Website	189				189	275
The Mediasite 14 day catchup service	225				225	
Total	17,172	596	-	-	17,768	19,175

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	6,456				6,456	10,753
Legacies					-	
Grants	3,500				3,500	23,200
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,170				3,170	565
Gross trading receipts					-	
	636				636	444
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	13,762	-	-	-	13,762	34,962
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	122
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	122
Total receipts	13,762	-	-	-	13,762	35,084
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	563
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	17,172				17,172	18,491
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	17,172	-	-	-	17,172	19,054
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,072				3,072	1,000
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	3,072	-	-	-	3,072	1,000
Total payments	20,244	-	-	-	20,244	20,054
Net receipts / (payments)	(6,482)	-	-	-	(6,482)	15,030
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(6,482)	-	-	-	(6,482)	15,030

Nature and purpose of funds

To cover the day to day running expenses of the service

Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Restricted fund	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	2,085
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	2,085
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	2,085
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	596				596	684
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	596	-	-	-	596	684
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	596	-	-	-	596	684
Net receipts / (payments)	(596)	-	-	-	(596)	1,401
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(596)	-	-	-	(596)	1,401
Nature and purpose of funds						
Transport Costs & Items for Fund-Raising						

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Hospital Broadcasting Service					
Registered charity number		SC053770					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2025	to	31	December	2025
Set out on pages	5 - 10						
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed**:					Date:	03/03/2026	
Name:	Douglas Green						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
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