

**The Society of Health Play Specialists**

**Registered Charity number 1205808**

**Trustees Report  
&  
Financial Statements**

**Period ended 30th September 2025**

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**Charity Information**

**Registered Charity Name**      The Society of Health Play Specialists

**Charity Number**                1205808

**Trustees**

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Christina Clegg                     | Chair     |
| Penelope Hart - Spencer             |           |
| Richard Spicer                      | Treasurer |
| Irene O'Donnell                     |           |
| Mary Joy Clapham                    |           |
| Catherine Hilde Honour Anne Gardner |           |
| Lynn Ann Randall                    |           |
| Lee William Pryor                   |           |
| Stephanie Kathleen Sharon Fairbain  |           |
| Norma Jean Jun-Tai                  |           |
| Alison Tonkin                       |           |
| Laila Paulsen-Bacejac               |           |

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**The Society of Health Play Specialists**  
**Registered Charity number 1205808**  
**Trustees Annual Report**

**Period ended 30th September 2025**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Reference and administrative details are shown on the schedule of Charity Information on page 1 of this report.

**THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who, unless otherwise stated, served the charity during the period and up to the date of this report were as follows:

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Christina Clegg         | Chair     |
| Penelope Spencer        |           |
| Richard Spicer          | Treasurer |
| Irene O'Donnell         |           |
| Joy Clapham             |           |
| Catherine H H A Gardner |           |
| Lynn Ann Randall        |           |
| Lee W Pryor             |           |
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document**

The Society of Health Play Specialists (SoHPS) is a registered charity (Number 1205808) and is governed by the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees as provided by the Charity Commission. The charity was given formal approval by the Charity Commission on the 20th November 2023.

**Organisation**

The charity is governed by the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity Trustees as provided by the Charity Commission. This specifies that there must be a minimum of three and a maximum of sixteen Trustees.

Trustees have been initially appointed for a term of either one, two or three years to avoid the possibility of a significant number of Trustees retiring at once, Trustees may then stand for further periods of up to three years but there is no maximum number of times this may occur.

The Board is required to meet at least two times a year but currently in practise meets four times a year.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Principal activity**

The charity's principal activity is to advance education with reference to the study of developmental and therapeutic play, including psycho-social care, in hospital of children and their families. Registration of those who have successfully completed an approved course, and those on the register who meet the re-registration standards.

**Investment Powers and Restrictions**

Investments are held for the long-term generation of income. The charity will not knowingly invest in securities that do not accord with its principles.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Society incorporated the HPSET/NAHPS Professional Standards and Code of Conduct into one document, updating the standards, removing duplication, publishing one easy to read, single point of access standard at the launch of SoHPS.

The HPSET/SoHPS website with the public register was technically upgraded. The new logo was launched and information from the NAHSP website transferred to the SoHPS website.

A survey of registrants was undertaken to gather their views on the society's registration content on the website, and of the their personal webpage where they upload the data to their audit profile with the society. The feedback the registrants gave was reviewed, researched and revised.

The Board established roles, responsibilities and working groups to lead on key workstreams including finance and governance.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting for Charities' issued in October 2019 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**Results for the year**

Financially there was a surplus of £68,032 in the net movement of funds for the year.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to retain unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least twelve months of forecasted expenditure. As at 30th September 2025 unrestricted reserves amounted to approximately 29 months of expenditure, based upon expenditure incurred during the year, with further funds to come from the merger with NAHPS forthcoming year.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE**

The full closure of the NAHPS Santander Bank Account and PayPal account and transfer of these funds to the SoHPS National Westminster Bank Account.

### **PLANS FOR FUTURE (Continued)**

The publication of the Play Well Standards, audit tool and commissioning arrangements by NHS England in partnership with Starlight Charity, the SoHPS Board and members played a significant role in writing and approving the documents for publication.

Revalidation of the Apprentice Standard - SoHPS working with IFATE and a trailblazer group to move the apprenticeship onto a degree pathway.

To research and approach Professional Standards Authority (PSA) to discuss and plan for an application to the PSA for SoHPS to become a member - to consider funding a project lead for this task.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period.

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

- \* Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- \* Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- \* Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees

Mrs Christina Clegg  
Chair

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Healthcare Play Specialist Education Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Society of Health Play Specialists (charity number 1205808) for the period ended 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Charities Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**The Society of Health Play Specialists**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Period ended 30th September 2025**

|                                     | <u>2025</u>           |                     |                       | <u>2024</u>          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                     | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Total                 | Total                |
|                                     | £                     | £                   | £                     | £                    |
| <b>Incoming resources</b>           |                       |                     |                       |                      |
| Charitable trading activities       | 41,941                | -                   | 41,941                | 542                  |
| Miscellaneous                       | 64,347                | -                   | 64,347                | 89,205               |
| Total unrestricted income           | <u>106,288</u>        | <u>-</u>            | <u>106,288</u>        | <u>89,747</u>        |
| <b>Resources expended</b>           |                       |                     |                       |                      |
| Charitable activities               | 7,475                 | -                   | 7,475                 | 8,059                |
| Governance costs                    | 2,675                 | -                   | 2,675                 | 170                  |
| Office expenses                     | 26,373                | -                   | 26,373                | 11,082               |
| Financial costs                     | 1,734                 | -                   | 1,734                 | 886                  |
| Total expenditure                   | <u>38,256</u>         | <u>-</u>            | <u>38,256</u>         | <u>20,197</u>        |
| Net movements in funds for the year | 68,032                | -                   | 68,032                | 69,551               |
| Total funds brought forward         | 69,551                | -                   | 69,551                | -                    |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>  | <u><b>137,583</b></u> | <u><b>-</b></u>     | <u><b>137,583</b></u> | <u><b>69,551</b></u> |

There were no recognised losses for 2024 other than those included in the financial statements.

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**Balance sheet as at 30th September 2025**

|                                              | Note | <u>2025</u>    |                | <u>2024</u>   |               |
|----------------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                              |      | £              | £              | £             | £             |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                        |      |                |                |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |      | 138,583        |                | 70,436        |               |
|                                              |      | <u>138,583</u> |                | <u>70,436</u> |               |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                   |      |                |                |               |               |
| Accruals                                     |      | 1,000          |                | 886           |               |
|                                              |      | <u>1,000</u>   |                | <u>886</u>    |               |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>                    |      |                | 137,583        |               | 69,551        |
| <b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b> |      |                | <u>137,583</u> |               | <u>69,551</u> |
| <b>Capital</b>                               |      |                |                |               |               |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>                    |      |                | <u>137,583</u> |               | <u>69,551</u> |

Approved by the trustees on .....

and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Christina Clegg  
Chair

Mr Richard Spicer  
Treasurer

**The Society of Health Play Specialists**

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

These accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to the accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. No permanent endowment have been received in the period.

**1.3 Value Added Tax**

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity.

**2 Employees**

The charity has no employees.

**3 Transactions with trustees and related parties**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration from the charity. Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred attending meetings and undertaking duties related to their duties as trustees as authorised by the governing trust deed.

|                            | <b><u>2025</u></b> | <b><u>2024</u></b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                            | £                  | £                  |
| Trustee expenses and costs | 2,675              | 170                |
|                            | <u>2,675</u>       | <u>170</u>         |

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**Income and expenditure account**  
**Period ended 30th September 2025**

|                               | <u>2025</u>   |                      | <u>2024</u>   |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
|                               | £             | £                    | £             | £                    |
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |               |                      |               |                      |
| Investment                    | -             |                      | -             |                      |
| Charitable activities         | 41,941        |                      | 542           |                      |
| Miscellaneous                 | 64,347        |                      | 89,205        |                      |
|                               |               | 106,288              |               | 89,747               |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>            |               |                      |               |                      |
| <b>Governance costs</b>       |               |                      |               |                      |
| Trust board costs             | 2,675         |                      | 170           |                      |
|                               | <u>2,675</u>  |                      | <u>170</u>    |                      |
| <b>Office expenses</b>        |               |                      |               |                      |
| Office expenses               | 3,503         |                      | 32            |                      |
| Office fees                   | 15,825        |                      | 3,915         |                      |
| Website                       | 7,045         |                      | 7,135         |                      |
|                               | <u>26,373</u> |                      | <u>11,082</u> |                      |
| <b>Other costs</b>            |               |                      |               |                      |
| Merger costs                  | -             |                      | 2,834         |                      |
| SOHPS Conference Costs        | 6,236         |                      | 4,763         |                      |
| Miscellaneous                 | 1,239         |                      | 461           |                      |
|                               | <u>7,475</u>  |                      | <u>8,059</u>  |                      |
| <b>Financial costs</b>        |               |                      |               |                      |
| Independent examination       | 1,734         |                      | 886           |                      |
|                               | <u>1,734</u>  |                      | <u>886</u>    |                      |
|                               |               | 38,256               |               | 20,196               |
| <b>(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b> |               | <u><u>68,032</u></u> |               | <u><u>69,551</u></u> |