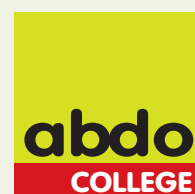


**ABDO COLLEGE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2023**



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# THIS YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 was a transition period for the College as it started to look at the potential of apprenticeships for the FBDO diploma programme as well ensuring a strong ladder of opportunity across the whole profession. The senior leadership of the College also underwent changes. The education team prioritised a focus on the education strategic review (FBDO diploma) undertaken by the General Optical Council (GOC), introducing the first year of the new syllabus from August 2023. We saw strong exam results across all years, which are a testament to the quality of our student body and our learning approach. Our popular contact lens course received full GOC revalidation and saw a continued increase in its year-on-year pass rates.

The College principal changed in 2023. Nina McDermott, interim principal, says “I joined the College full-time in January 2024. There are many opportunities for the College to continue to develop and enable excellence across the profession, working with many different stakeholders to deliver this. At the heart of everything are our students and how we continue to develop our programmes to meet their current and future professional needs. This is underpinned by investment in our staff and our infrastructure. 2024 will be a very busy year of change so we can continue to offer excellence in everything we do.”

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- 2023 saw student numbers in all three years of the FBDO diploma return to pre-Covid levels
- Demand remained high for our contact lens certificate course along with our optical assistant courses
- Successful GOC revalidation for the contact lens course and our best ever pass rates for the contact lens theory exams
- ABDO College achieved carbon neutrality for the second year
- Investment in our teaching team, improving the College’s teaching ratio and meeting the demands of increasing student numbers
- Teaching staff embraced the GOC’s education strategic review, starting the process of redesigning the FBDO curriculum and best approaches to teaching to meet the new standards and learning outcomes
- Initial preparation and engagement for ABDO College to become an apprenticeship provider commenced
- College principal Dr Robert Cubbage departed ABDO College to focus on optometry and his academic interests. Nina McDermott BA (Hons), PGDip, MA, was recruited as the College’s interim principal. Nina’s substantial experience in senior leadership and strong track record in constructive stakeholder engagement ensures the College is in safe hands during 2024, a period of significant change

# TRUSTEES’ ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating the director’s report)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The Company is constituted by memorandum and articles of association as a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital and the company number is 04086997. The company obtained charitable status on the 3 July 2001, and registered with the Charity Commission and the charity’s registered number is 1087337.

ABDO College is based and registered at Godmersham Park, Godmersham, Canterbury, CT4 7DT.

### Appointment of trustees

The Association of British Dispensing Opticians is a member of ABDO College, whose trustees include up to ten trustees appointed by their board of directors.

The board of directors of the Association has the right to appoint up to six trustees who serve for four years after which they retire but are eligible for re-appointment for one further term of four years.

### Trustee induction

New trustees are made aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the memorandum and articles of association and all relevant undertakings with regard to the management of the charity’s affairs. On appointment, new trustees also meet with senior academic staff and with executive management to obtain information and understanding of the College’s operations.

### Organisational structure

The board of trustees, which meets quarterly, administers the charity. The secretary to the trustees has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the College within the terms of delegation approved by the trustees.

### Risk management

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces during regular meetings. The financial support undertakings by the ABDO College of Education are considered sufficient to meet all known commitments and normal financial risks until the charity becomes fully self-supporting.

The trustees have also examined the other operational and business risks faced by the charity and consider they have established adequate systems and controls to mitigate all significant risks.

### Investment powers and restrictions

The board of trustees have the power to employ a professional investment manager, who is entitled to carry out an investment business under the provisions of the Financial Services Act 1986 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof), to exercise the power of investment subject to the policy guidelines drawn up by the board of trustees and within the powers of investment allowed by law.

### Public benefit

The board of trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit and specifically its additional public benefit guidance on advancing education together with fee-charging. This has been taken into account when structuring the Charity’s objectives and activities.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are to advance and promote education and research in the science and practice of optics for the public benefit and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

The primary objectives and activities for the year were directed to:

- maintaining a highest possible level of student enrolments;
- promoting and developing new courses;
- improving the provision of optical education, in the UK and internationally, to the benefit both of the profession of dispensing optics and the general public;
- stimulating research projects via its degree courses.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The team at ABDO College is passionate about professional development through recognised qualifications. The College courses include optical assistant course, Fellowship Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing (Level 6) and contact lens courses.

## STUDENT ENROLMENT FIGURES

Enrolments for all of the College core courses (i.e. those listed below) were:

1st Year Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing	156
2nd Year Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing	174
2nd Year Foundation Degree in Ophthalmic Dispensing	16
3rd Year Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing	163
3rd Year BSc (Hons) in Ophthalmic Dispensing	13
Contact lens certificate course	52
Optical assistant courses	62
Senior optical assistant courses	23

## EXAMINATION PASS RATES

Examination pass rates (the percentage of students achieving a first attempt pass) during 2023 were as follows:

### DISPENSING

<b>PQE Theory</b>				80.5%
<b>PQE Practical</b>	Section A	93.5%	Section C1	97.0%
	Section B1	97.0%	Section C2	90.0%
	Section B2	78.0%	Section D	99.5%

### FQE Theory

Advanced ophthalmic lenses (and ophthalmic dispensing)	85.6%
Abnormal ocular conditions/standards of practice	90.0%
Anatomy	99.0%
Refractive management	86.0%
Low vision	82.5%
Contact lenses	98.0%

<b>FQE Practical</b>	Section A1	85.0%	Section B3	95.5%
	Section A2	89.0%	Section C	92.0%
	Section A3	92.0%	Section D1/2	95.5%
	Section B1	96.0%	Section D3/4	100%
	Section B2	98.5%	Section D5/6	97.0%

### CONTACT LENS

Anatomy, physiology & pathology	93.5%
Visual optics	53.0%
Contact lens practice	94.0%

### BSC (HONS) OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING RESULTS 2023

First	2
2:1	3
2:2	2
3	0

### FD RESULTS 2023

Distinction	1
Merit	1
Pass	14

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial performance

During the year under review, the College made a net income of £227,816 after charging depreciation and amortisation of £65,030. The investments recorded an unrealised gain of £11,132.

### Reserves policy

The board of trustees seeks to maintain the reserves at a level that will support the charity with its ongoing activities.

The reserves for the charity are broken down into unrestricted funds at £1,682,909 (2022: £1,455,093) and restricted funds at £9,659 (2022: £9,659).

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## AUDITOR

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; **and**
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

## SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20 September 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr C Marchant FBDO  
Trustee

Alistair Bridge  
Secretary to the trustees

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ABDO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The ABDO College of Education (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 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.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

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.

## OPINIONS 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 trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; **and**
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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; **or**
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## AUDITOR'S 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.

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

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we have considered; the nature of the industry, control environment and the charity's performance.

Throughout the audit testing we are considering the incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. Key areas include timing of recognising income around the year end, posting of unusual journals and manipulating the charity's performance measures to meet targets. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We ensure we have an understanding of the relevant laws and regulations and remain alert to possible non-compliance throughout the audit. Despite proper planning and audit work in accordance with auditing standards there are inherent limitations and unavoidable risk that we may not detect some irregularities and material misstatements in the financial statements. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

## USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's members, 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 charity's members 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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Roderick Archibald (senior statutory auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
Burgess Hodgson LLP  
Chartered accountant and statutory auditor  
Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road  
Canterbury, Kent CT1 3DN

23 September 2024

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>					
Charitable activities	5	2,833,054	–	2,833,054	2,242,101
Other trading activities	6	12,433	–	12,433	11,166
Investment income	7	7,692	–	7,692	9,112
Other income	8	(700)	–	(700)	–
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>2,852,479</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,852,479</b>	<b>2,262,379</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9/10	2,635,795	–	2,852,479	2,218,687
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>2,635,795</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,852,479</b>	<b>2,218,687</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	11,132	–	11,132	(35,735)
<b>NET INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>227,816</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>227,816</b>	<b>7,957</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,455,093	9,659	1,464,752	1,456,795
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,682,909</b>	<b>9,659</b>	<b>1,692,568</b>	<b>1,464,752</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Intangible assets	17		86,536	103,093
Tangible fixed assets	18		193,825	182,291
Investments	19		231,462	222,473
			<b>511,823</b>	<b>507,857</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	20	40,515		41,994
Debtors	21	354,167		361,258
Cash at bank and in hand		1,442,065		1,065,764
		<b>1,836,747</b>		<b>1,469,016</b>
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	23	<b>575,656</b>		<b>389,982</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>1,261,091</b>	<b>1,079,034</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>1,772,914</b>	<b>1,586,891</b>
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	24		<b>80,346</b>	<b>122,139</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>1,692,568</b>	<b>1,464,752</b>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
Restricted funds			9,659	9,659
Unrestricted funds			1,682,909	1,455,093
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>	26		<b>1,692,568</b>	<b>1,464,752</b>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr C Marchant FBDO  
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net income		227,816	7,957
<b>Adjustments for:</b>			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		48,473	42,249
Amortisation of intangible assets		16,557	17,982
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(11,132)	35,735
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(5,737)	(6,287)
Other interest receivable and similar income		(1,955)	(2,825)
Accrued income/(income)		183,146	(27,359)
<b>Changes in:</b>			
Stocks		1,479	(3,827)
Trade and other debtors		7,091	(90,427)
Trade and other creditors		47,805	(5,595)
Cash generated from operations		513,543	(32,397)
Interest received		1,955	2,825
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		515,498	(29,572)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		5,737	6,287
Purchase of tangible assets		(60,007)	(98,728)
Purchases of other investments		(56,480)	(36,825)
Proceeds from sale of other investments		58,623	39,042
Net cash used in investing activities		(52,127)	(90,224)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		(41,667)	(49,953)
Net cash used in financing activities		(41,667)	(49,953)
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		421,704	(169,749)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		1,020,361	1,190,110
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	22	1,442,065	1,020,361

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Godmersham Park, Godmersham, Canterbury, CT4 7DT, England.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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)) and the Companies Act 2006.

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basic of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

### Going concern

The ABDO College, a registered charity, was originally established under the auspices of The Association of British Dispensing Opticians. As part of its support for the charity the Association entered into a deed of grant on the 14th February 2016 to assist The ABDO College in meeting its debts as they fall due and in the furtherance of its charitable objectives for a period of five years.

### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

### Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Course fees are recognised in full upon commencement of the course with an accrual made to represent the direct costs incurred after the year-end in connection with the provision of the course. Textbook sales are accounted for at the time of sale.



**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Resources expended are recognised upon commencement of the course on an accrual basis to match the expenses connected with running the courses with the fee income received. Costs deemed to be directly attributable to the running of the college courses are allocated to direct charitable expenses including charges from The Association of British Dispensing Opticians and the irrecoverable element of VAT.

**Government grant income**

Government grants are recognised using the accrual model and the performance model. Under the accrual model, government grants relating to revenue are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods in which the company recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. Grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs are recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

**Operating leases**

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

**Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Any intangible assets carried at revalued amounts, are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation, as determined by reference to an active market, less any subsequent accumulated amortisation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination are only recognised separately from goodwill when they arise from contractual or other legal rights, are separable, the expected future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value can be measured reliably.

**Amortisation**

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

- Website – 10% straight line
- Copyrights – 10% straight line
- Software – 10% straight line

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

**Tangible assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- Long leasehold property – 7% straight line
- Fixtures and fittings – 20% straight line
- Computer equipment – 33% straight line
- Lab equipment – 15% straight line

**Investments**

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

**Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

**Financial instruments**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

**Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund. When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

The charity contributes to the personal pension plans of certain employees, subject to a maximum of 10% of the employee’s annual salary. Such contributions are held independently of the charities finances. The contributions made are charged to the profit and loss account as they arise.

**4. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member of the College will undertake to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £20) to the College’s assets if it should be wound up, either whilst a member or within one year of his or her membership ceasing.

## 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Course fees and accommodation	2,730,363	2,730,363	2,129,246	2,129,246
Text books and rules	97,091	97,091	110,855	110,855
Rental income	5,600	5,600	2,000	2,000
	<u>2,833,054</u>	<u>2,833,054</u>	<u>2,242,101</u>	<u>2,242,101</u>

## 6. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Sponsorships	<u>12,433</u>	<u>12,433</u>	<u>11,166</u>	<u>11,166</u>

## 7. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Dividends	5,737	5,737	6,287	6,287
Bank interest receivable	1,955	1,955	2,825	2,825
	<u>7,692</u>	<u>7,692</u>	<u>9,112</u>	<u>9,112</u>

## 8. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Government grant income	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

## 9. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activity	2,123,854	2,123,854	1,684,369	1,684,369
Support costs	511,941	511,941	534,318	534,318
	<u>2,635,795</u>	<u>2,635,795</u>	<u>2,218,687</u>	<u>2,218,687</u>

## 10. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activity	2,123,854	360,421	2,484,275	2,087,148
Governance costs	–	151,520	151,520	131,539
	<u>2,123,854</u>	<u>511,941</u>	<u>2,635,795</u>	<u>2,218,687</u>

## 11. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Analysis of support costs	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Finance costs	13,685	13,685	19,568
Governance costs	126,703	126,703	111,971
Irrecoverable VAT	89,421	89,421	72,779
ABDO charges – payable	271,000	271,000	330,000
	<u>500,809</u>	<u>500,809</u>	<u>534,318</u>

## 12. NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Gain/(loss) on investment assets	<u>11,132</u>	<u>11,132</u>	<u>(35,735)</u>	<u>(35,735)</u>

## 13. NET INCOME

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amortisation of intangible assets	16,557	17,982
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>48,473</u>	<u>42,249</u>

## 14. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>19,000</u>	<u>13,125</u>
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## 15. STAFF COSTS

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

Wages and salaries	1,113,022	728,690
Social security costs	74,792	69,328
Employer contributions to pension plans	67,101	62,734
	<u>1,254,915</u>	<u>860,752</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 20 (2022: 20).

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

Number of staff	2	2
Number of direct charitable staff	18	18
	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

£60,000 to £69,999	1	1
£80,000 to £89,999	1	1

## 16. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

**17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Website £	Copyrights £	Software £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	111,329	25,000	165,516	301,845
<b>AMORTISATION</b>				
At 1 January 2023	111,329	25,000	62,423	198,752
Charge for the year	–	–	16,557	16,557
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>111,329</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>78,980</b>	<b>215,309</b>
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>				
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>86,536</b>	<b>86,536</b>
At 31 December 2022	–	–	103,093	103,093

**18. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Lab equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 January 2023	266,626	123,135	183,609	363,501	936,871
Additions	–	2,677	29,977	27,353	60,007
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>266,626</b>	<b>125,812</b>	<b>213,586</b>	<b>390,854</b>	<b>996,878</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 January 2023	153,874	111,855	156,113	332,738	754,580
Charge for the year	9,742	4,280	19,060	15,391	48,473
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>163,616</b>	<b>116,135</b>	<b>175,173</b>	<b>348,129</b>	<b>803,053</b>
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>103,010</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>38,413</b>	<b>42,725</b>	<b>193,825</b>
At 31 December 2022	112,752	11,280	27,496	30,763	182,291

**19. INVESTMENTS**

	Cash or cash equivalents £	Other investments £	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1 January 2023	5,457	217,016	222,473
Additions	28,462	28,018	56,480
Disposals	(29,949)	(28,462)	(58,411)
Fair value movements	–	10,920	10,920
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>227,492</b>	<b>231,462</b>
<b>IMPAIRMENT</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023		–	–
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>227,492</b>	<b>231,462</b>
At 31 December 2022	5,457	217,016	222,473

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

**Listed investments**

The aggregate market value of listed investments is £216,572 (2022: £217,016).

**20. STOCKS**

Stock	2023 £	2022 £
	40,515	41,994

**21. DEBTORS**

Trade debtors	215,810	297,829
Amounts owed by group undertakings	101,311	–
Prepayments and accrued income	23,764	19,131
Other debtors	13,282	44,298
	<b>354,167</b>	<b>361,258</b>

**22. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

Cash at bank and in hand	1,442,065	1,065,764
Bank overdrafts	–	(45,403)
	<b>1,442,065</b>	<b>1,020,361</b>

**23. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Bank loans and overdrafts	60,615	105,892
Trade creditors	82,242	33,355
Accruals and deferred income	417,584	234,438
Social security and other taxes	15,215	16,297
	<b>575,656</b>	<b>389,982</b>

**24. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

Bank loans and overdrafts	80,346	122,139
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**25. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS****Defined contribution plans:**

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £67,101 (2022: £62,734).

**26. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS**

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Unrestricted fund	1,455,093	2,852,479	(2,635,795)	11,132	1,682,909
Unrestricted fund – 01/01/22–31/12/22	1,447,136	2,262,379	(2,218,687)	(35,735)	1,455,093
	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Restricted fund	9,659	–	–	–	9,659
Restricted fund – 01/01/22–31/12/22	9,659	–	–	–	9,659

In 2003 the charity received a donation of £20,000 with the requirement that this be used only for the furtherance of the charity's library. This is held in a restricted fund. All other funds are unrestricted.

27. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Intangible assets	86,536	–	86,536
Tangible fixed assets	184,166	9,659	193,825
Investments	231,462	–	231,462
Current assets	1,836,747	–	1,836,747
Creditors less than one year	(575,656)	–	(575,656)
Creditors greater than one year	(80,346)	–	(80,346)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,682,909</b>	<b>9,659</b>	<b>1,692,568</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£
Intangible assets	103,093	–	103,093
Tangible fixed assets	172,632	9,659	182,291
Investments	222,473	–	222,473
Current assets	1,469,016	–	1,469,016
Creditors less than one year	(389,982)	–	(389,982)
Creditors greater than one year	(122,139)	–	(122,139)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,455,093</b>	<b>9,659</b>	<b>1,464,752</b>

28. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 Jan 2023	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,065,764	376,301	1,442,065
Bank overdrafts	(45,403)	45,403	–
Debt due within one year	(60,489)	(126)	(60,615)
Debt due after one year	(122,139)	41,793	(80,346)
	<b>837,733</b>	<b>463,371</b>	<b>1,301,104</b>

29. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than one year	318,783	318,783
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,199,942	1,226,138
Later than five years	3,803,627	4,096,213
	<b>5,322,352</b>	<b>5,641,134</b>

30. RELATED PARTIES

The Association of British Dispensing Opticians is a member of The ABDO College of Education. Up to six trustees of ABDO College are appointed by The Association of British Dispensing Opticians. Three trustees of The ABDO College of Education are directors of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians.

The Association of British Dispensing Opticians charged The ABDO College of Education £271,000 (2022: £330,000) in respect of administrative wages and general expenses.

At the year end The ABDO College of Education was owed £101,311 (2022: £Nil) by the Association of British Dispensing Opticians.

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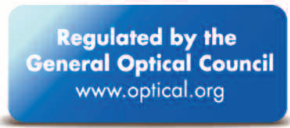
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