

CharityWatch Example Paid Diligence Report

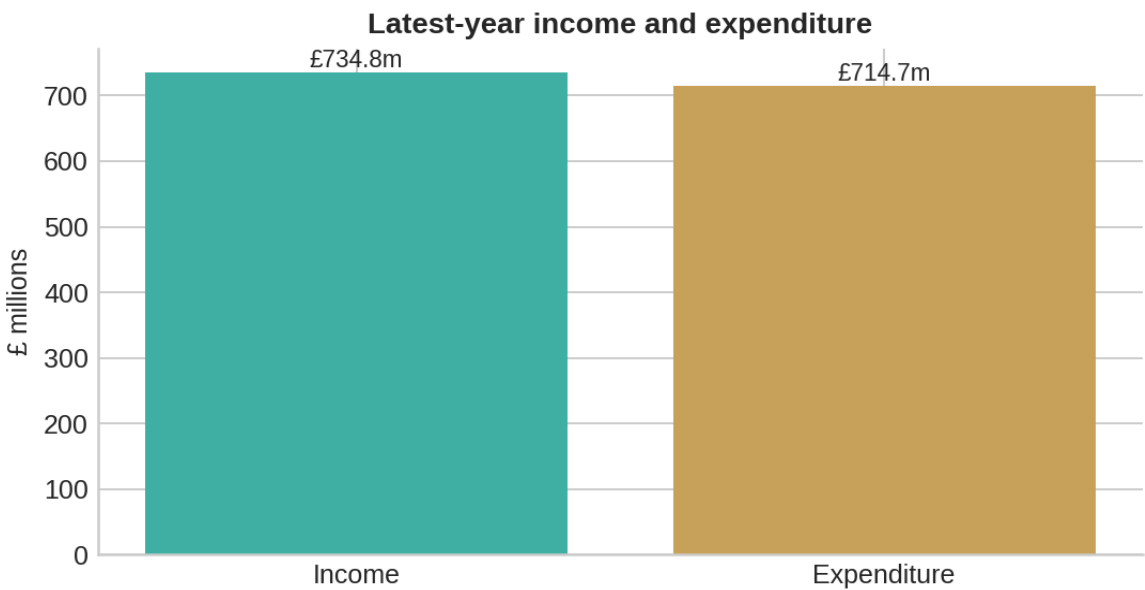
Cancer Research UK · Charity 1089464 · Prepared for product-review purposes · 8 May 2026

Scope	Public-register evidence review only. This example does not allege misconduct and should not be treated as a final legal, audit, or investment conclusion.
Overall view	Low immediate register-compliance concern based on current public-register status; medium governance-disclosure review priority because the register flags trustee benefits for another benefit and subsidiary directorship links.
Register status	Charity reporting is up to date (on time).

Executive snapshot

Cancer Research UK is presented on the Charity Commission register as charity reporting is up to date (on time). The current review uses the public register overview as the source of record and focuses on proportionality, governance signals, financial scale, and questions a donor or institutional reviewer should ask before relying on the organisation for a material decision.

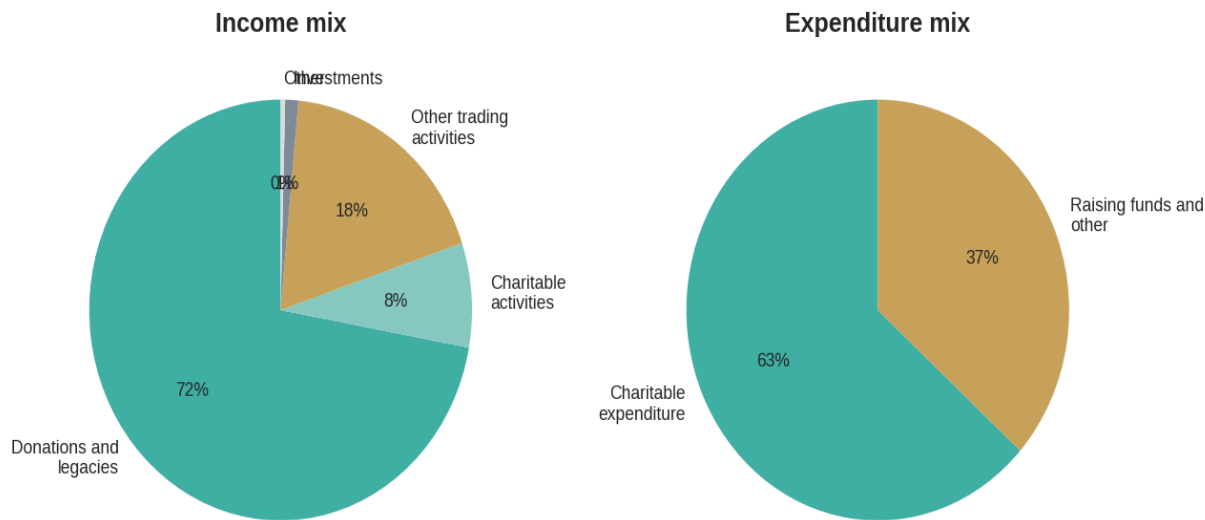
Reporting period	Financial year ending 31 March 2025
Total income	£734.8m
Total expenditure	£714.7m
Employees / trustees / volunteers	5,169 / 13 / 26,000
Government contracts	£6,325 from 4 government contracts
Government grants	£1,543,552 from 6 government grants



Register purpose and operating context

Cancer Research UK is dedicated to saving lives through research, with a mission to prevent, control, and cure cancer through research covering more than 200 types of cancer.

Very large medical-research charity with substantial donation and trading income, a large workforce, and significant research-programme expenditure.



Risk observations for review

Register compliance	Low	The register records reporting as up to date and on time.
Scale and complexity	Medium	The organisation has very high income, expenditure, employee count, and volunteer count, increasing the need for mature controls.
Trustee benefit disclosure	Medium	The register notes one or more trustees receive payments or benefits for another benefit; this should be contextualised through the accounts and conflict-management disclosures.
Trading and fundraising mix	Medium	Other trading activities and raising-funds/other expenditure are material, so the review should distinguish commercial operations from charitable programme spend.

Governance and control questions

Trustee payment note: One or more trustees receive payments or benefits from the charity for another benefit.

Subsidiary note: One or more trustees are also directors of subsidiaries.

Review related-party and trustee-benefit notes in the latest accounts to understand authorisation and safeguards.
Map trading subsidiaries and fundraising channels to ensure costs, restrictions, and brand-risk controls are clear.
Separate research commitments, grants payable, and internal research activity when assessing programme alignment.

Responsible-use caveat

This example report is designed to demonstrate the CharityWatch paid-report format. It relies on the Charity Commission register overview and intentionally avoids unsupported allegations. A production diligence report should review the latest filed accounts, annual report, governing document, related-party notes, serious-incident disclosures where available,

sanctions and adverse-media screening, and direct charity responses before forming a final judgement.

References

[1] Charity Commission for England and Wales, register overview for Cancer Research UK, charity 1089464:
<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/3987102/charity-overview>