

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1041297

## Details

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**Other names** D I NETWORK, DC NETWORK

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-10-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN HUMAN FERTILITY, FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY, ASSISTED CONCEPTION, GENETICS AND THE IMPACT OF NON GENETIC RELATIONSHIPS BY THE PROVISION TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN CONCEIVED BY D I (DONOR INSEMINATION) OR BY EGG DONATION, TO THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES, AND TO THOSE CONTEMPLATING OR UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OF INFORMATION, ADVICE, COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT.

**Activities:** Supporting families contemplating donor conception treatment and those who have had children by donor conception

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£320,817	£308,752	-	-
2024-07-31	£291,808	£282,557	-	-
2023-07-31	£285,265	£308,535	-	-
2022-07-31	£248,613	£249,857	-	-
2021-07-31	£250,559	£213,864	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Carole Gilling Smith		2023-11-06
Celine Le Guyader		2023-11-09
Geoffrey Marx		2022-04-23
Rachel Walsh		2025-04-27
Rosalind Wall		2020-09-14
Sue Dean		2019-06-11
Victoria Ryder		2025-04-27

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025  
FOR  
DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP  
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**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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**TRUSTEES**

Ms S Dean Chair  
Mr G Marx Trustee  
Mr T Amies-Cull Trustee (resigned 27/4/2025)  
Ms R Wall Trustee  
Ms R Gundesen Trustee (resigned 27/4/2025)  
Ms C Le Guyader Trustee  
Ms C Gilling Smith Trustee  
Ms R Walsh Trustee (appointed 27/4/2025)  
Ms V Ryder Trustee (appointed 27/4/2025)

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1041297

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP  
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## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **LETTER FROM THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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The Donor Conception Network has continued to build on the success of its 30th anniversary in 2023, further growing both our member numbers and income.

We have expanded our offer, for example, preparing to launch a new support service for parents of young people (aged 10-20) called "Continuing the Conversation" and starting the "Big Question" webinars. We have further developed our relationships with our clinic supporters and expanded the scheme. We received a large donation from one clinic which boosted our fundraising appeal.

We have seen the Network go from strength to strength thanks to expanding our services online and continued investment into our presence and engagement on social media. We are also seeing increased website and social media engagement because of previous years' investments in these areas. Our members see the benefits in terms of improving access to the support and information we offer.

We have continued to offer many of our services online in tandem alongside in-person events as we know there is huge value in both. We ran conferences in London and Edinburgh, both well-attended, a testament to the value of bringing our community together. Our online offer continues to be very successful, attracting a lot of participants to our workshops from beyond the UK, which is fantastic.

We are very grateful to our volunteer team of nearly 100 dedicated individuals who do such great work supporting members, acting as our frontline. We ran a volunteer day for them in March, to thank and support them. We continue to welcome more new members, as well as increasing retention of existing members.

My thanks go to the staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters for your ongoing commitment to the Network. We are well placed to ensure the Network continues to thrive and meet the support and information needs of the wider donor conception community. As I step down from the chair position and next year as trustee, I am proud to have helped this fantastic charity through some difficult times. We have not only weathered those storms but have thrived in the years since. I look forward to handing over to a new permanent chair.

Sue Dean

November 2025

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objects of the charity**

The charity is an unincorporated association which was established by a constitution dated 24 September 1994 and amended 3 March 2000 and 20th October 2015 with the following objectives: to advance education in human fertility, fertilisation and embryology, assisted conception, genetics and the impact of non-genetic relationships by the provision to parents of children conceived by sperm, embryo or egg donation, to the children themselves and to those contemplating or undergoing treatment, of information, advice, counselling and support.

##### **Donor Conception Network's Vision and Mission**

The Donor Conception Network's vision is a society where a climate of openness and understanding about donor conception enables people considering it to make informed decisions and helps build families who are confident, accepted and have a secure identity.

The Donor Conception Network's mission is to deliver high quality, non-judgemental and inclusive support and information to would-be and current parents and their children to enable them to navigate the often complex and individual journey of donor conception.

We are a pioneering parent-led and child-centred organisation and a trusted authority on the social and emotional aspects of building or expanding a family using donor conception. We are at the forefront of the donor conception movement, bringing over 30 years of experience and the voices of our members to inform professionals, practitioners and policy makers in the UK and worldwide.

##### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Network is a professionally-run support organisation for families using donor conception. It performs a vital role in providing information and support to prospective parents and donor conception families.

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Our activities**

##### **Membership**

The new fees introduced at the end of 2022 helped increase our overall membership income, which helped cover rising costs and enabled us to invest in developing and extending our services. Membership numbers continued to grow over the year.

##### **Website**

The new website was an essential upgrade and has provided us with a much-improved space to share our information, offering smoother access to our events and services and signposting. We've been able to develop a members' only section to provide content for members and an easier way for them to access resources like recordings of our webinars and back copies of our magazine. The new website has made sign up for new members significantly easier and is designed to be fully compatible for viewing on mobile phones and tablets.

##### **DCN Helpline**

Our phone and email helplines continued to provide invaluable support to members, the general public and professionals working in the field wishing to discuss specific donor conception-related issues.

##### **Local groups/meetups and online chats - for members**

During 2024/25 our volunteers ran 55 in person local meetups around the UK, some events for adults only and others catering for families with children. We also ran over 100 of our popular, facilitated Zoom Chats for members covering a wide range of topics and family situations. These activities, plus welcoming new members, were made possible by our team of around 92 volunteers.

##### **Volunteers**

We ran three 'Connect and Reflect' online volunteer support sessions during the year and offered 2 training events.

In March 2025, we were pleased to hold a Volunteers' Day (for the first time since 2020). We arranged a free creche and covered travel expenses to ensure the day was accessible to all. It was well attended and feedback told us this is a valued opportunity for volunteers to connect with each other as well as to get training in their roles and support from the DCN team.

##### **Communications**

We produced two editions of our magazine, DCN Perspectives. The Friday bulletin went to all members twice a month. We had an active presence on social media and spoke at various events, engaging with professionals working in the field to educate them on the long-term implications for families using donor conception.

We revamped the non-member newsletter and started a monthly blog on the website, the content of which is circulated to the non-member mailing list specifically.

##### **Workshops**

We ran a programme of online and in-person Telling and Talking workshops, open to both members and non-members, for parents of children up to 7yrs. We also ran a workshop for professionals working in the field, 'Making It Real', in May 2025. For now, we are putting the Destination Parenthood workshops on hold and are offering our Getting Started event and certain member services as a partial substitute.

Through the year we have been developing a new half day workshop called "Continuing the Conversation" for parents of children aged 10-20. The first one is scheduled for November 2025.

##### **DCN Conferences**

We held an out-of-London conference in Edinburgh, Scotland in September 2024 and in April 2025 we ran our annual London conference. The London conference included a creche, childcare for children up to 12 and children's activities for those aged 8 to 12. In June, we held our fifth virtual conference, using recordings of the highlights from the London conference. Being online, it meant people from all over the world were able to access this valuable event.

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Getting Started**

We held two Getting Started events - one in November and one in March. Both were full and feedback confirmed their value and importance for attendees. These in-person events are aimed specifically at prospective parents, providing a space for people to meet and share as well as hear from DC parents and DC people. They complement our London conference, which is aimed at those with children.

##### **April Trust Film project**

This project was completed in July 2025 and the films are ready to be shared. We are reviewing how best to use them to provide most value.

##### **The Big Question**

In November 2024 we ran our first webinar, in a new series titled 'The Big Question'. We asked Dr Sophie Zadeh to help explore the question 'How are DC people \*really\* doing?', using her research to support the conversation. In February 2025 we ran our second webinar, with US fertility counsellor and author, Jana Rupnow, helping us with the question 'How can I feel like a \*real\* parent?' (in the context of having used donor conception). Both were well attended and we plan to continue the webinar programme, with the next one scheduled for September 2025.

##### **King's College Intern**

We were delighted to welcome an intern for two months over the summer from King's College London to work on our research database. This was funded by King's Civic Leadership Academy.

##### **Advocacy and awareness**

In November 2024 we participated in National Fertility Awareness Week.

In March 2025 we attended the Future Fertility Show in Dublin, Ireland, having a stand there as well as a speaking slot.

In April 2024 we participated in International Donor Conception Awareness Day (IDCAD) which coincided with our national conference in London.

In May we ran a stand at the FamilyMakers show in Brighton and exhibited at the Fertility Show in London. Both events were great opportunities to speak to people considering donor conception and signpost them to further support and information as well as build our relationships with stakeholders.

Through the summer we helped to promote and raise awareness of the De Montfort University EDNA project films featuring interviews with egg donors. These are now also available on our website to encourage more people to view them.

Through the year we participated in the regular HFEA/POSG meetings (Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority/ Patient Organisation Stakeholder Group) and had regular separate meetings with the HFEA. We circulated six research project proposals. Our Head of Research, Yael Ilan, continued in her role on the advisory board for the DigitalDC project.

We spoke with several journalists during the period, including The New Scientist, BBC, ITV, BBC Online and The Sunday Times, raising awareness of the particular issues for donor conception families and helping with specific questions.

##### **How we are funded**

The DC Network has five main sources of income: membership subscriptions and donations; membership activities (e.g. conferences); publication sales; workshop income; and income from our Clinic and Lawyer Supporter Schemes.

Membership subscriptions, gift aid and donations account for a large proportion of our income and this income supports the services that we offer to members. These include: planning our annual conferences; biannual magazine to members; supporting our local groups and meetups throughout the UK; our regular bulletins to members; and our email and telephone support services.

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Publication sales: Our publications continue to sell well around the world, reflecting the broader reach that our small charity achieves.

Workshop income: To keep prices as low as possible, our workshops are designed to be self-funding, rather than profit making, with the income received matching the cost of developing, organising and delivering these specialised, highly sensitive and professionally run events.

Donations: in addition to on-going regular donations we were also delighted to receive some additional larger donations to support our work.

Our corporate supporter donations generate part of our income and we are very grateful to all our clinic and lawyer supporters.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

At the balance sheet date the total funds of the Charity were £78,738 (2024: £66,673).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms S Dean - Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Donor Conception Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Donor Conception Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
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.

Mr David Ashby FCCA ACA

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23 January 2026

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	<b>2025 Total funds £</b>	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		<b>88,914</b>	-	<b>88,914</b>	76,551
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable Activities		<b>193,844</b>	-	<b>193,844</b>	172,386
Other trading activities	3	<b>37,505</b>	-	<b>37,505</b>	42,347
Investment income	4	<b>554</b>	-	<b>554</b>	524
<b>Total</b>		<b>320,817</b>	-	<b>320,817</b>	291,808
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Operations		<b>304,435</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>308,752</b>	282,557
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>16,382</b>	<b>(4,317)</b>	<b>12,065</b>	9,251
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>62,356</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>66,673</b>	57,422
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>78,738</b>	-	<b>78,738</b>	66,673

The notes form part of these financial statements

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	<b>2025 Total funds £</b>	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	<b>493</b>	-	<b>493</b>	520
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	<b>11,455</b>	-	<b>11,455</b>	12,611
Cash at bank		<b>77,035</b>	-	<b>77,035</b>	64,514
		<b>88,490</b>	-	<b>88,490</b>	77,125
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<b>(10,245)</b>	-	<b>(10,245)</b>	(10,972)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>78,245</b>	-	<b>78,245</b>	66,153
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>78,738</b>	-	<b>78,738</b>	66,673
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>78,738</b>	-	<b>78,738</b>	66,673
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				<b>78,738</b>	62,356
Restricted funds				-	4,317
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>78,738</b>	66,673

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms S Dean - Trustee

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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#### **1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Donor Conception Network is an unincorporated charity, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

#### **2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **INCOME**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Any amounts received in advance for events taking place after the accounting period are recognised as deferred income when received.

##### **EXPENDITURE**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

##### **TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Publication sales	<b>37,505</b>	37,347
Sponsorships	-	5,000
	<b><u>37,505</u></b>	<u>42,347</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Interest income	<b><u>554</u></b>	<u>524</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

**TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	<b>146,136</b>	142,583
Social security costs	<b>7,729</b>	6,862
Other pension costs	<b>3,220</b>	3,085
	<b><u>157,085</u></b>	<u>152,530</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<b>2025</b>	2024
<b><u>6</u></b>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	76,551	-	76,551
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	172,386	-	172,386
Other trading activities	42,347	-	42,347
Investment income	524	-	524
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>291,808</u></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,808</u>

**EXPENDITURE ON**

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Operations	280,714	1,843	282,557
	<u>280,714</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>282,557</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	11,094	(1,843)	9,251
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	51,262	6,160	57,422
	<u>51,262</u>	<u>6,160</u>	<u>57,422</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>62,356</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>66,673</u>

**8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION**

	<b>2025</b> £	2024 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the preparation and examination of the financial statements	<b>1,040</b>	990
Fees payable to the charity's accountants for bookkeeping and payroll support	<b>1,680</b>	2,232
	<u><b>2,720</b></u>	<u>3,222</u>

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 August 2024	<b>780</b>
Additions	<b>350</b>
	<u>1,130</u>
At 31 July 2025	<b>1,130</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 August 2024	<b>260</b>
Charge for year	<b>377</b>
	<u>637</u>
At 31 July 2025	<b>637</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 July 2025	<b>493</b>
	<u>493</u>
At 31 July 2024	520
	<u>520</u>

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Trade debtors	<b>1,400</b>	2,750
Other debtors	<b>8,770</b>	8,770
Prepayments	<b>1,285</b>	1,091
	<b><u>11,455</u></b>	<u>12,611</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Taxation and social security	<b>2,663</b>	2,526
Other creditors	<b>7,582</b>	8,446
	<b><u>10,245</u></b>	<u>10,972</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/8/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/7/25
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>62,356</b>	<b>16,382</b>	<b>78,738</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	<b>4,317</b>	<b>(4,317)</b>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>66,673</u></b>	<b><u>12,065</u></b>	<b><u>78,738</u></b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>320,817</b>	<b>(304,435)</b>	<b>16,382</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	-	<b>(4,317)</b>	<b>(4,317)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>320,817</u></b>	<b><u>(308,752)</u></b>	<b><u>12,065</u></b>

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/8/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,262	11,094	62,356
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	4,317	-	4,317
Digital fund	1,843	(1,843)	-
	<u>6,160</u>	<u>(1,843)</u>	<u>4,317</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>57,422</u>	<u>9,251</u>	<u>66,673</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	291,808	(280,714)	11,094
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Digital fund	-	(1,843)	(1,843)
	<u>291,808</u>	<u>(282,557)</u>	<u>9,251</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>291,808</u>	<u>(282,557)</u>	<u>9,251</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/8/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,262	27,476	78,738
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	4,317	(4,317)	-
Digital fund	1,843	(1,843)	-
	<u>6,160</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>57,422</u>	<u>21,316</u>	<u>78,738</u>

## DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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#### 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	612,625	(585,149)	27,476
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	-	(4,317)	(4,317)
Digital fund	-	(1,843)	(1,843)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>612,625</u>	<u>(591,309)</u>	<u>21,316</u>

#### Description of Restricted Funds

April Trust Film Project - Grant to update the films we use to support our workshop content.

Digital Fund - Website and digitalisation project to upgrade our website and online content delivery.

#### 13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the accounting period the charity received donations from Trustees totalling £1,500.

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1041297

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# Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024  
FOR  
DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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TRUSTEES	Ms S Dean Chair Mr G Marx Trustee Ms H Drinkwater Trustee (resigned 13/10/2023) Ms E Issacs Trustee (resigned 19/9/2023) Mr T Amies-Cull Trustee Ms R Wall Trustee Ms R Gundesen Trustee Ms C Le Guyader Trustee (appointed 6/11/2023) Ms C Gilling Smith Trustee (appointed 6/11/2023)
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	Unit 305, Clerkenwell Workshops 27-31 Clerkenwell Close Farringdon London EC1R 0AT
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1041297
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP Chartered Accountants Landgate Chambers Rye East Sussex TN31 7LJ

## DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

### LETTER FROM THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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This year has been a high profile one for the Donor Conception Network. Not only did we celebrate the Network's 30th anniversary but 2023 was a significant year as the first cohort of children conceived after the UK law change turned 18 at the end of the year. We held a successful fundraising drinks event and launched a major social media campaign to celebrate our 30th and are preparing new support services for young people and families. We have also developed our relationships with our clinic supporters and expanded the scheme to include new clinics.

This year saw some significant progress in several areas. We have seen the Network go from strength to strength thanks to expanding our services online and continued investment into our presence and engagement on social media. We have also made a significant investment in development of a new website, which went live March 2024. This is already transforming the way we offer services and increasing our efficiency. Our members are now seeing the benefits in terms of improving access to the support and information we offer.

We have continued to offer many of our services online in tandem alongside in-person events as we know there is huge value in both. We ran conferences in London and Bristol, both well-attended, a testament to the value of bringing our community together. We also introduced a new Getting Started event for prospective parents which was highly successful. Our online offer continues to be very successful, attracting a lot of participants to our workshops from beyond the UK, which is fantastic.

We are very grateful to our volunteer team of around 100 dedicated individuals who do such great work supporting members, acting as our frontline. We continue to welcome more new members, as well as increasing retention of existing members.

My thanks go to the staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters for your ongoing commitment to the Network. We are well placed to capitalise on the successful launch of our new website and increased social media presence to ensure the Network continues to thrive and meet the support and information needs of the wider donor conception community.

Sue Dean

November 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objects of the charity

The charity is an unincorporated association which was established by a constitution dated 24 September 1994 and amended 3 March 2000 and 20th October 2015 with the following objectives: to advance education in human fertility, fertilisation and embryology, assisted conception, genetics and the impact of non-genetic relationships by the provision to parents of children conceived by sperm, embryo or egg donation, to the children themselves and to those contemplating or undergoing treatment, of information, advice, counselling and support.

##### Donor Conception Network's Vision and Mission

The Donor Conception Network's vision is a society where a climate of openness and understanding about donor conception enables people considering it to make informed decisions and helps build families who are confident, accepted and have a secure identity.

The Donor Conception Network's mission is to deliver high quality, non-judgemental and inclusive support and information to would-be and current parents and their children to enable them to navigate the often complex and individual journey of donor conception.

We are a pioneering parent-led and child-centred organisation and a trusted authority on the social and emotional aspects of building or expanding a family using donor conception. We are at the forefront of the donor conception movement, bringing our 30 years of experience and the voices of our members to inform professionals, practitioners and policy makers in the UK and worldwide.

##### How our activities deliver public benefit

The Network is a professionally-run support organisation for families using donor conception. It performs a vital role in providing information and support to prospective parents and donor conception families.

## DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Our activities

##### Membership

Membership continued to grow over the year and in November 2023 we did a major tidy up of old records and non-active members. The introduction in Nov 2022 of both auto renew as the default and the option to pay monthly have proved very successful in terms of retention and improving accessibility by spreading the financial load for members across the year.

##### Website

In March 2024 we launched our new website which will enable us to do much more and offer members more content and service access online.

##### DCN Helpline

Our phone and email helplines provide invaluable support to members, the general public and professionals working in the field wishing to discuss specific donor conception-related issues.

##### Local groups/meetups and online chats - for members

During 2023/24 our volunteers ran local meetups around the UK, some events being for adults only and others catering for families with children. We also ran our popular, facilitated Zoom Chats for members.

These activities, plus welcoming new members, were made possible by our team of around 100 volunteers. We ran several volunteer support sessions during the year which were well attended and appreciated.

##### Communications

We rebranded our bi-annual Journal - now calling it a magazine with a new name, 'DCN Perspectives'. We produced our regular weekly news bulletin for members and had an active presence on social media. We spoke at various events and engaged with professionals working in the field to educate them on the long-term implications for families using donor conception.

##### Workshops

We ran a full programme of workshops which are open to both members and non-members. We offer Destination Parenthood workshops for people considering donor conception and Telling and Talking for those with children up to 7yrs. We also run a workshop for professionals working in the field 'Making It Real'.

##### DCN Conferences

We are fully back to business as usual with regard to our conferences. We held an out-of-London conference in Sheffield in October 2023 and in May 2024 we ran our annual London conference. In June we held our 4th Virtual Conference. Being online, it meant people from all over the world were able to access this valuable event.

##### Getting Started - New event

We have long recognised that the London conference can be overwhelming for people who haven't had children yet. In April 2024 we launched a new event specifically for prospective parents called 'Getting Started'. This event is planned to complement our conference, both in time and content. The format is designed exclusively for people at the earlier stage of considering donor conception. The London conference will become our main event for families, where people can bring their children and have the opportunity of attending the activities we run for children.

##### Projects

April Trust funding to make a new film for our workshops: The project work continued, with a slight delay due to availability of the editing team. The planned completion date is November 2024.

Website and Digitalisation project : this project completed in March 2024.

##### Advocacy and awareness

We supported a number of research project proposals. DCN Research Officer, Yael Ilan, continued in her role as part of the ConnecteDNA project being run by Manchester University and on the advisory board for the DigitalDC project. Through the year we participated in the regular HFEA and POSG meetings and had regular meetings with the HFEA.

## DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In August 2023 we participated in the FNUK LGBT routes to parenthood course. In the autumn of 2023, we attended the My Surrogacy Journey conference and had a stand at the Modern Family Show, where we also spoke.

In January 2024, Nina Barnsley was invited to speak at the BFS conference in Edinburgh.

In March 2024 we were invited to attend the first Future Fertility Show in Dublin, Ireland, having a stand there as well as 2 speaking slots. Surrogacy UK invited us to participate in their annual conference in April 2024, both speaking and running an information stand.

We exhibited at the Fertility Show in May 2024 as well as having a speaking slot that weekend.

In November 2023 we participated in National Fertility Awareness Week and in April 2024 we participated in the second International Donor Conception Awareness Day (IDCAD).

We had several engagements with journalists, raising awareness of the particular issues for donor conception families. Autumn of 2023 was significant as the first children conceived after the UK law change turned 18 in November. The number of people that the new law applied to who have turned 18 is currently small, but that will change dramatically over the coming years.

#### How we are funded

The DC Network has five main sources of income: membership subscriptions and donations; membership activities (e.g. conferences); publication sales; workshop income; and income from our Clinic and Lawyer Supporter Schemes.

Membership subscriptions, gift aid and donations account for a large proportion of our income and this income supports the services that we offer to members. These include: planning our annual conferences; biannual journal/magazine to members; supporting our local groups and meetups throughout the UK; our regular bulletins to members; and our email and telephone support services.

Publication sales: Our publications continue to sell well around the world, reflecting the broader reach that our small charity achieves.

Workshop income: To keep prices as low as possible, our workshops are designed to be self-funding, rather than profit making, with the income received matching the cost of developing, organising and delivering these specialised, highly-sensitive and professionally-run events.

Our corporate supporter programmes generate part of our income and we are very grateful to all our clinic and lawyer supporters.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

At the balance sheet date the total funds of the Charity were £66,673 (2023: £57,422).

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms S Dean - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Donor Conception Network

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Donor Conception Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
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.

Mr David Ashby FCCA ACA

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7 February 2025

DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		76,551	-	76,551	78,838
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities		172,386	-	172,386	169,608
Other trading activities	3	42,347	-	42,347	36,819
Investment income	4	524	-	524	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>291,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,808</u>	<u>285,265</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities					
Operations		280,714	1,843	282,557	308,535
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		11,094	(1,843)	9,251	(23,270)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		51,262	6,160	57,422	80,692
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>62,356</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>66,673</u>	<u>57,422</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET  
31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	520	-	520	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	12,611	-	12,611	1,900
Cash at bank		<u>60,197</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>64,514</u>	<u>62,633</u>
		72,808	4,317	77,125	64,533
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(10,972)	-	(10,972)	(7,111)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>61,836</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>66,153</u>	<u>57,422</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>62,356</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>66,673</u>	<u>57,422</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u><u>62,356</u></u>	<u><u>4,317</u></u>	<u><u>66,673</u></u>	<u><u>57,422</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	12			62,356	51,262
Restricted funds				<u>4,317</u>	<u>6,160</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u><u>66,673</u></u>	<u><u>57,422</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms S Dean - Trustee

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Donor Conception Network is an unincorporated charity, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**INCOME**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Any amounts received in advance for events taking place after the accounting period are recognised as deferred income when received.

**EXPENDITURE**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

**TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Publication sales	37,347	36,819
Sponsorships	5,000	-
	<u>42,347</u>	<u>36,819</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest income	<u>524</u>	<u>-</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	142,583	131,625
Social security costs	6,862	5,525
Other pension costs	3,085	3,172
	<u>152,530</u>	<u>140,322</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	78,838	-	78,838
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	169,608	-	169,608
Other trading activities	<u>36,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,819</u>
Total	<u>285,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,265</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
Operations	285,423	23,112	308,535

DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(158)	(23,112)	(23,270)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	51,420	29,272	80,692
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>51,262</u>	<u>6,160</u>	<u>57,422</u>
8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION			
		2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the preparation and examination of the financial statements		990	960
Fees payable to the charity's accountants for bookkeeping and payroll support		<u>2,232</u>	<u>1,968</u>
		<u>3,222</u>	<u>2,928</u>
9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
			Computer equipment £
COST			
Additions			<u>780</u>
DEPRECIATION			
Charge for year			<u>260</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2024			<u>520</u>
At 31 July 2023			<u>-</u>
10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
		2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors		2,750	1,900
Other debtors		8,770	-
Prepayments		<u>1,091</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>12,611</u>	<u>1,900</u>

## 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,526	2,424
Other creditors	8,446	4,687
	<u>10,972</u>	<u>7,111</u>

## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/8/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/7/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,262	11,094	62,356
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	4,317	-	4,317
Digital fund	1,843	(1,843)	-
	<u>6,160</u>	<u>(1,843)</u>	<u>4,317</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,422</u>	<u>9,251</u>	<u>66,673</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	291,808	(280,714)	11,094
Restricted funds			
Digital fund	-	(1,843)	(1,843)
	<u>291,808</u>	<u>(282,557)</u>	<u>9,251</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/8/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/7/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,420	(158)	51,262
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	5,434	(1,117)	4,317
Digital fund	21,338	(19,495)	1,843
30th Anniversary Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>29,272</u>	<u>(23,112)</u>	<u>6,160</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,692</u>	<u>(23,270)</u>	<u>57,422</u>

## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	285,265	(285,423)	(158)
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	-	(1,117)	(1,117)
Digital fund	-	(19,495)	(19,495)
30th Anniversary Fund	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,112)</u>	<u>(23,112)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>285,265</u>	<u>(308,535)</u>	<u>(23,270)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/8/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,420	10,936	62,356
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	5,434	(1,117)	4,317
Digital fund	21,338	(21,338)	-
30th Anniversary Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>29,272</u>	<u>(24,955)</u>	<u>4,317</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>80,692</u>	<u>(14,019)</u>	<u>66,673</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	577,073	(566,137)	10,936
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	-	(1,117)	(1,117)
Digital fund	-	(21,338)	(21,338)
30th Anniversary Fund	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,955)</u>	<u>(24,955)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>577,073</u>	<u>(591,092)</u>	<u>(14,019)</u>

## Description of Restricted Funds

April Trust Film Project - Grant to update the films we use to support our workshop content.

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Digital Fund - Website and digitalisation project to upgrade our website and online content delivery.

30th Anniversary Fund - Funds allocated to support our 30th anniversary celebrations.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2024.

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1041297

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1041297**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023  
FOR  
DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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**TRUSTEES**

Mrs S Dean Chair  
Mr G Marx Trustee  
Mrs H Drinkwater Trustee (resigned 13/10/2023)  
Mrs E Issacs Trustee (resigned 19/9/2023)  
Mr T Amies-Cull Trustee  
Mrs R Wall Trustee  
Mrs R Gundesen Trustee  
Mrs C Le Guyader (appointed 6/11/2023)  
Mrs C Gilling Smith (appointed 6/11/2023)

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

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## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **LETTER FROM THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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This year has been a high profile one for the Donor Conception Network. Not only did we celebrate the Network's 30th anniversary but 2023 was a significant year as the first cohort of children conceived after the UK law change turned 18 at the end of the year. We held a successful fundraising drinks event and launched a major social media campaign to celebrate our 30th and are preparing new support services for young people and families.

This year has been another busy year and saw some significant progress in several areas as we continued to bounce back from the difficulties caused by Covid 19. We have seen the Network go from strength to strength thanks to expanding our services online and continued investment into our presence and engagement on social media. We have also made a significant investment in development of a new website, which went live March 2024. This will transform the way we offer services and increase our efficiency. Combined with a new simplified membership scheme, launched in November 2022, our members are now seeing the benefits in terms of improving access to the support and information we offer.

We have continued to offer many of our services online in tandem alongside in-person events as we know there is huge value in both. We ran conferences in London and Bristol, both well-attended, a testament to the value of bringing our community together. Our online offer continues to be very successful and continues to attract a lot of participants to our workshops from beyond the UK, which is fantastic. We are always very grateful to our volunteer team of around 100 dedicated individuals who manage to do such great work supporting members, often acting as our frontline.

We continue to welcome more new members, as well as increasing retention of existing members. In addition, as our Annual Report shows, we had another very busy year undertaking the following activities for our members and non-members:

- Support interactions on the Helpline
- Local meet ups across the UK
- Online chats
- Our popular Friday Bulletin and Perspectives Magazine
- Workshops
- Communications and advocacy opportunities

My thanks go to the staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters for your ongoing commitment to the Network. We are well placed to capitalise on a successful 30th anniversary year and the launch of our new website and for the Network to continue to thrive and meet the support and information needs of the wider donor conception community.

Sue Dean

April 2024

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objects of the charity**

The charity is an unincorporated association which was established by a constitution dated 24 September 1994 and amended 3 March 2000 and 20th October 2015 with the following objectives: to advance education in human fertility, fertilisation and embryology, assisted conception, genetics and the impact of non-genetic relationships by the provision to parents of children conceived by sperm, embryo or egg donation, to the children themselves and to those contemplating or undergoing treatment, of information, advice, counselling and support.

##### **Donor Conception Network's Vision and Mission**

The Donor Conception Network's vision is a society where a climate of openness and understanding about donor conception enables people considering it to make informed decisions and helps build families who are confident, accepted and have a secure identity.

The Donor Conception Network's mission is to deliver high quality, non-judgemental and inclusive support and information to would-be and current parents and their children to enable them to navigate the often complex and individual journey of donor conception.

We are a pioneering parent-led and child-centred organisation and a trusted authority on the social and emotional aspects of building or expanding a family using donor conception. We are at the forefront of the donor conception movement, bringing our 30 years of experience and the voices of our members to inform professionals, practitioners and policy makers in the UK and worldwide.

##### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Network is a professionally-run support organisation for families using donor conception. It performs a vital role in providing information and support to prospective parents and donor conception families.

## **DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Our activities**

##### **30th Anniversary**

In 2023, we celebrated the charity's 30th anniversary year. This involved holding member picnics around the country and a drinks evening in June for our key supporters and stakeholders. We also marked the moment at our conferences and used the opportunity to run a social media campaign showcasing the services and resources that we've developed over three decades.

##### **Membership**

In November 2022 we launched a reorganised, rebranded and upgraded membership structure. We also increased fees (which we hadn't done for 6 years) to bring things up to date.

##### **DCN Helpline**

Our phone and email helplines provide invaluable support to members, the general public and professionals working in the field wishing to discuss specific donor conception-related issues.

##### **Local groups/meetups and online chats - for members**

During 2022/23 our volunteers ran local meetups around the UK, some events being for adults only and others catering for families with children. We also ran our popular, facilitated Zoom Chats for members.

These activities, plus welcoming new members, were made possible by our team of around 100 volunteers. We ran several volunteer support sessions during the year which were well attended and appreciated.

##### **Communications**

We rebranded our bi-annual Journal - now calling it a magazine with a new name, 'DCN Perspectives'. We produced our regular weekly news bulletin for members and had an active presence on social media. We spoke at various events and engaged with professionals working in the field to educate them on the long-term implications for families using donor conception.

##### **Workshops**

We ran a full programme of workshops which are open to both members and non-members. We offer Destination Parenthood workshops for people considering donor conception and Telling and Talking for those with children up to 7yrs. We also run a workshop for professionals working in the field 'Making It Real'.

##### **DCN Conferences**

After an 18-month hiatus, this year we were back to normal with our biannual conference programme (one in London and one out-of-London). In October 2022 we headed to Bristol for a half day out-of-London conference, our first outside London since 2019. In April 2023 we ran our very popular and well-attended annual members in-person London conference.

##### **Projects**

April Trust funding to make a new film for our workshops: Following a review of the project, given the restructured workshop programme, we revised the plan to complete it as a series of full individual interviews, adding voiceover and slides. We needed to find a new editor for the films and that took until spring 2023, when the project work resumed.

##### **Website and Digitalisation project**

This project ran into difficulty integrating the front and back end of the website which delayed progress. However, the design and build continued and the content rewrite is underway.

##### **Advocacy and awareness**

We evaluated and circulated 4 research projects to our membership. DCN Research Officer, Yael Ilan, continued in her role as part of the ConnecteDNA project being run by Manchester University. She also joined the advisory board for the DigitalDC project. Nina Barnsley continued her role as part of the HFEA's Legislative Reform Advisory Group to discuss proposals for changing the HFE Act. Through the year we participated in the regular HFEA and POSG meetings.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

In the autumn of 2022, we attended the My Surrogacy Journey conference and had a stand at the Modern Family Show, where we also spoke. The Fertility Show was back in person in May 2023 and we had a stand in London, as well as a speaking slot that weekend.

In November 2022 we participated in National Fertility Awareness Week and in April 2023 we participated in the second International Donor Conception Awareness Day (IDCAD).

2023 was a significant year as the first cohort of children conceived after the UK law change turned 18 at the end of the year. As a result, there was a huge amount of media coverage and we were invited to speak on several radio and TV programmes including BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour and Radio 5 Live. We were asked to contribute to various other media programmes and articles, raising our profile and also raising awareness of the particular issues relating to donor conception.

**How we are funded**

The DC Network has five main sources of income: membership subscriptions and donations; membership activities (e.g. conferences); publication sales; workshop income; and income from our Clinic and Lawyer Supporter Schemes.

Membership subscriptions, gift aid and donations account for a large proportion of our income and this income supports the services that we offer to members. These include: planning our annual conferences; biannual journal/magazine to members; supporting our local groups and meetups throughout the UK; our regular bulletins to members; and our email and telephone support services.

Publication sales: Our publications continue to sell well around the world, reflecting the broader reach that our small charity achieves.

Workshop income: To keep prices as low as possible, our workshops are designed to be self-funding, rather than profit making, with the income received matching the cost of developing, organising and delivering these specialised, highly-sensitive and professionally-run events.

Our corporate supporter programmes generate part of our income and we are very grateful to all our clinic and lawyer supporters.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

At the balance sheet date the total funds of the Charity were £57,422 (2022: £80,692).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

29/05/2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs S Dean - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Donor Conception Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Donor Conception Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
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.



Mr David Ashby FCCA

Date: ... 30/05/2024 .....

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	<b>2023 Total funds £</b>	<i>2022 Total funds £</i>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		<b>78,838</b>	-	<b>78,838</b>	70,252
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Workshops		<b>38,013</b>	-	<b>38,013</b>	32,274
Conferences and events		<b>31,906</b>	-	<b>31,906</b>	20,865
Subscriptions		<b>99,689</b>	-	<b>99,689</b>	86,733
Other trading activities	2	<b>36,819</b>	-	<b>36,819</b>	38,263
<b>Total</b>		<b>285,265</b>	-	<b>285,265</b>	248,387
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Staff and management		<b>138,777</b>	-	<b>138,777</b>	118,233
Operations		<b>103,703</b>	<b>19,495</b>	<b>123,198</b>	89,397
Workshops		<b>22,613</b>	-	<b>22,613</b>	31,966
Conferences and events		<b>20,330</b>	<b>3,617</b>	<b>23,947</b>	19,531
<b>Total</b>		<b>285,423</b>	<b>23,112</b>	<b>308,535</b>	259,127
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(158)</b>	<b>(23,112)</b>	<b>(23,270)</b>	<i>(10,740)</i>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>51,420</b>	<b>29,272</b>	<b>80,692</b>	91,432
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>51,262</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>57,422</b>	80,692

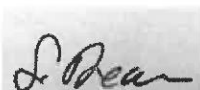
The notes form part of these financial statements

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	<b>2023 Total funds £</b>	<i>2022 Total funds £</i>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	<b>1,900</b>	-	<b>1,900</b>	-
Cash at bank		<b>56,473</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>62,633</b>	80,692
		<b>58,373</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>64,533</b>	80,692
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<b>(7,111)</b>	-	<b>(7,111)</b>	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>51,262</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>57,422</b>	80,692
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>51,262</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>57,422</b>	80,692
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>51,262</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>57,422</b>	80,692
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	8			<b>51,262</b>	51,420
Restricted funds				<b>6,160</b>	29,272
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>57,422</b>	80,692

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29/05/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs S Dean - Trustee

## DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **INCOME**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **EXPENDITURE**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Publication sales	<b><u>36,819</u></b>	<i><u>38,263</u></i>

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023****3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

**TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average weekly number of employees remunerated during the year, calculated on a full time equivalent basis was 6 (2022: 4)

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	70,252	-	70,252
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Workshops	32,274	-	32,274
Conferences and events	20,865	-	20,865
Subscriptions	86,733	-	86,733
Other trading activities	38,263	-	38,263
<b>Total</b>	<u>248,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,387</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Staff and management	118,233	-	118,233
Operations	83,611	5,786	89,397
Workshops	31,966	-	31,966
Conferences and events	15,821	3,710	19,531
<b>Total</b>	<u>249,631</u>	<u>9,496</u>	<u>259,127</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(1,244)	(9,496)	(10,740)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	52,664	38,768	91,432
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>51,420</u>	<u>29,272</u>	<u>80,692</u>

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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<b>6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
Trade debtors		<b>1,900</b>	-
		<u>1,900</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
Taxation and social security		<b>2,424</b>	-
Other creditors		<b>4,687</b>	-
		<u>7,111</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>			
	At 1/8/22	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31/7/23
		£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>51,420</b>	<b>(158)</b>	<b>51,262</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	<b>5,434</b>	<b>(1,117)</b>	<b>4,317</b>
Digital fund	<b>21,338</b>	<b>(19,495)</b>	<b>1,843</b>
30th Anniversary Fund	<b>2,500</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	-
	<u>29,272</u>	<u>(23,112)</u>	<u>6,160</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>80,692</b></u>	<u><b>(23,270)</b></u>	<u><b>57,422</b></u>
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>285,265</b>	<b>(285,423)</b>	<b>(158)</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	-	<b>(1,117)</b>	<b>(1,117)</b>
Digital fund	-	<b>(19,495)</b>	<b>(19,495)</b>
30th Anniversary Fund	-	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>
	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(23,112)</b></u>	<u><b>(23,112)</b></u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>285,265</b></u>	<u><b>(308,535)</b></u>	<u><b>(23,270)</b></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/8/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	52,664	(1,244)	51,420
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	10,448	(5,014)	5,434
Digital fund	25,820	(4,482)	21,338
30th Anniversary Fund	2,500	-	2,500
	<u>38,768</u>	<u>(9,496)</u>	<u>29,272</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>91,432</u>	<u>(10,740)</u>	<u>80,692</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	248,387	(249,631)	(1,244)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	-	(5,014)	(5,014)
Digital fund	-	(4,482)	(4,482)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,496)</u>	<u>(9,496)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>248,387</u>	<u>(259,127)</u>	<u>(10,740)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/8/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/7/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	52,664	(1,402)	51,262
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	10,448	(6,131)	4,317
Digital fund	25,820	(23,977)	1,843
30th Anniversary Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>38,768</u>	<u>(32,608)</u>	<u>6,160</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>91,432</u>	<u>(34,010)</u>	<u>57,422</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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#### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	533,652	(535,054)	(1,402)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
April Trust Film Project	-	(6,131)	(6,131)
Digital fund	-	(23,977)	(23,977)
30th Anniversary Fund	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,608)</u>	<u>(32,608)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>533,652</u>	<u>(567,662)</u>	<u>(34,010)</u>

#### 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2023.

**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK****DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	29,540	16,088
Gift aid	22,798	19,146
P&P income	6,900	7,707
Donated services and facilities	19,600	27,311
	<b>78,838</b>	<b>70,252</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Publication sales	36,819	38,263
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Conferences and events	31,906	20,865
Workshops	38,013	32,274
Memberships	99,689	86,733
	<b>169,608</b>	<b>139,872</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>285,265</b>	<b>248,387</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Workshops	22,613	32,830
Conferences and events	23,947	18,667
	<b>46,560</b>	<b>51,497</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	131,625	111,286
Social security	5,525	4,650
Pensions	3,172	2,297
Rent	7,800	7,800
Insurance	1,004	982
Postage and stationery	9,852	17,443
Advertising	15,788	23,183
Sundries	2,380	-
Publications and journals	18,871	16,046
Travel and meetings	4,006	432
Library service	171	183
	<b>200,194</b>	<b>184,302</b>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	2,663	191
PayPal fees	1,946	3,543
	<b>4,609</b>	<b>3,734</b>

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**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK****DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

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	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Information technology</b>		
Telephone	2,428	5,423
Computer costs	300	-
Website costs	50,662	13,619
	<u>53,390</u>	<u>19,042</u>
<b>Human resources</b>		
HR costs	854	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,928	552
Total resources expended	<u>308,535</u>	<u>259,127</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(23,270)</u>	<u>(10,740)</u>

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**DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1041297

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Charity Registration No. 1041297

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022*

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This year has been another busy year and saw some significant progress in several areas as we bounced back from the difficulties caused by Covid 19.

We were able to recruit two new experienced trustees, Geoffrey Marx and Hannah Drinkwater, an accountant, in April, following the resignation of trustee Spencer Fox.

We have seen the Network go from strength to strength thanks to expanding our services online and putting more energy into our presence and engagement on social media. We have also made a significant investment in development of a new website. When the new site goes live, it should transform the way we offer services and increase our efficiency. We hope that our members will soon see the benefits in terms of improving access to the support and information we offer.

We have continued to offer many of our services online in tandem alongside in-person events as we know there is huge value in both. Our online offer has been very successful and continues to attract a lot of participants to our workshops from beyond the UK, which is fantastic. We are always very grateful to our volunteer team who manage to do such great work supporting members, often acting as our frontline.

We welcomed 806 new members, and in addition, as our Annual Report shows, we had another very busy year undertaking the following activities for our members and non-members:

- 646 support interactions on the Helpline
- 42 local meet ups across the UK
- 206 online chats
- 13 online and 2 face to face workshops for parents in Preparation for Parenthood and Telling and Talking
- 2 online workshops for professionals
- Plus numerous communication and advocacy activities

My thanks go to the staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters for your ongoing commitment to the Network. We are well placed for a successful 30th anniversary year in 2023 and for the Network to continue to thrive and meet the support and information needs of the wider donor conception community.

Sue Dean

May 2023

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### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Network is a professionally-run support organisation for families using donor conception. It performs a vital role in providing information and support to prospective parents and donor conception families.

In 2021/22 we welcomed 806 new members to the Network. This included people considering donor conception, parents of donor conceived children, previous members who were re-joining, professionals working in the field and donor conceived adults.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

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### Our activities in 2021/2022

#### DCN Helpline

Our phone and email helplines provide invaluable support to members, the general public and professionals working in the field wishing to discuss specific donor conception related issues. In total, we provided over 646 support interactions (beyond simple questions and queries), around half of these coming from non-members.

#### Local groups/meetups

During 2021/22 our volunteers ran 42 local meetups around the UK and in Ireland, some events being adults only and others catering for families with children. These opportunities for people to meet face-to-face are invaluable in helping break the isolation some people feel. They are opportunities to raise and discuss difficult topics where appropriate and generally help to build confidence in decision-making and sharing their family story.

We also ran 206 of our popular Zoom Chats for members, facilitated by volunteers. Some of these are topic based, some are grouped by family-type and others are location based. These activities, as well as welcoming new members, were supported by our 100 volunteers.

#### Communications

We published two DCN Journals, produced a weekly news bulletin for members and had an active presence on social media. We spoke at various events and engaged with professionals working in the field to educate them on the long-term implications for families using donor conception.

#### Workshops

We offer two main workshops which are open to both members and non-members, Preparation for Parenthood (for people considering donor conception) and Telling and Talking (separate events for those with children up to 7yrs and those with children 8-12yrs). These workshops are very important in helping participants explore the issues related to donor conception relevant to their stage of parenthood.

Preparation for Parenthood workshops (Zoom): We moved all workshops to online with one final in-person event for heterosexual couples at the end of 2021. We then ran 6 online workshops, 2 for single women and 4 for heterosexual couples.

Telling and Talking workshops (Zoom and in-person): We ran 7 online workshops for parents of children <7yrs (5 for heterosexual couples and 2 for single women and lesbian couples). We ran 2 in-person workshops in London for heterosexual couples and 1 for single women and 1 online mixed workshop for parents of children 8-12yrs.

In September 2021 and again in May 2022 we ran Making It Real workshops online for professionals working with donor conception families (e.g. fertility counsellors, clinic staff, lawyers, HFEA staff, fertility nurses, family therapists).

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

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### **DCN Conferences**

We decided not to hold our usual out-of-London conference in autumn 2021 although we did run our children's group as a stand-alone event in London. We were very pleased to be back running our on-person London conference in April 2022 and welcomed over 200 adults and nearly 100 babies and children.

### **Projects**

April Trust funding to make a new film for our workshops: We completed the interviews, but had to review the whole project in terms of final product. This is because the workshop content and structure has been fully revised in the move to online and the need and programme space for these films has changed.

Website and Digitalisation project: this project has started and is likely to complete Spring 2023.

### **Advocacy and awareness**

We evaluated and circulated 7 research projects to our membership. DCN Research Officer, Yael Ilan, is involved in the ConnecteDNA project being run by Manchester University. Nina Barnsley was invited to be part of the HFEA's Legislative Reform Advisory Group to discuss proposals for changing the HFE Act. Through the year we participated in the regular HFEA and POSG meetings.

The Fertility Show was back as an online event in September 2021 and then in-person in London in May 2022. We had a stand in London, as well as a speaking slot that weekend. We also attended the Modern Family Show and the My Surrogacy Journey conference in the autumn of 2021.

In November 2021 we participated in the annual National Fertility Awareness Week and in April 2022 we participated in the second International Donor Conception Awareness Day.

### **How we are funded**

The DC Network has five main sources of income: membership subscriptions and donations; membership activities (e.g. conferences); publication sales; workshop income; and income from our clinic and lawyer supporter schemes.

Membership subscriptions, gift aid and donations account for over half of our income and supports the services that we offer to members. These include: planning our annual conferences; biannual journal to members; supporting our local groups and meetups throughout the UK and Ireland; our regular bulletins to members; and our email and telephone support services.

Publication sales. Our publications continue to sell well around the world, reflecting the broader reach that our small charity achieves.

Workshop income. To keep prices as low as possible, our workshops are designed to be self-funding, rather than profit making, with the income received matching the cost of developing, organising and delivering these specialised, highly-sensitive and professionally-run events.

Our corporate supporter programmes generate part of our income and we are very grateful to all our clinic and lawyer supporters.

### **Our Lawyer supporters**

Our lawyer supporter scheme encourages legal firms specialising in fertility law to support us and help us ensure that we are connecting people to the right support that they may need. We know many people use our website for information and signposting to appropriate services. We are enormously grateful to all our lawyer supporters for building these links with us:

4 Paper Buildings  
A City Law Firm  
Biscoes

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

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### **Our Lawyer supporters (continued)**

Bishop and Sewell  
Burgess Mee  
Clarke Willmott  
Harper Macleod  
NGA Law  
Osbornes  
Penningtons Manches Cooper  
Simpson Miller  
Shoosmiths  
The Modern Family Law Company  
TV Edwards

### **Our Clinic supporters**

This scheme encourages fertility clinics to support us in the work we do. It enables us to forge closer links with these clinics, who are treating many of the people who go on to become our members at the start of their donor conception journey. Clinics who join the scheme recognise that there are wider issues to consider when a child is being created with the use of donor gametes. Their commitment to us is helping to ensure we can support families long-term, whatever needs may come up that relate to donor conception.

Aberdeen Fertility  
Manchester Fertility  
Herts & Essex Fertility Centre  
Gennet City Fertility (as it was then known)  
Care Fertility (12 clinics)  
London Women's Clinic (including London Sperm Bank and London Egg Bank and 4 clinics: London, Cardiff, Darlington, London Bridge)  
The Hewitt Fertility Centre  
CRGH  
Jessop Fertility  
European Sperm Bank  
Apricity  
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### **Review of financial position**

At the balance sheet date the total funds of the Charity were £80,692 (2021: £91,432).

### **Trustees**

T Amies-Cull  
L Bull (resigned 31st October 2021)  
S Dean  
H Drinkwater (appointed AGM 23 April 2022)  
R Gundesen  
E Isaacs (appointed AGM 23 April 2022)  
E Kippax (resigned 31st October 2021)  
G Marx (appointed AGM 23 April 2022)  
R Wall

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

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### **Investment policy**

Under the constitution, the Trustees have the authority to invest the funds of the charitable trust at their discretion.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level that will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

### **Risk Factors**

The Trustees regularly examine the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure that necessary steps are taken to lessen the effect of such risks.

### **Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Financial statements and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

S Dean

**Trustee**

Dated 31 May 2023

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

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I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2022, which are as set out on pages 8 to 12.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under sections 145 (5) and 152 (5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Michael Pinner ACA

Relevant professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 31 May 2023

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Donations and subscriptions	138,065	-	138,065	111,018
Publication sales	38,263	-	38,263	43,532
Grants	-	-	-	30,750
Other income	72,285	-	72,285	65,259
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	248,613	-	248,613	250,559
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Staff and management	118,233	-	118,233	129,370
Operations	131,624	9,496	141,120	84,494
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	249,857	9,496	259,353	213,864
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing)/resources for the year ended 31 July 2022</b>	(1,244)	(9,496)	(10,740)	36,695
<b>Fund balances brought forward at 1 August 2021</b>	52,664	38,768	91,432	54,737
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<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 July 2022</b>	51,420	29,272	80,692	91,432
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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2022

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	Notes	£	2022	£	£	2021	£
<b>Current assets</b>							
Cash at bank and in hand			80,692			91,432	
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			-			-	
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>80,692</b>			<b>91,432</b>	
			<b>=====</b>			<b>=====</b>	
<b>Income funds</b>							
Restricted funds	<b>2</b>		29,272			38,768	
Unrestricted funds	<b>2</b>		51,420			52,664	
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
			<b>80,692</b>			<b>91,432</b>	
			<b>=====</b>			<b>=====</b>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31 May 2023

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S Dean  
Trustee

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

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### 1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	-	15% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income / (expenditure) for the year.

### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022 (CONTINUED)

#### 2. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Analysis of unrestricted funds movements

	Balance at 1 August 2021	Incoming Resources resources expended	Balance at July 31 2022
	£	£	£
General fund	52,664	248,613	(249,857)
	52,664	248,613	(249,857)
	=====	=====	=====

##### Analysis of restricted funds movement

	Balance at 1 August 2021	Incoming Resources resources expended	Balance at July 31 2022
	£	£	£
April Trust Film Project	10,448	-	(5,014)
Digital Fund	25,820	-	(4,482)
30th Anniversary Fund	2,500	-	-
	38,768	-	(9,496)
	=====	=====	=====

##### Name of the fund

##### Description, nature and purpose of the fund

April Trust Film Project	Grant to allow the remaking of our Telling and Talking film which we use in our workshops
Digital Fund	Website and Digitalisation project
30th Anniversary Fund	Grant to support anniversary project in 2023

#### 3. Staff costs

The average weekly number of employees remunerated during the year, calculated on a full time equivalent basis, was 4 (2021 – 4).

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

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In September 2020 I was confirmed as Chair after having taken over as interim chair earlier in the year when Claire Beasley stepped down. Two other trustees also stepped down during the year and we were lucky, after a very successful recruitment drive, to bring in new people with a good range of skills and experience.

This year has seen the Network go from strength to strength thanks to expanding our services online and putting more energy into our presence and engagement on social media. The main thing that still holds us back is our website. At the end of 2020 we launched our Website and Digitalisation Appeal to raise money to develop the front and back end.

We also applied to Awards For All and were pleased to get a grant from them for this project. The combined total has given us a decent amount for the work needed and allowed us to start investigating agencies that could do the work. As a temporary measure we invested a small amount to do a 'quick fix' to improve the navigation and format of the existing site in the short term, which has proved very successful.

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Towards the end of 2020 Olivia Montuschi, one of the founders of the Network, stepped back into a volunteer role. We are so grateful for everything she has done over the years and are very glad that she is willing to remain involved, in a voluntary capacity, offering her wisdom and expertise to the team in the office.



Sue Dean

May 2022

# DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK

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### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The Network is a professionally-run support organisation for families using donor conception. It performs a vital role in providing information and support to prospective parents and donor conception families.

In 2020/21 we welcomed 596 new members to the Network. This included people considering donor conception, parents of donor conceived children, previous members who were re-joining, professionals working in the field and donor conceived adults.

During summer and autumn 2020 we ran a small number of local meetups, where permitted. Due to the government restrictions, we were unable to hold our usual annual conferences in October 2020 or April 2021.

We published two DCN Journals, produced a weekly news bulletin for members and had an active presence on social media. We spoke at various events and engaged with professionals working in the field to educate them on the long-term implications for families using donor conception.

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### Our activities in 2020/2021

#### **Continuing the Conversation: New DCN Telling and Talking booklet published**

In November 2020 we published a new book in our Telling and Talking series written by Olivia Montuschi. The book, titled Continuing the Conversation, was aimed at parents of children 12yrs+ who had been told at a young age and explores how that conversation will evolve as children enter adolescence and adulthood. We held a book launch online in November.

#### **Building A Family – Ken Daniels**

DCN took over as publisher of Ken Daniel's book exploring donor conception.

#### **DCN Helpline**

Our phone and email helplines provide invaluable support to members, the general public and professionals working in the field wishing to discuss specific donor conception related issues. In total, we provided over 710 support interactions (beyond simple questions and queries), more than half of these coming from non-members.

#### **Local groups/meetups**

Our volunteers organised a small number of meetups for members around the UK and in Ireland, some events being adults only and others catering for families with children. These opportunities for people to meet face-to-face are invaluable in helping break the isolation some people feel. They are opportunities to raise and discuss difficult topics where appropriate and generally help to build confidence in decision-making and sharing their family story. These in-person events were limited during the period due to government restrictions.

We continued running our popular Online Chats for members. Some of these are topic based, some are grouped by family-type and others are location based.

#### **Workshops**

We offer two main workshops which are open to both members and non-members, Preparation for Parenthood (for people considering donor conception) and Telling and Talking (separate events for those with children up to 7yrs and those with children 8-12yrs). These workshops are very important in helping participants explore the issues related to donor conception relevant to their stage of parenthood.

Preparation for parenthood workshops: We moved all our workshops to online ran 4 for single women and 2 for heterosexual couples. We had 76 attendees from UK, Ireland, France, Switzerland Germany, USA & Netherlands.

Telling and Talking workshops: We ran 9 online workshops for parents of children <7yrs (7 for heterosexual couples and 2 for single women and lesbian couples). We ran 1 in person workshop in London for single women and lesbian couples. We ran 1 workshop for parents of children 8-12yrs. There were 137 delegates from UK & Ireland, Australia, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Poland, France & Germany.

In March 2021 we ran a Making It Real workshop online for professionals working with donor conception families (eg fertility counsellors, clinic staff, lawyers, HFEA staff, fertility nurses, family therapists).

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### Projects

April Trust funding to make a new film for our workshops: the restrictions on in-person activities slowed this project but we were able to hold interview days in October 2020 and June 2021.

Website and Digitalisation project: in April we received a £10k grant from Awards for All towards this project.

### Advocacy and awareness

In September DCN Director, Nina Barnsley, spoke at the PET event Known Unknowns – The Pros, Cons and Consequences of Known Donation

In November Research Officer Yael Ilan-Clarke joined Dr Petra Nordqvist and Dr Leah Gilman from Manchester University in a webinar exploring connections between donors and those they donate to.

We joined an Instagram Live with LGBT Mummies Tribe and ran a webinar for My Surrogacy Journey. In April 2021 we participated in the first International Donor Conception Awareness Day.

Through the year we participated in the regular HFEA and AFPO meetings.

### COVID19

DC Network support services and normal office activity continued to be impacted in some ways by the changing restrictions on in-person events, some working from home, the impact of international travel restrictions on fertility treatment abroad and other responses to the COVID19 situation.

### How we are funded

The DC Network has five main sources of income: membership subscriptions and donations; membership activities (e.g. conferences); publication sales; workshop income; and income from our clinic and lawyer supporter schemes.

Membership subscriptions, gift aid and donations account for over half of our income and supports the services that we offer to members. These include: planning our annual conferences; biannual journal to members; supporting our local groups and meetups throughout the UK and Ireland; our regular bulletins to members; and our email and telephone support services.

Publication sales. Our publications continue to sell well around the world, reflecting the broader reach that our small charity achieves.

Workshop income. To keep prices as low as possible, our workshops are designed to be self-funding, rather than profit making, with the income received matching the cost of developing, organising and delivering these specialised, highly-sensitive and professionally-run events.

Our corporate supporter programmes generate part of our income and we are very grateful to all our clinic and lawyer supporters.

### Our Lawyer supporters

Our lawyer supporter scheme encourages legal firms specialising in fertility law to support us and help us ensure that we are connecting people to the right support that they may need. We know many people use our website for information and signposting to appropriate services. We are enormously grateful to all our lawyer supporters for building these links with us:

4 Paper Buildings  
A City Law Firm  
Biscoes  
Bishop and Sewell

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### Our Lawyer supporters (continued)

Burgess Mee  
Clarke Willmott  
Harper Macleod  
JMW  
NGA Law  
Osbornes  
Penningtons Manches Cooper  
Simpson Miller  
TV Edwards

### Our Clinic supporters

This scheme encourages fertility clinics to support us in the work we do. It enables us to forge closer links with these clinics, who are treating many of the people who go on to become our members at the start of their donor conception journey.

Clinics who join the scheme recognise that there are wider issues to consider when a child is being created with the use of donor gametes. Their commitment to us is helping to ensure we can support families long-term, whatever needs may come up that relate to donor conception.

Jessop Fertility  
Herts and Essex Fertility Centre  
Hewitt Fertility Centre Liverpool  
Jessop Fertility  
LWC London  
LWC Brentwood  
LWC Bristol  
LWC Cardiff  
LWC Darlington  
LWC Kent  
LWC London Bridge  
London Sperm Bank  
London Egg Bank  
Manchester Fertility  
European Sperm Bank

### Review of financial position

At the balance sheet date the total funds of the Charity were £91,432 (2020: £54,737).

### Trustees

Sue Dean  
Caroline Gibbons (resigned 30 September 2020)  
Linzi Bull  
Spencer Fox (resigned 30 June 2021)  
Rachel Gundesen  
Emily Kippax (appointed 30 September 2020)  
Ros Wall (appointed 30 September 2020)  
Tom Amies-Cull (appointed 30 September 2020)

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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### Investment policy

Under the constitution, the Trustees have the authority to invest the funds of the charitable trust at their discretion.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level that will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

### Risk Factors

The Trustees regularly examine the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure that necessary steps are taken to lessen the effect of such risks.

### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Financial statements and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



S Dean

Trustee

Dated 31 May 2022

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DONOR CONCEPTION NETWORK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

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I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2021, which are as set out on pages 8 to 12.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under sections 145 (5) and 152 (5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

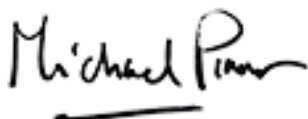
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name:



Michael Pinner ACA

Relevant professional body:

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

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Date:

31 May 2022

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Donations and subscriptions	111,018	-	111,018	119,772
Publication sales	43,532	-	43,532	37,437
Grants	-	30,750	30,750	-
Other income	65,259	-	65,259	84,196
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	219,809	30,750	250,559	241,405
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<b>Resources expended</b>				
Staff and management	129,370	-	129,370	132,509
Operations	76,656	7,838	84,494	120,819
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	206,026	7,838	213,864	253,328
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Transfers between funds	266	(266)	-	-
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<b>Net incoming/(outgoing)/resources for the year ended 31 July 2021</b>	14,049	22,646	36,695	(11,923)
<b>Fund balances brought forward at 1 August 2020</b>	38,615	16,122	54,737	66,660
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<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 July 2021</b>	52,664	38,768	91,432	54,737
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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	£	2021	£	£	2020	£
<b>Current assets</b>							
Cash at bank and in hand		91,432			54,737		
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-			-		
<b>Net current assets</b>			91,432		54,737		
<b>Income funds</b>							
Restricted funds	2	38,768			16,122		
Unrestricted funds	2	52,664			38,615		
			91,432		54,737		

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31 May 2022



S Dean  
Trustee

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (CONTINUED)

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### 1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	-	15% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income / (expenditure) for the year.

### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (CONTINUED)

### 2. Analysis of charitable funds

#### Analysis of unrestricted funds movements

	Balance at 1 August 2020	Incoming Resources resources expended		Balance at July 31 2021
	£	£	£	£
General fund	38,615	220,075	(206,026)	52,664
	<u>38,615</u>	<u>220,075</u>	<u>(206,026)</u>	<u>52,664</u>
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#### Analysis of restricted funds movement

	Balance at 1 August 2020	Incoming Resources resources expended		Balance at July 31 2021
	£	£	£	£
Solo Mum Conference 2012	266	-	(266)	-
April Trust Film Project	15,856	-	(5,408)	10,448
Digital Fund	-	28,250	(2,430)	25,820
30th Anniversary Fund	-	2,500	-	2,500
	<u>16,122</u>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>(8,104)</u>	<u>38,768</u>
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#### Name of the fund

#### Description, nature and purpose of the fund

Solo Mum Conference 2012	Solo mum support project
April Trust Film Project	Grant to allow the remaking of our Telling and Talking film which we use in our workshops
Digital Fund	Website and Digitalisation project
30th Anniversary Fund	Grant to support anniversary project in 2024

### 3. Staff costs

The average weekly number of employees remunerated during the year, calculated on a full time equivalent basis, was 4 (2020 – 4).