

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

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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)

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**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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

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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 JULY 2025

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

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

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.

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

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

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

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

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

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

	2025	2024
	<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 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	76,551	-	76,551
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	172,386	-	172,386
Other trading activities	42,347	-	42,347
Investment income	524	-	524
Total	<u>291,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>291,808</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

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

8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

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

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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

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

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

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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 £
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>

Comparative 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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,262	27,476	78,738
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	4,317	(4,317)	-
Digital fund	1,843	(1,843)	-
	<u>6,160</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,422</u>	<u>21,316</u>	<u>78,738</u>

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	612,625	(585,149)	27,476
Restricted funds			
April Trust Film Project	-	(4,317)	(4,317)
Digital fund	-	(1,843)	(1,843)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>	<u>(6,160)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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.