

Playaway

Annual Report 2023

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Playaway has been established for 23 years to provide specialist programmes during the holiday period to continue the physical and cognitive development children with complex motor disorders require. These programmes are structured to focus on the child developmental goals in a fun but challenging way. In 2023 we were once again able to run 2 non-residential programmes and one residential programme offering a total of 40 places to children with complex motor disorders.

Key Facts:

The children who attend these programmes are all profoundly disabled and every aspect of their lives is a challenge – as a result they often miss out on having fun – Playaway gives them a small opportunity to be themselves, to laugh, show off, make friends and try something new.

We employed c 40 members of staff and as such are able to work individually with each child to ensure they can all access every element of the programme.

These programmes allow the children to socialise with each other and enjoy the holidays in a way that their non-disabled siblings take for granted.

The programmes also provide much needed respite for the parents, allowing them to juggle other priorities over the summer.

The direct involvement of the parents in part of the residential programme has allowed them to understand more about their child but most importantly allowed them to talk to other parents and a strong supportive friendship group has formed.

The programmes are staffed by a multidisciplinary team of trained professionals including specially trained teachers, physiotherapists, occupational and speech and language therapists.

There is clear demand for the programmes we run for children from 2 to 23 years of age and Playaway strives to expand the scope to meet demand.

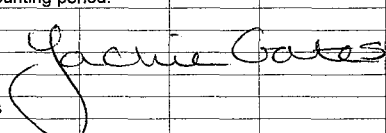
The overall programme has cost a total of £42248 to deliver of which £17000 was covered by parental contribution (c35%). Some children apply through a Bucks Council Funded programme and they contributed £11000 to pay for these places (this is included in the parental contribution). We have fundraised for the rest and are blessed with the support we receive from a small group for grant making charities. We continue to focus on keeping costs to the minimum – administrative costs remain at less than 9% (the majority of which is Insurance cover).

Fundraising remains challenging and we ended the year with £2385 as reserves (a small increase on the previous year) - our aim for 2024 is to continue to increase our reserves. We are aware that costs will increase in 2024 as a result of increases in the minimum wage and increases in the external activities and

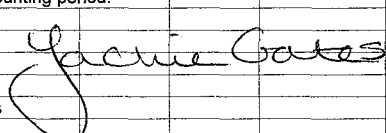
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Jolyon Harrington
Chair of Trustees

PLAYAWAY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS Y/E 31ST DECEMBER 2023

			2023		
			£		
OPENING BALANCE			93.65		
INCOME					
	DONATIONS	PRIVATE FUNDRAISING	27,500.00		
		Parental Contribution Play	16,200.00		
		Parental Contribution Stay	840.00		
		Refunds			
		OTHER			
		TOTAL INCOME	44,540.00		
EXPENDITURE					
Refunds			150.00		
Playaway					
	STAFF		24,815.45		
	ACCOMODATION		0.00		
	EQUIPMENT/EXTERNAL STAFFING		3,376.65		
	RENT		668.00		
Stayaway					
	STAFF		1,559.50		
	ACCOMODATION/ACTIVITIES		2,848.80		
	EQUIPMENT/EXTERNAL STAFFING		49.66		
	RENT		0.00		
	ADMIN/PPS		801.33		
	SUNDRIES		0.00		
	HMRC		5,791.40		
	INSURANCE		2,187.73		
	MISC		0.00		
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	42,248.52		
MOVEMENT IN YEAR			2,291.48		
CLOSING BALANCES			2,385.13		
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