

ELLESMERE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A company limited by guarantee

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Registered Company Number: 03733859 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1082079

Ellesmere Childrens Centre

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Company Information **for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 March 1999 and registered as a charity on 17 August 2000. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects of the charitable company and is governed by its articles of association.

Directors and Trustees

Every effort is made to ensure that we have a representative committee who are able to support the smooth running of our organisation. Members are recruited through relevant organisations, users of the service and those who work within the local community.

Ellesmere presently has a wealth of knowledge and experienced committee members.

Trustees

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Report of the Trustees **for the year ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Object of the Charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and have considered how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives set.

The company's objectives and principal activities for the public benefit are to:

- * Advance the education and provide safe and stimulating care of young children, in particular those living in the electoral ward of Burngreave in the City of Sheffield.
- * To also advance the education of those responsible for their day to day care without distinction of gender, race, disability, sexuality, political or religious beliefs.
- * To provide a caring, learning environment that is responsive to the needs of children and their parents/ carers and in pursuance of the above objects, to establish, maintain and manage a locally controlled community nursery.
- * To make particular efforts to ensure that the needs of children from BME communities are served and to develop childcare policies and practices that are non-discriminatory.

There have been no changes in objectives since the last annual report.

Principal Funding Sources

The charity continues to survive and to promote new services. We continue to be thankfully funded by the National Lottery. We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in receiving the Community Ownership fund. This means that structural damages that occurred via the last capital renovation can now be rectified. The management have continued to attract new partners interested in the work of child –led /therapeutic care. This support has continued to keep our services deliverable and connected to the needs of the local community. We continue to make some good improvements in our marketing but have engaged with a partner organisation to make sure once the capital is completed we can advertise our services more. We are engaging with some new platforms and are re-designing our WebPages. Nevertheless we are optimistic along with other providers that we can cater for our children and families particularly with the increasing needs related to good social and emotional well-being. We believe and desperately hope that new income sources of finance will come on stream through individual funders and government resourced funding in a time of acute need. We hope that they will recognise the absolute value of early intervention and the work of early years development.

Investment Policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. Aside from retaining a prudent amount in our reserves, most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term. There are a few funds for long term investment however, we wish to ensure that we have an account that brings the charity a prudent return.

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Report of the Trustees - Continued **for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Review of Activities and Financial Information

We work hard to continue good intervention and to extend our out-reach. The centre has a good reputation in regards to our continued understanding and providing services that cater to the needs of individual cultures. We want to support looked after children and the fostering and adoption service to become more aware of issues of identity. We want to seek and provide individual care. We have successfully developed proud black fathers, working alongside providers and trainers. Our Capital extension provides space for new development but we are reliant on the renovated work taking place immediately. We are looking to expand our black women's menopause cafe and have successfully made a start to understanding a very sensitive issue supporting and uplifting confidence and resilience to carry on. We have a few new services in the pipeline and are striving to ensure that our parents are informed and providing a space for their digital development with on-site support.

Future Developments

There is a need to look at more family intervention and to look at training for professionals within social care and the LEA in relations to supporting Transcultural understanding and cultural competencies. We hope to support new partnerships and to increase awareness for children to have improved resilience to cope in their daily lives. We are strengthening the value of working through a transcultural lens. In our 28th year we are reporting on the continued success of Emosi which is now functional and making a difference, we hope to children's lives. Emosi has developed the importance of developing emotional literacy social and emotional well-being which supports children in making connections between how they feel and what they do with their feelings. We have successfully delivered training to the NSPCC in line with the Institute of Education in London. We feel that we need to look at giving support to parents who have children with social and emotional issues and this will be a new venture for the future.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves, in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity. The committee are confident that at the current level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. The strategy is to re-build our reserves. However, the committee is aware of the changing regimes and is realistic in being economically aware that it may prove difficult to achieve this. The Committee need to explore new external funding opportunities as they become available.

Risk Management

Exposure to financial markets affects most organisations both internally and externally, particularly with the change in national government coupled with the local authority's commitment to third sector organisations. Ellesmere Children's Centre has tried to develop systems to identify and prioritise key financial risks. The implementation of risk management strategy is in accordance with the Centre's policy. The Ellesmere Management Committee remains optimistic that more strategic planning towards future services and new ventures will help to identify any future shortfalls. The review and implementation of our systems ensure that we remain a responsible company. Though difficult in politically difficult times agendas that focus on children's services are becoming limited.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- * Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * Make judgments 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; and
- * Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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Report of the Trustees - continued for the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

At a time of economic uncertainty where there have been considerable cuts in the levels and availability of funding to the charitable and voluntary sectors, the trustees are proud to report a retained surplus in the year.

The retained surpluses are being designated into funds to support the growth and longevity of the centre in the coming years. The trustees wish to extend their thanks to all staff, volunteers, funders and supporters for their assistance in helping us achieve our goals.

Approved by the trustees on 10/12/ 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



David Campbell
Trustee

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
Ellesmere Childrens Centre
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

We report on the accounts of Ellesmere Childrens Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011);
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011); and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 accounts 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 accounts 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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 - Enterprise
Dated: 10-12-2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from the operating activities of the Charity:					
Charity:	2	-	-	-	640
In furtherance of the objectives	3	144,978	99,717	244,695	271,744
Investment income	4	-	-	-	21
Capital Grants		-	-	-	-
Other income		22,274	-	22,274	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		167,252	99,717	266,969	272,405
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure:					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	5	135,413	99,717	235,130	206,763
Management and administration	5	33,590	-	33,590	29,538
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		169,003	99,717	268,720	236,301
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		(1,751)	-	(1,751)	36,104
Total funds brought forward		423,599	417,819	841,418	805,314
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		421,848	417,819	839,667	841,418

All of the results relate to continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024
Registered Company Number: 03733859

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		582,923		581,325
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10		-		-
Cash at bank and in hand		261,529		264,534	
		<u>261,529</u>		<u>264,534</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors due within one year	11	4,785		4,441	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>256,744</u>		<u>260,093</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>839,667</u>		<u>841,418</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12		421,848		423,599
Restricted funds	13		<u>417,819</u>		<u>417,819</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>839,667</u>		<u>841,418</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained within section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024. No member of the company has deposited a notice pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on

The directors have acknowledged their responsibilities for preparing account which give a true and fair view of the Company and of the profit/loss (which ever is applicable for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

The directors have acknowledged their responsibilities for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with the Companies Act 2006.

David Campbell - Director

Date:

10/12/24

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The principal accounting policies which are adopted consistently in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) issued in January 2015.

b) Incoming resources

All income resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

C) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive for any VAT which can be recovered.

Allocation of expenditure

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at cost or at market value at the date of the gift.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the full cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life. The principal rates in use are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing balance
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F) Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- * Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- * Designated funds - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of restricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.
- * Restricted funds - these are funds that 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.

2 Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources

	2024 £	2023 £
Room Hire	-	640
	-	640

3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
In furtherance of the objectives				
Grants received:				
Sheffield CC (2/3/4 FEL)	99,948	-	99,948	127,071
Child care fees	42,724	-	42,724	38,471
Albert Hunt SP	-	-	-	5,000
Sundry income	2,306	-	2,306	1,233
National Lottery Fund	-	99,717	99,717	99,969
	144,978	99,717	244,695	271,744

4 Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank interest	-	21

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5 Allocation of resources expended

	Charitable activities	Management & admin	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	178,564	25,509	204,073	178,446
Property costs	16,519	2,360	18,879	14,722
Administrative expenses	38,955	5,565	44,520	41,935
Other	1,093	156	1,249	1,198
	235,130	33,590	268,720	236,301

Of the above expenses £99,717 relate to Restricted Funds.

6 Staff numbers and costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs:		
Wages and Social security costs	201,528	167,472

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part time staff) during the year was as follows:

2024	2023
Number	Number
10	12

There were no employees with emoluments above £50,000.

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year

7 Net income resources

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
Depreciation	155	155
Independent examination	900	900
	1,055	1,055

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings £	Equipment, fixtures & fittings £	Total £
COST			
At 1st April 2023	580,859	27,049	607,908
Additions	-	1,754	1,754
Revaluation Adjustment	-	-	-
	<u>580,859</u>	<u>28,802</u>	<u>609,661</u>
At 31st March 2024			
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2023	-	26,583	26,583
Charge for year	-	155	155
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,738</u>	<u>26,738</u>
At 31st March 2024			
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2024	<u>580,859</u>	<u>2,064</u>	<u>582,923</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>580,859</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>581,325</u>

10 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Childcare fees	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	894
Other tax and social security	3,490	2,252
Accruals and deferred income	1,295	1,295
	<u>4,785</u>	<u>4,441</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1st April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31st March 2024
General fund	336,099	167,252	169,003	-	334,348
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Redundancy & exit costs	87,500	-	-	-	87,500
Building repairs fund	-	-	-	-	-
New project fund	-	-	-	-	-
	87,500	-	-	-	87,500
Total unrestricted funds	423,599	167,252	169,003	-	421,848

A formal policy on reserves was adopted by the trustees at their meeting held 21st April 2004 and is reviewed annually by the management committee and the board of trustees.

13 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1st April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31st March 2024
	417,819	99,717	99,717	-	417,819

14 Analysis of net assets among funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Fund balances at 31st March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	582,923	582,923	581,325
Net current assets	256,744	256,744	260,093
	839,667	839,667	841,418