

**Cochlear Implanted Children's
Support Group**

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for the period
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THE COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

The Trustees

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Mr. J.J. Foster
Ms. N. Mehta (appointed 19th October, 2022)
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COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Report of the Trustees for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Results

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 8 and shows the net income for the period.

Constitution

The Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group is registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1097619. Its affairs are governed by Declaration of Trust which restricts the use of the Charity's income, such that it must be applied solely towards the objects of the Charity.

Tax status

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax and income tax.

Principal objectives

The principal objectives and activities of the Charity are as stated in the Trust Deed:

'The relief of need of children who are deaf or have hearing impairment, in particular those who have cochlear implants or are considering cochlear implants and their families, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of advice, support and sponsoring research projects which further this object; and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said persons.'

Review of the Activities of the Charity

2022 heralded the return of pre-pandemic activity for the Charity. Membership continued to grow but at less of a rate than in the previous two years.

To keep existing and new members informed of developments in the fields of cochlear implantation and deafness in general four editions of the Charity's newsletter were produced and distributed during the year. It is the only national newsletter dedicated to families whose children either already have cochlear implants or are being assessed for the procedure, and during the year under review each edition contained a mixture of articles by professionals, parents, implant manufacturers and cochlear implant users of all ages.

Feedback indicated that families found personal stories and articles by parents and young implant users to be inspirational, they enjoyed reading the latest news from implant manufacturers, and they valued the tips, advice and research topics covered in articles by professionals. The section celebrating the achievements of all levels of accomplishments by children and young adults who use cochlear implants including those with considerable additional difficulties also continued to be popular. The younger children were sent a specially designed certificate, the older ones a celebratory card, and all received a small gift voucher.

The Trustees believe that the newsletter is an important part of what the Charity can offer to families and that there is great value in having a paper newsletter as it is left on coffee tables in homes for the whole family to see, on stands at Auditory Implant Centres where it will be seen by

families whose children are being assessed for cochlear implantation, and on conference stands where it raises awareness of the Charity's aims and activities amongst professionals. As newsletters are now often in excess of 60 pages in length it is also not practical to distribute them by email and the Trustees therefore intend to continue producing and distributing the newsletter in paper format. Mindful of costs, however, the Group Coordinator liaises with the printers to ensure that any discounts available are utilised.

The vast majority of the Charity's outgoing mail is franked using its franking machine which provides a discount of approximately 22% on standard postage rates. By using return address labels any newsletters that are undelivered are returned to the Charity, the addressee is contacted by email or telephone to obtain updated details. If there is no response the addressee is removed from the mailing list. This system also helps to keep the Charity's address records up to date. Those wishing to opt out of the Charity's postal communications, which is only the newsletter, can do so by email, telephone or writing. However, the newsletter continues to be popular and the Group Coordinator continues to receive requests from non-members who are often professionals working in the field, to be added to the mailing list. It has proved virtually impossible to collect payment of the small amount that the Charity has been charging professionals for associate membership. The Trustees have taken the decision that the Charity will bear the cost of this as not only is it these people who can pass our details direct to the families with whom they work, but it is also a waste of the Group Coordinators' time and costs involved in chasing up payment of small invoices which, as evidenced in the last few years, are rarely paid.

To foster contact between CICS Group members the Charity hosts an invitation-only Facebook group which is only available for CICS Group parents whose children have actually received cochlear implants. The number and content of messages posted on it give testament to the value of this forum. Hosted and monitored by one of the Charity's Trustees the forum's membership has grown rapidly and is a resource for lively discussion, questions, responses and the sharing of information. A similar group for teenagers who are cochlear implant users and whose families belong to the CICS Group was set up in 2018 and is monitored by a CICS Group parent who is a secondary school teacher. The Trustees, whilst mindful of the dangers that may be associated with social media, are also aware of the great advantages in putting teenagers in touch with one another in a safe forum. To date, however, the forum has not attracted many members, probably because there are so many opportunities available to teenagers on Facebook which are not monitored.

One of the main aims of the Charity is to facilitate opportunities for families to meet others in similar circumstances. Nowadays many deaf children attend mainstream schools and do not know any other deaf children in their area. This can lead to a feeling of isolation for the children and, indeed their whole family. CICS events give them the opportunity to meet others who face the same daily challenges and to make friends with others who benefit from the same technology. Parents also make friends at these events and enjoy exchanging experiences and learning from one another. As the membership is widely spread across the country, the Charity organises a programme of weekend trips at various locations so as to be accessible to as many families as possible. These trips are all subsidised to some extent by the Charity and, in addition, the Family Sponsorship Scheme set up in 2015 provides funding to enable families on a low income or with exceptional circumstances to attend. During 2022 the Trustees were able to approve funding for all the families who applied for help and met the criteria of the scheme.

The Charity organised and hosted two weekends of exclusive use of an outdoor activity centre in the Peak District. The centre employs qualified instructors and provides specialist equipment necessary to enable children and parents alike to try a range of activities such as abseiling, canoeing and rock climbing. There was also plenty of spare time to enable children to play together on the basketball court and in the field as well as in the indoor games room. Parents enjoyed getting to know others, and many exchanged contact details. The Trustees believe these weekends to be of particular value to families who attend and was able to heavily subsidise the cost of these weekends.

A weekend at Alton Towers proved to be even more popular than previous such events. Sixty families attended and several families were left on a waiting list and were not able to be accommodated. Families travelled from all over the country to attend the event which took the format of an informal reception on the Friday evening with various games available for children as well as a volunteer face painter, Saturday in the theme park, followed by a sit-down buffet and entertainment in the evening and a session of exclusive use of the water park on the Sunday. A sign language interpreter was provided for the deaf parents and for those CI users who prefer to sign so that Saturday evening's event would be fully accessible for them. Stuart Wright, who provides the disco and photo booths enlisted the help of two young adult CI users whose families have been members of CICS for many years to lead the dancing showing the younger children how to do the set dance routines. Feedback on the evaluation sheets for the event was excellent with several families offering deposits for the following year before this had even been booked. Many parents commented on the value of their CI children being able to meet and spend time with other implant users and there was considerable praise for the quality and organisation of the event.

There was also a weekend at Chessington World of Adventures which is a much smaller event than Alton Towers due to the limited capacity of a venue in the hotel for the Saturday evening dinner. Families arrived on the Friday evening and met for a brief reception, and then enjoyed Saturday in the theme park followed by a sit-down buffet and family disco in the evening. Parents chatted whilst the younger children enjoyed the musical games before dinner, and later in the evening the older ones enjoyed the disco and trying out all the different props in the photobooth. On the Sunday some families used the hotel's leisure centre whilst others visited the onsite wildlife centre or made a second visit to the theme park. Feedback was excellent, but the possibility of future events at this venue will be kept under review as the hotel now requires the Charity to book at least twenty rooms which has not always been possible in the past, and as the most expensive event for the charity to organise it will be dependent upon the availability of funds.

In addition to activity and fun weekends other get-together events were organised during the year. The Midlands Coordinator arranged an afternoon at Blackwell Adventure Centre at Bromsgrove, offering crate-stacking with opportunities to try the indoor climbing wall and a self-led obstacle course as well as a great deal of outdoor space for children to run around. There was also a bouncy castle for the younger children and a buffet style tea laid on for everyone. It was an action-packed event and the feedback from parents and children alike was excellent.

An activity event was held at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre near Bristol. Table tennis, badminton and basketball as well as a giant bouncy castle were available during the morning followed by a buffet lunch for everyone to enjoy. Due to restriction of numbers allowed to take part at one time on the very popular X-Height Adventure Climb two sessions had to be booked. This activity was only for children over the age of 5, and those who did not want to take part, and also the younger ones were able to try out indoor go-karting instead. The event was hosted by the Bush family who are regular volunteers at CICS Group events.

Three family get-together events took place at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground, near Maidenhead, a specialist outdoor and indoor activity centre for children with disabilities including wheelchair users. Indoor activities are plentiful but always require a considerable amount of time to clear up at the end of the day. As the weather on all three occasions was good the volunteers took the decision to only offer the outside activities. This is always a popular event as it is a relaxed venue with plenty to do. Parents are able to chat in the knowledge that their children are in completely safe surroundings, and the event is particularly valuable for those who are considering an implant for their baby or child and want to meet others with first-hand experience. As at all the Charity's events, not only could parents and extended family who also attend ask questions about everyday life with children with cochlear implants, but they could also see first-hand how the children with cochlear implants were communicating and getting on with their lives. Teenagers

with cochlear implants also attend these events as helpers and role models and parents regularly report the great value of spending some time with them.

The Trustees are very grateful to their team of volunteers who regularly help at the various events throughout the year. Parents and young adults help set up and clear away at events; meet and greet visitors; sell raffle tickets and Christmas cards in aid of the Charity; sort out seating plans and deal with queries.

Trustees and Coordinators

The six Trustees continued in their roles during the year under review. The Trustees were delighted that Neha Mehta, whose young daughter is a cochlear implant user, accepted the role of Trustee and Honorary Treasurer, and was duly appointed on 19th October, 2022.

In addition to their role as Trustees, Tricia Kemp and Angela O'Donovan continued as the Southern and Midlands Regions Coordinators respectively.

Vicky Gilbertson and Nicky Broekhuizen continued in their roles as Coordinators of the Northern and Scottish Region respectively. However, Vicky Gilbertson married during the year and her surname will now be changed to Devine on all the Charity's communications.

Activities of the Trustees and Coordinators

The regional Coordinators continued to pay a great deal of attention to keeping the Charity's database of members up to date. Following a request for membership of the group, usually via the Charity's website, initial direct contact is made by telephone and prospective members have to respond to a standard GDPR compliance email before their membership is confirmed. If no response is received after three email reminders and a telephone call their details are removed from the Charity's system. The result is that a few families who apply to join do not actually become members, and although Coordinators' time has been wasted on the process it is hoped that the caller benefited from the initial conversation. In order for the Charity to maintain its personal contact approach and keep full details of families and their children's cochlear implants the Trustees believe the membership process is robust, although it is regrettable that some families cannot join as they do not complete the GDPR compliance requirement.

Day-to-day activities of the Trustees and Coordinators continued to include providing welcome packs to new members, dealing with telephone, written and e-mailed enquiries from members, non-members and professionals, preparing and distributing the Charity's newsletter, monitoring the Charity's email and Facebook page, liaising with cochlear implant manufacturers and with other groups involved with all aspects of deafness or hearing loss, providing articles for various publications, helping with relevant research projects, and during the year under review helping with the updating of Quality Standards guidelines.

Working with other Groups

The Charity maintained its relationships with other organisations sharing an interest in cochlear implantation, kept abreast of their activities and, where appropriate, promoted these to the CICS Group members. In particular there are strong links with The Elizabeth Foundation, Auditory Verbal UK and the National Cochlear Implant Users' Association (NCIUA). Whenever possible, one of the Trustees or Coordinators helped with any projects undertaken by these organisations during the year.

The Charity is an associate member of the British Cochlear Implant Group (BCIG), a member of UK Council on Deafness and of The Alliance which is campaigning to raise awareness of deafness generally, and a founding member of the Cochlear Implant International Community of Action

(CIICA) which was launched in 2021 by Sue Archbold and Brian Lamb, both leading figures in the world of cochlear implants, to provide an online platform for meetings between cochlear implant users from all over the world with a particular focus on young adults.

In addition, the Charity is a member of the EURO-CIU which campaigns for improved quality of life for cochlear implant users of all ages across Europe. The CICS Group Coordinator also represents the Charity on the Adult Cochlear Implant Action Group ('ACIAG') which is campaigning to raise awareness of the benefits of cochlear implants and of the large number of adults who are suitable for, but not receiving cochlear implants. ACIAG is also lobbying for adult hearing screening, and for more research into bilateral implantation for adults. Having been heavily involved in the process of achieving the NICE guidance that recommended bilateral cochlear implantation for children, the CICS Group is keen to help bring about the availability of this procedure for adults and to relax the audiological threshold criteria for cochlear implantation to be in line with other European countries. The aim of the organisation is to close the gap in cochlear implant provision and ensure lifelong support for all who could benefit, and they have organised several international webinars.

During 2022 the Group Coordinator and Treasurer attended the BCIG's annual conference which took place in Cardiff, and the Group Coordinator and Trustee, Mary Ogwo attended the EURO-CIU Annual Meeting in Rotterdam. Both these events were not only valuable opportunities for raising awareness of the Charity and for networking with professionals, manufacturers and other voluntary support groups from all over the world, but were also excellent sources of interesting and up-to-date articles for the Charity's newsletters.

The regional Coordinators have also undertaken literature reviews and helped in a number of research projects organising contact with members whose children met certain criteria sought by researchers. The CICS Group Coordinator continued as Vice Chair of the NCIUA, as a member of a Specialist Sensory Academy, and an associate member of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD). She also served as the patient representative on a steering group considering the implementation of a National Registry of cochlear implants. Several virtual meetings of the latter took place during the year and it is hoped that a trial of the Registry will be launched in 2023. She also continued as a patient representative on a working party reviewing the Quality Standards for Auditory Implant services in Wales which will be published during 2023, and sat on working parties on a number of initiatives for new resources to improve outcomes for paediatric cochlear implant users.

Other CICS Group Trustees and Coordinators take opportunities to keep up to date with developments in the wider field of cochlear implantation and to secure articles for the Charity's newsletters.

The Trustees believe it is important for the Charity to support initiatives intended to widen the availability of cochlear implantation, secure funding for the continuation of the service and to maintain a high quality provision for cochlear implant users of all ages. The Trustees will continue to work with and support other charities, support groups and professionals who share these beliefs.

Finance and Fundraising

Uncertainty in the economy led to 2022 continuing to be a challenging time for small charities dealing with low incidence disabilities to attract donations. It remains apparent that the most likely source of financial support for the Charity is from the members and their contacts.

The Charity's policy of not having a membership fee enables all who would benefit from membership to do so, prevents families from being excluded from the group due to financial hardship, and ensures a diverse membership. In addition, the Trustees consider that the administrative burden of introducing an annual membership fee would be too great, and prefer instead to encourage members to make a donation no matter how small, and whenever possible

to organise events such as coffee mornings or to ask their local schools, clubs or businesses to adopt the CICS Group as their Charity. However, the Charity continued its annual 'Voluntary Donations Month' scheme in April with an appeal to members to donate whatever they could afford and to seek out ways of raising money for the Charity. It is difficult to give an exact figure of the amount that this appeal attracts as families send amounts throughout the year, sometimes through online platforms, and some provide support by sponsoring runners who take part in the British 10k Run, but amounts definitely attributable to this appeal were £2,400.

The British 10k London event was the Charity's only major fundraising initiative. The Charity had a debenture block of thirty places of which sadly only 24 were filled. The Charity hosted a post-run event for runners and immediate family at Browns Restaurant in Covent Garden and qualified volunteer sports massage therapists were available to help runners recover. The event raised £16,107 (which included £5,764 relating to the previous year's 10k which was only received in 2022) less than in previous years, but nonetheless a good outcome, and the Trustees are very grateful for all the support received for this event.

Following the death of his wife Jean, Colin Sutherland, grandparent of a young adult cochlear implant user, and loyal supporter of the Charity for over twenty five years decided to continue the tradition of an annual garden party. The 2021 event had taken place virtually but in 2022 Colin was delighted to be able to open his garden to visitors once again and to demonstrate his incredible working model railway. As usual the Group Coordinator helped with the catering and the event raised £1,000.

Excluding various personal donations, notable amounts received during the year were £10,000 from the Kaye Pemberton Trust, £2,600 from Advanced Bionics, £2,000 from Jusaca Charitable Trust, £2,000 from the Dyers Co. Charitable Trust, £1,461 from Much Loved, £1,000 from Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust, £1,000 from Charities Trust Movement for Good, £761 from Pipers Crisps and £500 from State Street Global Advisors.

Small amounts were received from a scheme that recycles ink cartridges, and from the Amazon Smile initiative.

All donations, no matter how small were greatly appreciated and, in keeping with the general approach of the Charity, all were personally acknowledged. Wherever possible donors were encouraged to use the Gift Aid Scheme so that the tax on personal donations could be reclaimed thus increasing the value of those donations.

As ever, the Trustees remain acutely aware of the vulnerability of the small Charity dealing with a low incidence disability operating in difficult times and competing with larger high-profile charities for funds.

The Charity has no office premises or employees, but in order to maintain and improve the Group's network and profile and indeed, as an integral part of the Charity's work, the Trustees deemed it necessary in this unusual and challenging year to use available funds to continue to provide a good quality newsletter with a greater amount of content than usual. Looking to the future, they will continue to be mindful of the expense involved in doing so and, as well as seeking new methods of fundraising, will continue to review ways of reducing costs.

Accounts Preparation

The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and with those of the governing instrument.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees on 24th October, 2023.

.....*Tricia Kemp*..... A.P. Kemp, Chairperson

COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Statement of Financial Activities

for the period

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total - 2022
<u>Receipts and Payments</u>	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>			
Donations and bequests	40,536		40,536
Fundraising activities	20,781		20,781
Events and activities		763	763
Family activity weekends		1,200	1,200
Alton Towers weekend		21,599	21,599
Chessington		8,770	8,770
Other income		31	31
Bank interest	1,024		1,024
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Total Receipts	62,341	32,363	94,704
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<u>Payments</u>			
Postage	9,140		9,140
Printing and photocopying	17,520		17,520
Stationery	2,694		2,694
Telephone	385		385
Subscriptions	750		750
Events and activities		1,561	1,561
Family activity weekends		6,813	6,813
Alton Towers weekend		33,725	33,725
Chessington		19,986	19,986
Promotional items		1,393	1,393
Fundraising activities	1,450		1,450
Purchase of office equipment	35		35
Insurance	535		535
Children's Achievement Awards	767		767
Travel and conference attendance	2,571		2,571
Bank charges	104		104
Website and database management	316		316
Other expenses	300		300
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Total Payments	36,566	63,478	100,044
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Surplus/(Deficit)	£25,775	£(31,115)	£(5,340)
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COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31st December 2022

	At 31.12.22 £	At 31.12.21 £
Assets		
Income Tax Recoverable	-	1,128
Cash at Bank and on Deposit	141,122	145,334
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	141,122	146,462
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Net Assets	£141,122	£146,462
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Funds		
Balance brought forward	146,462	141,148
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(5,340)	5,314
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Balance carried forward	£141,122	£146,462
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Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees on 24th October, 2023.



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A. P. Kemp
Chairperson



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N. Mehta
Trustee

COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities".

Restricted and unrestricted funds

Funds received by the charity that are earmarked either by donation or by the terms of the grant for particular projects are accounted for as restricted funds. All other funds are unrestricted.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees deem it prudent to have sufficient reserves to enable the charity to carry out its objectives for the foreseeable future, and have deemed this to be approximately three years' annual expenditure. The reserves are held in a general fund to enable the charity to meet all needs as defined by its Constitution.

Income

Donations and income from fundraising activities are accounted for on a receipts basis.

Voluntary help and gifts in kind

The charity benefits from many voluntary hours contributed by Trustees and supporters. From time to time the charity also benefits from the support of the implant manufacturers, professionals and other organisations. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful and without which much of its work could not be undertaken.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities on a payments basis and has been classified under categories which most appropriately reflect the use of the resources.

Value Added Tax

As the charity is unable to reclaim value added tax, all expenditure in these financial statements is shown inclusive of value added tax where appropriate.

Depreciation and Stock

No depreciation is provided on office equipment, which is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period when purchased. The charity holds no stock.

COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

1) Income and Expenditure

a)	Donations and bequests	Unrestricted Funds £
	Kaye Pemberton Trust	10,000
	Advanced Bionics	2,600
	C. Sutherland	2,000
	Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust	1,000
	JUSACA Charitable Trust	2,000
	Dyers Co. Charitable Trust	2,000
	Much Loved	1,461
	G. Evans	1,000
	Charities Trust - Movement for Good	1,000
	Jonathan Friend	1,000
	M. V. Stead	800
	Pipers	761
	State Street	500
	Individual donations and bequests of less than £500	14,414

		£40,536
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b)	Fundraising Events	
	Sizeable fundraising events organised by and for the charity during 2022 included:	£
	British London 10k (nett of expenses of £1,449)	16,107
	Train day - Sutherland	1,000

		£17,107
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c)	Investment Income	£
	Bank Interest	£1,024
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d)	Direct Expenditure	£
	Family Activity Weekends (£6,813 - £1,200)	5,613
	Events & Activities (£1,561 - £763)	798
	Alton Towers (£33,725 - £21,599)	12,126
	Chessington (£19,986 - £8,770)	11,216
	Children's Achievement Awards	767
	Telephone - family contact	385
	Printing, stationery and postage	29,354

		£60,259
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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the period

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 (cont.)

1) Income and Expenditure (cont.)

e)	Management and Administration of Charity	£
	Travel and conference attendance	2,571
	Subscriptions	750
	Insurance	535
	Bank charges	104
	Website and database administration	316
	Purchase of computer equipment	35
	Other expenses	300

		£4,611
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f) Trustees' remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration during the period but three Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £8,750 in respect of the administration costs of coordinating the four regions, attending and participating in specific physical and online conferences and making various purchases on behalf of the charity. This expenditure is allocated over various headings in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2) Assets

Cash at bank:	CAF Current Account	18,996
	CAF Deposit Account	13,211
	Virgin Charity Deposit Account	20,889
	Cambridge and Counties Bank	88,026

		£141,122
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COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Independent Examiner's Report on the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Registered charity number: 1097619

Responsibilities and basis of Report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December, 2022 as set out on pages 8 to 12.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

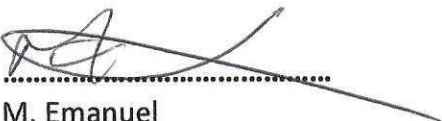
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the financial statements 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
M. Emanuel

Dated: 24th October, 2023

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