

**Cochlear Implanted Children's  
Support Group**

**Report and Financial Statements  
for the period  
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# **THE COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **The Trustees**

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Mrs. M. Fines (appointed 11th May 2023)  
Mr. J.J. Foster  
Ms. N. Mehta  
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# **COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

## **Report of the Trustees for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Results**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 9 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**

During 2023 the Charity organised more events than in any other year and welcomed a record number of new members.

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 continued to indicate 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 printed 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. Newsletters tend to be lengthy so it is not practical to distribute them by email and the Trustees therefore intend to continue producing and distributing the newsletter in a printed 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 very 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 monitored group for teenagers who are cochlear implant users and whose families belong to the CICS Group was set up in 2018 but was not successful, probably because there are so many opportunities available to teenagers on Facebook which are not monitored, and has since been discontinued..

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 2023 there were more applications to the scheme than ever before, but 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 two weekends at 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. Both weekends included plenty of spare time to enable children to play together outside in a large field ideal for friendly football, on the basketball court and in the indoor games room. Parents enjoyed getting to know others, and many exchanged contact details and reported that they would be



applying to attend the following year's event. 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 was the biggest the charity has ever organised with over sixty families attending and several left on a waiting list who could not be accommodated. Families came from all over the country to attend the event which began with an informal reception on the Friday evening with various games available for children as well as a volunteer face painter. This year included a short performance by nationally renowned Deaf SignSinger, Fletch which proved immensely popular with families many of whom had never seen anything like this before. Everyone enjoyed Saturday in the theme park, followed by a sit-down buffet and entertainment in the evening. 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. Excitement was generated by a raffle with high value prizes, and donated cards were sold in aid of the charity. Most of the families opted to take advantage of an exclusive one hour use of the water park on the Sunday morning which the Charity books as an extra part of the package provided for families. This is particularly valuable as the water park gets very crowded during normal opening hours and it is stressful for families to keep watch over their young children in the crowds. As in previous years, feedback on the evaluation sheets was excellent with many parents expressing gratitude for the opportunity for their CI children being able to meet and spend time with other implant users and thanks to the organisers 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 the banqueting suite in the hotel for the Saturday evening dinner. Nothing formal was arranged for the Friday evening as most of the families had very young children and preferred to have an early night, although a few met up for an informal drink and chat. After a full day in the theme park on Saturday a sit-down buffet and family disco was arranged for 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 not only does the hotel require the Charity to book a minimum of twenty rooms, but it does not represent as high a value for money as provided by Alton Towers.

In addition to weekends away a record number of day-time events were organised during the year. The Midlands Coordinator organised 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 afternoon and the feedback indicated that families greatly valued the opportunity to get together in a relaxed atmosphere where children were having fun and adults were able to chat.

An event at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre near Bristol was hosted by the Bush family who are regular volunteers at CICS Group events. Table tennis, badminton and basketball as well as a giant bouncy castle were available during the morning followed by a buffet lunch, providing a short break for the children to recover their energy levels before a session for sixteen of those over the age of five on the very popular X-Height Adventure Climb whilst the rest tried out indoor go-karting. This has been a very popular event for many years and the Charity hopes to be able to continue using this venue.



Three family afternoons took place at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground, near Maidenhead, a specialist outdoor and indoor activity centre for children with disabilities including wheelchair users. 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.

In addition to the Charity's regular events described above, the Charity trialled a new venue, the Yorda Adventures Centre in Surrey. This is a centre offering a small outside space hosting a giant trampoline, bikes, trikes, sandpit and swings and indoor space with a bouncy castle, soft play and ball pond. There are also excellent catering facilities and ample space for tables and chairs for families to be seated whilst enjoying a buffet tea. This proved to be very popular. Being overall quite a small centre it was ideal for parents to mingle in a concentrated area. Some families whose children had instantly made new friendships immediately arranged to attend the Charity's weekend at Chessington later in the year. The first event at Yorda was so successful that a second one was booked for later in the year, and proved to be equally as successful.

Another new event arose from a collaboration with LapCI (the Finnish Association of Cochlear Implant Recipient Children). LapCI brought a group of Finnish CI teenagers to the UK for a week to learn a little about the country and to meet up with some CI users. The Charity arranged for a group of CICS teenagers to visit central London to join the Finnish group for a picnic in Green Park followed by a subsidised trip to the theatre to see Mamma Mia and a meal together after the show. Two of the British teenagers then joined the Finnish group for a few days' activities in Brighton. The teenagers who attended the theatre trip reported that they really enjoyed the opportunity to meet implant users from another country and hoped there would be similar occasions in the future.

In addition to the social events and activity weekends the Charity held its first Information Day since the pandemic. This took place at Arlington Arts Centre in Newbury and was partly sponsored by the CI manufacturers Advanced Bionics, Cochlear and MED-EL. There were three main presentations and a choice of several workshops.

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**

During the year Huw Morgan, a Trustee for nearly thirteen years stepped down from the position which was a great loss to the charity. He had been responsible for setting up the Charity's private Facebook group which he built up to a membership of 1,000 parents, managed the Charity's presence on Twitter, helped at many of the charity's events and taken part in several fundraising initiatives including running in 10k events. Over the years he and his wife Fiona have shared their experience and advice with many families and the Trustees are delighted that they will continue to do this.

The remaining six Trustees continued in their roles during the year under review and were delighted that Monika Fines accepted an invitation to join them on the board of Trustees. She is the parent of a bilaterally implanted young adult and has worked in education for many years.



She and her son have volunteered at many of the Charity's events, and she has now taken over Huw Morgan's role as administrator of the Charity's Facebook group.

In addition to their role as Trustees, Tricia Kemp and Angela O'Donovan continued as the Southern and Midlands Regions Coordinators respectively. Vicky Devine and Nicky Broekhuizen continued in their roles as Coordinators of the Northern and Scottish Region respectively.

### **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. Patient involvement is now at the forefront of NHS initiatives and the Group Coordinator is involved in various working parties, in particular she is the patient representative on the Steering Group regarding the development of a National Registry of Cochlear Implants. Work on this has been ongoing for several years and it is hoped that a trial Registry will be launched during 2024.

### **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, the National Cochlear Implant Users' Association (NCIUA) and the Cochlear Implant International Community of Action (CIICA) of which the Charity was a founding member. 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), and a member of UK Council on Deafness and of The Alliance which is campaigning to raise awareness of deafness generally.

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 2023 two Trustees attended the BCIG's annual conference which took place in Cambridge, as well as the EURO-CIU Annual Meeting in Valencia. 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). 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**

As in 2022, uncertainty in the economy led to 2023 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. With this in mind, 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 £3,000.

The British 10k London event was the Charity's only major fundraising initiative. The Charity had a debenture block of thirty places of which 27 were filled. Historically the Charity has 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. Unfortunately this venue has undergone considerable refurbishment leading to a substantial price increase making it unaffordable for the Charity's event. After careful investigation it was decided to use the Cafe in the Crypt at St. Martin-in-the-Fields which although not as ideal as Browns, was adequate in terms of space and the provision of refreshments. Nett of expenses the event raised just over £10,000, less than hoped for, but nonetheless a good outcome.

In spite of now being 90 years old Colin Sutherland, grandparent of a young adult cochlear implant



user, and loyal supporter of the Charity for around thirty years opened his garden to visitors to demonstrate his incredible working model railway. There were also local stalls, home-made cakes and a barbecue. The Group Coordinator helped with the catering and the event raised £1,000.

In addition to various personal donations the Charity was delighted to receive just over £8,000 raised by an uncle of a cochlear implant user who took part in the Isle of Wight challenge. This amount was received via various platforms and thus is shown in the Accounts as part of the total of individual donations. Other notable amounts received during the year were £5,000 from Kintbury Capital, £3,500 from the Dorothy Hay-Bolton Charitable Trust, £2,600 from Advanced Bionics, £2,000 from Jusaca Charitable Trust, £2,000 from The Dyers Company, £2,000 from Cochlear Europe and £1,000 from Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust. The most significant donation, however, was the receipt of £72,000.58 arising from the closure of The Ear Foundation.

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.

Although the financial outcome for the year was much better than the previous year this is due to the receipt of a large donation from the demise of The Ear Foundation. Without this there would have been a loss of £ 26,015 which is accounted for by several factors, namely an increase in the cost of postage which affected the cost of distributing the newsletter, the Charity organising more events than in the previous year, namely the teenagers theatre outing in London and the Information Day, attendance at which is always subsidised, and by sponsoring more families than in previous years to attend the weekend events through the Family Sponsorship Scheme and a reduction in the amount raised from the 10k event.

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 meeting the aims of Charity's work, the Trustees deemed it appropriate to continue providing a quality printed newsletter so that it is available for all family members to see; to offer affordable events for families to get together and to give sponsorship to low income families to enable them to access the charity weekend events. 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 28th October, 2024.



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Chairperson  
Mrs A. P. Kemp



# COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

## Statement of Financial Activities

for the period

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
<b><u>Receipts and Payments</u></b>			
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Donations and bequests	110,649		110,649
Fundraising	17,707		17,707
Events and activities		5,859	5,859
Family activity weekends		1,745	1,745
Alton Towers weekend		23,737	23,737
Chessington		8,205	8,205
Other income	261		261
Income tax recovered	1,670		1,670
Bank interest	4,113		4,113
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>134,400</b>	<b>39,546</b>	<b>173,946</b>
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<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Postage	16,163		16,163
Printing and photocopying	17,843		17,843
Stationery	4,744		4,744
Telephone	288		288
Subscriptions	655		655
Events and activities		9,537	9,537
Family activity weekends		6,624	6,624
Alton Towers weekend		36,446	36,446
Chessington		19,838	19,838
Promotional items		1,063	1,063
Fundraising activities	7,125		7,125
Purchase of office equipment	2,272		2,272
Insurance	554		554
Children's Achievement Awards	922		922
Travel and conference attendance	3,432		3,432
Bank charges	65		65
Website and database management	377		377
Other expenses	12		12
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>54,452</b>	<b>73,508</b>	<b>127,960</b>
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<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>£79,948</b>	<b>£(33,962)</b>	<b>£45,986</b>
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**COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	At 31.12.23 £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank and on Deposit	187,108	141,122
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	187,108	141,122
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>£187,108</b>	<b>£141,122</b>
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<b>Funds</b>		
Balance brought forward	141,122	146,462
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	45,986	(5,340)
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<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>£187,108</b>	<b>£141,122</b>
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Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees on 28th October, 2024.

  
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 A. P. Kemp  
 Chairperson

  
 .....  
 N. Mehta  
 Trustee



# **COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### 1) Income and Expenditure

a)	Donations and bequests	Restricted and Unrestricted Funds £
	The Ear Foundation	72,001
	Kintbury Capital	5,000
	Dorothy Hay-Bolton Charitable Trust	3,500
	Advanced Bionics	2,600
	JUSACA Charitable Trust	2,000
	The Dyers Company	2,000
	Jonathan Friend	2,000
	Cochlear Europe	2,000
	Pipers Crisps	1,135
	Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust	1,000
	MED-EL UK Limited	600
	Charities Trust	541
	KW Charitable Trust	500
	Individual donations and bequests of less than £500	15,772
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		<b>£110,649</b>
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b)	Fundraising Events	
	Sizeable fundraising events organised by and for the charity during 2023 included:	
	British London 10k	17,322
	Annual Banstead garden party	1,000
	Drum Conner Homes Limited	600
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		<b>£18,922</b>
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c)	Direct Expenditure	
	Family Activity Weekends (£6,624 - £1,745)	4,879
	Events & Activities (£9,537 - £5,859)	3,678
	Alton Towers (£36,446 - £23,737)	12,709
	Chessington (£19,838 - £ 8,205)	11,633
	Children's Achievement Awards	922
	Telephone - family contact	288
	Printing, stationery and postage	38,750
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		<b>£72,859</b>
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# COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the period

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (cont.)

<b>1)</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure (cont.)</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>d)</b>	<b>Investment Income</b>	
	Bank Interest	<b>£4,113</b>
		=====
<b>e)</b>	<b>Management and Administration of Charity</b>	
	Travel and conference attendance	3,432
	Subscriptions	655
	Insurance	554
	Bank charges	65
	Website and database administration	377
	Purchase of computer equipment	2,272
	Other expenses	12
		-----
		<b>£7,367</b>
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<b>f)</b>	<b>Trustees' remuneration</b>	
	No trustees received any remuneration during the period but three Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £13,750 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.	
<b>2)</b>	<b>Assets</b>	
	Cash at bank: CAF Current Account	12,753
	CAF Deposit Account	15,491
	Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day Notice Account	85,000
	Skipton Building Society Community Saver Issue 10 Account	73,864
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		<b>£187,108</b>
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# COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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, 2023 as set out on pages 9 to 13.

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: 28th October, 2024

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