

**Cochlear Implanted Children's
Support Group**

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for the period
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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Report of the Trustees for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 2024 the Charity organised a series of events and welcomed many new families to the group.

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 also valued the tips, advice and research topics covered in articles by professionals. Families also appreciated 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. In addition to seeing their names in print 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, and 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 was set up in 2018 but was not successful and has 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 2024 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, caving 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. In the evening the fire pit was an added attraction providing a focal point for families to toast marshmallows and enjoy snacks around the fire. Parents enjoyed getting to know others, and many exchanged contact details and reported that they hoped to attend a future event at Dukes Barn. 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. Following the popularity last year of including a short performance by the nationally renowned Deaf SignSinger, Fletch a repeat performance was held and received similar acclaim. All the families spent Saturday in the theme park, and enjoyed 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 to lead the dancing showing the younger children how to do some set dance routines. Excitement was generated by a raffle with high value prizes, and donated cards were sold in aid of the charity. As in previous years the Charity organised a one hour exclusive use session of the water park during the Sunday morning. This is particularly valuable as the water park gets very crowded making it extremely stressful for families to keep watch over their young children. 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 on-site wildlife centre or made a second visit to the theme park. Feedback was excellent, and the Charity hopes to continue organising this event.

In addition to weekends away several short session events were organised in various locations 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 could have 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. 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 which is inclusive for all children with disabilities including those using wheelchairs. 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.

During the previous year the Charity held its first event at Yorda Adventures Centre in Surrey. This proved to be extremely popular so was repeated during the year under review. The centre offers 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. The small size of the centre created a friendly atmosphere and made it very easy for families to chat and make new friends.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to part sponsor a group of nine CICS teenagers to attend a Summer Camp in the Czech Republic for cochlear implanted teenagers from across Europe. This was organised by EURO-CIU and SUKI. CICS arranged for a very experienced teacher and a speech and language therapist who is also a cochlear implant user to accompany and supervise the CICS teenagers. As well as hiking, swimming and various social activities, they explored Telč and the surrounding area, visited landmarks, attended workshops and prepared and gave the whole group a presentation on the UK. They learned about the provision of cochlear implants in European countries and considered their role as advocates for cochlear implants. The feedback from the teenagers and their parents was absolutely excellent, and if a similar opportunity arises the Charity hopes to make similar arrangements.

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. These volunteers are vital to the efficient running of the Charity's events.

Trustees and Coordinators

The Charity's seven Trustees continued in their roles during the year under review. The Charity's Coordinator for Scotland stepped down during the year and was replaced by Natalie Hill who has an eleven-year-old cochlear implanted daughter.

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.

In addition to organising the charity's events, the 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 group, liaising with cochlear implant manufacturers and with other groups involved with all aspects of deafness or hearing loss, providing articles for various publications and helping with relevant research projects. Patient involvement is now at the forefront of NHS initiatives and the Group Coordinator is involved in various working parties, one of which has been active for four years developing a National Registry of Hearing Implants which will be launched in 2025. Details of every cochlear implant device and its recipient will be recorded and maintained in this Registry which will be updated by the individual's cochlear implant centre. The primary aim of the registry is to improve safety and outcomes for hearing implant users in the UK by monitoring the performance of implanted devices so that early warning signs of batch problems can be quickly acted upon.

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.

On behalf of the charity the Group Coordinator is a member of the British Cochlear Implant Group (BCIG). The Charity is a member of the 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 Charity's Group Coordinator is a member of the BCIG's working party which is considering a further approach to NICE regarding the approval for bilateral cochlear implants for adults and for single sided deafness as well as the relaxation of the audiological criteria for implantation to be in line with other European countries.

During 2024 two Trustees attended the BCIG's annual conference which took place in Newcastle, as well as the EURO-CIU Annual Meeting in Vienna, and the first-ever global advocacy conference on Cochlear Implants organised by CIICA in Brussels. 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 took 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 2024 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 £3,025.

The British 10k London event was the Charity's only major fundraising initiative. The Charity had a team of 34 runners. The Charity hosted a post-run event for runners and immediate family at the Cafe in the Crypt at St. Martin-in-the-Fields which proved to be an excellent choice of venue. Nett of expenses the event raised just over £12,000, less than initially hoped for, but nonetheless a good outcome.

During the year under review, in addition to various personal donations, the charity received notable amounts (over £3,000) of £6,000 from Cochlear Europe, £5,000 from each of Kintbury Capital, the Kaye Pemberton Trust and JUSACA Charitable Trust, £4,500 from the Dorothy Hay-Bolton Charitable Trust, three donations from Bloomberg LP totalling £4,354, and £3,000 from Hat Trick Productions.

90-year-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 £1,200. Colin was awarded the Freedom of the Borough of Ruislip in September and the Group Coordinator was delighted to speak at the ceremony to talk about his charitable work and to thank him for his support for so many years. Very sadly Colin died shortly after this and the Group Coordinator attended his memorial service.

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.

Given that the previous year's revenue included a large one-off donation from the winding up of The Ear Foundation, the financial outcome for the year, although down, was satisfactory despite an increase in the cost of production and postage of the newsletter, increased charges from venues which were higher than anticipated and were not passed on in full to families attending the events, and the costs involved in a new initiative involving sponsorship of a group of teenagers to attend a Summer Camp in Europe and the travel costs incurred by the two volunteer group leaders.

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 Trustees ensure that excess funds are invested in bank and building society accounts that pay attractive rates of interest and keep this situation under review.

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's 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. The Charity was fortunate to receive a higher number of donations of over £1,000 than in previous years which helped to cover some of the increased expenditure 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 30th October, 2025.


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Chairperson
Mrs A. P. Kemp

COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Statement of Financial Activities

for the period

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

<u>Receipts and Payments</u>	2024			2023
	<u>Unrestricted Funds - £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds - £</u>	<u>Total £</u>	<u>Total £</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations and bequests	56,002		56,002	110,649
Fundraising activities	21,045		21,045	17,707
Events and activities		4,315	4,315	5,859
Family activity weekends		2,325	2,325	1,745
Alton Towers weekend		28,173	28,173	23,737
Chessington		9,276	9,276	8,205
Other income	-		-	261
Income tax recovered	4,603		4,603	1,670
Bank interest	6,973		6,973	4,113
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Total Receipts	88,623	44,089	132,712	173,946
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<u>Payments</u>				
Postage	14,197		14,197	5,035
Printing and photocopying	18,481		18,481	28,971
Stationery	4,776		4,776	4,744
Telephone	403		403	288
Subscriptions	548		548	655
Events and activities		9,858	9,858	9,537
Family activity weekends		8,041	8,041	6,624
Alton Towers weekend		42,273	42,273	36,446
Chessington		17,331	17,331	19,838
Promotional items		2,045	2,045	1,063
Fundraising activities	6,177		6,177	7,125
Purchase of office equipment	-		-	2,272
Insurance	685		685	554
Children's Achievement Awards	707		707	922
Travel and conference attendance	4,206		4,206	3,432
Bank charges	63		63	65
Website and database management	331		331	377
Other expenses	102		102	12
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Total Payments	50,676	79,548	130,224	127,960
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Surplus/(Deficit)	£37,947	£(35,459)	£2,488	£ 45,986
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COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31st December 2024

	At 31.12.24 £	At 31.12.23 £
Assets		
Cash at bank and on deposit	189,596	187,108
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Net Assets	£189,596	£187,108
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Funds		
Balance brought forward	187,108	141,122
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,488	45,986
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Balance carried forward	£189,596	£187,108
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Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees on 30th October, 2025.



 A. P. Kemp
 Chairperson



 D. Tuffs
 Trustee

COCHLEAR IMPLANTED CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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 2024 to 31st December 2024

1) Income and Expenditure

	Restricted and Unrestricted Funds £
a) Donations and bequests	
Cochlear Europe	6,000
Kaye Pemberton Trust	5,000
JUSACA Charitable Trust	5,000
Kintbury Capital	5,000
Dorothy Hay-Bolton Charitable Trust	4,500
Bloomberg LP	4,354
Hat Trick Productions	3,000
Advanced Bionics	2,600
Matthews Wrightson Charitable Trust	2,000
The Dyers Company	2,000
KW Charitable Trust	1,000
Charities Trust	935
Stead Window Services	500
Individual donations and bequests of £2,000 or less	14,113

	£56,002
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b) Fundraising Events	
Sizeable fundraising events organised by and for the charity during 2024 included:	
British London 10k (£18,235 - £ 6,177)	12,058
Fundraising Event (Colin Sutherland Model Railway)	1,200
Raffles	1,610

	£14,868
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c) Direct Expenditure	
Family Activity Weekends (£8,041 - £2,325)	5,716
Events & Activities (£2,341 - £1,165)*	1,176
Alton Towers (£42,273 - £28,173)	14,100
Chessington (£17,331 - £9,276)	8,055
Euro Camp (£7,517 - £3,150)	4,367
Children's Achievement Awards	707
Telephone - family contact	403
Printing, stationery and postage	37,454

* Euro camp is separated from the Events and Activities	£71,978
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
(cont.)

1)	Income and Expenditure (cont.)	£
d)	Investment Income	
	Bank Interest	£6,973
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e)	Management and Administration of Charity	
	Travel and conference attendance	4,206
	Subscriptions	548
	Insurance	685
	Bank charges	63
	Website and database administration	331
	Promotional items	2,045
	Other expenses	102
		£7,980
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f)	Trustees' remuneration	
	No trustees received any remuneration during the period but three Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £10,940 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	10,191
	CAF Deposit Account	17,915
	Cambridge and Counties	85,000
	Skipton Building Society	76,490
		£189,596
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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 2024 to 31st December 2024

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, 2024 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: 30th October, 2025

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