

**CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



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**COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

DIRECTORS

S. Shaw
J.A. Percy
A. Watson
A.L. Codd
C.J. Lawrenson

REGISTERED OFFICE:

3 King's Road
Newark
Nottinghamshire
NG24 1EW

REGISTERED NUMBER:

4747134 (England and Wales)

CHARITY

REGISTERED NUMBER:

1098935

**CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

The directors, who are also the trustees of the charity, during the year under review were:

A. Watson	Chairman
S Shaw	Treasurer
S.J. Leadbeater (resigned 11 August 2023)	
J.A. Percy	
C. Borrett (resigned 5 August 2023)	
A.L. Codd	
C.J. Lawrenson	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Children's Bereavement Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It was incorporated on 28 April 2003 as Newark & Notts Child Bereavement and Loss Centre and registered as a charity on 11 August 2003; the name was changed on 10 January 2014. Every member of the company has limited liability in the form of a guarantee up to £1.

ORGANISATION

The Children's Bereavement Centre is managed by a voluntary Executive Committee that meets bi-monthly to decide policy and to delegate responsibility to either staff or members of the Executive Committee. The professional staff have day-to-day responsibilities of running the charity.

At the end of the year, the charity employed 2 full-time and 10 part-time staff and had approximately 15 bereavement support volunteers and other volunteers providing help with fundraising, awareness raising and administration. A group of Young Ambassadors, all of whom previously benefitted from the service, continue to contribute to promotion, fundraising, research, and development of service delivery.

We are a staff team of 12 people, with a full-time equivalent of just eight. This includes management, administration, fundraising and all bereavement specialists. Yet, we provide high quality, bespoke support for over 1,000 children and their families per year. Our capacity is bolstered, allowing us to have the impact we do, thanks to our vital bereavement volunteer team. They are highly talented and recruited based on their unique and specialist skills. For example, on the volunteer team we have a qualified art therapist, youth worker and neurodiversity specialist, each of whom can further enhance our service offer and complement our staff team by providing further niche specialisms.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

Objectives and Aims

The Children's Bereavement Centre is the only service of its kind in the area. It serves a population of 1.2 million people and receives only 4% of its income from statutory sources. Our key objective is to relieve the distress and suffering of those children, and their families, who have experienced bereavement or loss by providing accessible information, guidance, and support.

All the support we provide is free for families. In the last year we have directly supported 1,165 children and their families, the highest number in our 20-year history. All children are experiencing life-changing trauma due to the death or terminal illness of someone important to them, often one or both parents. Their bereavement can often be sudden and unexpected due to illness, accident, murder, or suicide which can have a lasting impact on their mental, emotional and/or physical health, as well as their future life choices. We provide holistic, person-centred early intervention support including play therapy and filial therapy (which trains parents in special child centred play activities to help their children process their grief). Thorough evaluation takes place to ensure the service meets the needs of the families. The evaluation encompasses all aspects of the child's health and wellbeing.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

Objectives and Aims (continued)

The Children's Bereavement Centre supports children as young as three years old and their families from Nottinghamshire and South Lincolnshire. They are all experiencing life-changing trauma due to the death or terminal illness of someone important to them. We offer 1:1 bereavement support sessions for children and their parents/carers. We provide training for schools, professionals, and volunteers. Our service is not a 'one size fits all'. Our aim is to provide a network of effective, holistic support around every bereaved child, to ensure the best outcomes for all.

Strategies and Activities

Our services consist of direct 1:1 and group support including an annual bereavement residential for children and young people, workshops, bereaved family programme, peer support group, community remembrance events and parent/professional training. We provide access to person-centred, 1:1 support for bereaved 3 -18-year-olds and their parents/carers. Each child will receive approximately 8 free sessions (parents/carers 6), following a holistic, 2-hour assessment to understand the unique needs of the individual. We are also placement providers for counsellors in training where volunteers receive in-house training, mentoring and support.

Public Benefit

As the only dedicated children's bereavement service in the area providing free support, we fill a vital gap in local service provision. Without us, many families and professionals would not get the support they need. We receive many referrals from Social and Family Services, CAMHS, GPs and other professionals showing how we are plugging a gap in NHS provision in the district; hence we work very closely with them.

As a result of the traumatic loss, children are more likely to have behavioural problems. Grieving children are also extremely vulnerable to mental health disorders as they may be confused and upset by what they are feeling. Grief can impact the physical health of children and heighten the risk of sleep and eating problems along with increasing vulnerability to ailments such as headaches and upset stomachs. We have a deep understanding of the needs of this community and provide a targeted, specialist service.

Sadly, there is increasing evidence of the late effect of bereavement in childhood. Bereaved children on average have lower than average exam scores, are more likely to be unemployed at 30 and are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. Our early intervention can help reduce these impacts later in life and reduce impact on other services.

Our service is focused on prevention and our internal monitoring shows significant improvements such as increased self-esteem, confidence, concentration, relationships, sleep and reductions in self-harm, suicidal thoughts, sadness and depression. We help to prevent sustained suffering, prevent prolonged mental health challenges, and empower every child with hope for the future. We equip children and their families with the tools and knowledge needed for them to build resilience, bolster their mental health and grow up healthier and happier.

- More grieving children will know that they are not alone
- Children have a safe outlet to explore their grief
- Improved attention and attainment at school
- Reduced risk of entering the criminal justice system

100% of families surveyed reported seeing an improvement following 1:1 or group support. 95% of children report improved confidence and self-esteem. 82% of children report improved feelings and behaviours. Service user feedback examples include:

"Without you we would be a broken family".
"Absolutely wonderful and essential service".

Families improve their resilience and have a renewed sense of hope. The loneliness and taboo of grief is tackled.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

Achievements and performance

Demand for the service has never been higher. In the last year we have supported 1,165, the highest number in our 20-year history. Each has received bespoke, person-centred early intervention support that helped:

- Bereaved children to be empowered with coping strategies to help them with difficult feelings.
- Children improve their confidence and resilience and feel more hopeful.
- Education and health professionals to be upskilled to better support children in the community.
- Parents/carers to understand their child's grief and provide better support at home.

This year we have been awarded Best Social Enterprise at the Newark Business Awards and were runners up at the Mansfield Business Awards, highlighting our excellent local reputation. Our service remains, as it always has been, free for families. Our reach continues to grow as we meet ever increasing demand. We continue to work closely with the NHS, receiving referrals from CAMHS and GPs, showing how we are viewed as a trusted partner to plug a gap in community social care. We are a lifeline for families who without us would have nowhere else to turn for free specialist support.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charitable sector is currently experiencing unprecedented challenges and the Children's Bereavement Centre is also experiencing challenges in terms of:

- Consistent high demand, which for the CBC is without the need for specific advertising or promotion. We will therefore make impact driven decisions based on evidenced need, including developing support for parents/carers who tell us they feel ill-equipped when supporting a child experiencing bereavement.
- Increased service delivery and fundraising costs which means we need to raise more just to do the same. The charity's operational budget has had to increase from £361,961 during 2022-23 to a forecast of £417,455 for the current financial year. This clearly shows the financial pressure we face to sustain our vital service for traumatised response. In response to this we are currently working with external experts to help to diversify income initiatives and create new marketing strategies.
- Market saturation with more charities than ever before competing for ever decreasing funds from trusts, statutory and local community. To meet these evolving challenges and ensure our sustainability the CBC will have to find more ways to use limited resources and will achieve this by:
 - Being strategic and ensuring planning is robust and fit for purpose.
 - Being creative to utilise resources effectively to drive impact and value for money. We will continue to strive to keep our administration costs to a minimum and be diligent with our funds, always prioritising service delivery and meeting the needs of the families we support to the highest standard.
 - Identifying gaps/niches in local service delivery to ensure we reach as many families as possible through service delivery, collaboration, and signposting to ensure many more 1000s of children, families and professionals get the support they need.
 - Increase in complexity of support required. The highest proportion of children referred have lost a parent, sometimes both and we are seeing more deaths by suicide, accident, murder, or often multiple deaths. In response to this, we continue to upskill existing counselling staff and volunteers and are researching ways that will meet the needs of families and professionals to increase their knowledge and skills by our in-house experts.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Treasurer's Report

During the year ending 31 March 2023 income totalled £377,425 (2022 - £259,301) and outgoings totalled £376,532 (2022 - £343,818) giving a surplus for the year of £893 (2022 - deficit £84,517).

Income was achieved via:

- Corporate fundraising £46,993 (2022 - £57,428)
- Grants £106,663 (2022 - £56,497)
- Statutory Sector Funding £26,674 (2022 - £16,250)
- Donations & Fundraising £190,080 (2022 - £127,986)
- Earned income from Professional Training £7,015 (2022 - £1,140)

The year 2021/22 proved financially challenging, particularly due to the competitiveness of grant funding and lasting impact of the pandemic on events and fundraising. Despite those financial challenges, the charity has continued to invest in planned development of services in 2022/23 to help meet the high demand for support and keep waiting times as low as possible. During that time, the team has continued to develop income generation streams which will benefit the charity both in the short and longer term.

We are grateful to all those experts who have and are giving their time and sharing their knowledge to enable us to do this as well as everyone who works, volunteers, donates and fundraises for us. As the only dedicated local children's bereavement charity, it is thanks to you all that so many bereaved children and families receive the specialist support they need.

With the cost-of-living crisis, we know that the next year will remain challenging due to less funding available, rising costs and increased demand for support, but with the continued dedication and commitment of everyone involved with the charity, we will continue to benefit more families and professionals than ever before.

Reserves Policy

Our retained reserves at 31st March 2023 were £209,389 (2022 - £208,496).

The charity is heavily reliant on voluntary donations, the majority of which, must be newly generated each year. The Trustees duly consider the uncertainties around funding when setting the charity's reserves and as such it is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted free reserves at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover a minimum of 6 months operating expenditure and any emergency situations that may arise. The charity currently holds £209,389 free reserves which the Trustees feel is appropriate for the charity as the level of funding and support remains uncertain but will continue to regularly monitor the level of reserves held.

Investment policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. The charity has a policy of keeping liquid funds in accounts that can be accessed readily.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date on its incoming resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) (effective January 2016) and in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

A. WATSON - DIRECTOR

30 October 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Watson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	£	£
INCOME			
Donations, grants, and other income	3	377,425	259,301
Other operating expenses	4	<u>376,532</u>	<u>343,818</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		893	(84,517)
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		893	(84,517)
Tax on surplus /(deficit) on ordinary activities	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		893	(84,517)
Retained surplus brought forward		<u>208,496</u>	<u>293,013</u>
RETAINED SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>209,389</u></u>	<u><u>208,496</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023				2022			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total funds		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
Income and endowments from:	3								
Donations and legacies		336,401	34,009	370,410		238,904	19,257	258,161	
Charitable activities		7,015	-	7,015		1,140	-	1,140	
Total		343,416	34,009	377,425		240,044	19,257	259,301	
Expenditure on:	4								
Raising funds		33,102	4,000	37,102		22,465	-	22,465	
Charitable activities		305,292	29,553	334,845		297,536	19,257	316,793	
Other		4,585	-	4,585		4,560	-	4,560	
Total		342,979	33,553	376,532		324,561	19,257	343,818	
Net surplus/(deficit)		437	456	893		(84,517)	-	(84,517)	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-		-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		437	456	893		(84,517)	-	(84,517)	
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		208,496	-	208,496		293,013	-	293,013	
Total funds carried forward		208,933	456	209,389		208,496	-	208,496	

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	8		1,881		723
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Prepayments		8,677		16,677	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>201,625</u>		<u>219,709</u>	
		210,302		236,386	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>2,794</u>		<u>28,613</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			207,508		207,773
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>209,389</u>		<u>208,496</u>
FUNDS:					
Brought forward			208,496		293,013
Net surplus/(deficit)			<u>893</u>		<u>(84,517)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>209,389</u>		<u>208,496</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company was entitled to exemption under s.477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required an audit in accordance with s.476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

Ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and

preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of s.396 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the provisions of Section 1A "Small entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

A. WATSON
DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE



Approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2023

Company Number 4747134

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are also prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (FRS 102) which was issued in 2016.

Incoming resources

Grant income and conference income are accounted for as they become receivable.

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Computer equipment – 33% on cost

Taxation

These financial statements are prepared on the basis that the company is exempt under Sections 478 to 489 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and that no charge to taxation applies.

Funds accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees during the year was 12 (2022 – 11)

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and social security costs	250,865	249,275
Pension contributions	<u>6,491</u>	<u>5,803</u>
	<u>257,356</u>	<u>255,078</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

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3. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	2023		2022		Total funds
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
(a) <u>Donations and legacies</u>					
Grants -					
Statutory funding	26,674	-	16,250	-	16,250
Others	72,654	34,009	37,240	19,257	56,497
Donations	24,691	-	39,023	-	39,023
Fundraising	165,389	-	88,963	-	88,963
Corporate fundraising	46,993	-	57,428	-	57,428
	<u>336,401</u>	<u>34,009</u>	<u>238,904</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>258,161</u>
(b) <u>Charitable activities</u>					
Training	7,015	-	1,140	-	1,140
Total	<u>343,416</u>	<u>34,009</u>	<u>240,044</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>259,301</u>

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4. EXPENDITURE

	2023		2022		Total funds
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
(a) <u>Raising funds</u>					
Awareness raising	700	-	198	-	198
Fundraising activities	32,402	4,000	22,267	-	22,267
	<u>33,102</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>22,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,465</u>
(b) <u>Charitable activities</u>					
Wages	231,147	26,209	241,030	14,048	255,078
Group Activities	5,899	-	4,953	-	4,953
Training	5,291	-	2,182	-	2,182
Play equipment etc.	1,126	2,344	2,620	478	3,098
Insurance	2,105	-	1,973	-	1,973
Rent	23,680	-	15,487	4,731	20,218
Light and heat	3,072	-	1,813	-	1,813
Premises repairs	7,802	-	1,929	-	1,929
Stationery	4,540	-	3,855	-	3,855
IT Equipment and repairs	4,127	1,000	11,080	-	11,080
Telephone	3,927	-	4,231	-	4,231
Other	12,576	-	6,383	-	6,383
	<u>305,292</u>	<u>29,553</u>	<u>297,536</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>316,793</u>
(c) <u>Other</u>					
Accountancy and professional costs	3,465	-	4,199	-	4,199
Depreciation	1,120	-	361	-	361
	<u>4,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,560</u>
Total expenditure	<u>342,979</u>	<u>33,553</u>	<u>324,561</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>343,818</u>

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5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2023 £	2022 £
The charity has paid Duncan and Toplis Limited, a firm in which trustee S. Shaw is a director:		
Payroll services	<u>1,174</u>	<u>2,221</u>

6. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	257,356	255,078
Office costs	<u>119,401</u>	<u>88,740</u>
	<u>376,757</u>	<u>343,818</u>

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £
<u>Cost</u>	
1 April 2022	6,584
Additions	<u>2,278</u>
31 March 2023	<u>8,862</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
1 April 2022	5,861
Charged	<u>1,120</u>
31 March 2023	<u>6,981</u>
<u>Net book value</u>	
31 March 2023	<u>1,881</u>
31 March 2022	<u>723</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	2,506	2,346
Creditors and accruals	288	288
Grants received in advance	<u>-</u>	<u>25,979</u>
	<u>2,794</u>	<u>28,613</u>

10. LEASE COMMITMENT

The charity has rented its premises at £14,000 a year under a lease which expires in November 2023.

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11. OUTLINE SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Balance b/f</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>Balance c/f</u> £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
BNA	-	26,209	26,209	-	-
NSDC Business Growth Grant	-	4,000	4,000	-	-
Stagecoach	-	500	500	-	-
Gordan Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Toy Trust	-	2,000	1,844	-	156
Duncan and Toplis	-	300	-	-	300
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Bassetlaw CCG	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Nottinghamshire CC	-	11,674	11,674	-	-
General	208,496	316,742	316,305	-	208,933
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Total funds	208,496	377,425	376,532	-	209,389
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of Children's Bereavement Centre, for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

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

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**CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations	24,691		39,023	
Fundraising	165,389		88,963	
Corporate fundraising	46,993		57,428	
Grants	133,337		72,747	
Training	<u>7,015</u>		<u>1,140</u>	
		377,425		259,301
Other income:				
Interest		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
				259,301
Staff and office costs:				
Wages	257,356		255,078	
Group activities	5,899		4,953	
Training	5,291		2,182	
Activities and awareness raising	37,102		22,465	
Play equipment etc.	3,470		3,098	
Insurance	2,105		1,973	
Rent	23,680		20,218	
Light and heat	3,072		1,813	
Premises repairs	7,802		1,929	
Stationery	4,540		3,855	
IT equipment and repairs	5,127		11,080	
Telephone	3,927		4,231	
Other	12,576		6,383	
Accountancy and professional costs	3,465		4,199	
Depreciation	<u>1,120</u>		<u>361</u>	
		<u>376,532</u>		<u>343,818</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		<u>893</u>		<u>(84,517)</u>

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