

CHILD AND FAMILY CONNECT

Trustees Report and Accounts

31ST MARCH 2023

Registered Charity Number 1099371

WATERS & ATKINSON

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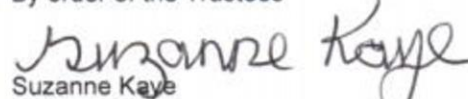
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that Waters & Atkinson be re-appointed to examine the accounts for the charity for the coming year.

By order of the Trustees


Suzanne Kaye
Chairman

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Child and Family Connect

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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D S J Sissons, FCA
Waters & Atkinson
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for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Other grants	28,000	28,750
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Staff Costs	25,113	23,004
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Total Expenditure	<u>37,119</u>	<u>34,095</u>
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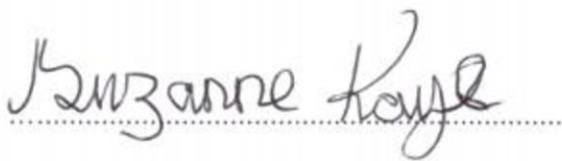
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	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Current assets		
Bank	<u>29,846</u>	<u>23,337</u>
Total	29,846	23,337
Current Liabilities		
PAYE/NIC	-	<u>-1,488</u>
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Reserves	<u>29,846</u>	<u>21,849</u>

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The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

Going Concern

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charities' ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts

Restrictions

Where there is a legal restriction on the purpose to which a fund may be put, the fund is classified either as a restricted fund or an endowment fund. We do not believe any funds received in current or previous periods meet this criteria.

Income

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable (more likely than not) that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met:

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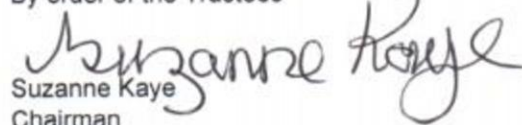
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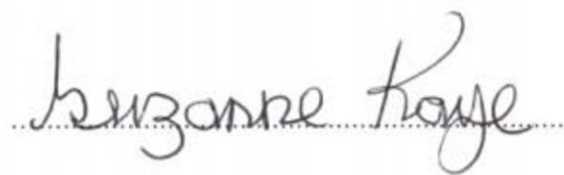
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