

Charity number: 1107003
Company number: 05250711
(England and Wales)

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES, ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Centre is established to offer affordable and professionally supported counselling to the people of Mid-Sussex. It is a registered charity and accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP)

The Centre offers open-ended, psychodynamic counselling to individual adult clients at its base in Hassocks, West Sussex.

The Centre is managed and administered by a board of Directors, the Centre Manager and the Clinical Lead.

A group of qualified supervisors support and oversee the work of a team of up to twenty volunteer counsellors. The team comprises both qualified and experienced counsellors who have been working with the Centre for some time and a number of counsellors who have undergone a minimum of one year of training and are on clinical placement from training courses approved by the Centre. All counsellors attend weekly supervision.

Clients generally refer themselves but many come on the recommendation of former clients, GPs and mental health services. Our website provides an internet presence. All prospective clients are asked to attend an initial interview where their aims and expectations are explored and the suitability of counselling is discussed before they are placed on the waiting-list for allocation to a counsellor. Should it ever be decided that psychodynamic counselling is not appropriate for a particular person, every effort is made to suggest an alternative source of help. Clients are asked to contribute towards the cost of counselling on a sliding scale related to income and circumstances. The service is offered on a one-to-one basis and the highest priority is given to confidentiality.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

2020 became a year that brought unprecedented challenges as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold. The directors of Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre are happy to report that the Centre was able to maintain the delivery of its service, albeit in an altered form, throughout the year. Although revenues were diminished, the deficit for the year was just £449.

The Centre's relative success during 2020 was a consequence of the resilience and resourcefulness of our Centre Manager, Clinical Lead, the supervisors and our counsellors who adapted to working with their clients via the internet with remarkable facility.

The fact that the Centre's activity is underpinned by substantial financial reserves allowed us to respond to radically changing circumstances with confidence. At the end of 2020 the directors were certain that the Centre would continue to operate successfully in the coming year which held no promise of imminent release from the ongoing pandemic.

At the beginning of 2020 the Centre was poised to embark on a significant investment in building additional accommodation. However, as the terms of the necessary land lease proved to be disappointingly unfavourable, the directors decided to shelve the project. This decision proved to be fortuitous as the pandemic restrictions would have disallowed the use of the new facilities.

At the end of 2020, planning for the future development of the Centre was on hold save for the realisation that there is potential in offering an internet based counselling service in parallel with our traditional face to face service. Dealing with the challenges of 2021 and continuing to provide affordable counselling services to the people of Mid-Sussex was the prevailing priority.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Charity registration number	1107003
Company registration number	05250711
Principal address	Powell House, 21 Keymer Road Hassocks

**Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

West Sussex
BN6 8AB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Richard Coker
Janet Prue
Alison Mohammed
Lisa Martucci
(Resigned: 26 July 2021)
Peter Ellender
(Appointed: 02 October 2020)
Sarah McShane
(Appointed: 19 October 2019)
(Resigned: 02 October 2020)

Secretary

Jenny Keay

Independent examiner

Andrew M Wells FMAAT
99 Western Road
Lewes
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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Richard Coker

18 September 2021

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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Andrew M Wells FMAAT
99 Western Road
Lewes
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18 September 2021

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	42	21
Charitable activities	3	30,513	45,590
Investments	4	61	103
Total		30,616	45,714
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(31,065)	(32,166)
Total		(31,065)	(32,166)
Net income/expenditure		(449)	13,548
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		76,303	62,755
Total funds carried forward		75,854	76,303

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,783	4,176
Cash at bank and in hand		75,299	74,474
		78,082	78,650
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,228)	(2,347)
Net current assets		75,854	76,303
Total assets less current liabilities		75,854	76,303
Net assets		75,854	76,303
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	75,854	76,303
Total funds		75,854	76,303

For the year ended 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Coker
Trustee

18 September 2021

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	42	21
	42	21

3. Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Counselling services</i>		
Client contributions	27,921	39,753
Placement fees	2,397	4,297
Intake contributions	195	1,540
	30,513	45,590
	30,513	45,590

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4. Investment income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	61	103
	61	103

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Counselling services	16,084	12,125
Support costs	14,981	20,041
	31,065	32,166

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2020 £	2019 £
Support costs				
Counselling services	16,084	14,981	31,065	32,166

7. Analysis of support costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Counselling services		
Intake supervision	750	6,614
Administrative expenses	7,314	4,015
Rents	2,002	5,078
Insurances	915	741
Telephone	773	755
Subscriptions	1,051	859
Office supplies	1,006	880
Bank charges	60	60
Sundry expenses	160	589
Governance costs	950	450
	14,981	20,041

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8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accountancy fees	450	450
	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trustees	5	6
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

11. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,796	2,576
Prepayments and accrued income	316	283
Other debtors	671	1,317
	<u>2,783</u>	<u>4,176</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	1,740	1,636
Accruals and deferred income	488	711
	<u>2,228</u>	<u>2,347</u>

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13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2020 £
<i>General</i>				
General	76,303	30,616	(31,065)	75,854
	76,303	30,616	(31,065)	75,854

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2019 £
<i>General</i>				
General	62,755	45,714	(32,166)	76,303
	62,755	45,714	(32,166)	76,303

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

These funds are held for the meeting of the objectives of the charity and to provide reserves for future activities and subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	75,854	75,854
	75,854	75,854

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Previous year

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	76,303	76,303
	76,303	76,303

15. Company limited by guarantee

Mid-Sussex Counselling Centre is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.