

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07229248 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135666

Strategic Report, Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2023 for
Voice of the Child

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Strategic Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

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Strategic Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

The trustees present their strategic report for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Background:

Our Child Contact Centre, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, has faced a significant increase in demand for services, particularly due to the rise in domestic violence, marital tensions, and relationship breakdowns. This increase in complex and traumatic cases has led to operational challenges, including staff burnout due to the high workload, minimal wages, and lack of therapeutic support. Financial constraints, characterized by limited government funding and community support, have exacerbated these issues. Our current focus is on balancing the immediate service needs with the long-term sustainability of our organization.

Challenges Identified:

The Core Challenge:

Our charity is caught in a paradoxical situation. We are in dire need of a fundraiser and a strategic business development officer to enhance our financial stability and service capacity. However, the financial constraints we are experiencing prevent us from hiring these essential roles. This scenario poses a significant challenge in generating the resources required for the operational costs, including appropriate staffing salaries and support.

Specific Challenges:

Our charity is caught in a paradoxical situation. We are in dire need of a fundraiser and a strategic business development officer to enhance our financial stability and service capacity. However, the financial constraints we are experiencing prevent us from hiring these essential roles. This scenario poses a significant challenge in generating the resources required for the operational costs, including appropriate staffing salaries and support.

Resource Allocation Dilemma: The increased demand for our services necessitates allocating our limited resources to immediate service delivery, leaving little for strategic fundraising and business development efforts.

Increased Demand and Complex Cases: The pandemic has led to a rise in challenging family dynamics which deeply impacts staff wellbeing.

Operational and Financial Struggles: Staff burnout, limited funding, and the need for therapeutic support are major concerns.

Service Delivery Backlog: A growing backlog of family referrals is challenging our capacity to deliver timely services.

Strategic Recommendations for Consideration:

Creative Fundraising Approaches:

Initiate low-cost, high-impact fundraising campaigns such as online crowdfunding, which can be managed with our current resources.

Seek pro bono services or consulting for fundraising and business development strategies.

Diversified Funding and Fundraising Initiatives:

Launch online fundraising campaigns and community events.

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Community and Corporate Partnerships:

Collaborate with local businesses and community organizations for sponsorships or partnerships that can offer both financial and strategic support.

Government and Grant Support:

Apply for government aid and explore grants specifically aimed at organizational development and capacity building.

Volunteer and Internship Programs:

Utilize volunteers and interns, particularly in areas of fundraising and business development, to alleviate immediate staffing needs.

Public Awareness Campaigns:

Engage in awareness campaigns to highlight our financial situation and the critical nature of our services, which can garner community support and attract potential donors.

Staff Support and Capacity Building:

Invest in staff training, particularly in managing complex trauma cases.
Engage volunteers and interns to support our staff and services.

Enhancing Public Awareness and Advocacy:

Increase awareness of our services to attract volunteers, donations, and possibly influence governmental policy.

Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations:

Form partnerships with local businesses, community groups, and educational institutions for additional support.

Operational Improvements:

Negotiate a more stable rent free agreement or seek alternative premises.
Explore the possibility of extending service hours to manage the case backlog effectively.

Strategic Recruitment:

Hire a strategic business development officer and a dedicated fundraiser to enhance revenue opportunities and ensure long-term sustainability.

Conclusion:

Our current financial situation is a complex challenge that requires innovative and collaborative solutions. Although challenging, we are committed to overcoming these challenges and are actively seeking the support and guidance of our community, partners, and stakeholders. Implementing these strategies is crucial to mitigate the current challenges and enhance our capacity to serve the community effectively. We believe that with the right support and resources, our Centre can continue to provide invaluable services to families in need.

We look forward to more support and collaboration in these endeavours.

Sincerely,

Voice of the Child for the Year
Strategic Report
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

"The needs of children are the heart of all our work".

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21/01/24 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong
Trustee & Director of Services

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07229248 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1135666

Registered office

Unit 8,
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Trustees

C Palmer- appointed 19th May 2023
S Tabot- appointed 14th June 2023
A Fomuso
J Ebai
Phoenix-Rise Tabot Ojong

Independent examiner

Chris Sellars
FCA

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Voice of the Child was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 20th April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26th April 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The recruitment and retention of trustees is an ongoing process for Voice of the Child. The role is voluntary; however, it requires commitment and dedication, which makes it increasingly difficult to recruit trustees who are likely to be fully committed to their roles. The recruitment and selection process are robust enough to ensure that new trustees fully understand and commit to the responsibility assigned to them. We continue to advertise and accept applications from potential trustees with varied skills.

We also wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by our some very committed team of volunteers towards our work.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction of new Trustees is undertaken in a structured manner, following an initial period when potential Board members are invited to attend as guests to gain an introduction to the charity and meet other Board members. The Executive and Chairman manage the induction; training and briefings for Trustees on matters concerning the strategic, legal, and operational aspects of the charity are arranged from time to time, with inputs from external consultants as well as from the senior staff of the charity.

A skills analysis conducted on the Board informs the Trustees of specific skills and other characteristics and qualities that are needed to enhance its composition, bearing this in mind, new Trustees are currently recruited through personal and professional networks and to date these methods have been successful, although we have found that quite a few suitable. Candidates who have been approached have declined due to having too many existing commitments. Trustees are elected for three years with a third of the Board due for re-election each year.

The Board takes responsibility for all policy decisions. The minutes of Board meetings constitute the formal record of proceedings and decisions taken and approved by the Directors.

The day-to-day operations of the charity are delegated to the Managing Director, who works in close collaboration with the members of the Board of Directors, drawing upon their expertise as appropriate.

Organisational structure

Voice of the Child is directed by a Board of Directors, who are known as Trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees. The Trustees are professional people drawn from various other professional sectors and appointed at the Charity's annual general meeting or formal quarterly board meetings. Their time is given voluntarily. Meetings are held quarterly, and business is conducted largely by discussion and consensus in formal meetings.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees consider the major risks to which the charity is exposed when updating its strategic plans. These include internal and external risks that, if occurring, would be likely to affect finance and resources, staffing and other aspects of the work of the charity.

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The trustees are satisfied that procedures and systems are in place to monitor and control these risks, to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity in its future operations.

The Board of Trustees held the last formal review of Voice of the Child's major risks and its contingencies and monitoring and control systems on the 15th of January 2015.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Mission of Voice of the Child, which is built upon our statutory object's clause, is:

"The promotion of good health, advancement of education and relief of poverty of children and their families, in particular but not exclusively amongst black and minority ethnic communities, by providing a community-based family support facility".

The objects of the charity may be summarised as follows:

To empower and strengthen families so they can maximise their parenting capacity, maintain positive family relationships and to improve outcomes for children and young people.

To increase the availability and accessibility of specialist resources for improve life opportunities for children and young people with special needs.

To raise awareness of the complex needs of Black and Minority Ethnic.

To support children, young people and family members through the promotion and use of culturally appropriate and sensitive resources.

To work proactively in partnership with children, young people, families and relevant organisations to raise awareness and to promote positive outcomes for children and young people.

Significant activities

Child Contact Services:

Providing a safe, comfortable, secure, and supported environment where children of separated families (involved in child protection/childcare proceedings) can enjoy private quality time with significant family members a relaxed, comfortable, safe and supervised environment. It is essential for every child to have the opportunity to develop and maintain links with significant family members for long-term psychological and emotional wellbeing.

One to one support: Providing emotional support to families in need.

Advocacy: Supporting children and young people in need to have their views, wishes and feelings represented at professional meetings, to improve outcomes

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Public benefit

The constraints of funding continue to limit the services we provide to the residents of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and the surrounding counties although like in the previous year, we have continued to see an increase in the demand for our Family Empowerment Hub and Child Contact Services from further afield from Local Authorities, solicitors and courts beyond the South East, e.g. Wales, Swindon, Portsmouth, Bournemouth, London etc

Approximately 789 people (including Children & family members). Individuals who benefited from our services this year range from 0 - 55 years of age of which 96% are under 18 years old, albeit their parents being the main recipients of support in some cases to improve outcomes for children. We received approximately 2799 enquiries for our services, 2595 of which related to Contacts, approximately 50% of those progressed and resulted in a total of 2950 contact sessions of which 94% were supervised contacts, 06% supported contacts.

We currently have a long waiting list of approximately 45 families waiting to use our child supervised and supported contact services.

Our ambition is to reach out to 4000 families in need in the next few years to help improve outcomes for children and young people.

In planning our projects and activities the trustees of Voice of the Child have complied with their duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We have continued proactively respond to some the challenges and opportunities that have presented to us to this year, ensuring that our reputation grows beyond the South East and our services are accessible nationally. Voice of the Child - remains the only NACCC (National Association of Child Contact Centres) accredited contact centre offering both Supervised and Supported contact services weekdays / weekend within a 75 miles radius. This means we have a strategic position in the marketplace and there has been more opportunities to develop our brand and partnerships this year. We have grown our partnership network by a further 25% this year. This includes County Courts, Local authorities and solicitors beyond the South East who refer to clients to our services.

Unfortunately, 95% of our referrals do not come with a financial support package, hence the families are expected to pay a subsidised rate for services, and this is unaffordable for most families. This has presented some challenges for us to creatively find cost effective options to boost our resources to ensure that our services are accessible to families in need.

Social Works Training and Practice: Through University partnerships, we were able to offer two work-based 100 days or 70 days placement to e undergraduate social Work Student this year. This helped us to reach out to more families.

Staffing: We successfully recruited three Family Centre Support workers, including a Coordinator. We continue to use sessional, and contractors where required to bridge any gaps.

Voice of the Child has renewed its membership and accreditation with the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) during this accounting period.

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that Voice of the Child has achieved all the elements required for a child contact centre offering supervised contact and is an accredited member no. 1265/5 of the National Association of Child Contact.

Consequently, the centre has become more recognised as the only Centre within a 75 miles radius and the demand of our services continues to grow, thus putting pressure on our capacity to develop and sustain growth.

Summary of our achievements based on individual projects:

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Donation / Collection:

We are privileged to consistently receive a donation in kind of a value of approximately £43,000.00 per annum from Centric Community Projects to cover the cost of out rents. We would like to express our profound gratitude for their generosity. Not with standing, the conditions of offer raise significant anxieties for us; we are expected to vacate the property within a one-month notice period and operation hours have been reduced by 3hours (6pm close instead of 9pm). By implication, it is incredibly difficult to accommodate all school aged families who typically have contact after school / work hours during weekdays. Equally, there is a potential risk of disruption to delivery of our unique services to children and families should the contract end abruptly. We are under enormous pressure to proactively seek appropriate funding support to help us secure a more appropriate venue that allows us to operate with certainty, stability and flexibility in response to the diverse needs of vulnerable families.

We also received a £2,500 grant from the MOJ (Ministry of Justice) towards the running cost of supported contact services for which we are deeply grateful.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration, and support costs, and to respond to urgent requests from overseas that may arise from time to time.

Financial Review

There is an increase in income £196,037 (£193,117 in 2021/22).

Total charitable expenditure has decreased to £204,160 (£204,906 in 2021/22). However, the effect of the pandemic continues to pose further complexities for our work in terms of additional resources required to manage an exponential increase in demand for our services. A bounce back loan was secured to manage staffing and organisational cost during the Covid 19 pandemic and transition to normality. The overall result is that there was a loss of £8,123 for the year.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We continue to grow our reputation as a key player in the provision of supervised contact and family support services. Our priority for the following year is to secure the funding required for us to relocate to a more permanent and easily accessible building, given that our current tenancy is not guaranteed with only

One month's notice period and operation hours are significantly restricted. Core funding is required to sustain the organisation core staff / expenses and project funding required to make our services more accessible to families in desperate need.

CONSTRAINTS AND STRATEGY

As previously highlighted, a huge number of contact centres have closed because of the financial impact of the pandemic. The charity is experiencing a record-breaking increase in referrals associated to relationships that ended during the pandemic and including families coming from further afield over a 75-mile radius. This has meant that with no government funding and limited grant and community financial support, we have struggled with staffing to meet the increase in demand which currently stands at a backlog of over 45 family referrals awaiting contact. Most of these families have been waiting for an average of approximately eight months.

Covid19 pandemic has added a layer of complexity to our work, with a huge impact staffing. The pressure posed also resulted in core staff leaving and a quick turnaround in staffing. A lack of governmental support or adequate funding has continued to threaten the organisation's survival. Therefore, with limited funding and staffing it has become increasingly difficult to move forward with core fundraising activities required to move the organisation forward. We hope to continue to work creatively to break this cycle to explore and ensure appropriate governmental support and other available funding.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21/01/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong



Trustee & Director of Services

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Statement of Trust Responsibilities For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors Voice of the Child for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2015).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charity SORP.
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with the 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 the safeguarding assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' report incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 21/01/24 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong



Trustee & Director of Services

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Independent Examiners Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2023 set out on pages 11-23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
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Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as 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 statements 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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice:
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have not been met; or

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

Chris Sellars



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Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

	Notes	30.04.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.04.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	2	43,000	43,000
Grants		2,500	19,432
Child Contact Services & Family Support		150,537	130,685
		196,037	193,117
Total Income and Endowments			
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	14,892	13,720
Charitable activities	4	91,535	108,498
Administrative Staff		44,772	44,621
Premises cost		52,961	38,067
Child Contact Services & Family Support			
		-	-
Governance costs	6	204,160	204,906
Total expenditure			
		(8,123)	(11,789)
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES			
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total			
Funds brought forward		(85,899)	(74,110)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(94,022)	(85,899)

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Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

	Notes	30.04.23	30.04.22
		Unrestricted funds £	Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	2,777	1,383
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	11	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		12,957	19,896
		<u>12,957</u>	<u>19,896</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(44,318)	(40,235)
		<u>(31,361)</u>	<u>(20,339)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		(28,584)	(18,956)
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(65,438)	(66,943)
		<u>(94,022)</u>	<u>(85,899)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds:	14		
General fund		(94,022)	(85,899)
		<u>(94,022)</u>	<u>(85,899)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19/01/24 and were signed on its behalf by:

Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong



Trustee & Director of Services

Table 1: Statement of cash flows

	Total Funds	Prior year funds	Note
	£	£	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	(6,939)	(840)	(Table 2 below)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments	-	-	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	
Purchase of investments	-	-	
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i>	(6,939)	(840)	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of borrowing	-	-	
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-	
Receipt of endowment	-	-	
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</i>	-	-	
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(6,939)	(840)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	19,896	20,736	(Table 3 below)
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	-	-	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	12,957	19,896	(Table 3 below)

Table 2: Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Current Year	Prior Year
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(8,123)	(11,789)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,331	524
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-
Fixed asset additions/(disposal)	(2,724)	(1,240)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,577	11,665
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(6,939)	(840)

Table 3: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Current Year	Prior Year
	£	£
Cash in hand	12,957	19,896
Notice deposits (less than 30 days)	-	-
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	12,957	19,896

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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 (FRS102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds 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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations	<u>43,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>

Rent donated in the year was £43,000.

3. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Support costs	<u>14,892</u>	<u>13,720</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Totals £
Administrative staff	76,439	15,096	91,535
Premises costs	-	44,772	44,772
Child Contact Services & Family Support	52,961	-	52,961
	<u>129,400</u>	<u>59,868</u>	<u>189,268</u>

5. COSTS

	Finance £	Management £	Totals £
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Administrative staff		14,892	14,892
Premises costs		91,535	91,535
Child Contact Services & Family Support	-	44,772	44,772
	52,961	-	52,961
	<u>52,961</u>	<u>151,199</u>	<u>204,160</u>

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SUPPORT COSTS

	Costs of generating voluntary income £	Administrative staff £	Premises costs £	30.04.23 Total activities £	30.04.22 Total activities £
Postage& stationery					
Other		63	-	63	179
administrative expenses	11,618	8,148		19,766	19,690
Bank charges	3,274			3,274	2,864
Telephone		2,701		2,701	2,234
Insurance & Rent			44,772	44,772	44,621
Sundries	-	2,853		2,853	4,549
Staff Training		-		-	-
Wages & Salaries		76,439		76,439	92,178
Depreciation	-	<u>1,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,331</u>	<u>524</u>
	<u>14,892</u>	<u>91,535</u>	<u>44,772</u>	<u>151,199</u>	<u>166,839</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	30.04.23	30.04.22
Unrestricted funds £		Total funds £
	=	=

Independent examiner's fees

7. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.4.23	30.04.22
Unrestricted Funds £		Total Funds £
	<u>1,331</u>	<u>524</u>

Depreciation - owned assets

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8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees did not received remuneration for the year ended 30 April 2023 (£14,530 for the year ended 30 April 2022).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid neither for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

9. STAFF COSTS

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>76,439</u>	<u>92,178</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

30.04.23	30.04.22
<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
On 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023	43,466	6,943	50,409
Additions	<u>2,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,724</u>
	46,190	6,943	53,133
DEPRECIATION			
On 1 May 2022	42,083	6,943	49,026
Charge for year	<u>1,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,331</u>
On 30 April 2023	43,413	6,943	50,356
NET BOOK VALUE			
30 April 2023	<u>2,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,777</u>
On 30 April 2022	<u>1,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,383</u>

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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	£	£
Trade Creditors	769	720
Other creditors	33,549	29,515
Loans	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>44,318</u>	<u>40,235</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included within Other loans is a COVID bounce back loan of £10,000 (2022: £10,000), which is 100% guaranteed by the government.

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.04.23	30.04.22
	£	£
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>65,438</u>	<u>66,943</u>

Included within Other loans is a COVID bounce back loan of £39,130 (2022: £40,634), which is 100% guaranteed by the government.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.05.22 £	Net Movement In Funds £	At 30.04.23 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	(85,899)	(8,123)	(94,022)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(85,899)</u>	<u>(8,123)</u>	<u>(94,022)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	196,037	(204,160)	(8,123)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>196,037</u>	<u>(204,160)</u>	<u>(8,123)</u>

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	30.04.23	30.04.22
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations	43,000	43,000
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Child Contact Services & Family Support	153,037	130,685
Grants	-	19,432
Total income and endowments	196,037	193,117
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Wages	76,439	92,178
Rent, Rates and Water	43,000	43,000
Child Contact Services & Family Support	52,961	38,067
	172,400	173,245
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	-	-
Support costs Management		
Telephone	2,701	2,234
Postage and stationery	63	179
Software	656	1,743
Subscriptions	2,674	2,814
Other expenditure	2,853	4,549
Marketing	208	1,150
Accountancy	1,764	1,417
Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings- Depreciation	1,331	524
Entertainment	-	121
Staff training and welfare	4,610	3,006
Repairs & Maintenance	2,273	3,215
Travel & Subsistence	7,231	4,955
Legal & Professional	350	1,269
	26,714	27,176
Finance		
Insurance	1,772	1,621
Bank charges	3,274	2,864
	5,046	4,485
Total resources expended	204,160	204,906

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