

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 2024 for
Voice of the Child**

Voice of the Child for the Year

Strategic Report

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

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Strategic Report

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The trustees present their strategic report for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Our Child Contact Centre continues to experience a significant increase in demand for services amidst rising referrals of complex cases involving relationship breakdowns, domestic violence, and challenging family dynamics. This increased demand, coupled with our limited resources and a small team focused on frontline service delivery, has posed ongoing operational and financial challenges.

Challenges:

- **Resource Limitations:** Despite the urgent need for dedicated roles in business development, fundraising, and marketing to ensure growth and sustainability, financial constraints hinder recruitment.
- **Increased Demand:** The continued rise in complex cases places significant pressure on staff wellbeing and stretches our capacity to deliver timely services.
- **Operational Struggles:** Staff burnout, minimal wages, and limited funding remain key concerns, exacerbated by the ongoing backlog of family referrals.

Strategic Priorities:

To address these challenges, we recognise the need for a dedicated focus on growth, sustainability, and awareness. Key priorities include:

1. **Business Development and Fundraising**
 - Recruit a strategic business development and fundraising team to identify and secure funding opportunities and partnerships.
 - Explore low-cost, high-impact initiatives such as online crowdfunding and community fundraising events.
 - Build partnerships with local businesses and community organisations for sponsorships and financial support.
2. **Marketing and Awareness**
 - Establish a marketing and social media team to raise awareness of our services and financial needs.
 - Launch public awareness campaigns to highlight the importance of our work and attract donations, volunteers, and partnerships.
3. **Staff Support and Capacity Building**
 - Provide training for managing complex trauma cases and explore opportunities for therapeutic support for staff.
 - Engage volunteers and interns to alleviate pressure on the core team.
4. **Operational Improvements**
 - Consider extending service hours to reduce the case backlog.
 - Explore partnerships for pro bono support or rent-free premises to reduce operational costs.

Conclusion

Our charity remains committed to meeting the needs of vulnerable families despite significant challenges. To achieve long-term sustainability and growth, we must prioritise strategic investment in business

development, fundraising, and marketing while continuing to advocate for support from our community and stakeholders.

We invite collaboration and support as we continue to provide critical services to families in need.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24/01/25 and signed on its behalf by:

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Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong

Trustee & Director of Services

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

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 2024. 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

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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 12th of March 2024.

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 10489 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 3799 enquiries for our services, 3695 of which related to Contacts, approximately 50% of those progressed and resulted in a total of 3250 contact sessions of which 94% were supervised contacts, 6% supported contacts.

We currently have a long waiting list of approximately 35 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, 96% 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 three undergraduate social Work Student this year. This helped us to reach out to more families.

Staffing: We have struggled with staffing this year as the centre operations manager and centre coordinator resigned halfway through the year. However, we successfully recruited three full time Family Centre Support workers. We continued to use sessional, and contractors where required to bridge any gaps.

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Voice of the Child has renewed its membership and accreditation with the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) during this accounting period and 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 in-kind donations valued at approximately £43,000 per annum from Centric Community Projects, which cover the cost of our rent. We would like to express our profound gratitude for their generosity. However, the conditions attached to this offer raise significant concerns. We are required to vacate the property with only one month's notice and are restricted to operating hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. These limitations make it exceedingly difficult to accommodate school-aged families, who typically seek contact after school or work hours during weekdays.

Moreover, there is a potential risk of disruption to the delivery of our unique services to children and families if the landlords were to terminate the contract with short notice. This situation places us under enormous pressure to proactively seek alternative funding to secure a more suitable venue. A stable, flexible, and appropriate facility is essential to ensure we can continue responding effectively to the diverse needs of vulnerable families with certainty and consistency.

Additionally, we received a £2,500 grant from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to support the running costs of our supported contact services and a £325.00 donation from Thames Valley Family Law society (TVFLS). We are deeply grateful for this contribution, which helps us sustain this vital aspect of our work.

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 £245,770 (£196,037 in 2022/23).

Total charitable expenditure has increased to £204,769 (£204,160 in 2022/23). However, the effect of the pandemic continues to pose further complexities for our work in terms of additional resources required to

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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 profit of £41,001 for the year.

Future Developments

We continue to grow our reputation as a key provider of supervised contact and family support services. Our priority for the upcoming year is to secure the necessary funding to establish and sustain a core family support team, as well as a dedicated business development and fundraising team, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the charity.

Looking forward, we also aim to initiate research projects toward becoming a recognized research centre for family breakdown and interventions. This would include building a team of psychologists and psychotherapists to collaborate closely with families and the courts to facilitate smoother family transitions. These efforts will further enhance our capacity to support families effectively while contributing to the broader understanding of family dynamics and the impact of interventions.

A significant challenge remains securing a permanent and accessible building for our operations. Our current tenancy offers no long-term guarantees, with only a one-month notice period, and is limited by restricted operating hours. This situation underscores the urgent need for core funding to sustain the charity's staffing, operational expenses, and project development, ensuring our services remain accessible to families in desperate need.

Constraints and Strategy

As previously highlighted, a substantial number of contact centres have closed due to the financial strain caused by the pandemic. Our charity is now experiencing a record-breaking increase in referrals, primarily linked to relationship breakdowns that occurred during this period. Many families are also traveling from further afield, some from over 75 miles away, to access our services. This increase in demand has placed immense pressure on our limited resources. At present, we have a backlog of over 35 family referrals awaiting contact, with most families waiting an average of four months for services.

Despite the increasing demand for our services, we have not received government funding, and our reliance on limited grants and community financial support has made it challenging to meet operational needs.

Without adequate funding, it has become increasingly difficult to manage core activities, including fundraising efforts critical to advancing the organisation's mission. These financial and staffing constraints pose a serious threat to the charity's survival and its ability to meet the growing demand for services.

Moving forward, we remain committed to finding creative solutions to these challenges. Our strategy includes exploring opportunities to engage with government bodies for support and actively pursuing alternative funding sources to stabilize and expand our operations. By breaking the current cycle of financial instability, we aim to build a sustainable foundation that ensures we can continue providing essential services to the families that rely on us.

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Report of the Trustees for the
For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees 24/01/25 and signed on its behalf by:

Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong

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Trustee & Director of Services

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 24/01/2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

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Phoenix-Rises Tabot-Ojong

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Trustee & Director of Services

Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024 set out on pages 13-23.

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.

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: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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 2024

		30.04.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.04.23 Total funds £
	Notes		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	2	43,325	43,000
Grants		2,500	2,500
Child Contact Services & Family Support		189,148	150,537
Other Income		10,797	-
Total Income and Endowments		245,770	196,037
EXPENDITURE ON			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	19,880	14,892
Charitable activities			
Administrative Staff	4	64,886	91,535
Premises cost		44,647	44,772
Child Contact Services & Family Support		75,356	52,961
Governance costs	6	-	-
Total expenditure		204,769	204,160
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES			
		41,001	(8,123)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total			
Funds brought forward		(94,022)	(85,899)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(53,021)	(94,022)

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Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

			30.04.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.04.23 Total Funds £
	Notes	£		
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	10		2,250	2,777
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	11		306	-
Cash at bank and in hand			23,485	12,957
			<u>23,791</u>	<u>12,957</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	12		(18,110)	(44,318)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>5,681</u>	<u>(31,361)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			7,931	(28,584)
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(60,952)	(65,438)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			<u>(53,021)</u>	<u>(94,022)</u>
FUNDS	14			
Unrestricted funds:				
General fund			(53,021)	(94,022)
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>(53,021)</u>	<u>(94,022)</u>

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Balance Sheet
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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 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024 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 25/01/2025 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>	10,528	(6,939)	(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>	10,528	(6,939)	
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	10,528	(6,939)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	12,957	19,896	(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	23,485	12,957	(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)	41,001	(8,123)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	1,325	1,331
	Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	-
	Fixed asset (additions)/disposal	(798)	(2,724)
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	-
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(306)	-
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(30,694)	2,577
	Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	10,528	(6,939)

Table 3: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

		Current Year	Prior Year
		£	£
	Cash in hand	23,485	12,957
	Notice deposits (less than 30 days)	-	-
	Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	-
	Total cash and cash equivalents	23,485	12,957

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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations	<u>43,325</u>	<u>43,000</u>

Donations in the year include, Rent donation of £43,000, and £325 from Thames Valley Family Lawyers Society.

3. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	Unrestricted	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Support costs	<u>19,880</u>	<u>14,892</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Administrative staff	52,669	12,217	64,886
Premises costs	-	44,647	44,647
Child Contact Services & Family Support	75,356	-	75,356
	<u>128,025</u>	<u>56,864</u>	<u>184,889</u>

5. COSTS

	Finance	Management	Totals
	£	£	£
Cost of generating voluntary income		19,880	19,880
Administrative staff		64,886	64,886
Premises costs	-	44,647	44,647
Child Contact Services & Family Support	75,356	-	75,356
	<u>75,356</u>	<u>129,413</u>	<u>204,769</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

SUPPORT COSTS

	Costs of generating voluntary income	Administrative staff	Premises costs	30.04.24 Total activities	30.04.23 Total activities
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage & stationery		70	-	70	63
Other administrative expenses	16,915	5,616		22,567	19,766
Bank charges	2,929			2,929	3,274
Telephone		3,011		3,011	2,701
Insurance & Rent			44,647	44,647	44,772
Sundries	-	2,195		2,195	2,853
Staff Training		-		-	-
Wages & Salaries		52,669		52,669	76,439
Depreciation	-	1,325	-	1,325	1,331
	<u>19,880</u>	<u>64,886</u>	<u>44,647</u>	<u>129,413</u>	<u>151,199</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	30.04.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.04.23 Total funds £
Independent examiner's fees	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

7. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.04.24 Unrestricted Funds £	30.04.23 Total Funds £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,325</u>	<u>1,331</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees did not receive remuneration neither for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid neither for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

9. STAFF COSTS

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>52,669</u>	<u>76,439</u>

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

30.04.24	30.04.23
<u>5</u>	<u>5</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 2023 and 30 April 2024	46,190	6,943	53,133
Additions	<u>798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>798</u>
	47,988	6,943	53,931
DEPRECIATION			
1 May 2023	43,413	6,943	50,356
Charge for year	<u>1,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,325</u>
30 April 2024	44,739	6,943	51,682
NET BOOK VALUE			
30 April 2024	<u>2,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>
30 April 2023	<u>2,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,777</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	£	£
Other debtors	306	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	£	£
Trade Creditors	818	769
Other creditors	7,292	33,549
Loans	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>18,110</u>	<u>44,318</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included within Other loans is a COVID bounce back loan of £10,000 (2023: £10,000), which is 100% guaranteed by the government.

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

	30.04.24	30.04.23
	£	£
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>60,952</u>	<u>65,438</u>

Included within Other loans is a COVID bounce back loan of £34,644 (2023: £39,130), which is 100% guaranteed by the government.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.05.23 £	Net Movement In Funds £	At 30.04.24 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	<u>(94,022)</u>	<u>41,001</u>	<u>(53,021)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>(94,022)</u></u>	<u><u>41,001</u></u>	<u><u>(53,021)</u></u>

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

	Income Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>245,770</u>	<u>(204,769)</u>	<u>41,001</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>245,770</u></u>	<u><u>(204,769)</u></u>	<u><u>41,001</u></u>

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	30.04.24	30.04.23
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations	43,325	43,000
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Child Contact Services & Family Support	189,148	150,537
Grants	2,500	2,500
Other Income	10,797	-
Total income and endowments	245,770	196,037
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Wages	52,669	76,439
Rent, Rates and Water	43,000	43,000
Child Contact Services & Family Support	75,356	52,961
	171,025	172,400
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	1,200	1,200
Support costs Management		
Telephone	3,011	2,701
Postage and stationery	70	63
Software	216	656
Subscriptions	1,692	2,674
Other expenditure	2,195	2,853
Marketing	1,861	208
Accountancy	564	564
Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings- Depreciation	1,325	1,331
Entertainment	419	-
Staff training and welfare	1,427	4,610
Repairs & Maintenance	4,238	2,273
Travel & Subsistence	6,670	7,231
Legal & Professional	4,280	350
	29,168	26,714
Finance		
Insurance	1,647	1,772
Bank charges	2,929	3,274
	4,576	5,046
Total resources expended	204,769	204,160

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	30.04.24	30.04.23
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
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Net incoming resources/ (outgoing resources)	41,001	(8,123)
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This does not form part of the statutory financial statements