

**STORM FAMILY CENTRE LTD**

# **Trustees Annual Report 2024**

**Charity No. 1140714**

**Company No. 06726435**

**Trustee's Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts  
(31 March 2024)**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, presents their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Company No. 06726435**

**Charity No. 1140714**

**Principal Office**

STORM Family Centre  
Strasburg Road, Doddington Estate  
Battersea London  
SW11 5JF

**Registered Office**

Storm Family Centre  
Strasburg Road  
Doddington Estate  
London  
SW11 5JF

**Directors and Trustees**

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustee for the purposes of charity law. The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Leon Butler  
Tanya Silchenstedt  
Osbourne Binns  
Tina Clark  
Maria Teresa de la Calva

**Directors of Corporate Trustees**

Leon Butler  
Tanya Silchenstedt  
Osbourne Binns  
Tina Clark  
Maria Teresa de la Calva

**Trustees holding title to charity property**

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**Trustee for the charity in holding title to charity property**

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## **Company Secretary**

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## **Key Management Personnel**

Marie Hanson MBE (CEO)

## **Accountants**

Tom & Co. Accountants Limited 56a

Mitcham Road

Croydon

CR0 3RG

## **Bankers**

Barclays Bank

7-11 Saint John's Hill

Clapham Junction, Battersea

London SW11 1TR

## **Solicitors**

Croner

Croner House,

Wheatfield Way, Hinckley, Leicestershire

England, LE10 1YG.

## **Investment Advisors**

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## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

STORM Family Centre is a Domestic Violence charity that also has a focus on Youth Work and general wellbeing; the acronym S.T.O.R.M stands for: Support, Trust, Opportunity, Rebuilding and Motivation. Founded by Marie Hanson MBE in 2004, the vision was, and remains, to help people in need of support; particularly focusing on members of the local population within the black ethnic minority community as well as hard-to-engage groups. S.T.O.R.M is committed to addressing social issues such as sexual violence, sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, poverty, long-term unemployment, and youth crime.

The charity works hard to provide empowerment and opportunities for people to gain education and build confidence and has an open-door policy for our service users which we know helps as it breaks down barriers.

S.T.O.R.M works to help:

- **Anyone suffering from Domestic Violence**
- **Individuals suffering from low levels of depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues**
- **Single mothers gain the confidence and support they need to find their way into the workforce**
- **People who have been dependent on benefits for many years, to access the education and support necessary to get into employment and reach their goals**
- **Young people; to steer them away from knife and gun crime and give them the opportunity and motivation to change their lives**
- **Create community cohesion**
- **Raise awareness of local services**
- **Refugees and the Homeless**

We provide:

- One-to-one and Family support with counselling, employability help and mentoring
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Onsite childcare via our Nursery
- A variety of different accredited vocational training courses, including Teaching Assistant, and Childcare courses
- Youth work; with seasonal activities, as well as our youth club and mentoring
- Weekly Befriending Lunch Club
- Solicitor's Advice - Non-Molestation Orders Advice

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### ***Combating domestic violence***

Our counselling services thankfully continue for our service users as needed. We have one-to-one counselling, family counselling, sensory therapy and expressive art therapy, as all part of our services for help with healing from trauma. This year, we have helped over 40 individuals through our counselling sessions.

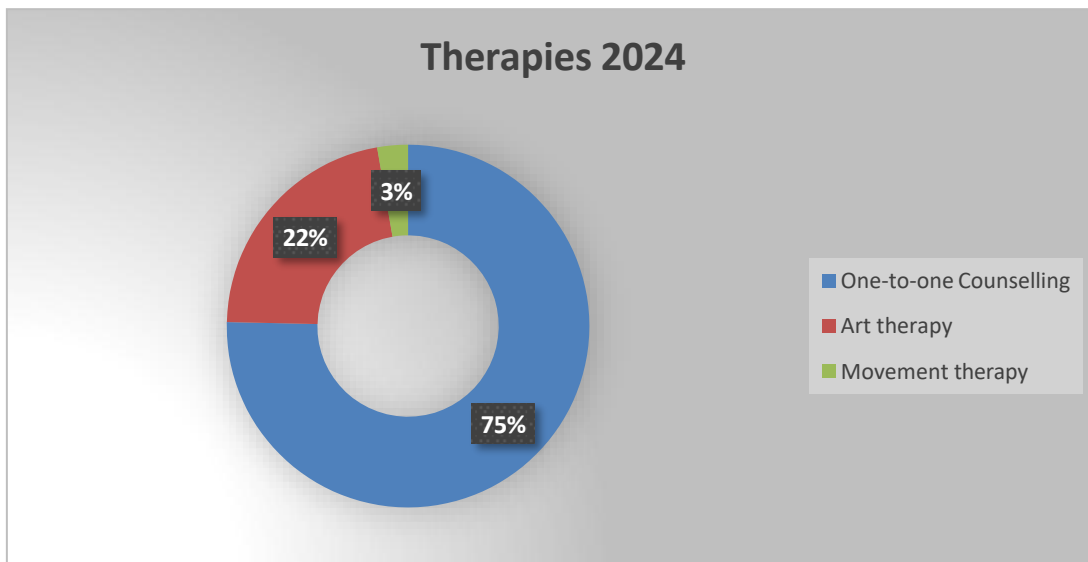
Our 'Stop the Silence, End Domestic Violence' campaign against Domestic Violence launched in October of 2020 is still in the process of gaining signatures. We are still pushing for attention with this initiative to get hotel rooms available for women fleeing domestic violence, please see link here: <http://chng.it/2w4zM7Tyqj>, and our campaign video here: ['Stop the Silence, End Domestic Violence'](#)

Our therapies carried out are listed below:

- Art therapy and Counselling for sufferers and survivors of domestic violence
- Support for people with concerns about their mental wellbeing
- Family counselling and support
- Sensory therapy

Differing services are as follows:

- Art therapy - 16
- Dance/movement therapy - 2
- One-to-one & Family therapy - 55



With our services we have collaborated with local organisations (signposting as well as partnerships) in carrying out our charity work - and with our counselling our aim has been to help as much as we can in every way. The benefits do present in many ways, and overall our clients do express gradual relief after receiving counselling and added help

*With one case, we helped a client as they sought legal help alongside their counselling. They escaped domestic violence and honour based violence from their partner by relocation and made very active steps in rebuilding their life. Aside from the legal help, they are also receiving help with us with employability issues.*

*They expressed growing relief since coming to our charity though more steps were taken to help with current emotional stress and day-to-day matters such as work and finances.*

We are seeing more and more women accessing our services going through domestic violence and we are finding out they are going through PTSD. (A lot of women also wish to leave their current homes as they are frightened of the perpetrators finding out where they live). We have been able to work with our local Borough Councillors to help them relocate and a lot of people feel isolated and find that STORM has a lot of services that help a lot.

With our partners we are able to help some of the ladies find work (e.g. with Wagamama, who are able to give them employment around their times of availability), as well as helping them taking up classes at STORM to improve their lives. One of the things we find, there have been extra women coming from referral agencies and we have been getting quite a lot of referrals - also from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for the young people for their families.

We are also getting a few women that go through Honour Based Violence (HBV) and we have been able to refer them to other services within Wandsworth Borough (London) when needed. Through signposting, several clients have also very thankfully received much needed goods for their homes such as beds, seating and even a cooker.

### **Youth work**

Our Youth activities in 2024 included:

- Music studio sessions for complete music production including mastering
- Creative workshops/arts & crafts, including Photography classes
- Seasonal activities including trips, creative workshops and more
- Wagamama & STORM workshops on cooking and hospitality/job skills for young people
- Blue Guitar Project workshops – a project for encouraging young people everywhere;  
<https://blueguitarproject.com/>
- See us at [Wandsworth Family Information Service](#) website (search 'STORM'), also see our 'Listening Day' site for youth wellbeing; [www.listeningday.co.uk](http://www.listeningday.co.uk)

### **And we continue to run our:**

- **Food Bank** - Still in need and very much welcomed, we provide needed food for the vulnerable and those in need across the local community and further. We continue our work with [City Harvest](#), and [FareShare](#) - who help us with these gratefully received food donations for our Food Bank and also for special occasions
- **Befriending Lunch and Breakfast groups** - This year saw our Lunch Group continue with regular and new guests as usual. We also had our Breakfast Club on Saturdays as well. Both groups have healthy food served on the menus as we catered to our community members. Regular announcements are made on Nextdoor.com, alongside our usual social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and all our dishes are prepared personally by our CEO Marie Hanson MBE.
- **NVQ courses** - These courses are in partnership with MI Compute Solutions and include Teaching Assistant courses, Childcare courses, Health & Social Care, ESOL and Early Years Education courses. The Education courses include Special Educational Needs (SEN) such as Dyslexia Awareness modules.
- **Information Advice and Guidance service** - with this provision we give help on matters such as employment, benefits and housing. *We continue to provide very necessary help and advice for domestic violence sufferers to escape from their abusers*

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW – FUNDING 2023/2024**

We are deeply grateful for the continued financial support from our valued funders, including (but not limited to) the London Community Fund, Wandsworth Borough Council, The Albert Hunt Trust, Sport England, London Catalyst, The Community Fund, The Garfield Weston Foundation, and DDV. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but a heartfelt acknowledgment of just a few of the incredible partners who have stood by us. Thanks to their generosity, countless lives have been transformed, and we are honoured to play a role in making this change possible.

As we reflect on this year's finances, we must emphasize that demand for our services has significantly increase, particularly for counselling and support for those affected by the cost-of-living crisis. In addition, we have seen growing needs related to domestic violence (DV), and we have worked tirelessly to ensure that individuals and families affected by these issues receive the care and assistance they deserve.

We remain fully committed to raising even more funds to expand our services, especially in areas such as counselling and DV support, to meet the growing demand.

At STORM Family Centre, our passion and purpose are driven by the needs of our community. We are determined to continue growing, innovating, and finding new ways to serve, ensuring that no one in our community is left behind. Together, with the ongoing support of our funders and the dedication of our team, we will build an even brighter future for those we serve. The incoming restricted/unrestricted resources for the year totalled **£144,669**.

## Reserve Policy

At STORM Family Centre, we are committed to maintaining unrestricted reserves to address unforeseen circumstances and ensure the sustainability of our vital services. However, due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and limited resources, we were unable to maintain reserves this year. As a result, the balance of unrestricted funds at the end of the year did not meet our reserve target.

## The Work We Do

Despite these financial constraints, STORM Family Centre has been able to support even more individuals and families this year. The rising cost-of-living crisis has increased demand for our services, and we are proud to have extended our reach to help those most in need. Our work goes beyond immediate support; we continue to empower our community and make a lasting impact.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our plans include:

- Continue with our peer-mentoring service within our counselling provision for our clients; this helps with building a 'buddy-counselling' aspect to our work. The peer-mentors are qualified individuals who have themselves survived domestic abuse; we believe that this will greatly help with encouragement and support
- To re-start our coffee mornings for women who have survived domestic violence, a safe and quiet place where women can talk casually about day-to-day experiences that would help with general counselling sessions that we provide
- To further promote our new shop – this outlet sells clothing and a variety of accessories. All items are made in Ghana, West Africa by women in impoverished community and who have also experienced trauma. The items are sold here in the UK with all proceeds going back to Ghana to help the women improve their lives, one day at a time
- To further expand on our youth work with more partnerships; local organisations that not only focus on recreation, but also rehabilitation and mentoring
- We are so grateful to have Lux Luz candles now with us at our offices, we have worked together for many years and now continue at the same site - holding days of candle-making workshops and more

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to US Ambassador to the UK Jane D. Hartley, Mayor of Wandsworth Sana Jafri, Cllr. Simon Hogg, Cllr. Juliana Annan, Marion Hardman of Hardman Communications, Roxy Lee (Blue Guitar Project), and our volunteers SJ Heany, Louise Schaffer, and Rose Murray-Dudgeon; and to our counsellor Carrie Burns

We thank all our Trustees for the invaluable services and selfless efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the organization - Leon Butler, Tanya Silchenstedt, Osbourn Binns, Tina Clark, and Marie de la Calva, to all our funders for all their great generosity, our community members for all their support, and of course – to our Patron **Sabrina Elba** and Ambassadors **Will Poulter** and **Chukwudi Iwuji**. Thanks to our partners in our work, especially Wandsworth Borough Council - to each and every one we say a big and heartfelt thank you as we could not have made this year's achievements without you. All our work throughout our years is owed to you.



## **NOTABLE EVENTS OF 2024**

### **Women's Conference**

Held on International Women's Day (March 8th), our annual conference provided a space for the support, empowerment, and encouragement of women and girls from all walks of life. This inspiring event brought together voices of strength and resilience, celebrating the achievements and contributions of women everywhere.

### **Summer BBQ Party**

On July 6th, we hosted a vibrant Summer BBQ Party, featuring special guests who shared stories and insights about Black History, including celebrations of the Windrush generation. The event was a lively celebration of culture, history, and community.

### **Summer Fun 2024**

Our seasonal youth activities, sponsored by Wandsworth Council and the Department for Education, brought joy and excitement to young people throughout late July and most of August. Highlights included:

- Horse-riding, water park adventures, and go-karting
- Indoor and outdoor games
- A photography workshop
- A trip to Hyde Park
- A day out at the O2, complete with a scenic riverboat ride and cable car journey

These activities not only created lasting memories but also fostered growth, creativity, and community engagement for our youth.

### **STORM and Amaya Clothing Store Fashion Show**

On August 17th, we hosted a dazzling fashion show in collaboration with Amaya Clothing Store. The event showcased handmade clothing and accessories created by women in Africa, with proceeds supporting communities in Ghana. This initiative continues to empower women, foster entrepreneurship, and create opportunities for a brighter future.

### **AMAYA FOR AFRICA: EMPOWERING WOMEN GLOBALLY**

STORM Family Centre's partnership with **Amaya for Africa** empowers women in Ghana who have experienced domestic abuse. These women create handmade clothing and baskets, sold in STORM's charity shop in Walton-on-Thames, with all proceeds sent back to Ghana to support their self-sufficiency.

The shop also provides local women in the UK with valuable volunteering opportunities to gain job and life experience, bridging communities and fostering empowerment. In 2025, we aim to expand this partnership, connecting women in the UK and Ghana to build a global network of resilience and support. Together, we can transform lives and inspire brighter futures.



## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

S.T.O.R.M is a company limited by Guarantee without Share Capital. It has charitable objectives and registered with the Charity Commission. These objectives include:

To Promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of single parents, young people and families in particular for the advancement of training and education, the relief of poverty, distress and unemployment and the preservation and; Protection of the physical and mental health of those people and their dependents through different activities.

The trustees are appointed annually at an annual general meeting. Appointments and retirement of trustees are enforced through ordinary resolution as given by the company law 2006.

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

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

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Tina Clark

Trustee

22 January 2025

**STORM FAMILY CENTRE LTD**  
**Summary Income and Expenditure Account**

Notes to the Accounts

**Note 1 Basis of preparation**

*This section should be completed by all charities*

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)
- and with Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act

**1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

**1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

**Note 2 - Accounting Policies**

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

**Recognition of incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

**Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they

**Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have

**Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realized. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

## **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

### **Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognized as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out

### **Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognized in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

### **Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognized in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

## **ASSETS**

### **Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

## **Note, 3 Analysis of incoming resources**

Analysis	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	This year £ 2024	Last year £ 2023
Donations and Legacies	3,000	91,516	94,516	100,094
Charitable activities	15,949	0	15,949	84,400
Other Nursery	34,204	0	34,204	0
Building Fund	0	0	0	0
Total	53,153	91,516	144,669	184,494

## **Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure**

### **5.1 Trustee expenses**

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year £	Last year £
Allowance	Allowance
0	0

### **5.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

Independent examiner's or auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees

This year £	Last year £
250	nil

## **Note 11 Creditors and accruals**

Taxes

Pension

Accounts payable

Income in advance

This year £	Last year £
£4,941	£53,929
£2,941	
£1,059	
£40,000	

**Note 12 Endowment and restricted income funds**

Fund Name	Type	Purpose and restrictions
Building Fund	R	No building fund
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>Depreciation</b>
2023 - £97,216		
2024 - £92,674		(£4,542)

**12.2 Movements of major funds**

There has been no movement of major funds

**12.3 Transfers between funds**

There has been no movement between funds

	(Note)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for this year	Total for last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>	(3)	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies		18,949	91,516	110,465	171,044
Nursery		<u>34,204</u>	<u>0000</u>	<u>34,204</u>	<u>13,450</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>				<b>144,669</b>	<b>184,494</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>	(5)				
Employee costs		51,976	0	51,976	60,793
Rents/Hall rates		7,941	0	7,941	22,000
Premises and other costs		2,771	0	2,771	4,008
Welfare and Donations		3,904	0	3,904	506
Depreciation and Amortization		4,542	0	4,542	4,542
Telephone postage and Stationery		555	0	555	784
Media and Publicity		450	0	450	864
Outreach events		3,872	0	3,872	5,133
Legal and Professional fees		4,010	0	4,010	5,300
Miscellaneous		1,794	0	1,794	10,000
Charitable Activities		<u>18,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>27,037</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>99,815</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,815</b>	<b>140,967</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>44,854</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,854</b>	<b>43,527</b>
<b>Other recognized gains/(loses)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Gains and losses on investment assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
					<b>0</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>44,854</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,854</b>	<b>43,527</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>			<b>0</b>		
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>44,854</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,854</b>	<b>43,527</b>

STORM Family Centre  
Balance Sheet

Year ending 31/03/2024

	Note	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		<b>92,674</b>	<b>97,216</b>
<b><u>Current assets</u></b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,121	240
<b><i>Total current assets</i></b>		<b>1,121</b>	<b>240</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11)	(48,941)	(53,929)
<b><i>Total assets less current liabilities</i></b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
<b><i>Net assets</i></b>		<b>44,854</b>	<b>43,527</b>
<b><u>Funds of the Charity</u></b>			
Unrestricted funds		44,854	43,527
Designated funds		0	0
Total unrestricted funds		44,854	43,527
Restricted income funds	(12)		0
<b><i>Total funds</i></b>		<b>44,854</b>	<b>43,527</b>

**STORM FAMILY CENTRE LTD**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 31 March 2024

And signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Clark', written in a cursive style.

Tina Clark

Trustee

22 January 2025

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for Storm Family Centre Ltd

I report on the accounts for Storm Family Centre Ltd (Company Number 06726435) (Charity Number 1140714 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner's

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; we consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act) and

To state whether matters have come to my attention.


#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the account, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent examiners statement

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

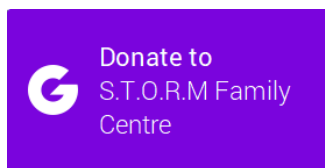
- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement  
.To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and  
.To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the act, have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

signed  **CERTIFIED CHARTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**  
**AUTHORISED SIGNATORY**  
K. M. KATHAKA

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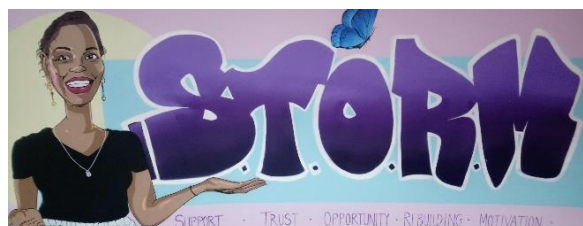
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