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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155134

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024
for
Lark Children's Centre**

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 June 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 June 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charitable objects of the company shall be for benefit of pre-school children and their families in Plymouth:

- to advance the education of pre-school children through the provision of nursery facilities which promote their physical, intellectual social and emotional development through safe and simulating play;
- to protect and safeguard the health of the public at large in the area of benefit by the provision of antenatal care, parenting classes, access to health visitors and such other support consistent with these provisions that are charitable according to the law of England and Wales;
- the relief of need in the area of benefit by the provision of debt counselling, money management and budgetary advisory services, and the provision of training and education in skills likely to lead to employment;
- to further the benefit of the residents of Plymouth, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by association together with the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

LARK Children's Centre has continued to be intensively involved in the transformation of early help and the emerging Family Hub agenda while still maintaining a range of services to meet local needs within Cluster 3 which consists of three Children's Centres areas, LARK, Morice Town and Popin. This report reflects the tenth year of delivery since LARK gained the tender for Cluster 3 in July 2014.

LARK continues to work in partnership with Livewell (Lead), Barnardo's, Action for Children, Hamoaze House, Harbour Centre, Speech and Language, Inclusion Team, PDAS, Job Centre Plus, Citizen's Advice, Police, Public Health, Midwifery, Health Visitors and Early Years settings, to name some of our partners that contribute to our joint service delivery, developing with Plymouth City Council, the future early help offer through Family Hubs. The Family Hubs within Plymouth have been developing with regular meetings on infrastructure, delivery, and engagement. Plymouth City Council granted a two-year extension to our contract from April 2023 to March 2025.

Contract lead is Karlina Hall, Commissioner for Plymouth City Council. Barry Mountstevens is the Strategic Lead for Family Hubs.

A variety of courses for parents, such as Solihull Parenting and Solihull Ante-Natal, Circle of Security and Freedom continued to be offered during 23-24. We have been recognised city wide for our approach to Domestic Abuse as a result of a multi-agency audit and are now part of plan to develop support services for DA even further.

This year we have continued to offer group services, parenting programmes, 1:1 outreach support. Working with families to respond to the increasing issues of financial hardship with rising costs, and wages and benefits not meeting the gap. We have also been working in collaboration with Plymouth University to support their research into better outcomes when financial support is offered and continue to meet regularly with them to complete research and surveys.

Our Freedom programme (individual and group based) was delivered to 61 people, over 50 people access our ante natal programme, we supported over 1,000 families accessing stay and play and delivered 61 ROSPA home safety assessments and installations. 123 feeding mothers accessed Latch on support, and we loaned 16 breast pumps to support with feeding at home. Along with Welfare Benefits Advice where we are hopeful there will be national strategies to ameliorate the ever-increasing drains of family budgets and the ensuing hardship. We currently have 134 families open to 1:1 outreach support and we ask all visitors to the centres to register with us as Family Hubs

Training continued for staff for access to a new shared data system, Eclipse, preparing for changes to data gathering and reporting systems. Eclipse is now up and running for the year 2024-2025. Staff have also been trained in use of the Outcome Star, to measure and report on progress and distance travelled with individual families.

The close work with social care partners is even more developed in joint early help initiatives. This targeted work is a significant and demanding aspect of our services and is likely to increase with the future Family Hubs partnerships. There is an early plan developing to pilot joint working with children's social care in the North Prospect area and this is likely to coincide with the move to a new building. The midwifery offer has continued and increased at LARK, and plans are moving forward to develop this service at Morice Town as well.

Our two Children's Centres Managers retired at the end of March 2024, after being here since the inception of Sure Start of which we were a trailblazer project from early 2000. Their dedication and insight into the project have been invaluable over the years, firstly as staff members and since 2006/2007 as Children's Centre Managers, Julie for LARK and Popin and Elizabeth for Morice Town and our Daycare, which sadly had to close its doors in September 2021.

We are pleased and excited to welcome and say hello to Kirsty, who has taken on the Full Time Manager role of all three sites from March 2024.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal funding sources

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source is our contracted grant funding from Plymouth City Council (PCC) and in April 2023 our core funding was reduced by 18% due to cuts by Plymouth City Council. Start for Life funding was made available from April 2023 and will continue to March 2025 to be integrated into Family Hubs for early help. This was funding made by Government to Local Authority's for a two-year period and these additional funds helped to support the shortfall in our core funding and enabled us to continue our current plus additional services. We maintain stability within the staff team, with excellent retention and acceptance of all staff requests for reductions in hours.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity retains a sufficient working capital in bank current accounts to cover expenditure for the short term period. The Management Committee have decided to invest the cash balance in excess of short term requirements in bank deposit accounts offering the best return available at the time, deposit performance and return rates are constantly monitored.

Reserves policy

The Management Committee's policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves which are equivalent to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is considered to be a sufficient level of reserves for the charity. The balance of unrestricted funds at 30 June 2024 was £807,124.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

Since Kirsty Mole's appointment in March 2024, progression has moved at pace to develop the centres in line with the Family Hubs Agenda. Morice Town launched as a family hub in August 2024, with strong multi-agency representation from community builders, PCC's natural infrastructure team, NSPCC, local counsellors and families within the Morice Town community.

Local counsellor for the stoke ward (Jemima Laing) took a tour of LARK in August 2024 and expressed her admiration for the work we were doing, as well as giving her full support for future plans around developing the service. Julie Greer from the Devon and Cornwall Anna Freud centre also visited Morice Town and was impressed by the work she saw going on with communities and groups within the space. She was also complimentary of the work taking place to offer services to Dad's and male carer's and this has also received strong support from David Haley, head of service at PCC, who continues to encourage development of these plans, of which we are implementing alongside Action for Children.

The proposal to move Lark (Emerging North Prospect Family Hub) to 91-93 North Prospect has now been agreed by PCC, the portfolio holder for children's services, and a public consultation is currently underway to seek feedback from the community, this is due to end on November 21st, at which point, if there are no questions raised or pushback from the community, works will begin to develop the building with a view to launching as North Prospect Family Hub mid-January 2025. This will enable us to develop our services even further, offering spaces for the community, strengthening connections with partner agencies, and allowing growth of projects that are currently hampered by our lack of space and ability to diversify. The building offers greater access to the community, stronger presence, and a streamlining of work that currently feels clunky and time consuming, when operating over two separate locations.

Confirmation that an 8.8% reduction in core funding for 25/26 and a further 10% 26/27 has been agreed, however, the Start for Life funding has not been decided or shared with us as yet. There has been agreement at Government level that 69 million pounds will be granted nationwide to further develop Family Hubs, however, how this will be shared is yet unknown.

LARK is acutely focussed on the successful delivery of the Children's Centre contract which requires regular data collection to confirm that we are meeting the contracted targets. We want to ensure services remain robust so that the future transition into Family Hub partnerships is secure. LARK is part of the early help transformation and are involved in developing the agenda for change which is creating new opportunities and demands. We are keeping staff updated and encouraging them to be part of the process. Staff engagement has been good, with staff continuing to adapt and exercise their knowledge and confidence in using new systems.

This report covers the tenth year of contract delivery under this current tender and the data collected indicates that across most targets we continue to deliver. The training of staff across the Cluster has been very demanding to keep abreast of requirements but that does create a very skilled staff base to meet needs. LARK Cluster has worked to maintain best practice even in adverse circumstances.

Rebranding plans are underway, with a redesign of the current logo, attachment of the strapline "For children, for families, for futures" and the website being streamlined and clarified for ease of use and accessibility. Staff have embraced this change, having input at every stage of design to ensure the Lark image is maintained and developed to further professionalise the work we do.

Lead Statement - Kirsty Mole

Since joining the team in March 2025, I have been blown away by the work that Lark does, their presence within the community and the dedication and commitment staff give to their roles at Lark. There is a strong sense of family led work, empathy and understanding, and I cannot advocate enough (city wide) for the importance Lark plays within their communities.

I am excited for things to come, and proud to be a part of the journey, I believe 100% that the work we do truly changes lives, supports children and I hope that we can continue to give our community the space they need to thrive and seek support.

The team within Lark (Morice town and Popin) are highly skilled, motivated and dedicated to what they do, and I could not be more grateful that I have been chosen to lead them. I am looking forward to another exciting year of LARK and being a part of developing ourselves to be stronger and more community focussed and forward thinking.

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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.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 November 2000 and registered as a charity on 31 December 2013. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which created the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. One of the monthly management meetings each quarter serves as the Advisory board where contract review data is shared.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

Prospective trustees are given the opportunity to attend the main Management Committee meetings for several months so that they can judge the level of commitment required and see if they feel comfortable with the responsibilities of being a trustee. They will receive key documents and minutes of previous meetings to familiarise themselves with the current affairs of the committee. They are invited to observe at first hand the work being carried out within the charity. A new trustee will be given a full induction programme covering all aspects of the work of the charity, its governance and finances.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04112466 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155134

Registered office

Sure Start Shop
The Beacon
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Trustees

R McManus
D Gould
S Blight
Ms W Davis
Ms T Archman (resigned 1/11/2023)
Mrs H K Horsley (appointed 2/10/2024)
R L Campbell (appointed 4/9/2024)

Company Secretary

Mrs S Raspison

Independent Examiner

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

Lloyds TSB
8 Royal Parade
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 30/11/25 and signed on the board's behalf by:



R McManus - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lark Children's Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lark Children's Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



Ian Sheppard

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Date: 8/1/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	150,210	-	150,210	1,000
Charitable activities	5				
PCC Children's Services Contract		-	494,737	494,737	585,158
Other trading activities	3	5,200	-	5,200	5,080
Investment income	4	11,060	-	11,060	3,243
Total		<u>166,470</u>	<u>494,737</u>	<u>661,207</u>	<u>594,481</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	-	1,502	1,502	3,025
Charitable activities	7				
PCC Children's Services Contract		34,711	605,264	639,975	556,428
Total		<u>34,711</u>	<u>606,766</u>	<u>641,477</u>	<u>559,453</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		131,759	(112,029)	19,730	35,028
Transfers between funds	15	<u>(41,921)</u>	<u>41,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		89,838	(70,108)	19,730	35,028
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		717,286	(203,407)	513,879	478,851
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>807,124</u></u>	<u><u>(273,515)</u></u>	<u><u>533,609</u></u>	<u><u>513,879</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	304	-	304	865
Cash at bank and in hand		809,980	20	810,000	720,739
		<u>810,284</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>810,304</u>	<u>721,604</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,160)	(273,535)	(276,695)	(207,725)
		<u>807,124</u>	<u>(273,515)</u>	<u>533,609</u>	<u>513,879</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)					
		<u>807,124</u>	<u>(273,515)</u>	<u>533,609</u>	<u>513,879</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>807,124</u>	<u>(273,515)</u>	<u>533,609</u>	<u>513,879</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>807,124</u>	<u>(273,515)</u>	<u>533,609</u>	<u>513,879</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				807,124	717,286
Restricted funds				(273,515)	(203,407)
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>533,609</u>	<u>513,879</u>


The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 08/11/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



R McManus - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	78,201	181,809
Net cash provided by operating activities		78,201	181,809
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		11,060	3,243
Net cash provided by investing activities		11,060	3,243
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		89,261	185,052
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		720,739	535,687
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		810,000	720,739

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1.	RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
		£	£
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	19,730	35,028
	Adjustments for:		
	Interest received	(11,060)	(3,243)
	Decrease in debtors	561	329
	Increase in creditors	68,970	149,695
	Net cash provided by operations	<u>78,201</u>	<u>181,809</u>

2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS	At 1.7.23	Cash flow	At 30.6.24
		£	£	£
	Net cash			
	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>720,739</u>	<u>89,261</u>	<u>810,000</u>
		<u>720,739</u>	<u>89,261</u>	<u>810,000</u>
	Total	<u>720,739</u>	<u>89,261</u>	<u>810,000</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants	150,210	1,000

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other grants	150,210	1,000

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2024	2023
		£	£
Other generated income		<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,080</u>
4. INVESTMENT INCOME		2024	2023
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>11,060</u>	<u>3,243</u>
5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Children's Services Contract	PCC Children's Services Contract	494,737	577,845
Home Safety Scheme	PCC Children's Services Contract	-	7,313
		<u>494,737</u>	<u>585,158</u>
6. RAISING FUNDS			
Raising donations and legacies		2024	2023
		£	£
FAB Project		-	1,475
Other projects		<u>1,502</u>	<u>1,550</u>
		<u>1,502</u>	<u>3,025</u>
7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
PCC Children's Services Contract	<u>606,553</u>	<u>33,422</u>	<u>639,975</u>
8. SUPPORT COSTS			
	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
PCC Children's Services Contract	<u>25,265</u>	<u>8,157</u>	<u>33,422</u>

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent & service charges	<u>37,684</u>	<u>41,540</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>429,815</u>	<u>437,638</u>
	<u>429,815</u>	<u>437,638</u>

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

	2024	2023
Management	1	2
Finance & Administrative	3	4
Children's Services	9	9
Support	1	2
	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>

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

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,000	-	1,000
Charitable activities			
PCC Children's Services Contract	7,313	577,845	585,158
Other trading activities	5,080	-	5,080
Investment income	<u>3,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,243</u>
Total	<u>16,636</u>	<u>577,845</u>	<u>594,481</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	-	3,025	3,025

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued				
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	
Charitable activities				
PCC Children's Services Contract	39,737	516,691	556,428	
Total	<u>39,737</u>	<u>519,716</u>	<u>559,453</u>	
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(23,101)	58,129	35,028	
Transfers between funds	300,044	(300,044)	-	
Net movement in funds	<u>276,943</u>	<u>(241,915)</u>	<u>35,028</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	440,343	38,508	478,851	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>717,286</u></u>	<u><u>(203,407)</u></u>	<u><u>513,879</u></u>	
13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2024	2023	
		£	£	
Trade debtors		-	272	
Prepayments and accrued income		304	593	
		<u>304</u>	<u>865</u>	
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2024	2023	
		£	£	
Trade creditors		142,841	168,695	
Social security and other taxes		8,933	6,156	
Other creditors		4,493	4,784	
Accruals and deferred income		120,428	28,090	
		<u>276,695</u>	<u>207,725</u>	
15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1.7.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.6.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	717,286	131,759	(41,921)	807,124
Restricted funds				
PCC Children's Services Contract	(203,407)	(112,029)	41,921	(273,515)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>513,879</u></u>	<u><u>19,730</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>533,609</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	166,470	(34,711)	131,759
Restricted funds			
PCC Children's Services Contract	494,737	(606,766)	(112,029)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>661,207</u>	<u>(641,477)</u>	<u>19,730</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	440,343	(23,101)	300,044	717,286
Restricted funds				
PCC Children's Services Contract	38,508	58,129	(300,044)	(203,407)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>478,851</u>	<u>35,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,879</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,636	(39,737)	(23,101)
Restricted funds			
PCC Children's Services Contract	577,845	(519,716)	58,129
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>594,481</u>	<u>(559,453)</u>	<u>35,028</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	440,343	108,658	258,123	807,124
Restricted funds				
PCC Children's Services Contract	38,508	(53,900)	(258,123)	(273,515)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>478,851</u>	<u>54,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>533,609</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	183,106	(74,448)	108,658
Restricted funds			
PCC Children's Services Contract	1,072,582	(1,126,482)	(53,900)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,255,688</u>	<u>(1,200,930)</u>	<u>54,758</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2024.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of the trustees, who are also the directors of the company.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	150,210	1,000
Other trading activities		
Other generated income	5,200	5,080
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	11,060	3,243
Charitable activities		
Children's Services Contract	494,737	577,845
Home Safety Scheme	-	7,313
	<hr/> 494,737	<hr/> 585,158
Total incoming resources	661,207	594,481
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
FAB Project	-	1,475
Other projects	1,502	1,550
	<hr/> 1,502	<hr/> 3,025
Charitable activities		
Wages	429,815	437,638
Rent & service charges	37,684	41,540
Rates and water	3,080	2,999
Insurance	5,589	5,917
Light and heat	3,161	2,655
Telephone	-	5,252
Advertising	2,289	2,725
PCC safety equipment	-	5,762
Ham Drive charges	6,223	6,002
Cleaning & waste supplies	9,778	9,597
Repairs & renewals	5,934	7,130
Provision for refurbishment of premises	103,000	-
	<hr/> 606,553	<hr/> 527,217
Support costs		
Other		
Telephone	5,618	1,242
Postage and stationery	430	637
Sundries	1,241	818
Carried forward	7,289	2,697

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	2024 £	2023 £
Other		
Brought forward	7,289	2,697
Office equipment & software	5,733	2,914
Travel expenses	1,854	1,475
Payroll charges	3,420	3,420
Bank charges	-	334
Refreshments	702	774
Subscriptions	330	40
Staff training	1,126	1,868
Parenting groups	4,811	7,881
	<hr/> 25,265	<hr/> 21,403
Governance costs		
Consultancy fees	3,988	3,645
Accountancy and legal fees	4,169	4,163
	<hr/> 8,157	<hr/> 7,808
Total resources expended	<hr/> 641,477	<hr/> 559,453
Net income	<hr/> <hr/> 19,730	<hr/> <hr/> 35,028

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