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Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025
for
Lark Children's Centre

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Lark Children's Centre

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Lark Children's Centre
Report of the Trustees
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

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 period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025. 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 children (0-19, 25 with SEND) and their families in Plymouth:

- to support parents and carers in advancing the education of their children through the provision that promotes their physical, intellectual social and emotional development through safe and stimulating 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 midwives, 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 develop in the transformation of Early Help and the 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. LARK now occupies two buildings "North Prospect" and "Morice Town" Family Hubs. This report reflects the eleventh year of delivery since LARK gained the tender for Cluster 3 in July 2014.

North Prospect Family Hub Team moved out of The Beacon and into 91-93 North Prospect Road in January 2025 after a lengthy process of deciding on how to move forward, following the loss of Ham Drive as our long term delivery space. The lease was ended in November 2024, at Ham Drive, with the school needing the building back for further nursery spaces needed in the community, this rendered LARK without a delivery space and after extensive meetings and plans, and the agreement to use Legacy funds from reserves of approx £120,000, it was agreed that this would be used in the refurbishment of the new building, currently on lease from PCH for a 6 year period. The new building needed extensive work to redesign the layout, and bring in line with health and safety expectations, with Stanlo taking the lead on refurbishment of plans drawn up by Rame Architects. The project involved the team at every stage with a clear focus on ensuring funds were used efficiently and would serve the families The Hub was officially launched and opened in March 2025 with in excess of 200 local people attending alongside local counsellors and professionals from multi agencies, celebrating the launch with the team in a day of success.

LARK continues to engage in joint work in partnership with Livewell, Barnardo's, Action for Children, Hamoaze, Harbour, Speech and Language, Inclusion Team, PDAS, PIAS, Job Centre Plus, Citizen's Advice, Police, Public Health, School's, Midwifery, Health Visitors and Early Years settings, to name some of our partners that contribute to our joint service delivery. Developed in partnership with Plymouth City Council, the future Early Help offer through Family Hubs.

The Family Hubs within Plymouth continue to focus on embedding and sustaining change 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, with a further year being agreed to March 2026. It is suggested that a sustained, 3-year contract will be agreed 2026-2029, 2 years with an optional 1 year extension.

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, and Circle of Security continued to be offered during 24-25. An increase on a focus on PEEP learning and play through PEEP has been rolled out across all stay and play and Dad's groups. We continue to work city wide and contribute to a joined-up approach to Domestic Abuse and are planning to roll out the DAP programme alongside Barnardo's in September 2025.

We have continued to offer group services, parenting programmes and 1:1 outreach support. We have expanded on our offer of midwifery services in hubs and plans are in place to offer this at Morice Town Family Hub shortly. We have seen an increase in 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 begun working closely with the Trauma Informed Plymouth Network with the lead taking on the facilitation of the Family Branch of the network. It is hoped that this will further expand on our knowledge and offer that seeks to work with families in an informed and empathetic way and to model to other agencies how to do this well.

Our Freedom programme has been challenging to fill and allocate spaces with 2 courses being cancelled due to low numbers, so a decision was made to offer it 1:1 where there was need and replace the group offer with DAP, as a more suitable option. 12 spaces will be offered in September for this course which runs holistically for up to 32 weeks. 67 people accessed our ante natal programme in the year Jan 2024- Jan 2025, we supported over 2760 families accessing stay and play and delivered 30 ROSPA home safety assessments and installations. 83 feeding mothers accessed Latch on support with 102 parents receiving feeding support, and we loaned 41 breast pumps to support with feeding at home, this is a significant increase in offer, and we have extended our breast pump service, sourcing more pumps and a variety of sizes in order to meet the need for more families. We currently have 152 families open to 1:1 outreach support and we ask all visitors to the centres to register with us as Family Hubs to ensure we reach as many people as possible within our community. We are now an allocated warm space and received £1700 of grant funding to support this, we have access to wi-fi, a comfortable chair, and a coffee machine and are hoping to extend this further in the winter months by offering drop ins and support for vulnerable people in need of support.

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Eclipse is now up and running for the year 2024-2025 with LARK being the only organisation to partake in this system, we have been the testers for this, feeding back regularly to PCC about the benefits and challenges. It is hoped that in September the next phase of Eclipse will be rolled out, with staff having further access to its system.

Staff have also been consistently using Outcome Star; to measure and report on progress and distance travelled with individual families and we are now reporting through our quarterly reviews to PCC on this.

We have a stronger presence across the city in the Early Help arena, with LARK presence now, weekly at the integrated front door to provide help and advice to professionals and families needing Early Help support. This is further strengthening links with children's social care and enabling families to access support from their local hub with knowledge being embedded at the front door. We are also attending Targeted Support Meetings with schools in our area, to tackle issues around attendance and support with families who have children at risk of missing in education. We are building stronger links with ACE, and feedback on this work has been wholly positive.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source is our contracted grant funding from Plymouth City Council (PCC) and in April 2025 our core funding was reduced by 8% due to cuts by Plymouth City Council. Start for Life funding was made available from April 2025 Core funding at £451,199 and Start for Life £123,128, totalling £574,327. We maintain stability within the staff team, and have been able to employ 1 further FTE, alongside a part time maternity cover of 18 hours per week. We look forward to welcoming our new team members, on an initial fixed term contract, to allow for reconsideration of permanent employment depending on subsequent funding for 2026 and beyond.

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 31 March 2025 was £593,593.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

We have adapted a 'year on a page' approach to our planning - see Annex A - 'Year on page' to capture our hopes and plans for developing our hubs further to meet the needs of our community.

Lead Statement - Kirsty Mole

It has been a fulfilling and exciting year at Lark, and whilst it is difficult to capture all of the good work that has happened, some highlights below go a little of the way to expressing the positive impact we have had.

Morice Town

There have been significant developments in the Morice Town team to expand on our offer and utilise the centre as much as possible. We are working on integrating midwifery back into the space and have now set up a health visiting service from Morice Town, with the team working incredibly hard to offer an extensive and holistic service to all of our families. The team have created an environment that fosters professional trust, impeccable teamwork and they are flourishing in some of the projects such as the primary partnership, infant feeding team and wider city approaches to support.

The team have made significant improvements to the building, developing a more visually hygienic working office, and integrating a breast feeding space into the delivery room, as well as making a warm and inviting reception area for families to access as well as a comfortable and playful waiting space.

North Prospect

The team at North Prospect have been through a period of significant upheaval and change and have grasped this with courage and determination. There is now a strong sense of ownership of our new space, and a pride at showing off all of our hard work that went into developing this Hub.

The team are creative and brave in their approach to offering new services, and as well as local counsellors, have arranged a variety of other services to be delivered from the hub including baby massage, neuro diversity team and step by step groups.

Within the team, independent funding has been sourced to further support families, and the recent period poverty project sees period products being offered free of charge around the city, from local counsellors funding sourced by a team member.

We have close links with the Wolsely Trust, and the wellbeing hubs and teams are open, enthusiastic and constantly coming up with ways to embed ourselves further in the community. Initial conversations are underway in setting up two satellite hubs, that would link to North Prospect and Morice Town, and teams are working incredibly hard to foster strong connections with other agencies.

In a constant state of change and growth, the LARK team continue to work tirelessly to ensure we are at the heart of our community and supporting families who need us the most whilst maintain high expectations and meeting core contract expectations along the way

Annex A - Year on a Page

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.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

North Prospect Family Hub
91-93 North Prospect Road
Plymouth
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Trustees

R McManus
D Gould (resigned 2/4/2025)
S Blight (resigned 2/4/2025)
Ms W Davis (resigned 2/4/2025)
Mrs H K Horsley (appointed 2/10/2024) (resigned 2/4/2025)
R L Campbell (appointed 4/9/2024)
Mrs S Raspison (appointed 2/6/2025)
Ms D Vinecombe (appointed 2/4/2025)
Ms H Huntley (appointed 2/4/2025)

Company Secretary

Mrs S Raspison

Independent Examiner

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Report of the Trustees
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 25 October 2025 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 period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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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25 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

| | | | | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 Total funds £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | | |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 59,862 | - | 59,862 | 150,210 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | | - | 371,052 | 371,052 | 494,737 |
| Other trading activities | 3 | 82 | - | 82 | 5,200 |
| Investment income | 4 | 9,284 | - | 9,284 | 11,060 |
| Total | | <u>69,228</u> | <u>371,052</u> | <u>440,280</u> | <u>661,207</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 6 | - | 1,925 | 1,925 | 1,502 |
| Charitable activities | 7 | | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | | 29,212 | 386,241 | 415,453 | 639,975 |
| Total | | <u>29,212</u> | <u>388,166</u> | <u>417,378</u> | <u>641,477</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 40,016 | (17,114) | 22,902 | 19,730 |
| Transfers between funds | 15 | <u>(253,547)</u> | <u>253,547</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net movement in funds | | (213,531) | 236,433 | 22,902 | 19,730 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 807,124 | (273,515) | 533,609 | 513,879 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>593,593</u></u> | <u><u>(37,082)</u></u> | <u><u>556,511</u></u> | <u><u>533,609</u></u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 1,405 | - | 1,405 | 304 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 617,079 | 70 | 617,149 | 810,000 |
| | | 618,484 | 70 | 618,554 | 810,304 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (24,891) | (37,152) | (62,043) | (276,695) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | | 593,593 | (37,082) | 556,511 | 533,609 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 593,593 | (37,082) | 556,511 | 533,609 |
| NET ASSETS | | 593,593 | (37,082) | 556,511 | 533,609 |
| FUNDS | 15 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 593,593 | 807,124 |
| Restricted funds | | | | (37,082) | (273,515) |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | 556,511 | 533,609 |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025 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 25 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R McManus - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025**

| | Notes | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|---|-------|--|----------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 1 | (202,135) | 78,201 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities | | (202,135) | 78,201 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Interest received | | 9,284 | 11,060 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | 9,284 | 11,060 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | | (192,851) | 89,261 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | | 810,000 | 720,739 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period | | 617,149 | 810,000 |

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities) | 22,902 | 19,730 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Interest received | (9,284) | (11,060) |
| | 14,340 | - |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors | (1,694) | 561 |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (228,399) | 68,970 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operations | <u>(202,135)</u> | <u>78,201</u> |

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

| | At 1.7.24 £ | Cash flow £ | At 31.3.25 £ |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Net cash | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 810,000 | (192,851) | 617,149 |
| | <u>810,000</u> | <u>(192,851)</u> | <u>617,149</u> |
| Total | <u>810,000</u> | <u>(192,851)</u> | <u>617,149</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

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

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|--------|--|----------------------------|
| Grants | 59,862 | 150,210 |

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

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|--------------|--|----------------------------|
| Other grants | 59,862 | 150,210 |

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Other generated income | 82 | 5,200 |
| | <u>82</u> | <u>5,200</u> |

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Deposit account interest | 9,284 | 11,060 |
| | <u>9,284</u> | <u>11,060</u> |

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| Children's Services Contract | 371,052 | 494,737 |
| Activity PCC Children's Services Contract | <u>371,052</u> | <u>494,737</u> |

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|
| Other projects | 1,925 | 1,502 |
| | <u>1,925</u> | <u>1,502</u> |

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs £ | Support costs (see note 8) £ | Totals £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| PCC Children's Services Contract | 387,143 | 28,310 | 415,453 |
| | <u>387,143</u> | <u>28,310</u> | <u>415,453</u> |

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Other | Governance | Totals |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | £ | costs | £ |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | 20,681 | 7,629 | 28,310 |

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 | Year Ended 30.6.24 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Accountancy | 3,196 | - |
| Rent & service charges | 33,398 | 37,684 |

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

11. STAFF COSTS

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 | Year Ended 30.6.24 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 327,032 | 429,815 |
| | 327,032 | 429,815 |

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

| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 | Year Ended 30.6.24 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Management | 1 | 1 |
| Finance & Administrative | 3 | 3 |
| Children's Services | 8 | 9 |
| Support | - | 1 |
| | 12 | 14 |

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

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 150,210 | - | 150,210 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | - | 494,737 | 494,737 |
| Other trading activities | 5,200 | - | 5,200 |
| Investment income | 11,060 | - | 11,060 |
| Total | <u>166,470</u> | <u>494,737</u> | <u>661,207</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Raising funds | - | 1,502 | 1,502 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | <u>34,711</u> | <u>605,264</u> | <u>639,975</u> |
| Total | <u>34,711</u> | <u>606,766</u> | <u>641,477</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | 131,759 | (112,029) | 19,730 |
| Transfers between funds | <u>(41,921)</u> | <u>41,921</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net movement in funds | 89,838 | (70,108) | 19,730 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 717,286 | (203,407) | 513,879 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u><u>807,124</u></u> | <u><u>(273,515)</u></u> | <u><u>533,609</u></u> |

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Trade debtors | 1,405 | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | - | 304 |
| | <u>1,405</u> | <u>304</u> |

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Trade creditors | 5,534 | 142,841 |
| Social security and other taxes | 9,888 | 8,933 |
| Other creditors | 22,530 | 4,493 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 24,091 | 120,428 |
| | <u>62,043</u> | <u>276,695</u> |

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.7.24 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.3.25 £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 807,124 | 40,016 | (253,547) | 593,593 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | (273,515) | (17,114) | 253,547 | (37,082) |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>533,609</u> | <u>22,902</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>556,511</u> |

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

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 69,228 | (29,212) | 40,016 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| PCC Children's Services Contract | 371,052 | (388,166) | (17,114) |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>440,280</u> | <u>(417,378)</u> | <u>22,902</u> |

Comparatives for 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>513,879</u> | <u>19,730</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>533,609</u> |

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative 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> |

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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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| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Grants | 59,862 | 150,210 |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Other generated income | 82 | 5,200 |
| Investment income | | |
| Deposit account interest | 9,284 | 11,060 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Children's Services Contract | 371,052 | 494,737 |
| Total incoming resources | 440,280 | 661,207 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Raising donations and legacies | | |
| Other projects | 1,925 | 1,502 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Wages | 327,032 | 429,815 |
| Rent & service charges | 33,398 | 37,684 |
| Rates and water | 3,349 | 3,080 |
| Insurance | 5,696 | 5,589 |
| Light and heat | 5,269 | 3,161 |
| Advertising | 2,262 | 2,289 |
| Ham Drive charges | - | 6,223 |
| Cleaning & waste supplies | 7,772 | 9,778 |
| Repairs & renewals | 2,365 | 5,934 |
| Provision for refurbishment of premises | - | 103,000 |
| | 387,143 | 606,553 |
| Support costs | | |
| Other | | |
| Telephone | 4,586 | 5,618 |
| Postage and stationery | 294 | 430 |
| Sundries | 1,311 | 1,241 |
| Office equipment & software | 4,254 | 5,733 |
| Travel expenses | 1,475 | 1,854 |
| Payroll charges | 2,600 | 3,420 |
| Refreshments | 349 | 702 |
| Subscriptions | 466 | 330 |
| Carried forward | 15,335 | 19,328 |

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| | Period 1.7.24 to 31.3.25 £ | Year Ended 30.6.24 £ |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Other | | |
| Brought forward | 15,335 | 19,328 |
| Staff training | 1,036 | 1,126 |
| Parenting groups | 4,310 | 4,811 |
| | <hr/> 20,681 | <hr/> 25,265 |
| Governance costs | | |
| Accountancy | 3,196 | - |
| Consultancy fees | 4,433 | 3,988 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | - | 4,169 |
| | <hr/> 7,629 | <hr/> 8,157 |
| Total resources expended | <hr/> 417,378 | <hr/> 641,477 |
| Net income | <hr/> <hr/> 22,902 | <hr/> <hr/> 19,730 |

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