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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163466

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
FOR
BOLTON TOGETHER

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The Trustees who are also Directors of the charity, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. 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

Vision

By working together collaboratively we will improve the quality of life for communities.

Mission

Through voluntary sector led collaboration, delivering high quality cost effective integrated services for children, young people, and their families in Bolton, we will utilise existing resource more effectively and generate new funds and resources.

The charities objects are listed as

For the public benefit to promote the efficient and effective use of charitable resources by charities and not-for-profit organisations working with children, young people, and families.

This has been an exciting and productive year for Bolton Together and our members, with the start of delivery of the 2 – 11years emotional health and wellbeing offer as part of the 0 – 19 service contract, enhancement of the Thrive Alliance through Thrive Plus Lottery funding and a diverse range of engagement with young people carried out by members to develop a strong voice for young people in Bolton.

The advancement of education in the subject of service provision for children, young people, and families with a view to improving care and quality of life of children, young people, and families.

Bolton Together has increased our representation on strategic boards , creating clearer pathways with partners to enable easier access to support and developing the innovative IThrive Referral Hub. Engagement and co-design with members has increased to raise awareness and further understanding of services available and highlight and address gaps in service provision.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements

- Recruitment of a Strategic Lead for the consortium
- Facilitation of co-design with Thrive Alliance partners to identify gaps and enhance the support offered to children and young people
- Delivery of Thrive Plus with providers increasing the investment to members to enhance their offer of emotional health and wellbeing to children and young people
- Securing additional investment from The Lottery Recovery Fund to support members to continue their delivery within a challenging environment
- Enabling delivery partners to increase the accessibility of their offer
- Finalising the design of the IThrive 2 – 11 Programme and securing the investment for members
- Providing new opportunities for members to receive investment for delivery programmes
- Facilitating the development of new referral pathways with statutory partners
- Commencing delivery of the IThrive 2 – 11 years interventions to children and young people
- Development of the IThrive Referral Hub and secondment from the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service at GMMH Trust.
- Increasing the profile of Bolton Together through increasing our social media presence and refreshing our website.
- Implementation of a successful Trustee Recruitment Campaign

Recruitment of The Strategic Lead

In August 2021 we recruited a Strategic Lead to the consortium to support contract management of new programmes and focus and support the Board of Trustees to deliver a clear growth plan. The role has increased capacity within the consortium and worked closely with The Board to develop and grow the consortium.

Membership

Of the 1,561 groups and organisations in Bolton, 405 specialise in working with the 0 - 19 population (and up to 25 years old). Our membership ranges from smaller to larger organisations who when coming together reach our diverse communities in Bolton and enable services to be designed and delivered according to need. Bolton Together's members have demonstrated their adaptability and commitment to delivery of services over the year and have addressed a range of challenges to continue to support children and young people.

54% of Members have been awarded funding from the consortium this year

The funding has been awarded following robust Expression of Interest and compliance processes, including review of Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies. We have engaged with members in a number of ways, including one to one meetings and holding members briefings to strengthen relationships and support collaboration. The second briefing focused on discussions with members to shape the consortium priorities for the year ahead. All members agree to our newly created Membership Principles which act as a code of conduct within the membership and encourages transparency and positive collaboration.

Communications and Engagement

The profile of the consortium has increased significantly with the establishment of a twitter account which now has 711 followers and a significant refresh of our current website, which is now a source of up to date, engaging information for members and the wider stakeholders and partners. We send out quarterly Membership News Updates and bring members together regularly to discuss new opportunities and facilitate the co-design of programmes.

Governance

A successful Trustee Recruitment Campaign was launched in September '20 and from this 2 new Trustees recruited with a further new Trustee joining us next year. The new Trustees have brought fresh ideas and perspective to our well established and highly experienced Board.

We have established clear decision making processes and refreshed and introduced new policies as the consortium grows and we increase our contract management role.

Thrive Alliance

Supporting children and young people with their emotional health and well being

This year we have built on the previous success of the Thrive Alliance, now in our second year of the three year funding from Bolton CCG. This year The Proud Trust joined the four existing delivery partners to provide training and additional one to one support for the LGBTQ+ community

Thrive Alliance Providers have supported 1156 CYP

Emotional Health and Well Being for 2 – 11 Year Olds – IThrive Programme

Following a clear decision making process with representatives from the voluntary sector, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Bolton Council Public Health Team:

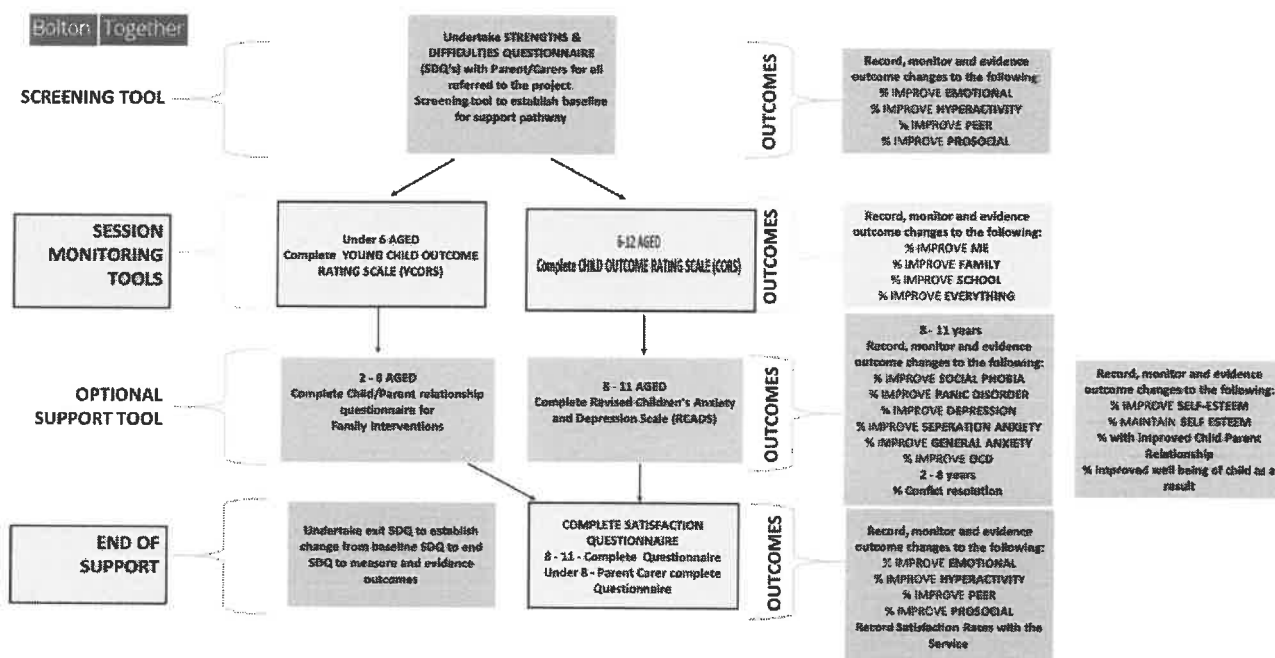
7 members were agreed as delivery partners for the 2 – 11 yrs. service

Delivery of this programme as part of the 0 – 19 service began in February '21 with **87** children supported during February and March. A range of interventions tailored to different age groups have been established and clear pathways agreed with Bolton NHS Foundation Trust. A referral from and process was co-designed with partners, funders and practitioners and promotion of the service has taken place with key teams and contacts, including Public Health Nursing Teams, Schools, and the Bolton Safeguarding Partnership.

£350,000 investment secured to the VCS to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support to 2 – 11 yrs. over 18 months

Measuring Our Performance

Bolton Together Outcome Framework



We have designed the above framework which has been adopted by all Bolton Together programmes to ensure effective performance monitoring and to capture and evidence the impact of the programmes delivered. Several training sessions have been delivered to support members with measuring outcomes and adopting the different tools.

COVID Recovery

Additional funding was secured from The Lottery Recovery Fund to support delivery partners to continue to offer support to all young people during the COVID '19 outbreak and the lockdowns. This enabled chrome books to be purchased and distributed amongst Thrive providers for use by young people, training in how to use zoom effectively to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support and production of the Covid Conversations Focus Groups. We were able to fund Breaking Barrier Northwest to deliver a Listening Service for children and young people with SEND, having identified that this group was particularly affected by COVID and lockdowns.

Strengthening the Voice of Children and Young People

Three members were awarded funding to deliver focus groups with the following groups, BAME children and young people, the LGBTQ+ community and children and young people with SEND. Young people were engaged using different mechanism to support them to express themselves and the information gathered helped to shape our services and was shared widely across services in Bolton.

3 Members engaged with 73 children and young people about the impact of COVID and how we can support them

Our Member Youth Leads UK was also awarded funding to produce three videos with different age groups of children and young people about their experience of COVID. During the year we also secured funding to deliver the 0-19 Service Engagement and will be working with the NHS Foundation Trust and delivery partners to deliver this from April '21 onwards.

Early Years Development

In partnership with Bolton CVS and supported through funding from Bolton Council Start Well Service, Bolton's VCSE Early Years Strategy and action plan has been produced, co-designed with local early years providers. This document is an innovative approach to support early years provision and includes investment in an Early Years Leadership Course, Early Years Mapping and a bespoke Early Years cross sector training programme.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter Provision

The consortium secured funding from The Department of Education via Bolton Council for members to deliver the Holiday and Activity Fund during the Easter holidays. 5 providers applied, all of whom were successful. This demonstrated the flexibility of the consortium and the ability to respond quickly through joint working to meet an identified need. Delivery of the programme took place in April 2021.

The Difference We Made

1/Improved the quality of life of children and young people through delivery of tailored services to diverse communities

An example of this – Extract from a Thrive Alliance Case Study

After 5 sessions Cara reports to be feeling much better and more settled, she has gone back to school after lockdown and after initially finding it stressful she is now in a much better place. Cara is currently looking after herself and managing her own wellbeing. As a result, she isn't counting calories anymore or getting stressed out about weight gain. Cara has developed better coping strategies and has really engaged and taken the work on board.

'It has been helpful to be able to talk to someone and I've realised it's good to talk about how I'm feeling rather than keeping it inside. It's also good to look at being more positive as I am a positive person normally but just went through a difficult time. 'I am not worrying as much about things, more able to cope with stress and I'm looking after myself better. I am also speaking more about how I feel and communicating better with my family.' than keeping

2/Increased the capacity for children and young people's voluntary sector through securing significant investment distributed to members

An example of this:

Secured and Distributed 'Thrive Plus' National Lottery Funding to 4 Members to increase their capacity to deliver emotional health and wellbeing support to young people over three years.

3/ Increased awareness of the offer within the community and voluntary sector for children and young people

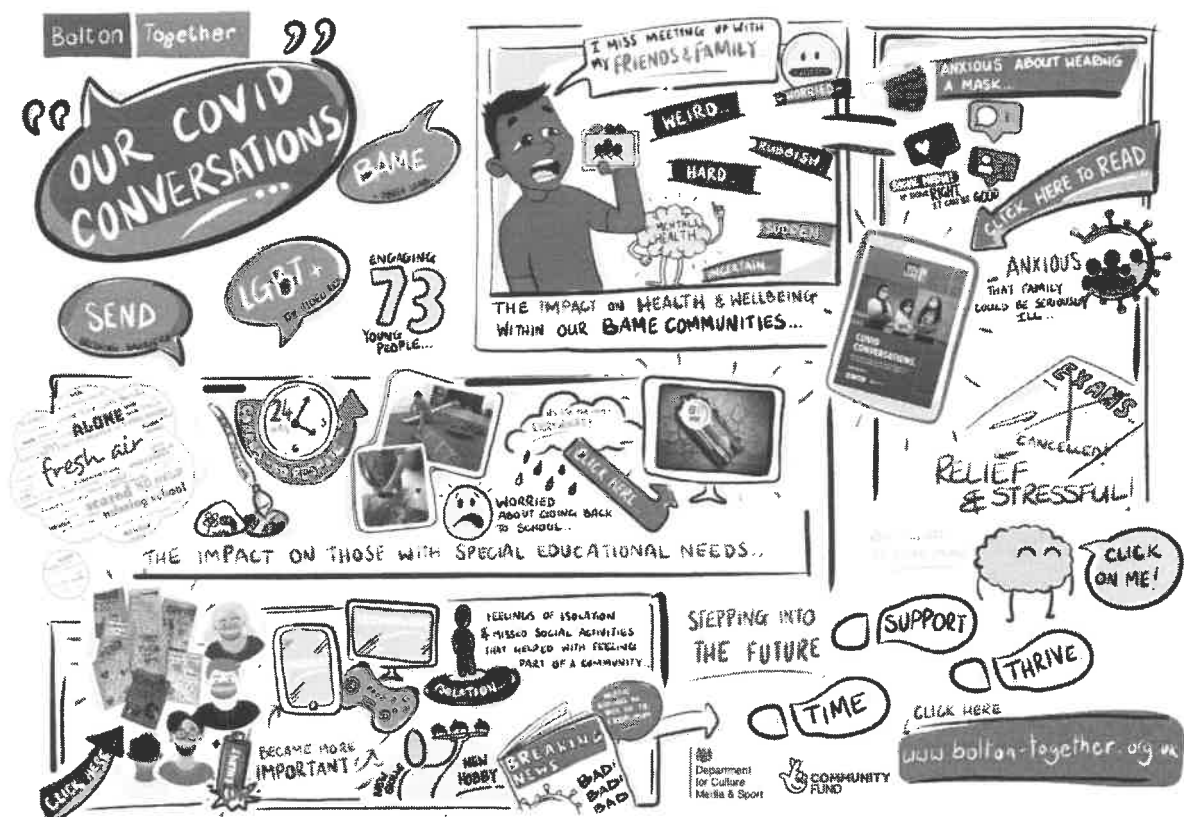
An example of this:

A big thank you! Liv and I were just reflecting today that there has been a BIG upswing in referrals to our Bolton group over the past couple of months, which is down to all the opportunities you've given us to meet with partners across the Borough, and all the work you've done in terms of promoting our offer. So, thank you so much! – The Proud Trust

4/ Increased opportunities for children and young people to share their experiences and to influence service design and delivery

An example of this:

Our members delivery of three focus groups engaging with 73 young people, with findings compiled in written reports and through the production of the interactive overview below.



5/ Increased collaboration with statutory partners and championing the role of the voluntary sector

An example of this:

Representation on the Early Help Steering Group, supporting the design of the new Early Help Assessment Form and representation on The Early Years Partnership Board. Joint work with Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group producing a training video to enable organisations to access the range of services available for children and young people

6/Supporting delivery of high quality services through robust contract management

An example of this:

A robust monitoring and reporting process which enables Bolton Together to produce and submit quarterly written reports for all programmes and to deliver presentations at a senior level to outline delivery partners performance and outcomes for children and young people.

'Wow this report is fantastic thank you Really clear and concise breakdown as to what elements have been delivered across the full Thrive programme.'

Plans for the Year Ahead

- Contract and performance management of IThrive Programme, Holiday Activities and Food Programme and Early Years Development Programmes
- Shaping the IThrive programme offer further through identifying gaps in provision and codesigning with members solutions to addresses these gaps
- Delivery of a central Hub for the IThrive 2 – 25 yrs. programme for triage and initial screening of children and young people
- Delivery of 0 – 19 Engagement Programme
- Securing further investment to be distributed to members to enable them to support more children and young people
- Recruiting new members to the consortium to address identified gaps in provision.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
08730010 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1163466

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18 Spa Road
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Trustees
Ms K D Edwards
D J Knight
Mrs G Smallwood
Ms K Smith
Ms J K Smith (resigned 17/8/20)
Ms B C Matta (appointed 11/2/21)
A Warbrick (appointed 18/2/21)
Ms C Bennett (appointed 28/6/21)
Ms L Darley (appointed 15/4/21)
Ms J A Robinson (appointed 14/7/21)

Company Secretary
Ms K D Edwards

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms K D Edwards – Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOLTON TOGETHER

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bolton Together ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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 registered member of _ 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.



Michael Garrett FCA
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11th November 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Income from contracts	285,059	55,000
EXPENDITURE ON		
Indirect expenditure	53,784	4,553
Charitable activities		
Project delivery	225,726	27,217
Total	279,510	31,770
NET INCOME	5,549	23,230
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	31,712	8,482
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	37,261	31,712

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BALANCE SHEET

31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	79,517	109
Cash at bank		<u>285,156</u>	<u>37,906</u>
		364,673	38,015
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(327,412)</u>	<u>(6,303)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>37,261</u>	<u>31,712</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 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.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



K D Edwards - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSfor the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examination	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

3. INCOME FROM CONTRACTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group	102,500	-
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	59,365	-
National Lottery	100,694	-
Bolton Council	22,500	50,000
Bolton CVS	-	5,000
	<u>285,059</u>	<u>55,000</u>

4. PROJECT DELIVERY

	2021	2020
	£	£
Action For Children	11,516	-
Bolton CVS	9,000	2,800
Bolton Lads and Girls Club	36,879	3,205
Bolton Toy Library	15,417	-
Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	3,636	-
Bolton YMCA	20,412	-
Breaking Barriers	8,453	16,212
Child Action North West	12,917	-
Communicart	700	-
Fortalice	46,811	-
Headspace	7,661	-
Homestart HOST	14,027	-
The Proud Trust	4,385	-
The Sycamore Project	28,912	5,000
The Videobox	1,250	-
Youth Leads	3,750	-
	<u>225,726</u>	<u>27,217</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

6. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Financial Activities includes income and expenditure since the formation of Bolton Together (formerly known as the Bolton Children's and Young People Forum). The income is largely represented by grant income from Bolton Council which has been used to cover the costs of running the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	52,500	-
Prepayments	<u>27,017</u>	<u>109</u>
	<u>79,517</u>	<u>109</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	31,193	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>296,219</u>	<u>6,303</u>
	<u>327,412</u>	<u>6,303</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,712	5,549	37,261
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,712</u>	<u>5,549</u>	<u>37,261</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

10. 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	285,058	(279,509)	5,549
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>285,058</u>	<u>(279,509)</u>	<u>5,549</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,482	23,230	31,712
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,482</u>	<u>23,230</u>	<u>31,712</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,000	(31,770)	23,230
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>55,000</u>	<u>(31,770)</u>	<u>23,230</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021

9. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company was controlled by the Board of Trustees throughout the period under review.