



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 October 2024 To 30 September 2025

Charity name: Team Evie

Charity registration number: 1164489

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are the relief of sickness and preservation of health of children and their families by the provision of equipment, resources and bereavement support.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity provides a variety of parent bags – packs to families transferred to hospital via ambulance to get them through their first few days in hospital, packs for families admitted to the Special Care Baby Units with their baby, and sensory packs for children in hospital long term. The charity renovates family rooms on wards across the region, provides portable libraries for use by families in hospital, provides medical equipment, sensory equipment, physiotherapy equipment, staff training & comfort items. The charity provides bereavement breaks for families after the death of a child, and Peer Support to parents of sick children and bereaved parents.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning the activities of the CIO. Without vital equipment, e.g. SATs and heart rate monitors, families cannot care for their sick children at home and they would need to remain in hospital. Through the CIO's purchases families are able to be together at home, where they should be. The equipment bought will be used by a succession of families over time in the West Cumbria area. Having a child in intensive care can mean that families can't bond with their child as they would normally. Research has shown that 69% of parents feel closer to their baby through reading and 86% of parents said they enjoyed it. Parents described how reading helped them to gain an increased sense of control, intimacy and normality. Staff in PICU (Paediatric

		Intensive Care Unit) suggested the iPads. They felt they would aid cognitive development, provide educational resources and could be used by siblings of sick children and parents as a reprieve from the intense environment. There is a lack of sensory equipment and physiotherapy aids in the PICU. Long term patients in intensive care need stimulation to aid continued cognitive development while incapacitated. The children also require much support to continue their physical development and without the purchase of more equipment children miss out. The bereavement support will provide comfort, information and help for families in their greatest time of need, following the loss of their child. Raising awareness of TOFs is vital in supporting families when their child is diagnosed with this condition
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This has been another successful year for Team Evie as we continued our mission of supporting sick children, babies and bereaved families across Cumbria and the North East. Alongside maintaining our established services, we have developed new projects and partnerships that have enabled us to extend our support and reach more families than ever before. Throughout the year, we provided over 500 families with Parent Bags when their child was transferred by specialist ambulance to Newcastle for emergency treatment. We also distributed more than 300 Bobby's Little Explorer Bags, working closely with the Occupational Therapy team at the Great North Children's Hospital to support children's sensory development during extended hospital stays. Our Special Care Baby Unit Bags continue to be provided to every family admitted to the neonatal units in Whitehaven and Carlisle, ensuring parents receive practical and emotional support during what is often an unexpected and challenging time. Our Peer Support Service has continued to grow, supporting an increasing number of bereaved parents through trained volunteer Peer Supporters with lived experience. Feedback from service users demonstrates the impact of this service, with 100% reporting they felt more in control of their situation and 70% reporting they felt less isolated and less anxious following support.

		We have continued to provide libraries and books to children's wards and hospital units across the region, encouraging families to spend quality time together through reading during hospital admissions. We have also supplied sensory and comfort items, alongside specialist medical equipment such as vein finders through our partnership with Community Children's Nurses. These have helped reduce the distress associated with blood tests and other procedures, particularly for children with additional or sensory needs. During the year, we established a new partnership with the Patterdale Hall Estate in Ullswater, enabling us to offer affordable respite accommodation for families following the death of a child. This important development has significantly enhanced the support available to bereaved families. The venue also hosted our annual Festival of Remembrance in March, bringing families together to remember their children, strengthen peer relationships and reduce feelings of isolation. Building on our long-standing work with the Special Baby Group in West Cumbria, we worked in partnership with Special Care Baby Unit staff and the Maternity Voices Partnership to launch a new monthly support group in Carlisle. The group has been well attended since its launch, providing parents of babies who have spent time in hospital, or who have ongoing medical needs, with opportunities to access support, share experiences and build lasting friendships. The charity's work has continued to receive recognition during the year, culminating in Team Evie being named Pride of Cumbria Charity of the Year 2025. While awards are appreciated, the trustees consider the greatest measure of success to be the positive difference made to the children and families we support. The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to deliver significant public benefit through all of its activities and remain committed to developing services that respond to the changing needs of the families and communities we serve.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's income remained stable during the year, increasing by approximately £300 compared with the previous financial year. This reflects the continued support of our donors, grant funders and corporate partners, providing a consistent financial
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		foundation for the charity's work. Expenditure increased by approximately £87,000 compared with the previous year, resulting in a deficit of around £47,000. However, this reflects deliberate investment by the trustees in opportunities that will strengthen the charity's long-term ability to deliver its charitable objectives, rather than an underlying deterioration in the charity's financial position. Over recent years, the trustees have explored options to establish dedicated premises that would provide respite accommodation for bereaved families alongside office facilities for the charity. Initial proposals were expected to require capital investment in excess of £100,000. During the year, an opportunity arose to partner with Patterdale Hall to provide affordable accommodation for families, while a separate partnership enabled the charity to secure office space. Together, these arrangements have enabled the charity to achieve these strategic objectives at a fraction of the anticipated cost, representing excellent value for the charity and allowing more funds to be directed towards frontline support. The charity also established a new corporate partnership with Trust Ford in Carlisle. This partnership enabled the charity to upgrade its vehicle, significantly improving its capacity and capability to deliver services across the region. Trust Ford has also committed to continuing the partnership, providing confidence in future financial support and increased opportunities for community engagement. During the year, the charity was successful in securing grant funding from the Elsie Davies Trust, the Cumbria Community Foundation and a two-year grant from the National Lottery. These grants have been instrumental in supporting the continued delivery and development of the Peer Support Service and Bobby's Little Explorer Bags, ensuring these important services remain available to bereaved families. The trustees are pleased to report that, despite the planned deficit for the year, the charity remains in a strong financial position. The charity continues to hold unrestricted reserves in accordance with its reserves policy of maintaining a minimum of 12 months' operating costs, providing financial stability and resilience while enabling the trustees to invest strategically in the charity's future development.
Statement explaining the	Para 1.22	The trustees intend to hold reserves so that

policy for holding reserves stating why they are held		the CIO can continue its charitable activities for a period of 12 months should funding cease.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£97,197 reserves held, £18,960 of which are restricted
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the CIO's ability to continue activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution. CIO-Foundation registered 20 November 2015 as amended on 24 February 2020.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Team Evie
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1164489
Charity's principal address	Unit 2b, Gate House Hallwood Road Workington CA14 4JR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Hazel Johnston			
2	Jill Johnston			
3	Emma Ivison			
4	Stephen Johnston			
5	Stuart Buchanan			
6	Abigail Clucas			
7	Robert Nordon			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jill Johnston	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 8/7/26



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Team Evie

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1164489

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

A. Welton

Date:

8 July 2026

Name:

Alison Welton

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BSc FCA

Address:

David Allen Chartered Accountants

Dalmar House, Barras Lane Estate, Dalston, Carlisle

CA5 7NY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Team Evie

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/2024

To

30/09/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	36,205	-	-	36,205	62,405
Fundraising	36,974	-	-	36,974	32,121
Interest received	3,829	-	-	3,829	1,495
Grants received	-	30,812	-	30,812	11,542
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,008	30,812	-	107,820	107,563
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	34,000	-	-	34,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,000	-	-	34,000	-
Total receipts	111,008	30,812	-	141,820	107,563
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	19,833	858	-	20,691	20,030
Costs of fundraising	12,816	-	-	12,816	16,576
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies	7,354	432	-	7,786	5,577
Insurance	1,380	-	-	1,380	1,595
Repairs and maintenance	3,129	-	-	3,129	5,141
Wages and salaries	31,494	13,623	-	45,118	41,720
Car lease, petrol and T&S	10,501	-	-	10,501	4,091
Donation	13,103	-	-	13,103	6,934
Sub total	99,610	14,913	-	114,523	101,664
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	74,254	-	-	74,254	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	74,254	-	-	74,254	-
Total payments	173,864	14,913	-	188,777	101,664
Net of receipts/(payments)	(62,856)	15,899	-	(46,957)	5,899
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	141,093	3,061	-	144,154	138,255
Cash funds this year end	78,237	18,960	-	97,197	144,154

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Cash in bank	78,237	18,960	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	78,237	18,960	-
account(s)			

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Details			
		-	-
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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details			
Other tangible assets	Unrestricted	80,448	68,834
Other tangible assets	Restricted	1,637	409
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		-	-
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details			
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>J Johnston</i>	Jill Johnston	8/7/26