

Pregnancy Centres Network Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ending

31st March 2024

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No 1164610

INTRODUCING PREGNANCY CENTRES NETWORK (PCN)

PCN was set up in 2014 in response to a request from representatives of numerous independent pregnancy centres operating with a Christian ethos. We are currently in touch with around 60 centres. PCN was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in November 2015.

PCN is run by a board of Trustees, united with a passion to increase the support available to those facing unplanned pregnancy and pregnancy loss concerns, and to young people and vulnerable adults making vital decisions regarding sex and relationships. Between us we combine relevant professional expertise and many years of experience working in this field.

PCN Vision

...is that no-one in the UK has to face unintended pregnancy, abortion, or other pregnancy loss alone and that teenagers and vulnerable adults are empowered to make healthy decisions about relationships and sex.

PCN Mission

...is to resource local pregnancy centres working to relieve psychological, emotional, and spiritual distress related to unplanned pregnancy, post abortion issues or other pregnancy/child loss by:

1. Assisting and encouraging pregnancy centres to maintain best practice in their non-directive work of supporting those facing unplanned pregnancy, struggling after abortion or with pregnancy/child loss concerns with care and compassion based on Christian principles.
2. Supporting centres in raising their profile locally and online to increase their reach.
3. Providing foundational accredited training which is relevant and accessible to independent crisis pregnancy centres regardless of size or location, thereby increasing resilience and availability of high professional standards in independent, counselling support.

To realise our mission, PCN will:

- Provide ongoing and regular networking opportunities, as well as professional and spiritual support, to centres through a range of activities. These include:
 - Training courses
 - Continual Professional Development training
 - Centre Leader Forums
 - Trustee Forums
 - Prayer meetings
 - Regional days
 - An annual conference
 - Fundraising guidance and opportunities
- Provide/facilitate research opportunities
- Advocate for and encourage best practice and good governance

PCN Ethos

PCN is a Christian-based organisation supporting pregnancy centres practising with a Christian ethos and therefore upholds principles of non-judgmentalism, compassion, care and respect derived from a Christian understanding. Recognising that abortion is a controversial issue that can provoke strong reactions, PCN's purpose is to support centres in avoiding ideological polarisation and in offering compassion, information, and practical support at the point of need. PCN and the centres it supports are not campaigning organisations, do not have a political agenda and are non-proselytising.

We uphold the following values:

- Importance of alleviating personal distress and suffering
- Respecting human rights and dignity
- Appreciating the variety of human experience and culture
- Respecting the rights of others to hold different beliefs and values

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Pregnancy Centres Network was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on November 30th, 2015. The working name for the charity is PCN.

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Registered Office:	Bradbury House Durngate Place Winchester SO23 8DX	
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Need

A. Typical clients

- Those (women and their partners) who find themselves facing a pregnancy crisis and considering their options of continuing the pregnancy, abortion or adoption
- Those who are struggling with their mental health following an abortion
- Those who are struggling following other forms of pregnancy loss (e.g. miscarriage, stillbirth)

“When I started this journey I struggled to even walk through the door, but I can honestly say it’s the best thing I have ever done. I’ve battled many demons along the way but with the support of the amazing lady who joined me and carried my precious story, I feel lifted... without these amazing people giving up their time to help and to hold me, I wouldn’t have got here.”

- a Centre Client

B. Statistics

- 1 in 3 women will have an abortion by the age of 45 (<https://www.bpas.org/abortion-care/considering-abortion/>)
- 1 in 3 women would speak to their friends, and 62% would tell their sexual partner if they were considering having an abortion (<https://www.msichoice.org/news-and-insights/news/2019/11/just-one-in-three-women-would-tell-their-family-if-they-were-considering-abortion/>)
- 1 in 4 known pregnancies end in miscarriage (<https://www.tommys.org/pregnancy-information/im-pregnant/early-pregnancy/how-common-miscarriage>)
- 20-30% of women report domestic violence during pregnancy and for many, domestic abuse begins or escalates during pregnancy (<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Supporting-women-and-babies-after-domestic-abuse.pdf>)
- Currently 45% of pregnancies and one third of births in England are unplanned or associated with feelings of ambivalence (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-reproductive-health-and-pregnancy-planning/health-matters-reproductive-health-and-pregnancy-planning>)
- During 2022 251,377 abortions were carried out in England and Wales, a 17% increase on 2021 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/abortion-statistics-for-england-and-wales-2022/abortion-statistics-england-and-wales-2022>)
- In 2022 the abortion rate in Scotland was 19% higher than the previous year (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-65766795>)
- In the first two weeks of 2023, abortion providers saw an increase in demand of 47% which they attributed to ‘a lack of access to good quality contraception and the economic downturn sparking concerns over the affordability of raising a child’. (<https://www.bmj.com/content/380/bmj.p237>)

C. Research

- Academy of Medical Royal Colleges research recommends “support and care for all women who have an unwanted pregnancy because the risk of mental health problems increases whatever the pregnancy outcome.”
(https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Induced_Abortion_Mental_Health_1211.pdf)
- Research links miscarriage with PTSD
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0002937819313699>). Many centres test for depression and anxiety before and after support is offered. Results routinely show a marked improvement following our pregnancy loss support.

“The support I received at the centre has been a lifeline for me. I have been through some very emotionally tough times and without this support I honestly do not know how I would have gotten through it.”

- a Centre Client

Strategic aims

PCN’s strategic aim is to support our network to grow to 150 thriving centres, whose services include online client support, so that no woman is further than 20 miles from her nearest centre or can easily access online support.

Five key objectives were identified to progress this strategic aim over the next 5 years (2023-2028)

Objective 1: Grow our current support for existing centres

Objective 2: Develop infrastructure to support future network growth

Objective 3: Greater financial stability

Objective 4: Develop and deliver core training courses

Objective 5: Open new centres

The main aims related to these objectives were as follows.

Objective 1: Grow our current support for existing centres

- a. Increase engagement of centres with PCN
 - i. At conference
 - ii. At Centre Leader and Trustee Forums
 - iii. At CPD sessions
 - iv. At prayer meetings
- b. Offer regular fundraising training opportunities
- c. Increase use of social media to raise awareness and support of centres
- d. Engage with the public sector on the issues of unintended pregnancy, post abortion issues or other pregnancy/child loss when appropriate, in order to explain the ethos and role of independent pregnancy centres

Objective 2: Develop infrastructure to support future network growth

- a. Creation of regular, standardised touchpoints with centres
- b. New data gathering system implemented for gathering relevant and timely information from centres in an efficient way
- c. Development of regional networks through creation of ‘regional leaders’ and ‘centre relationships’

- manager' roles
- d. Development of a 'framework of excellence' for centres

Objective 3: Greater financial stability

- a. Consistent use of a fundraising strategy as a living document
- b. An increase of our regular donors (centres and individuals) year on year
 - i. Aim to increase regular individual donors
 - ii. Aim to increase regular centre donors
- c. Increase the variety of ways in which we fundraise
- d. Aim to have encouraged/supported events to be run on PCN's behalf by April 2024

Objective 4: Develop and deliver core training courses

- a. Embed the Pregnancy Choices Support and 'The Bowl: Post-abortion Support' training courses into business as usual
- b. Develop a 'refresher' training for existing practitioners who want to update skills and ensure their practice is current.
- c. Continued provision of quality CPD sessions

Objective 5: Open new centres

- a. Creation of a speaker/ambassador team and template talks that can be used to raise awareness in churches and events
- b. Creation of 'Setting up a Centre' process, including overview document and timeline with regular checkpoints for each new centre enquiry and development of regional support networks 'buddying' system for all new centres until 2 years after opening

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This is our eighth Annual Report, and we are very appreciative to everyone who has given time, money, and professional advice during 2023-2024, enabling us to engage in these activities.

Objective 1: Grow our current support for existing centres

- We provided ongoing support to our network of centres, encouraging best practice and resilience through our annual conference, Centre Leader and Trustee Forums, prayer meetings and newsletters
- We undertook a project to update our website and made it more easily accessible for Centre Leaders who require resources or support
- We included fundraising training and support as part of the annual conference and Centre Leader Forums
- We created a 'Social Media Pack' for Baby Loss Awareness Week which centres could use to raise awareness on their own social media sites
- We created an FAQ's document to support centres with template responses which they could refer to when asked key questions posed by the public sector/ media/ health professionals etc.

- We held conversations with other organisations involved in this work, either directly or indirectly, representing centres and initiating mutually beneficial relationships which we hope to build on in future

Objective 2: Develop infrastructure to support future network growth

- We worked in collaboration with centres and developed an alignment document to maintain a regular, standardised touchpoint, ready to be rolled out in 2024/25. This creates a shared set of principles, which networked centres can sign up to, and also includes 'recommended essential' and 'recommended optional' policies, in order to encourage continuity and best practice
- We created and implemented a new data gathering system to obtain relevant information in a more timely and efficient manner. This is in its early stages, but we are initially seeing centres engage and submit the information requested
- We have begun to explore the development of regional networks and seek initial interest for those who might be willing to act as a 'Regional Leader'

Objective 3: Greater financial stability

- We have continued to implement our fundraising strategy and have seen good steps forward in several areas. We have developed a 'donor journey' to support new supporters on their journey of engagement with the issues we deal with, and to progress them from giving general support to financial support
- We have worked with key supporters to push for an increase in regular centre donations and regular individual donations. This resulted in an increase of £463 per month in regular donations, with an additional 7 centres and 16 individuals supporting our work on a regular ongoing basis
- We also completed preparations for our 'Hope Bringers' campaign: a new initiative to inspire new regular givers and ensure current givers know how much they are valued, reminding them of the impact that their support makes to our work and those we serve
- Finally, we are encouraged by one of our trustees completing a sponsored 10k walk and have also supported our administrator in her preparations to complete a sponsored skydive for PCN, increasing the variety of ways in which we have fundraised

Objective 4: Develop and deliver core training courses

- We have continued to embed the 'Pregnancy Choices Support' and 'The Bowl: Post-abortion support' training courses into our business as usual by creating a regular timetable for courses to enable centres to plan more effectively. We had 26 registered learners for Pregnancy Choices Support and 11 registered learners for The Bowl: Post-abortion support
- We have reviewed our pricing and applications process, giving increased oversight of the costing of courses and enabling us to ensure that courses are run effectively and within budget
- We have developed an adapted version of The Bowl: Post-abortion support course to enable active and experienced practitioners to access the course more readily. This will be piloted in Autumn 2024
- We began the creation of a new baby loss 'add-on' training module, to be completed and piloted in 24/25, which will be used to train practitioners on how they can use our post abortion resource with other baby loss clients (e.g. miscarriage or stillbirth)
- We have provided 4 CPD sessions throughout the year, with an average of 27 attendees on each session

Objective 5: Open new centres

- We responded to several groups considering setting up a centre, either providing them with advice on this process or linking them with a nearby centre that they might be able to join with/support
- We have engaged with Christian audiences by holding an exhibition stand at the 'Awaken' Ground Level Network conference, and our deputy chair of trustees delivering a talk at the Keswick convention
- We have begun planning for the creation of resources to help raise awareness of the issues of pregnancy crisis and pregnancy loss within churches and at events

"As a small, independent pregnancy centre, it is great to know that we are not alone and can look to PCN for resources, support and encouragement"
- Centre worker

All of the above have continued to establish the reputation and reach of PCN, enhancing our effectiveness as a catalyst to grow the family of independent crisis pregnancy centres, both in resilience and best practice and in numbers, throughout the UK.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. The trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Unplanned pregnancy, abortion and miscarriage are common experiences which can be hard to cope with alone and can be a mental health risk without appropriate support. In addition to this, young people and vulnerable adults now face the challenge to navigate social media at the same time as sex and relationships issues.

Clients come to centres from all walks of life and from every ethnic background, including services provided in prisons.

We provide public benefit by resourcing and equipping independent centres across the UK engaged in activities which advance education about sex and relationships, pregnancy and termination of pregnancy, and support anyone challenged by pregnancy crisis or loss. Centres do this by delivering sex and relationships education to young people in schools and youth clubs and by providing support and information to clients experiencing pregnancy crisis and loss, including unplanned pregnancy, foetal abnormality, abortion, miscarriage, and stillbirth.

Our support significantly impacts the ability of practitioners in independent centres (whether staff or volunteers) to set up and run resilient organisations while providing professional standards of non-directive care to clients. As the sole organisation which fulfils this role, we consider that we provide significant public benefit as we enable centres to be better equipped, resulting in better outcomes for their clients who in turn are more able to engage with and contribute to their community and society in general.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Pregnancy Centres Network is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is governed by a constitution, which outlines the appointment of and powers of trustees, including the following:

Appointment of charity trustees

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees
- (2) 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

Number of charity trustees

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO.

How this works out in practice

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Trustees meet five times a year to review progress and make decisions on future developments. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed on page 3. New trustees are appointed by existing trustees of whom there should be a minimum of three. Trustees are selected for their individual skills, knowledge, and vision. New trustees are appropriately trained and inducted.

The management of the charity until 2021 was the direct responsibility of the Trustees. With the appointment of part-time staff this is now devolved to the Director, who will be responsible to the Board and will be assisted by the staff team. Regular staff appraisals will facilitate good communication and goal setting for staff members.

Risk Policy

The Trustees maintain a Risk Management policy which is reviewed at least annually.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ending 31 March 2024, total income received was £96,578 (FY23: £92,507). Individual giving during the year was £32,212 (FY23: £18,592).

We remain grateful for the donations we receive from centres and trusts that continue to support the work of PCN. We have received £17,860 during the year (FY23: £28,325) of which £Nil was restricted (FY23: £12,500).

Various fundraising activities have been pursued by volunteers, staff, trustees, and those connected with the charity to raise money for funding of the development of training. These efforts have raised £11,290 (FY23: £11,114) of which £6,000 was restricted (2023: £Nil).

Total expenses for the year amounted to £96,472 (FY23: £97,036). The main category of expenses remains salary expenses of £70,741 (FY23: £73,578). Salary expenses include pay for the trainers who are delivering training courses.

Net income/(cost) for the year is £106 (FY23: £(4,529)) and available charity funds at the year end are £25,989 (FY23: £25,883) of which £15,459 is unrestricted (FY23: £14,442) and £10,530 is restricted (FY23: £11,441).

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be a minimum of 3 months of the resources expended to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover support and governance costs. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity if funding initially increases more slowly than hoped. At the year end the charity's reserves were below this level and the trustees have taken steps since 31 March 2024 to address this.

FUTURE PLANS

Our accredited training courses now empower Christian volunteers to provide professional standards of free, confidential, non-directive counselling support to clients regardless of culture or gender. By addressing theological issues, trainees are supported to engage with their personal beliefs, thus ensuring that they can deliver non-directive care with integrity. We continue to provide and develop additional online support to centres by offering online CPD training and creating links to experts in the field.

During 2023-24 our focus has been on further developing appropriate infrastructure to support the existing centre network and any future growth as we look to expand our activities and impact. With the initial phase of establishing new systems being rolled out in 2023-24, we are now looking towards opportunities for increasing awareness of PCN and the support available through local centres. This is in addition to ensuring the new systems are reviewed and embedded appropriately into our business as usual.

Accordingly, plans for 2024-25 include:

- Continued implementation of our five-year business plan (2023-2028)
- Co-ordination of, and moving into business as usual, the newly created centre alignment documents to improve self-regulation of centres who are a part of the Pregnancy Centres Network
- Continued review of the newly implemented data-collection system and analysis of the data to monitor trends and measure impact
- Continued engagement with centres via the newsletter, forums, CPD sessions, annual conference, regional days and visits
- Ongoing website and social media development as well as supporting centres in these areas
- Continuing to model and promote good governance, safeguarding and GDPR compliance
- Continuing development of a sound fundraising strategy with diverse income streams, while developing resources to help centres to raise their own funds
- Piloting the newly adapted version of The Bowl: Post-abortion support course for active and experienced practitioners
- Finalising and piloting the new 'Baby Loss Support' add-on training module
- Increased centre support through employing a 'Centre and Church Engagement Lead' to provide proactive support and to encourage the development of regional networking opportunities
- Growing engagement and awareness within churches through creation of template resources, whilst supporting centres to do this locally

COST-OF-LIVING

The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact on our society and has resulted in early data showing a significant increase in the number of abortions taking place due to financial concerns (see statistics page 5). The ongoing provision of 'pills by post', allowing women to obtain abortion medication following a telephone consultation and without a scan, continues to hold the potential risk of women not only aborting a pregnancy at a later than expected gestation, but also of coercion by family members to abort a wanted pregnancy. Thus, the need for independent non-directive support for individuals is greater than ever, although provision of this remains relatively scarce. Many Christians feel concerned about these issues but hesitate to address them publicly because they fear being misunderstood. Although there are those who take a different approach in their response to these sometimes polarising and controversial issues, for us, this only increases the urgent need for pregnancy centres who are committed to delivery of high standards of non-directive care ensuring women and their partners get the support they need and deserve.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

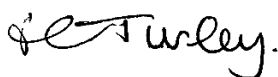
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed. The trustees have appointed Mark Jones F.C.A as Independent Examiner for the period ended 31st March 2024.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Helen Turley, Chair of Trustees

Statement of financial activities

(Incorporating the income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Voluntary donations (Centres + Trusts)		10,100	-	10,100	10,985
Voluntary donations (Individuals)		32,212	-	32,212	18,592
National conference		19,122	-	19,122	19,464
Fundraising activities		5,290	6,000	11,290	11,114
Gift aid recovered		6,514	-	6,514	3,080
Grants		7,760	-	7,760	17,340
Other		9,580	-	9,580	11,933
Total	2	90,578	6,000	96,578	92,507
Expenditure on:					
Charity Activities		89,072	6,911	95,893	94,182
Charitable donations		-	-	-	2,100
Insurance		579	-	579	754
Total	3	89,561	6,911	96,472	97,036
Net income (expenditure)		1,017	(911)	106	(4,529)
Opening balances brought forward		14,442	11,441	25,883	30,412
Total funds carried forward		15,459	10,530	25,989	25,883

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses for the year. There is therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses prepared.

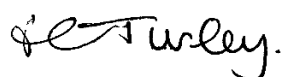
Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets					
		16,95			
Cash at bank and in hand		2	10,530	27,482	20,758
Accounts receivable		91	-	91	88
Other debtors		-	-	-	5,370
		<u>17,043</u>	<u>10,530</u>	<u>27,573</u>	<u>26,215</u>
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	5	(1,584)	-	(1,584)	(332)
		<u>(1,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,584)</u>	<u>(332)</u>
Net current assets		15,459	10,530	25,989	25,883
Total net assets		<u>15,459</u>	<u>10,530</u>	<u>25,989</u>	<u>25,883</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		15,459	-	14,548	14,442
Restricted funds		-	10,530	11,441	11,441
		<u>15,459</u>	<u>10,530</u>	<u>25,989</u>	<u>25,883</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 17 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29th January 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Helen Turley
Chair of Trustees
Registered charity number: 1164610

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

a. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SOR (FRS 102)). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis.

b. Going concern

There is no material uncertainty about the Charity's ability to continue and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

c. Income recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

- i. The charity becomes entitled to the income unconditionally;
- ii. The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the income; and
- iii. The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability;
- iv. Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

d. Funds

Funds are held by the charity as unrestricted and restricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be used, at the discretion of the trustees, for any purpose within the objects of the charity. Restricted funds are expendable by the trustees in furtherance of some particular aspect of the charity declared by the donor(s).

e. Taxation

Pregnancy Centres network is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation

f. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Voluntary donations (Centres + Trusts)	10,100	-	10,100	10,985
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Other	9,580	-	9,580	11,933
Total	90,578	6,000	96,578	92,507

Voluntary donations relate to amounts donated by other pregnancy centres or individuals on a one-off or recurring basis.

3. Expenses

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on:				
Professional subscriptions	391	-	391	473
National conference	23,001	570	23,571	18,359
Staff costs	64,400	6,341	70,741	73,578
IT costs (incl. website)	1,001	-	1,001	840
Charitable donations	-	-	-	2,100
Insurance	579	-	579	754
Volunteer expenses	30	-	30	105
Bank Fees	159	-	159	138
Administration	-	-	-	689
Total	89,561	6,911	96,472	97,036

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4. Staff costs: paid employees

Staff costs relate to paid employees. During the year we had 6 part time paid employees (2023: 6). The employees of the charity are: The Administrator, the Fundraising Lead, the Training Lead, the Training Administrator, the Director, and the Development Lead. No employees have received employee remuneration of more than £60,000.

In addition the charity employed 6 trainers (2023: 6).

5. Trustees' remunerations

The Trustees have received no remuneration during the period.

6. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	1,584	332
	<u>1,584</u>	<u>332</u>

7. Related Parties

In total, the trustees have donated £9,060 (2023: £10,225) to the work of the charity during the period.

8. Analysis of charitable funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund balances carried forward £
Analysis of fund movements:				
Unrestricted funds	14,442	90,578	89,561	15,459
Restricted funds	11,441	6,000	6,911	10,530
	<u>25,883</u>	<u>96,578</u>	<u>96,472</u>	<u>25,989</u>

The unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

The Charity holds the following restricted funds:

- Scottish Development Fund, for the development of Centres in Scotland. The balance on this fund at the year end is £4,930 (2023: £5500)

- Income Development Fund, for development of the general donor base, The balance on this fund at the year end is £5,600 (2023: £nil)
- Training Fund, for the development of training courses. The balance on this fund at the year end is £nil (2023: £5,941)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Pregnancy Centres Network

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Pregnancy Centres Network for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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29th January 2025

