

# ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY

England & Wales · Charity number 1165217

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-01-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 4.1 THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25 IN THE UK WITH CEREBRAL PALSIES BY ASSISTING IN THE TREATMENT AND CARE BY THE PROMOTION OF BEST PRACTICE IN THE TREATMENT, INTERVENTION, CARE, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT, ACROSS ALL RELEVANT MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINES AND SPECIALISMS, AND THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE LEGISLATURE AND POLICY MAKERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND RELATED AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONS. 4.2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND AWARENESS IN THE UK: 4.2.1 AMONGST THE LEGISLATURE, POLICY MAKERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND RELATED AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONS, ABOUT THE THERAPEUTIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND OTHER SPECIALIST NEEDS AND THE COMPLEX AND DIVERSE REQUIREMENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25 WITH CEREBRAL PALSIES TO ENABLE THE LEGISLATURE POLICY MAKERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE RELATED AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES RELATED TO CEREBRAL PALSIES AND THE THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS AND APPROACHES TO TREATMENT, AND TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURE AND POLICY MAKERS TO BETTER ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS AND ISSUES CONSISTENTLY IN LEGISLATION; AND 4.2.2 BY PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND BEST PRACTICE IN THE TREATMENT, INTERVENTION, CARE, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO AMELIORATE THE WIDE RANGING IMPACT OF CEREBRAL PALSIES IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 25.

**Activities:** Action Cerebral Palsy is a UK charity which works with a range of stakeholders to improve outcomes for children and young people with cerebral palsies and their families.

## Classification

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- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£54,086	£52,642	-	-
2024-12-31	£70,620	£54,676	-	-
2023-12-31	£41,825	£46,920	-	-
2022-12-31	£58,817	£62,964	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,752	£48,811	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Robin McGarel-Groves FCA		2020-01-22
Duncan Samuel Walsh		2019-05-01
Helen Irene Hunt		2020-03-10
Katharine Susannah Gollop QC		2019-05-01
PHILIP MICHAEL LEA		2015-06-22
Paul Maynard		2024-11-20
Professor Neena Modi		2019-05-01

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# Accounts

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**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Charity Information  
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**Trustees**

Ms Katherine Gollop  
Dr Helen Hunt  
Mr Philip Lea  
Mr Paul Maynard  
Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves  
Professor Neena Modi  
Mr Duncan Walsh

**Charity Number**

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Independent Examination  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

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I report on the financial statements of Action Cerebral Palsy CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

*Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd*

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Date *10th March 2026*  
Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Balance Sheet  
As At 31 December 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	7,719		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	36,616		42,678	
	<b>44,335</b>		<b>42,678</b>	
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>				
	(763)		(550)	
		<b>43,572</b>		<b>42,128</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>				
		<b>43,572</b>		<b>42,128</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
		<b>43,572</b>		<b>42,128</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
		<b>43,572</b>		<b>42,128</b>
Income and Expenditure Account		43,572		42,128
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>				
<i>Restricted</i>		2,955		8,275
Unrestricted		40,617		34,108
		<b>43,572</b>		<b>42,128</b>

**Notes**

**General Information**

Action Cerebral Palsy is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under registration number 1165217.

The CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 January 2016 (standard registration) and converted to a CIO on 7 May 2024.

**Number of Trustees**

Number of Trustees during the year was: 7 (2024: 7)



Mr. Anthony McGarel-Groves  
Trustee and Treasurer  
Date



**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Income & Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		48,997		59,870
Donations-Restricted		5,000		10,000
Training Income		-		750
		53,997		70,620
<b>Total Income</b>		53,997		70,620
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Restricted</b>				
Consultancy		5,320		1,725
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Printing and other costs	255		436	
Accountancy fees	567		563	
Consultancy fees Public Affairs	46,222		51,337	
Sundry expenses	1		(38)	
Travel	277		653	
		(52,642)		(54,676)
		<b>1,355</b>		<b>15,944</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>				
<b>Other interest receivable and similar income</b>				
Bank Interest	89			
		89		89
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>1,444</b>		<b>15,944</b>



Registered Charity no: 1165217

## Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Period ending 31.12.2025

**Charity Name:** Action Cerebral Palsy  
**Registered charity number:** 1165217  
**Website:** [www.actioncp.org](http://www.actioncp.org)  
**Principal Address:** Units 1 and 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, Oxon,  
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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.

### Structure and Governance

In 2024, Action Cerebral Palsy ("Action CP") converted to a charitable incorporated organisation ("CIO") registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered charity number 1165217).

The Trustees who served during the period were:

Miss Katharine Gollop KC

Dr Helen Hunt

Mr Philip Lea

Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves (Treasurer and Secretary)

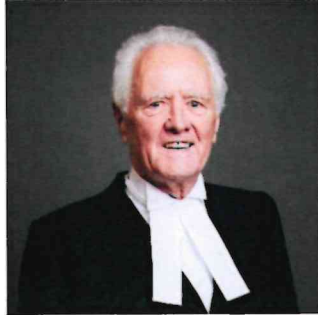
Paul Maynard

Professor Neena Modi

Mr Duncan Walsh

The members of the CIO are the Charity Trustees who form the Board and who are responsible for managing the affairs of Action CP. Action CP must have at least three charity trustees; apart from the first charity trustees named in our Constitution, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years. One of the Trustees serves voluntarily as Treasurer and Company Secretary. There are four full meetings of charity trustees held each year. One Trustee is appointed as Chairperson for each meeting. When new trustees are appointed, they are introduced to the Board and briefed on all aspects of the Charity's objectives and policies and Charity Commission requirements. Trustees are encouraged to seek training as appropriate, and to observe and follow the requirements and guidelines set down by the Charity Commission. Action Cerebral Palsy's trustees have diverse professional backgrounds and have direct professional or lived experience supporting children with cerebral palsy and their families.

In 2025, Action CP was honoured to welcome Lord McFall of Alcluith as a Patron for our Charity. Lord McFall's deep understanding of policy-making, developed through his extensive career as Lord Speaker, a Member of Parliament, and a Minister, combined with his background as a teacher and deputy headteacher, makes him an exceptional advocate for our cause. His unique perspective on both governance and education will be invaluable as we strive to improve support and understanding for the 30,000 children and young people living with cerebral palsy.



### **The Executive**

The Charity's day-to-day operations are managed by the Chief Executive and additional project work by the Policy Lead. Both posts are part-time.

### **Our Charitable Objectives:**

- ⦿ To engage with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national CP strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies
- ⦿ To be a source of informed advice on cerebral palsy for policy makers and the public
- ⦿ To represent the best interests of the cerebral palsy community
- ⦿ To facilitate the development of best practice for intervention, care, education and support for children and young people with cerebral palsies across the United Kingdom
- ⦿ To facilitate and disseminate research on cerebral palsy and therapeutic and educational intervention

### **Public Benefit**

In establishing annual objectives and overseeing the Charity's activities, the trustees have regard to the principles of public benefit at all times. The core purpose of Action Cerebral Palsy is to work towards better public and professional awareness and understanding of cerebral palsy and an improved quality of life for all children in the United Kingdom with the condition. Action Cerebral Palsy needs to raise funds to support the cost of working towards these outcomes.

## About Cerebral Palsy

**Cerebral Palsy (CP)**, Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a lifelong and fluctuating neurological condition which is the most common cause of physical disability in childhood. The condition affects movement, balance, coordination and posture and is caused by abnormal development or damage to the parts of the brain before, during or soon after birth. In addition to motor learning and mobility, the condition has a wider impact on normal childhood development and can affect sensory processing, communication, cognition, health and self-care all of which may have a severe impact on the individual's future opportunities and quality of life.

There are **approximately 30,000 children and 130,000 adults with CP in the UK**, similar to the numbers who have multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease – both of which are typically later-onset conditions.

- ⊙ 1 in 3 is unable to walk.
- ⊙ 1 in 10 has a severe vision impairment.
- ⊙ 1 in 4 is unable to talk.
- ⊙ 1 in 2 has an intellectual impairment.

## About Action Cerebral Palsy

As the only national charity solely focused on advocating for children and young people with cerebral palsy, [Action Cerebral Palsy](#) is committed to addressing the systemic challenges they face. We have sought to establish the facts about the level of provision of care through [reports](#), surveys and consultation with our community and to communicate the findings and recommendations for change through Government consultations and engagement. We are extremely proud to have initiated and been the lead sponsor of the [All Party Group on Cerebral Palsy](#) whose recommendations have directly contributed to key initiatives such as the [NHS England Commissioning Framework for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy](#) published in May 2025.

Until the campaigning initiatives of Action Cerebral Palsy, there had been no unified voice or platform for cerebral palsy clinical and educational professionals and the parents of children with cerebral palsy to draw together a coherent case for policy makers for improved provisions and reform to improve early identification, intervention, education and pathways of care for children and young people with cerebral palsy.

Action CP began in 2013 as a national consortium of specialist charities working with children with cerebral palsy and their families and became a registered charity in 2016. We are a small but aspirational charity which is committed to improve the daily lives and life chances of all children with CP throughout the UK so that they can have the best possible start to life and ongoing help and support.

## Summary of Charitable Activities and Achievements during 2025

### Policy Engagement to Improve Political Awareness of Cerebral Palsy and the issues facing children and young people with the condition and their families

Action CP has continued to champion the needs of children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families throughout the year with Parliamentarians and policy makers. Our policy work is informed

by the recommendations of the [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy](#) and through our direct engagement with parents, young people and those professionals doing their very best to support these families.

Although cerebral palsy is the leading cause of childhood physical disability, the existing legislative framework is fragmented and does not account for CP as a condition in its own right. By engaging directly and responding to public consultations, we have worked to amplify the voices of these families to address at policy level the many challenges they face, to ensure that children and young people with CP receive high-quality healthcare and special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision from experienced, specialist professionals to mitigate the impact of their disability can be mitigated from the earliest opportunity and their full potential maximised throughout their developing years.

Action CP works across all political parties and within all devolved regions of the UK to improve the awareness and understanding of CP at local and national levels to facilitate the development of models of best practice.

### A Source of Informed Advice on Cerebral Palsy for Policy Makers

Action CP has been a consistent voice in Parliament this year, engaging cross-party representatives through direct meetings and expert policy briefings. We have provided briefings and correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Education, Health and Social Care and Work and Pensions, key ministers for Schools, Early Years and SEND, and Disability, as well as the Shadow Ministers and Spokespeople and key select committees and met with civil servants in the Departments for Education and Health and Social Care.

Highlights include:

In April, Action CP wrote to every MP to highlight the need for holistic care provisions for children and young people with CP and highlighting the anticipated NHS England Framework for the Commissioning of Services for Children with Cerebral Palsy.



In October, Action CP was asked by the Government’s Strategic Advisor on SEND to provide the Department for Education with information about the complexity of needs and potential educational pathways of children and young people with cerebral palsy to help inform the Department’s work on the upcoming Schools (and SEND) White Paper.

In November and specifically to help inform the debate on this Schools White Paper, Action CP wrote to every MP with our response to the [Education Select Committee's \*Solving the SEND Crisis\*](#) report which welcomed the Committee's clear assessment of the current system and its strong recommendations for reform. Action CP believes that if the Government gets the model right for children with cerebral palsy (whose needs often span movement, communication, learning, equipment and health), it will strengthen the entire SEND system. Our key asks include:

- ⊗ A clear national definition of inclusive education across the full continuum of provision
- ⊗ Statutory standards for “ordinarily available” SEND support, with routine access to specialist and multidisciplinary expertise
- ⊗ Improved workforce training on low-incidence/high-needs conditions
- ⊗ A national Education, Health and Care Plan template and timeline, with existing legal rights retained
- ⊗ Strengthened joint accountability across education, health and care
- ⊗ A realistic and sustainable funding model that reflects the true cost of provision

Over the course of the year, Action CP has submitted evidence for the following consultations:

- ⊗ Education Select Committee review into solving the SEND crisis;
- ⊗ [Health and Social Care Select Committee on First 1000 Days – A Renewed Focus](#); and
- ⊗ [Ofsted Consultation](#) (both as Action CP and also contributed to the Special Education Consortium response)
- ⊗ Curriculum and Assessment Review

Through our membership of the Special Education Consortium of the Council for Disabled Children, Action CP has provided evidence for submissions to the following additional consultations:

- ⊗ DfE's Schools Accountability Reform Consultation;
- ⊗ Use of reasonable force and other restrictive interventions in schools;
- ⊗ Local government outcomes framework; and
- ⊗ Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill amendments

### **Representing the Best Interests of the Cerebral Palsy Community**

We have participated in meetings with other charities focused on disability, healthcare, specialist and mainstream education professionals and engaged through direct dialogue and online surveys with our community of parents, carers and young people to gather evidence of the issues facing the CP community in their ability to access appropriate care, resources, services, support and education and to ensure that these views are represented in all of our policy engagement.

Over this past year, Action Cerebral Palsy worked in collaboration with a number of organisations, including:

- CandDLE
- CP Alliance (Australia)
- CP Scotland
- CP Sport
- CP Teens

- Council for Disabled Children
- El Smart
- Institute of Health Visiting
- Northern Ireland Cerebral Palsy Register
- PD Net
- Pro Bono Economics
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and SEND in the Specialists
- Scope
- Special Education Consortium
- Up Movement and the Up Adult Working Party
- Whizzybugs
- Researchers and academic institutions who are conducting research related to neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy

### **Facilitating the Development of Best Practice In Healthcare – Early Identification, Intervention and Pathways of Care**

Action CP’s work in this area was focused on promoting the **NHS England Commissioning Framework for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy** which was published in May 2025. This framework aims to standardise clinical provision and ensure equitable, timely access to assessment and intervention across all regions. Having served on the NHS England CYP Transformation Programme Task Force that developed this Framework, we are now actively contributing to the NHS Implementation Group to understand the existing level of service need and provision in order to turn these standards into reality for families across the country.

We continue to campaign to raise awareness of the early warning signs of CP and what to do if a parent has concerns about their child’s motor development. Our **If In Doubt, Check It Out** posters and parent information leaflets have been included the new Institute of Health Visiting Early Motor Development Toolkit which provides a repository of resources for Health Visitors and that was launched over the summer of 2025.

### **In Education – Workforce Skills and Understanding**

A significant lack of understanding regarding cerebral palsy often prevents these exceptional children from receiving the learning support that they need to thrive in education. Action CP’s work in this area has focused on:

- Influencing Policy: Ensuring effective pathways and supporting complex needs are at the heart of SEND reform discussions.
- Empowering the Workforce: Supporting non-specialist educators who often work in isolation without a clear understanding of CP.

Action CP is also producing new support materials to empower the wider education workforce. From our engagement with expert clinicians, specialist teachers, and—most importantly—parents and young people, we are translating these insights into practical support materials designed specifically for non-specialist educators. Our upcoming resources will provide schools and local authorities with:

- **Clear Insights:** Deepening the understanding of how CP impacts learning and development.

- **Actionable Strategies:** Practical ways to support children in mainstream environments.
- **Direct Guidance:** Helping local authorities meet their obligations under any new SEND legislation.

### **Facilitating and Sharing Research**

This year, Action CP has been asked to support grant applications and to help facilitate parent engagement for a number of research projects. In addition, Action CP is pleased to have been selected by Pro Bono Economics for a research project. Following a report PBE published into the Dyslexia Pay Gap - [PBE | The dyslexia pay gap in the UK | PBE](#) and the [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy report into the transition for young people with CP into adulthood, adult services and employment](#), PBE is now looking to looking to the quantify the potential loss (in income, pension, and tax) for young people with cerebral palsy who are not able to access work.

## Summary

We are immensely proud of the impact that the charity has had in 2025. We championed the needs of the CP community within national SEND reform and the pilot work of the new NHS England Commissioning Framework provided the bridge between families and the NHS England. Our expanding coalition of parents and young people, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations, professional governing bodies, specialist educators and leading clinicians have helped us provide more nuanced contributions to national policy discussions. We are grateful to the policy makers who have also embraced this collaborative spirit, demonstrating a sincere commitment to improving the lives of children with complex needs.

Our determination to improve the understanding of cerebral palsy with those who are tasked with allocating funding for, making decisions about or providing services and support to children and young people with cerebral palsy is paramount to improving the pathways of care available to these children. Children and their parents need to be at the heart of the provision and not made to feel that they have to fight to get the right care, support or educational provision for their child.

In 2026, we will continue to work on our own and with others in the following areas:

- ◎ **SEND Policy Reform and practice change** at national and local government level working with all parties to highlight the challenges and opportunities to improve the services available to children and young people with cerebral palsy
- ◎ **Supporting the rollout of the NHS England Framework** for the Commissioning of Services for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy.
- ◎ **Workforce Skills improvement, practical information and awareness raising about cerebral palsy** - Evidence provided at the APPG on CP and our own research identified that there is a lack of knowledge of cerebral palsy and its impact on the individual and their family amongst non-specialist professionals whose job often involves supporting families with children or young people with CP. These practitioners may work in community health or education settings, local authorities or disability advisory services, or in special or mainstream schools. Action Cerebral Palsy is now developing high quality support materials in conjunction with other healthcare, education and therapeutic professionals that will be accessible via our website.
- ◎ **Parent Support** to provide families with much needed practical information about cerebral palsy and where they can turn to for help, care, support and the opportunities available for their child

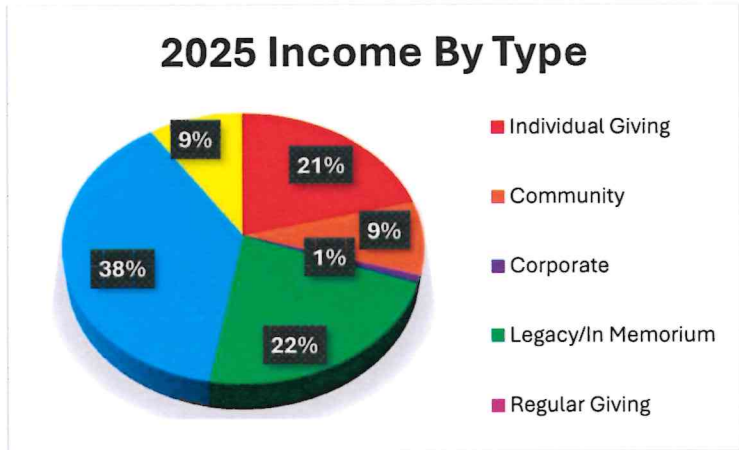
## Financials

Action Cerebral Palsy is indebted to the many individuals, families, companies and funding organisations which have donated to the Charity or chosen to fundraise for us during this past year. We are pleased to have received the support of new and known Trusts and Foundations this past year including the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation, the David Barnett Charitable Trust and the TK Maxx Foundation as well as individuals who walked, swam, sky-dived, baked, cycled and undertook other challenges to raise funds for Action CP. We are grateful for the much-valued support from our significant individual donors and corporate fundraisers, including Peel Hunt.

The trustees have a continued focus on strengthening the Charity's financial sustainability as well as looking at secure ways of growing the Charity's cash reserves. The Charity makes all possible efficiencies to keep costs to a minimum and spending continues to be tightly controlled. The Charity has also benefited from generous pro bono administrative support. The Charity does not employ paid staff but instead uses specialist consultancy and volunteer services to support its operations. As a result, the Charity retains sufficient levels of cash reserves.

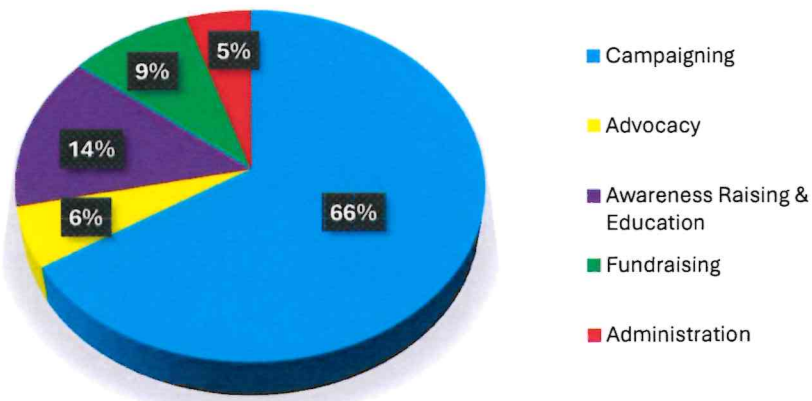
The tables below identify the Charity’s income by type and expenditure by area of activity. While the Charity’s CEO is largely focused on advocacy, awareness raising and education and fundraising, she is also involved in the Charity’s policy work. Similarly, the Director of Policy is involved in advocacy, awareness raising and fundraising. The Charity was awarded a restricted grant at the end of 2024 that was fully spent by the end of 2025. For 2025, the Charity’s income and expenditure was as follows:

Income	2025	2024
Individual Giving	11,264	£ 9,415
Community	4,815	£ 20,593
Corporate	500	£ 5,000
Events	0	£ 43
Legacy/In Memorium	11,893	£ 2,406
Regular Giving	24	£ 24
Training	0	£ 750
Trusts (Non-Restricted)	20,500	£ 22,389
Trusts (Restricted)	5,000	£ 10,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>53,997</b>	<b>£ 70,620</b>



Expenditure	2025	2024
Campaigning	£34,713	£36,457
Advocacy	£2,976	£3,600
Awareness Raising & Education	£7,486	£6,300
Fundraising	£4,867	£5,934
Administration	£2,541	£2,385
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£52,582</b>	<b>£54,676</b>

### 2025 Expenditure by Type



## **Reserves Policy**

The Charity has developed a Reserves Policy to protect its operations by creating financial support against an unpredictable fundraising environment and to make sufficient provision for future cash flow requirements and capital procurement. The policy also provides the framework for future strategic planning and decision-making. The Reserves Policy is based upon an annual risk assessment of the internal and external operation environment, as well as having due regard to the nature of the activities undertaken by the Charity towards its charitable aims. To ensure there is appropriate financial security, the Trustees will accumulate minimum reserves to meet immediate outstanding liabilities at any one point. The Trustees have resolved, in view of the size and operational requirements of the charity, that the minimum level of reserves should be three months of budgeted expenditure. The Trustees review this Reserves Policy on an annual basis.

## **Going Concern**

Further to independent consultation, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## **Financial Strategy**

Action Cerebral Palsy is ambitious in its mission and is highly conscious of its current status as being the only existing UK charity campaigning solely on behalf of children with cerebral palsy and their families. We recognise that in the current economic climate we must continue to focus on organic growth that leverages existing resources and relationships to ensure that we build from a position of financial stability while continuing to fund our key charitable activities. The Charity continues to move forward with its fundraising strategy which seeks to develop new opportunities and potential income generation across a range of fundraising activities, delivered services and projects which link us with individuals, other charities, corporates, trusts and foundations so that we can continue to expand our capabilities to campaign, educate and advocate on behalf of our community of 30,000 children and young people with cerebral palsy in the UK.

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# Accounts

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Independent Examination  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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I report on the financial statements of Action Cerebral Palsy CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

*Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd*

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Date *24th February 2025*  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Balance Sheet  
As At 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets (bank account)	42,678	26,185
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	-	(1 )
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>42,678</b>	<b>26,184</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>42,678</b>	<b>26,184</b>
Accruals and deferred income (accountancy)	(550 )	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>42,128</b>	<b>26,184</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Restricted	8,275	
Unrestricted	34,108	26,184
	<b>42,128</b>	<b>26,184</b>

**Notes**

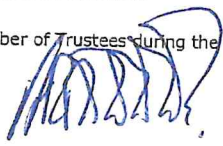
**General Information**

Action Cerebral Palsy is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under registration number 1165217.

The CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 January 2016 (standard registration) and converted to a CIO on 7 May 2024.

**Number of Trustees**

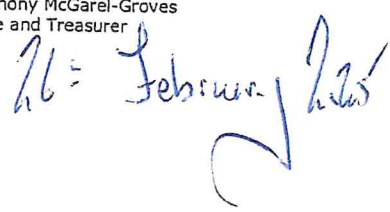
Number of Trustees during the year was: 7 (2023: 6)



Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves  
Trustee and Treasurer

Date

26 February 2025



**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Income & Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	59,870		40,575	
Donations-Restricted	10,000		-	
Training Income	750		1,250	
		70,620		41,825
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Restricted</b>				
Consultancy	1,725		-	
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Printing	436		613	
Accountancy fees	563		297	
Consultancy fees Public Affairs	51,337		44,512	
Sundry expenses	(38)		1,498	
Travel	653		-	
		(54,676)		(46,920)
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>15,944</b>		<b>(5,095)</b>



Registered Charity no: 1165217

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Period ending 31.12.2024**

**Charity Name:** Action Cerebral Palsy  
**Registered charity number:** 1165217  
**Website:** [www.actioncp.org](http://www.actioncp.org)  
**Principal Address:** Units 1 and 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, Oxon, OX27 7SG

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

### **Structure and Governance**

In 2024, Action Cerebral Palsy ("Action CP") converted to a charitable incorporated organisation ("CIO") registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered charity number 1165217). Action CP has adopted the Foundation Model CIO Constitution whereby the only members of the charity are the trustees. Our registered charity number and charitable aims remain unchanged.

The Trustees who served during the period were:

Miss Katharine Gollop KC  
Dr Helen Hunt  
Mr Philip Lea  
Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves (Treasurer and Secretary)  
Paul Maynard (appointed 20 November 2024)  
Professor Neena Modi  
Mr Duncan Walsh

The members of the CIO are the Charity Trustees who form the Board and who are responsible for managing the affairs of Action CP. Action CP must have at least three charity trustees; apart from the first charity trustees named in our Constitution, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years. One of the Trustees serves voluntarily as Treasurer and Company Secretary. There are four full meetings of charity trustees held each year. One Trustee is appointed as Chairperson for each meeting. When new trustees are appointed, they are introduced to the Board and briefed on all aspects of the Charity's objectives and policies and Charity Commission requirements. Trustees are encouraged to seek training as appropriate, and to observe and follow the requirements and guidelines set down by the

Charity Commission. Action Cerebral Palsy's trustees have diverse professional backgrounds and have direct professional or lived experience supporting children with cerebral palsy and their families.

In 2024, Action CP was pleased to be joined by a new member. Paul Maynard, former MP, was appointed as a trustee by a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting on 20 November. Paul, who lives with CP, has been involved with Action CP as a Patron since its founding. In addition, Action CP is pleased that Mary Foy, MP for the City of Durham, has agreed to become a Patron on the Charity. Mary has a lived experience of supporting a child with cerebral palsy, and along with Paul Maynard, was Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy of which Action CP was the lead sponsor.



### **The Executive**

The Charity's day-to-day operations are managed by the Chief Executive and additional project work by the Policy Lead. Both posts are part-time.

### **Our Charitable Objectives:**

- ⦿ To engage with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national CP strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies
- ⦿ To be a source of informed advice on cerebral palsy for policy makers and the public
- ⦿ To represent the best interests of the cerebral palsy community
- ⦿ To facilitate the development of best practice for intervention, care, education and support for children and young people with cerebral palsies across the United Kingdom
- ⦿ To facilitate and disseminate research on cerebral palsy and therapeutic and educational intervention

### **Public Benefit**

In establishing annual objectives and overseeing the Charity's activities, the trustees have regard to the principles of public benefit at all times. The core purpose of Action Cerebral Palsy is to work towards better public and professional awareness and understanding of cerebral palsy and an improved quality of life for all children in the United Kingdom with the

condition. Action Cerebral Palsy needs to raise funds to support the cost of working towards these outcomes.

## About Cerebral Palsy

**Cerebral Palsy (CP)**, a lifelong neurological condition, is an umbrella term that is used to describe a range of movement disorders which can have an impact on many aspects of normal childhood development: motor, sensory, communication, cognitive, health and self-care. It occurs as a result of interference or damage to the development of a baby's central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord) between conception and 3 years of age.

- ⊙ Cerebral palsy (CP) is the largest cohort of childhood onset lifelong physical disability
- ⊙ It affects approximately 1:400 children with approximately 1,800 children diagnosed each year. Despite advances in healthcare, whilst this figure has fluctuated over the past 60 years it has not changed considerably.
- ⊙ There are 33,500 children and young people of school age with a physical disability, the majority of whom have cerebral palsy
- ⊙ There are approximately **30,000 children and 130,000 adults in the UK** living with cerebral palsy
- ⊙ By 2031, there will be almost a 3-fold increase in the number of people with cerebral palsy over the age of 65.
- ⊙ The incidence rate for cerebral palsy is the same across Europe, the United States and Australia.
- ⊙ **1:3 with the condition will be unable to walk; 1:4 are unable to talk; 1:2 has intellectual impairment**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is 3 times more common than Downs syndrome and similar in population to multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is nearly 30 times more common than muscular dystrophy**

## About Action Cerebral Palsy

Action Cerebral Palsy ("Action CP") is the only UK charity which actively and solely campaigns on behalf of children with cerebral palsy, a disabling lifelong condition caused by damage to the immature or developing brain before or after birth. There are an estimated 30,000 children from all social backgrounds and ethnic groups in the UK with cerebral palsy which is the most common cause of lifelong physical disability starting in infancy. Action CP began in 2013 as a national consortium of specialist charities working with children with cerebral palsy and their families and became a registered charity in 2016.

Since 2016, Action CP has raised awareness of the condition through our research, publications, campaigns and engagement with the public, professionals and policy makers. Our work is inspired and driven by children with CP and their families who face the many challenges of their day-to-day life with courage and resilience. We are a small but aspirational charity which is committed to improve the daily lives and life chances of all children with CP throughout the UK so that they can have the best possible start to life and ongoing help and support.

## Summary of Charitable Activities and Achievements during 2024

### Policy Engagement to Improve Political Awareness of Cerebral Palsy and the issues facing children and young people with the condition and their families

This has been a year of significant political change with the General Election in July 2024 bringing in a new Labour Government for the first time since 2010. Children and young people with CP require high-quality healthcare and special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision from experienced, specialist professionals so the impact of their disability can be mitigated from the earliest opportunity and their full potential maximised throughout their developing years.

Despite the widespread prevalence of CP, the existing legislative framework is fragmented, and does not account for CP as a condition in its own right. Meanwhile, policy makers, professionals within education, health and social care as well the public lack knowledge about the specific needs of children and young people (CYP) with CP resulting in an unacceptable variation in the quality of health and educational provision across the UK.

Action CP is a non-partisan charity and has engaged across all parties and within all devolved regions of the UK to improve the awareness and understanding of CP at local and national levels in order to facilitate the development of models of best practice.



Action CP launched its **Election Manifesto** on the very day that the General Election was called – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – at an informal drop in event for Parliamentarians in the House of Commons kindly hosted by Mary Foy, MP - <https://actioncp.org/action-cerebral-palsy-launches-its-2024-manifesto/>. The event was attended by 16 parliamentarians from both Houses of which 14 retained their seats in the election. We were also pleased to have a team from the NHSE Children and Young People Transformation Group on hand to discuss their work on the new NHSE Cerebral Palsy Framework.

The Action CP Manifesto comprised three “asks” all of which have been drawn from the report and recommendations of the [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy](#) sessions which were held between 2020 and 2023:

1. Implement the proposed framework for the commissioning of care and services for CYP with CP developed by the NHSE CYP Transformation Programme.
2. Invest in recruitment and training to increase specialist knowledge of CP across health, education and social care.
3. Fund dedicated lead professionals to act as advocate, co-ordinator and support from diagnosis to transition to adulthood.

### **A Source of Informed Advice on Cerebral Palsy for Policy Makers**

Prior to and following the General Election, Action CP continued to meet with, seek meetings with and to provide briefings for key stakeholders including Parliamentarians of all parties, the Secretaries of State for Education, Health and Social Care and Work and Pensions, key ministers for Schools, Early Years and SEND, Disability, Mental Health and Employment as well as the Shadow Ministers and Spokespeople and key select committees. We have also worked directly with the SEND team within the Department for Education and the Cabinet Office to ensure that physical disability and cerebral palsy are no longer overlooked within key national policies including the previous Government's Disability Action Plan, National Disability Strategy and SEND and AP implementation Plan which failed to mention CP or the needs of children with physical disability.

To highlight **World CP Day** in October, Action CP wrote to all MPs and Peers seeking their engagement to broaden their understanding of cerebral palsy and its impact on children and young people and their families.

The office of the **Children's Commissioner** invited Action CP to meet to discuss waiting times for community care for children at risk of or with CP. The Children's Commissioner's report, [Waiting Times for Assessment and Support for Autism, ADHD and Other Neurodevelopmental Conditions](#), was published in October 2024 and revealed that children with cerebral palsy have the longest mean waiting time between referral and diagnosis of all neurodevelopmental conditions – 1222 days/3 years and 4 months and the second longest waiting time between referral and first contact – 827 days.

Action CP successfully applied to join the **Special Educational Consortium** - [Special Educational Consortium \(councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk\)](#) – which is a small membership organisation that works with DfE, Parliament and other stakeholders on policy, legislations, regulations and guidance that may affect disabled children and young people and those with SEN.

Over the course of the year, Action CP has submitted evidence for the following consultations:

- © Lord's Committee on Pre-Term Birth which has now been published on their website <https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/128873/pdf/>
- © Public Accounts Committee Inquiry on Support for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs - [SEND emergency: Unviable system will end in lost generation of children without reform - Committees - UK Parliament](#)
- © Department for Education Curriculum and Assessment Review - [Curriculum and assessment review - GOV.UK](#) for which Action CP organised stakeholder engagement

meetings and an online survey to solicit feedback from parents, carers and young people.

- © HM Treasury stakeholder representation in advance of the Autumn Statement.

### **Representing the Best Interests of the Cerebral Palsy Community**

We have participated in meetings with other charities focused on disability, healthcare, specialist and mainstream education professionals and engaged through direct dialogue and online surveys with our community of parents, carers and young people to gather evidence of the issues facing the CP community in their ability to access appropriate care, resources, services, support and education and to ensure that these views are represented in all of our policy engagement.

Over this past year, Action Cerebral Palsy worked in collaboration with a number of organisations, including:

- CP Sport
- CP Teens
- Council for Disabled Children
- El Smart
- Embracing Complexity Consortium
- Institute of Education Psychologists
- Institute of Health Visiting
- National Day Nurseries Association
- Parent Carer Forum Bristol
- PD Net
- Riding for the Disabled Association
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Scope
- Special Education Consortium
- Up Movement and the Up Adult Working Party
- Whizzybugs
- Researchers and academic institutions who are conducting research related to neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy

### **Facilitating the Development of Best Practice**

#### **In Healthcare – Early Identification, Intervention and Pathways of Care**

Action CP's work in this area has focused on empowering healthcare professionals to identify and respond and refer rather than wait and see, to ensure that at risk children are referred promptly, assessed and receive care and intervention at the earliest possible moment, and at a point when it can have a positive impact on that child's lifelong prospects as well as their and their family's well-being.

- © In 2023, Action CP was invited to participate in a new **NHS CP Task Force**, driven by Dr Charlie Fairhurst and chaired by Dr Simon Kenny, as part of the work in NHS England on the Children and Young People Transformation Programme. Action CP facilitated engagement with parents and young people to learn more about their experiences of the NHS services that they or their child has received. Their voices have been embedded within this groundbreaking framework that has been developed by the Task Force for the commissioning of services for children and young people with cerebral palsy. This framework which will serve as a blueprint for all children with neuro-developmental conditions is due to be published imminently. The NHS has identified a number of pilot ICBs.
- © Action CP continued to campaign to raise awareness of the early warning signs of CP and what to do if a parent has concerns about their child’s motor development. Our free **If In Doubt, Check It Out** posters and parent information leaflets were shared and made widely available via conferences and our extended network of health, education and social care professionals.



- © Action CP was invited to join the advisory group for the **Institute of Health Visiting Early Motor Development Toolkit** to provide input on the overall content of this repository of resources for Health Visitors that will also be made available more widely to other healthcare professionals. This toolkit will be launched in early 2025.
- © In 2024, NHSE paused its work on the development of a **digital Personal Child Health Record or Red Book**. Action CP continues to advocate for the inclusion of information on early motor development within the Healthy Start, Start For Life and Family Hubs print-based and online support materials.

### **In Education – Workforce Skills and Understanding**

Cerebral Palsy primarily affects sensory motor function but can also encompass several neurological disorders which can affect all aspects of development in the growing child. Children with CP can have a range of issues with communication, cognitive and learning issues, hearing or sight issues, and difficulties with sensory processing. This has a huge impact on how they develop, learn, and interact with the world around them. Therefore, cerebral

palsy should not be considered as purely a physical disability nor treated as such within schools and their approach to supporting children with CP. The unique nature of the neurological condition requires a cross-sector approach bridging both health and education.

In enabling schools to access specialist training or specialist CP experts would help to bolster the skills and knowledge that are required for assessing, supporting, engaging and monitoring the progress, wellbeing, and ongoing needs of the child with CP within the school.

Furthermore, having expert input in the EHCP process is pivotal to ensure the correct level of provision to enable a child with CP to thrive, and will facilitate better overall decision-making for the care and education of CYP with CP.

Action CP's work in this area has focused on improving the understanding of CP within the workforce and ensuring that the needs of children and young people with the condition and their family are strongly represented within policy discussions and review:

- ⊙ Action CP is now developing its own **CP support materials** targeted at non-specialist education professionals to ensure that schools and local authorities have access to specific information about CP and how it impacts children and young people and how they can be supported.
- ⊙ **National Day Nurseries Association** – Action CP was invited to meet with this national charity representing 6,500 private, voluntary and independent children's nurseries across the UK. An article on cerebral palsy and its early warning signs that Action CP wrote appeared in the Spring 2024 edition of Nursery News. Action CP used this opportunity to launch an online survey for early years education professionals to gain a better understanding of their awareness of and experience in identifying early motor developmental delay and supporting children with motor developmental issues.
- ⊙ Action CP also continued to offer **CP Awareness training** for organisations supporting children and young people with CP including:
  - Institute of Health Visiting
  - Riding for the Disabled
  - Bristol Parent and Carer Forum
- ⊙ Through our involvement with the **Special Education Consortium** as well as our own initiatives, Action CP has been advocating for:
  - An improved EHCP process, with a national EHCP template that is fit for purpose for children with complex conditions.
  - Focus and funding on an expanded SEND module in initial teacher training and condition specific CPD training programmes, so early education professionals and teachers have the necessary skills. The existing SEND training for mainstream teachers is very general and does not provide sufficient skills and knowledge to enable these professionals to fully support a child with CP.
- ⊙ Over the course of the year, Action CP continued to meet regularly with colleagues in the specialist teaching sector to look at the challenges and changes facing that sector

and how we can move the agenda forward to improve education workforce skills, training and awareness of the impact of physical disabilities and complex conditions such as cerebral palsy.

## **Facilitating and Sharing Research**

This year, Action CP has been asked to support grant applications and to help facilitate parent engagement for a number of research projects.

## **Summary**

We are proud of the impact that the charity has had in 2024, the continued momentum from the APPG on Cerebral Palsy and helping to ensure that the voices of parents and young people with cerebral palsy were represented in key Government consultations, with policy makers and across all parties. We are encouraged by the excellent work now happening within the NHS England CP Task and Finish Group and within NHS England and positive about the engagement we have had with local authorities, schools, professional governing bodies and the Parliamentarians who have chosen to engage and who genuinely want to understand more and improve their offering.

Our determination to improve the understanding of cerebral palsy with those who are tasked with allocating funding for, making decisions about or providing services and support to children and young people with cerebral palsy is paramount to improving the pathways of care available to these children. Children and their parents need to be at the heart of the provision and not made to feel that they have to fight to get the right care, support or educational provision for their child.

In 2025, we will continue to work on our own and with others in the following areas:

- ⊙ **Policy and practice change** at national and local government level working with all parties to highlight the challenges and opportunities to improve the services available to children and young people with cerebral palsy, and supporting the rollout of the NHS England CP Framework for the Commissioning of Services for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy.
- ⊙ **Workforce Skills improvement, practical information and awareness raising about cerebral palsy** - Evidence provided at the APPG on CP and our own research identified that there is a lack of knowledge of cerebral palsy and its impact on the individual and their family amongst non-specialist professionals whose job often involves supporting families with children or young people with CP. These practitioners may work in community health or education settings, local authorities or disability advisory services, or in special or mainstream schools. Action Cerebral Palsy is now developing high quality training materials in conjunction with other healthcare, education and therapeutic professionals that can be delivered in person or virtually by Action Cerebral Palsy, and that are also accessible via our website.
- ⊙ **Parent Support** to provide families with much needed practical information about cerebral palsy and where they can turn to for help, care, support and the opportunities available for their child

## Financials

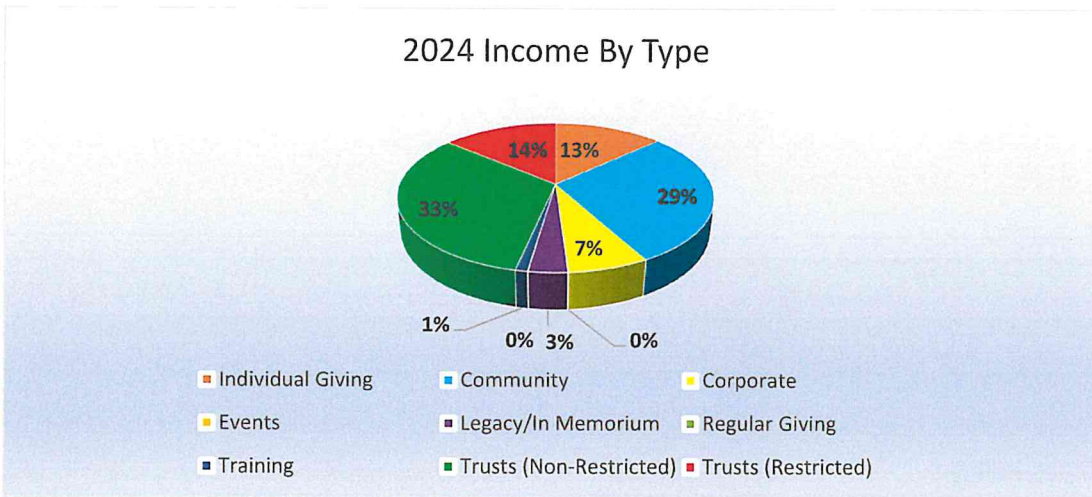
Action Cerebral Palsy is indebted to the many individuals, families, companies and funding organisations which have donated to the Charity or chosen to fundraise for us during 2024. We are pleased to have received the support of new and known Trusts and Foundations this past year, including the Michael Cornish Charitable Trust, the Grace Trust, the Roger and Jean Jefcoate Trust, the King Cullimore Charitable Trust, the Souter Charitable Trust, and the St. Jude's Trust as well as individuals who organised pub quizzes, classical music concerts, bake sales, golf events and undertook challenges on foot, on bicycle and with parachutes to raise funds for Action CP. We are grateful to have benefited from being chosen as one of 5 charities supported by Eton Action in the 2023-2024 academic year, as well as for the much-valued support from our significant individual donors and corporate fundraisers, including Tresidor Investment Management Ltd.

The trustees have a continued focus on strengthening the Charity's financial sustainability through proactively seeking new sources of charitable funding, which has included delivering a number of CP awareness training sessions during the course of this year, as well as looking at secure ways of growing the Charity's cash reserves. The Charity makes all possible efficiencies to keep costs to a minimum and spending continues to be tightly controlled. The Charity has also benefited from generous pro bono administrative support. The Charity does not employ paid staff but instead uses specialist consultancy and volunteer services to support its operations. As a result, the Charity retains sufficient levels of cash reserves.

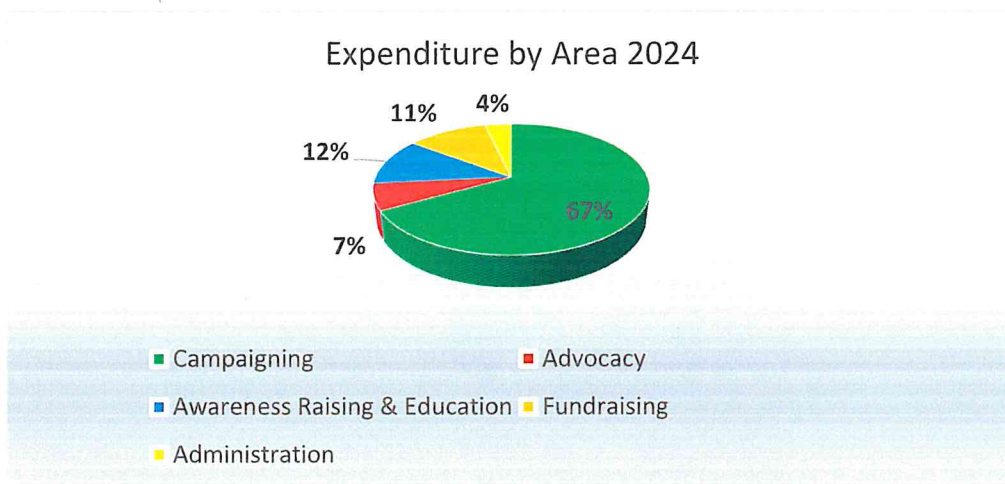
The tables below identify the Charity's income by type and expenditure by area of activity. While the Charity's CEO is largely focused on advocacy, awareness raising and education and fundraising, she is also involved in the Charity's policy work. Similarly, the Director of Policy is involved in advocacy, awareness raising and fundraising. The Charity was awarded a restricted grant at the end of the first trimester of the financial year and will carry into 2025 that portion of the grant that was not fully spent within 2024.

For 2024, the Charity's income and expenditure was as follows:

Income	2024	2023
Individual Giving	£ 9,415.34	£ 15,766.36
Community	£ 20,592.71	£ 2,657.37
Corporate	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,939.75
Events	£ 42.75	£ -
Legacy/In Memorium	£ 2,405.75	£ 1,437.06
Regular Giving	£ 24.00	£ 24.00
Training	£ 750.00	£ 1,250.00
Trusts (Non-Restricted)	£ 23,389.00	£ 14,750.00
Trusts (Restricted)	£ 10,000.00	£ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 71,619.55</b>	<b>£ 41,824.54</b>



Expenditure	2024	2023
Campaigning	£ 36,456.58	£ 27,932.46
Advocacy	£ 3,600.00	£ 2,400.00
Awareness Raising & Education	£ 6,300.00	£ 10,646.38
Fundraising	£ 5,933.92	£ 4,306.31
Administration	£ 2,385.17	£ 1,634.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 54,675.67</b>	<b>£ 46,919.65</b>



### Reserves Policy

The Charity has developed a Reserves Policy to protect its operations by creating financial support against an unpredictable fundraising environment and to make sufficient provision for future cash flow requirements and capital procurement. The policy also provides the framework for future strategic planning and decision-making. The Reserves Policy is based upon an annual risk assessment of the internal and external operation environment, as well as having due regard to the nature of the activities undertaken by the Charity towards its charitable aims. In order to ensure there is appropriate financial security, the Trustees will accumulate minimum reserves to meet immediate outstanding liabilities at any one point. The Trustees have resolved, in view of the size and operational requirements of the charity, that the minimum level of reserves should be three months of budgeted expenditure. The Trustees review this Reserves Policy on an annual basis.

### Going Concern

Further to independent consultation, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## **Financial Strategy**

Action Cerebral Palsy is ambitious in its mission and is highly conscious of its current status as being the only existing UK charity campaigning solely on behalf of children with cerebral palsy and their families. We recognise that in the current economic climate we must continue to focus on organic growth that leverages existing resources and relationships to ensure that we build from a position of financial stability while continuing to fund our key charitable activities. The Charity continues to move forward with its fundraising strategy which seeks to develop new opportunities and potential income generation across a range of fundraising activities, delivered services and projects which link us with individuals, other charities, corporates, trusts and foundations so that we can continue to expand our capabilities to campaign, educate and advocate on behalf of our community of 30,000 children and young people with cerebral palsy in the UK.



**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165217

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# Accounts

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**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Company Information  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Dr Helen Hunt  
Mr Philip Lea  
Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Accountant's Report  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 December 2023 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

*Philip Deane*  
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Date 11th March 2024

Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd  
Units 1 & 2 Field View  
Baynards Green  
Bicester  
OX27 7SG

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>		
Other charges	<b>41,825</b>	<b>58,817</b>
Tax	(46,920 )	(62,964 )
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<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u><b>(5,095 )</b></u>	<u><b>(4,147 )</b></u>

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Balance Sheet  
As At 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current assets		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	26,185	31,280
	(1)	(1)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>31,279</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>31,279</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>31,279</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>31,279</b>

**Notes**

**1. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: 6 (2022: 6)

**2. General Information**

Action Cerebral Palsy is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 June 2015, in England & Wales, registered number 09651097. The registered office is Units 1 & 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, OX27 7SG.

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

On behalf of the board

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Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves

Director

28/02/2024

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Trading Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>				
Donations	40,575		58,467	
Training Income	1,250		350	
		41,825		58,817
<b>OTHER CHARGES</b>				
Printing	613		217	
Accountancy fees	297		284	
Consultancy fees Public Affairs	44,512		62,274	
Sundry expenses	1,498		189	
		(46,920)		(62,964)
<b>LOSS BEFORE TAXATION</b>		(5,095)		(4,147)
<b>NET LOSS</b>		(5,095)		(4,147)



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023

**Charity Name:** Action Cerebral Palsy  
**Registered charity number:** 1165217  
**Website:** [www.actioncp.org](http://www.actioncp.org)  
**Principal Address:** Units 1 and 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, Oxon, OX27 7SG

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

### Structure and Governance

Action Cerebral Palsy ("Action CP") is a Registered Charity (number 1165217). It is a Company (number 09651097) limited by guarantee. The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association. The Trustees who served during the period were:

Miss Katharine Gollop KC  
Dr Helen Hunt  
Mr Philip Lea  
Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves (Treasurer)  
Professor Neena Modi  
Mr Duncan Walsh

The directors and members of the company, who are also Charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law, form the Board of Trustees. One of the Trustees serves voluntarily as Treasurer and Company Secretary. There are three full board meetings held each year. One Trustee is appointed as Chairperson for each meeting. There were no new Trustees appointed during the financial year. When new trustees are appointed, they are introduced to the Board and briefed on all aspects of the Charities objectives and policies and Charity Commission requirements. Trustees are encouraged to seek training as appropriate, and to observe and follow the requirements and guidelines set down by the Charity Commission. Action Cerebral Palsy's trustees have diverse professional backgrounds and have direct professional or lived experience supporting children with cerebral palsy and their families.

In 2023, the members of the company formally voted to change the legal charitable structure of Action CP to a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) and this application along with all required supporting documentation was filed prior to the end of 2023 for the approval of the Charity Commission.

## **The Executive**

The Charity's day-to-day operations are managed by the Chief Executive and additional project work by the Policy Lead. In 2023, Action CP's Founder and Chief Executive, Amanda Richardson MBE, stepped down from her role as Chief Executive. The Trustees are grateful to Amanda for her significant contribution to this Charity and glad that Action CP continues to be able to benefit from Amanda's experience and passion in her new role as Director of Policy, focusing on Action CP's public affairs and policy initiatives including following up of the All-Party Parliamentary work and the implementation of those recommendations. Pilar Cloud, who has supported Amanda as Project Lead since 2020, took over the role of Chief Executive in March. Both posts are part-time.

## **Our Charitable Objectives:**

1. To engage with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national CP strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies
2. To be a source of informed advice on cerebral palsy for policy makers and the public
3. To represent the best interests of the cerebral palsy community
4. To facilitate the development of best practice for intervention, care, education and support for children and young people with cerebral palsies across the United Kingdom
5. To facilitate and disseminate research on cerebral palsy and therapeutic and educational intervention

## **Public Benefit**

In establishing annual objectives and overseeing the Charity's activities, the trustees have regard to the principles of public benefit at all times. The core purpose of Action Cerebral Palsy is to work towards better public and professional awareness and understanding of cerebral palsy and an improved quality of life for all children in the United Kingdom with the condition. Action Cerebral Palsy needs to raise funds to support the cost of working towards these outcomes.

## **About Cerebral Palsy**

**Cerebral Palsy (CP)**, a lifelong neurological condition, is an umbrella term that is used to describe a range of movement disorders which can have an impact on many aspects of normal childhood development: motor, sensory, communication, cognitive, health and self-care. It occurs as a result of interference or damage to the development of a baby's central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord) between conception and 3 years of age.

- ⊙ Cerebral palsy (CP) is the largest cohort of childhood onset lifelong physical disability
- ⊙ It affects approximately 1:400 children with approximately 1,800 children diagnosed each year. Despite advances in healthcare, whilst this figure has fluctuated over the past 60 years it has not changed considerably.

- ⊙ There are 33,500 children and young people of school age with a physical disability, the majority of whom have cerebral palsy
- ⊙ There are approximately **30,000 children and 130,000 adults in the UK** living with cerebral palsy
- ⊙ By 2031, there will be almost a 3-fold increase in the number of people with cerebral palsy over the age of 65.
- ⊙ The incidence rate for cerebral palsy is the same across Europe, the United States and Australia.
- ⊙ **1:3 with the condition will be unable to walk; 1:4 are unable to talk; 1:2 has intellectual impairment**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is 3 times more common than Downs syndrome and similar in population to multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is nearly 30 times more common than muscular dystrophy**

### **Summary of main activities and achievements during 2023**

Action Cerebral Palsy ("Action CP") is the only UK charity which actively and solely campaigns on behalf of children with cerebral palsy, filling the gap left by other campaigning organisations. Our work is inspired and driven by children with CP and their families who face the many challenges of their day-to-day life with courage and resilience. The Charity continues to work in collaboration with leading clinicians, therapists, healthcare professionals, special needs educators and third sector organisations as well as parents and young people with cerebral palsy. We are very proud of the progress that Action CP has made to improve public, professional and political awareness of cerebral palsy and the issues facing the 30,000 children and young people living with the condition and their families.

### **Engagement with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies**

Until the campaigning initiatives of Action Cerebral Palsy, there had previously been no unified voice or platform for cerebral palsy clinical professionals and parents of children with cerebral palsy to draw together a coherent case for policy makers for improved provisions and reform to improve early identification, intervention and pathways of care for infants with cerebral palsy.

From October 2020 until March 2023, Action Cerebral Palsy was the lead sponsor of the first ever All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy, co-chaired by Mary Foy MP and Paul Maynard MP, which examined topics from early identification and intervention, through best practice in teaching and education, to social participation and recreation and the transition to adulthood and adult services. Following the APPG Round Table meeting in January to discuss social inclusion for children and young people with cerebral palsy and the subsequent publication of the summary and recommendations, it was agreed that Action Cerebral Palsy should pause its sponsorship of the APPG in order to focus at both national and local levels to further these proposals and recommendations drawn from the APPG

reports (which can be found [here](#)). Without further sponsors, the formal work of the Group was suspended in March this year.

We have participated in meetings with fellow APPG sponsors and the wider community to discuss priorities for potential APPG follow up work, and the main area of consensus appears to be the establishment of a national CP Register.

In 2023, there was a new positive national level focus on cerebral palsy as a result of the evidence presented to the APPG and the subsequent recommendations for action which were all largely driven by Action Cerebral Palsy, including:

- ⊙ APPG Co-Chair, MP [Paul Maynard's adjournment debate](#) on 30<sup>th</sup> March and the **Minister for Social Care's** response in the chamber and her subsequent written engagement with Paul, who has kindly consulted with Action CP in preparation for his responses to the Minister.
- ⊙ Action CP's meeting with the **Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work**, Tom Pursglove, in May
- ⊙ The NHS Task and Finish Group on Cerebral Palsy

Action CP is a non-partisan charity and engages across all parties and within all devolved regions of the UK to improve the local and national care pathways for intervention and provision. Our policy work in 2023 includes:

#### **Early Identification and Intervention.**

- ⊙ Meetings with officials from NHS England, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the Institute of Health Visiting and the Department of Health and Social Care as well as leading clinicians regarding inclusion of information about typical motor developmental milestones and atypical warning signs in the digital **Personal Child Health Record, or Red Book**, which is given to every new mother to provide information and a record for her new born infant. Action CP also supported the research group commissioned by NHSE to engage more directly with parents for their thoughts on how they use and value the content of the existing Red Book.
- ⊙ Action CP continues to campaign to raise awareness of the early warning signs of CP and what to do if you have concerns about your child's motor development. In January, 435 GP surgeries across 6 different local authorities (Bedfordshire, Birmingham East, Buckinghamshire, London East, East Sussex, West Sussex – chosen because of the diversity of population across and within these areas as well as availability of early intervention services) received printed ***If In Doubt, Check It Out*** posters and parent information leaflets and worked with several other local authorities to have these materials distributed electronically to all of their schools, children's centres, children's social care teams, commissioned services, voluntary services and parent/carer forums. Posters and leaflets were also distributed to all 230 attendees of the Institute of Health Visiting annual conference in September.

## IF IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT

**DID YOU KNOW THAT WITH EVERY MOVEMENT YOUR BABY MAKES, YOUR BABY IS LEARNING AND DEVELOPING?**

- 0 to 3 mths learning head control
- 3 to 6 mths learning to roll and reach
- 6 to 9 mths independent sitting
- 9 to 12 mths crawling and pulling to standing
- 12 to 18 mths crawling and walking
- 18 mths to 2 yrs confident walker
- 2 to 3 yrs confident walker and starting to run

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR HEALTH VISITOR.**

- Feeling floppy, stiff or a combination of both
- One kicking legs or waving arms and legs up when lying down
- Not bringing hands together
- Not using one side of their body
- Not reaching for the other
- Disproportionally slow reaching to developmental levels (referred to as slow)
- Not reaching eye contact or following movements with their head (not to 18 mths)
- Notably leading or lagging

**Your child, their future**

Visit [actioncp.org/signs](http://actioncp.org/signs)  
for more information

## YOUR BABY'S MOVEMENT FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT 0-3 YEARS

Movement is vital for a child's development, and a problem with movement may prevent healthy development and could affect normal play and learning.

The information in this leaflet gives a guide to the typical stages during which your child will develop movement skills. Every child is unique and develops at different rates.

However, if you have concerns about how your baby is moving or developing, speak with your doctor or health visitor as soon as possible so that your baby can get the help they need.

The most common delayed motor milestones in children with cerebral palsy are:

- Not sitting by 8 months (adjusted for babies born early)
- Not walking by 18 months (adjusted for babies born early)
- Using one hand more than the other before 1 year (adjusted for babies born early)

If in doubt, check it out

Visit [actioncp.org/signs](http://actioncp.org/signs)  
for more information

### Special Educational Needs and Disability and Alternative Provision Implementation Plan.

- ⊙ In 2022, Action CP provided a detailed response to the national SEND and AP Green paper consultation.
- ⊙ In 2023, Action CP met with the SEND and Alternative Provision team within the Department for Education to discuss issues raised in the consultation and our response to that.
- ⊙ This year, we continued to meet regularly with colleagues in the specialist teaching sector to look at the challenges and changes facing that sector and how we can move the agenda forward to improve education workforce skills, training and awareness of the impact of physical disabilities and complex conditions such as cerebral palsy.
- ⊙ The SEND and AP Improvement Plan was published in late February (after our meeting with the SEND and AP team) and does not contain any reference to cerebral palsy or physical needs. Under the new Improvement Plan, there will be a standardised national EHCP template (which will have a consultation for this, but as of yet has not been published), a drive to create more inclusive school cultures and the need to develop parental trust. To see the Action CP response to this Implementation Plan, please click [here](#).
- ⊙ We have subsequently had an exchange of written letters with the David Johnston, **Minister for Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing** to raise our concerns about the lack of expert representation for complex disabilities including cerebral palsy on the SEND and AP Implementation Board which is responsible for the critical oversight and implementation of this improvement plan. We will continue to monitor the work of the SEND and AP Improvement Board and engage with the DfE SEND Policy group to look for ways of improving workforce skills and ensuring the EHCP template is appropriate for children with complex needs.

## **The Disability Action Plan.**

- ⊙ In July, the government launched a consultation on its [Disability Action Plan](#) which replaces the previously published National Disability Strategy (launched under Boris Johnson's premiership) and that focuses on very near term initiatives (e.g. 2023 – 2024). As with the SEND and AP Improvement Plan, there is no mention of cerebral palsy or physical disability in this DAP.
- ⊙ Action Cerebral Palsy was invited and attended Disability Unit (DU) organised roundtable discussions for this consultation on: accessible playgrounds, disabled children and assistive technology.
- ⊙ Action CP provided submitted a detailed response to this DAP Consultation in September 2023 based upon our own consultations with parents and our wider CP community network.

## **A Source of Informed Advice on Cerebral Palsy for Policy Makers and the Public**

- ⊙ **Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, Tom Pursglove** - Following the APPG Roundable on Social Inclusion held in late January 2023 which was attended by parents, therapists, educators, clinicians, civil servants from the Cabinet Office and the Department for Education, Action CP was invited to meet with the Minister for Disabled People.
- ⊙ **Ministerial and Shadow Cabinet Engagement** - Throughout this year of ministerial and shadow cabinet changes, Action CP has continued to seek meetings with and provide briefings for key members of the government, their shadow cabinet counterparts and other parties' spokespeople in order to make them aware of the critical issues facing children and young people with CP, opportunities to improve these areas and to offer our support in shaping SEND policy.
- ⊙ **World CP Day Engagement with Local Councils and All MPs and Peers** - In October, Action CP wrote to every local council in England and to all MPs and Peers seeking their engagement to broaden their understanding of cerebral palsy and its impact on children and young people and their families and asking them to share about World CP Day. To date, we have received responses and requests for meeting from 20 different MPs and held our first series of individual meetings with MPs starting in late November.

## **Representing and Facilitating Engagement with the Cerebral Palsy community**

Action Cerebral Palsy is proud to have been a voice for children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families throughout 2023 and to have raised awareness of the condition through the Charity's research, publications, campaigns and engagement with the public, professionals and policy makers. The Charity's reports and publications are of value to other services, schools, practitioners and charities in this sector to who rely on this data to help them understand the status of the cerebral palsy landscape in the UK. In addition to its extensive policy and public awareness work, the Charity;

- ⊙ Maintained a commentary on social media on aspects of health and education that concerns children with cerebral palsy

- ⊙ Responded to national consultations on disability and education to represent the needs of children with cerebral palsy and their families

Action Cerebral Palsy continues to collaborate with individuals and other stakeholders to better understand their offering or explore ongoing and future collaboration, including with:

- Members of the Cerebral Palsy Coalition
- Caudwell Children
- CP Scotland
- CP Sport
- CP Teens
- CP Wales
- Council for Disabled Children
- Embracing Complexity Consortium
- Enable Law
- Institute of Health Visiting
- Irwin Mitchell
- Parents of children and young people with cerebral palsy
- PD Net
- Policy Connect
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Schools seeking help to better understand and support their students with CP
- Scope
- Up Movement and the Up Adult Working Party
- Researchers and academic institutions who are conducting research related to neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy

### **Facilitating the Development of Best Practice**

- ⊙ In 2023, Action CP was invited to participate in a new **NHS CP Task and Finish Force**, driven by Charlie Fairhurst and chaired by Simon Kenny, as part of the work in NHS England on the Children and Young People's Transformation Programme. This Task Force reports directly to the NHSE CYP Transformation Board who in turn reports directly to the NHS England Board. The Terms of Reference of this Task Force sited ALL of the key health policy related recommendations from the [APPG on CP report on early identification, intervention and pathways of care](#). The Task Force has been established to develop a framework for the commissioning of services for children and young people with cerebral palsy, and Action CP has facilitated the engagement of this Task Force with parents and young people to learn more about their experiences of the NHS services that they or their child has received and to ensure their voices are embedded within the framework.
- ⊙ Through our awareness training sessions for local authorities, schools and service providers as well as within articles within SEN magazines and publications, Action CP has continued this year to work to improve the understanding of the impact of cerebral palsy on children and young people with these non-specialist professionals.

## Facilitating and Sharing Research

This year, Action CP has been asked to support grant applications and to help facilitate parent engagement for a number of research projects.

### Summary

We are proud of the progress that the charity has achieved in 2023 and the momentum from the APPG on Cerebral Palsy and helping to ensure that the voices of parents and young people with cerebral palsy were represented in key Government consultations, with policy makers and across all parties. We are encouraged by the excellent work now happening within the NHS England CP Task and Finish Group and within NHS England and positive about the engagement we have had with local authorities, schools and the Parliamentarians who have chosen to engage and who genuinely want to understand more and improve their offering.

Our determination to improve the understanding of cerebral palsy with those who are tasked with allocating funding for, making decisions about or providing services and support to children and young people with cerebral palsy is paramount to improving the pathways of care available to these children. Children and their parents need to be at the heart of the provision and not made to feel that they have to fight to get the right care, support or educational provision for their child.

In 2024, we will continue to work on our own and with others in the following areas:

- ⊙ **Policy and practice change** at national and local government level working to support all parties in this election year to understand the challenges and opportunities to improve the services available to children and young people with cerebral palsy.
- ⊙ **Workforce Skills improvement, practical information and awareness raising about cerebral palsy** with the public and non-specialist professionals through the expansion of our If In Doubt, Check It Out awareness campaign coverage and the continued development of our CP awareness training materials
- ⊙ **Parent Support** to provide families with much needed practical information about cerebral palsy and where they can turn to for help, care, support and the opportunities available for their child

## Financial Review

Action Cerebral Palsy is indebted to the many individuals, families and funding organisations which have donated to the Charity or chosen to fundraise for us during 2023. We are pleased to have received non-restricted funding from new and known Trusts and Foundations including the King Cullimore Charitable Trust, the Souter Charitable Trust, St. Jude's Trust, the Henhurst Charitable Trust, the James & Grace Anderson Trust, and Castle Lodge of Harmony no. 26. We grateful to those individuals who chose to challenge themselves and fundraise for us, significant individual donors, corporate and community

fundraisers. We are particularly proud to have been nominated, supported and chosen by the students and teachers at Eton College to be one of their 5 nominated charities of the 2023-2024 academic year and were pleased to be able to participate and speak about Action CP at the annual Charity Fayre in September.

The trustees have a continued focus on strengthening the Charity's financial sustainability through proactively seeking new sources of charitable funding, which has included delivering a number of CP awareness training sessions during the course of this year. The Charity makes all possible efficiencies to keep costs to a minimum and spending continues to be tightly controlled. The Charity has also benefited from generous pro bono administrative support. The Charity does not employ paid staff, but instead uses specialist consultancy and volunteer services to support its operations. While the Charity income is down on the previous year due to a decline in new grants from trusts and foundations and the end of a 3 year grant from the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation, this is in part also due to the constraints on our limited human resources and the need to focus on key policy initiatives being driven by the Departments for Health and Social Care and for Education. Although the Charity's administrative costs were higher in 2024 as a result of legal advice in conjunction with the conversion to CIO, overall expenditure is also down significantly on the previous year as the APPG on CP was paused after Q1, and the bulk of the expenditure for the Charity's *If In Doubt, Check It Out* public awareness campaign and Action CP website redevelopment also finished in Q1. As a result, the Charity retains sufficient levels of cash reserves.

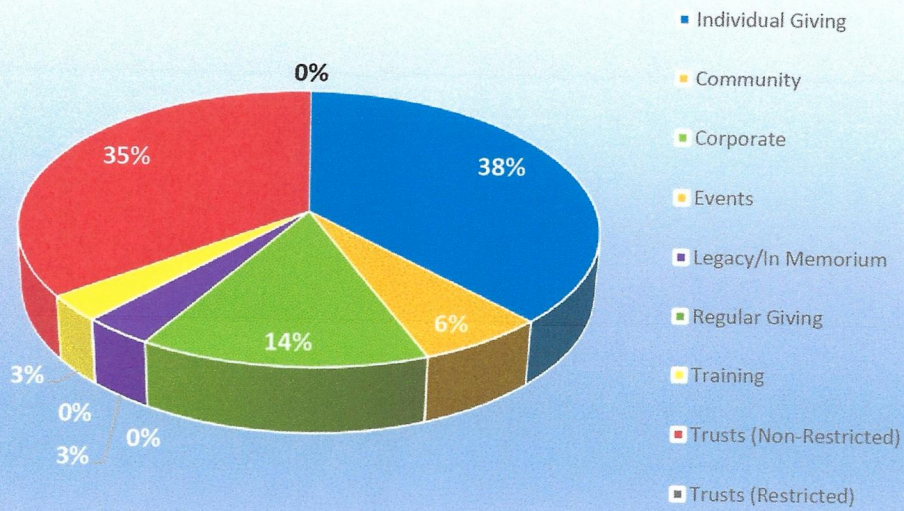
The tables below identifies the Charity's income by type and expenditure by area of activity. All restricted income carried into 2023 has now been spent in the financial year. While the Charity's CEO is largely focused on advocacy, awareness raising and education and fundraising, she is also involved in the Charity's policy work. Similarly, the Director of Policy is involved in advocacy, awareness raising and fundraising.

For 2023, the Charity's income and expenditure was as follows;

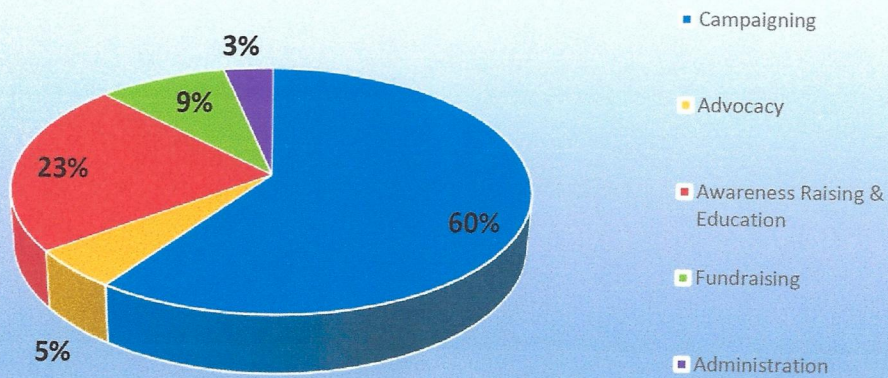
Income	2023	2022
Individual Giving	£ 15,766.36	£ 14,617.48
Community	£ 2,657.37	£ 12,859.14
Corporate	£ 5,939.75	£ -
Events	£ -	£ -
Legacy/In Memorium	£ 1,437.06	£ 1,778.76
Regular Giving	£ 24.00	£ 12.00
Training	£ 1,250.00	£ 350.00
Trusts (Non-Restricted)	£ 14,750.00	£ 28,000.00
Trusts (Restricted)	£ -	£ 1,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 41,824.54</b>	<b>£ 58,817.36</b>

Expenditure by Area	2023 Draft	2022
Campaigning	£ 27,932.46	£ 43,014.36
Advocacy	£ 2,400.00	£ 2,396.67
Awareness Raising & Education	£ 10,646.38	£ 14,487.00
Fundraising	£ 4,306.31	£ 2,660.80
Administration	£ 1,634.50	£ 405.35
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 46,919.65</b>	<b>£ 62,964.18</b>

Income By Type - 2023



Expenditure by Area - 2023



### **Reserves Policy**

The Charity has developed a Reserves Policy to protect its operations by creating financial support against an unpredictable fundraising environment and to make sufficient provision for future cash flow requirements and capital procurement. The policy also provides the framework for future strategic planning and decision-making. The Reserves Policy is based upon an annual risk assessment of the internal and external operation environment, as well as having due regard to the nature of the activities undertaken by the Charity towards its charitable aims. In order to ensure there is appropriate financial security, the Trustees will accumulate minimum reserves to meet immediate outstanding liabilities at any one point. The Trustees have resolved, in view of the size and operational requirements of the charity, that the minimum level of reserves should be three months of budgeted expenditure. The Trustees review this Reserves Policy on an annual basis.

### **Going Concern**

Further to independent consultation, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### **Financial Strategy**

Action Cerebral Palsy is ambitious in its mission and is highly conscious of its current status as being the only existing UK charity campaigning solely on behalf of children with cerebral palsy and their families. We recognise that in the current economic climate and with a general election upcoming we must continue to focus on organic growth that leverages existing resources and relationships to ensure that we build from a position of financial stability while continuing to fund our key charitable activities. The Charity continues to move forward with its fundraising strategy which seeks to develop new opportunities and potential income generation across a range of fundraising activities, delivered services and projects which link us with individuals, other charities, corporates, trusts and foundations so that we can continue to expand our capabilities to campaign, educate and advocate on behalf of our community of 30,000 children and young people with cerebral palsy in the UK.

**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165217

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# Accounts

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Registered number: 09651097

**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Company Information  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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<b>Directors</b>	Mr Duncan Walsh Dr Helen Hunt Mr Philip Lea Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves Ms Katharine Gollop Professor Neena Modi
<b>Company Number</b>	09651097
<b>Registered Office</b>	Units 1 & 2 Field View Baynards Green Bicester OX27 7SG
<b>Accountants</b>	Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd Units 1 & 2 Field View Baynards Green Bicester OX27 7SG

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Accountant's Report  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 December 2022 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

*Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd*  
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Date *31st March 2023*

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Bicester  
OX27 7SG

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	58,817	49,752
Other charges	(62,964)	(48,810)
Tax	-	-
<b>NET (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>	<u>(4,147)</u>	<u>942</u>

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Balance Sheet  
As at 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Current assets	31,280	41,895
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	(1)	(6,469)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>35,426</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>35,426</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>35,426</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>35,426</b>

Notes

**1. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: 6 (2021: 6)

**2. General Information**

Action Cerebral Palsy is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 09651097. The registered office is Units 1 & 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, OX27 7SG.

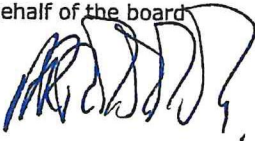
For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

On behalf of the board



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Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves

Director

23/03/2023

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Trading Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>				
Donations	58,467		20,313	
Donations-Restricted	-		20,439	
Restricted	-		9,000	
Training Income	350		-	
		58,817		49,752
<b>OTHER CHARGES</b>				
Printing	217		-	
Accountancy fees	284		274	
Consultancy fees Public Affairs	62,274		43,713	
Bank charges	-		31	
Charitable donations	-		700	
Sundry expenses	189		(1)	
Website Hosting, Design & Branding	-		4,093	
		(62,964)		(48,810)
<b>(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>		(4,147)		942
<b>NET (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>		(4,147)		942



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

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## **About Cerebral Palsy**

**Cerebral Palsy (CP)**, a lifelong neurological condition, is an umbrella term that is used to describe a range of movement disorders which can have an impact on many aspects of normal childhood development: motor, sensory, communication, cognitive, health and self-care. It occurs as a result of interference or damage to the development of a baby's central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord) between conception and 3 years of age.

- ⊙ Cerebral palsy (CP) is the largest cohort of childhood onset physical disability
- ⊙ It affects approximately 1:400 children with approximately 1,800 children diagnosed each year. Despite advances in healthcare, whilst this figure has fluctuated over the past 60 years it has not changed considerably.
- ⊙ There are 33,500 children and young people of school age with a physical disability, the majority of whom have cerebral palsy
- ⊙ There are approximately **30,000 children and 130,000 adults in the UK** living with cerebral palsy
- ⊙ By 2031, there will be almost a 3-fold increase in the number of people with cerebral palsy over the age of 65.
- ⊙ The incidence rate for cerebral palsy is the same across Europe, the United States and Australia.
- ⊙ **1:3 with the condition will be unable to walk; 1:4 are unable to talk; 1:2 has intellectual impairment**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is 3 times more common than Downs syndrome and similar in population to multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease**
- ⊙ **Cerebral palsy is nearly 30 times more common than muscular dystrophy**

## Summary of main activities and achievements during 2022

Action Cerebral Palsy (“Action CP”) is the only UK charity which actively and solely campaigns on behalf of children with cerebral palsy, filling the gap left by other campaigning organisations. Our work is inspired and driven by children with CP and their families who face the many challenges of their day-to-day life with courage and resilience. The Charity continues to work in collaboration with leading clinicians, therapists, healthcare professionals, special needs educators and third sector organisations as well as parents and young people with cerebral palsy. We are very proud of the progress that Action CP has made to improve public, professional and political awareness of cerebral palsy and the issues facing the 30,000 children and young people living with the condition and their families.

### **Engagement with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies**

Until the campaigning initiatives of Action Cerebral Palsy, there had previously been no unified voice or platform for cerebral palsy clinical professionals and parents of children with cerebral palsy to draw together a coherent case for policy makers for improved provisions and reform to improve early identification, intervention and pathways of care for infants with cerebral palsy.

2022 has seen Action CP engaged in ongoing policy work through our sponsorship and facilitation of the first-ever **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy**, co-chaired by Paul Maynard MP and Mary Foy MP, and follow up from last year’s APPG sessions which focused on early identification, intervention and pathways of care for infants and children and best practice in education, health and care plans, and teaching and learning. Details of the work of the APPG on CP can be viewed at <https://connectpa.co.uk/appg-cerebral-palsy/>. The APPG has brought together over 200 expert voices – parents, young people with cerebral palsy, teaching professionals, therapists, leading clinicians and healthcare professionals, policy makers, parliamentarians, charities along with our own voice. We were fortunate to be joined in our sponsorship in 2022 by John Caudwell, Founder of Caudwell Children.

This year has seen APPG meetings on the important topics of Transition to Adulthood for Young people with Cerebral Palsy and Social Participation and Recreation for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy. A report entitled *Growing Up: The Transition to Adulthood* was released in October on World Cerebral Day. <https://connectpa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/The-transition-from-childhood-to-adulthood-report-October-2022-Design-V3.pdf>. A “Round Table” event in Westminster is scheduled for early 2023 in which the findings of the APPG sessions and recommendations for action will be presented to senior politicians. Action CP had a strong presence at all these meetings and has submitted verbal and written evidence drawn from expensive consultations with families, young people with cerebral palsy and our professional networks.

### **Westminster Reception to launch ACP's Strategy and Impact Report.**

In March 2022, Action Cerebral Palsy welcomed 55 MPs, clinicians, parents, young people with CP, grant-making trusts and charity supporters including Caudwell Children. The event was hosted by Mary Foy, MP, who is co-chair of the APPG on Cerebral Palsy, and sponsored by Enable Law.

We were pleased to be able to inform guests about the progress of the Charity and our plans for the future. Further details can be viewed at <https://actioncp.org/action-cerebral-palsy-launches-five-year-strategy/>

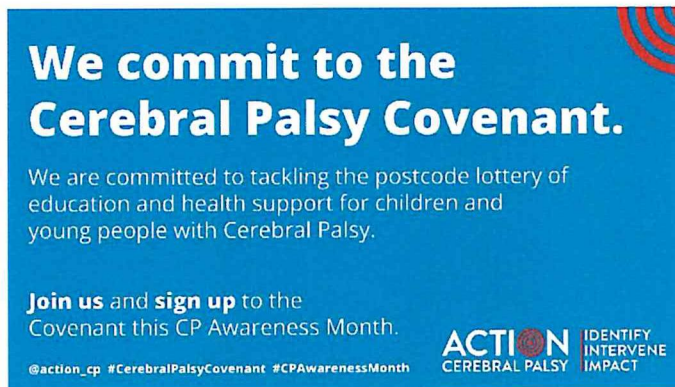
The Charity has also been involved in meetings at both national and local level to further the proposals and recommendations drawn from APPG reports from last year. This work has included:

#### **Early Identification and Intervention.**

- ⊙ Meetings with officials from NHS England and Department of Health and Social Care regarding inclusion of the CP Awareness Campaign information in the Personal Child Health Record, or Red Book, which is given to every new mother to provide information and a record for her new born infant.
- ⊙ We have been proactively promoting the CP awareness parent information and posters across our networks and to stakeholder groups

#### **The Cerebral Palsy Covenant for Local Authorities.**

- ⊙ Further to the recommendation in the second APPG Report on Education, Health and Care Plans, as part of Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month in March 2022, Action Cerebral Palsy wrote to every local council in the country asking them to sign up to the CP Covenant to improve education and care support services for children living with Cerebral Palsy and their families.
- ⊙ Action CP is calling upon councils to recognise that the complex and varied needs of the Cerebral Palsy community require close working across several widely differing areas. There are many in the system who are striving to do their best for children and young people with Cerebral Palsy, but often lack contact with others involved in the process or an understanding of how Cerebral Palsy affects those they are care for.
- ⊙ The Cerebral Palsy Covenant calls on local areas to promote the services of third sector providers for people with CP on their websites and social media and to offer and deliver training on cerebral palsy to non-specialist council employees. We have been delighted by the engagement so far of 16 local authorities with 5 interested in CP Training delivered by Action Cerebral Palsy. We delivered our first training session in early November to a Midlands borough council and have a training session scheduled in January to a Northeast council early years' SEND team.



### **Special Educational Needs and Disability Green Paper.**

The national consultation on the SEND Green Paper took place during the summer and Action Cerebral Palsy provided a detailed response to this consultation using information and feedback from parents and professionals involved in supporting children with cerebral palsy which had been gained through our surveys and the evidence provided at the All-Party Parliamentary Group sessions. We will continue to engage with policy makers at both national and local level regarding the quality of services available for children and young people with cerebral palsy.

### **To be a source of informed advice on cerebral palsy for the public and policy makers**

#### **National Public Awareness Campaign about the early warning signs of Cerebral Palsy**

Action Cerebral Palsy has always advocated for the need for the earliest possible intervention for babies and young children at risk of cerebral palsy due to the vital importance of harnessing the high levels of neuroplasticity in the baby's brain in the early months of life. The need was again highlighted in the All- Party Parliamentary Group sessions and report. Evidence strongly indicated the need for much greater surveillance of babies both at risk of CP and for those for whom there are no known risk factors. A factor which prevents babies being referred early is lack of awareness of the signs of cerebral palsy in the general public and first line practitioners and so the Charity decided to address this with our Signs of Cerebral Palsy Awareness campaign, headlined **If in Doubt, Check it Out**

Throughout the planning, content development, design and production of this public information material, we worked closely with a group of expert advisors and parents to help guide and refine the messaging and style. We are delighted that this process it has yielded a high-quality resource that has also successfully passed the rigorous professional **accreditation process of the Institute of Health Visiting.**

**IF IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT WITH EVERY MOVEMENT YOUR BABY MAKES, YOUR BABY IS LEARNING AND DEVELOPING?**

- 0 to 3 mths learning head control
- 3 to 6 mths learning to roll and reach
- 6 to 9 mths independent sitting
- 9 to 12 mths crawling and pulling to standing
- 12 to 18 mths cruising and walking
- 18 mths to 2 yrs confident walker
- 2 to 3 yrs confident walker and starting to run

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR HEALTH VISITOR:**

- Feeling floppy, stiff or a combination of both
- Not kicking legs or moving arms and legs up when lying down
- Not bringing hands together
- Not using one side of their body as much as the other
- Distressed by or not reacting to movement, touch, sound or smell
- Not making eye contact or following movements with their head and eyes
- Difficulty feeding or swallowing

**Your child, their future**

ACTI N IDENTITY CEREBRAL PALSY IMPACT REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1165217  
 Visit [actioncp.org/signs](http://actioncp.org/signs) for more information

**Campaign Poster**

**YOUR BABY'S MOVEMENT FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT 0-3 YEARS**

Movement is vital for a child's development, and a problem with movement may prevent healthy development and could affect normal play and learning. The information in this leaflet gives a guide to the typical stages during which your child will develop movement skills. Every child is unique and develops at different rates. However, if you have concerns about how your baby is moving or developing, speak with your doctor or health visitor as soon as possible so that your baby can get the help they need.

The most common delayed motor milestones in children with cerebral palsy are:

- Not sitting by 8 months (adjusted for babies born early)
- Not walking by 18 months (adjusted for babies born early)
- Using one hand more than the other before 1 year (adjusted for babies born early)

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**Parent Information Leaflet**

The campaign was publicly launched on World Cerebral Palsy Day, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 to Action Cerebral Palsy's professional network, key medical governing bodies/royal colleges, key policy makers and parliamentarians and via social media to the general public. Our initial reach from these channels has been significantly higher than any other communications activity we have undertaken and it has driven an increase of followers, those engaging with us, and traffic to our website. In 2023, Action CP will be focusing on sharing this information with GPs, Children's Development Centres and Early Years education settings.

### Improving Understanding of Cerebral Palsy

Evidence provided at the APPG on CP and our own research identified that there is a lack of knowledge of cerebral palsy and its impact on the individual and their family amongst non-specialist professionals whose job often involves supporting families with children or young people with CP. These practitioners may work in community health or education settings, local authorities or disability advisory services or in mainstream schools.

In 2022, we began developing training materials and presentations to raise awareness of cerebral palsy and the work of Action Cerebral Palsy. These presentations have and will be used for;

- ⊙ Local Authorities (as part of the staff awareness commitment of the LA Covenant) – we delivered to two Local Authorities
- ⊙ Schools seeking information on cerebral palsy for their pupils – delivered to two schools
- ⊙ Presentations to organisations whose staff work with children with cerebral palsy – delivered three such training presentations
- ⊙ Conferences for those professional organisations and bodies who provide support to families with children with cerebral palsy – delivered to three professional bodies.

## **Representing the best interests of the cerebral palsy community**

Action Cerebral Palsy is proud to have been a voice for children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families throughout 2022 and to have raised awareness of the condition through the Charity's research, publications, campaigns and engagement with the public, professionals and policy makers. The Charity's reports and publications are of value to other services, schools, practitioners and charities in this sector to who rely on this data to help them understand the status of the cerebral palsy landscape in the UK. In addition to its extensive policy and public awareness work, the Charity;

- ⊙ Maintained a commentary on social media on aspects of health and education that concerns children with cerebral palsy
- ⊙ Responded to national consultations on disability and education to represent the needs of children with cerebral palsy and their families

## **Facilitating Development of Best Practice**

As a small charity, we know that it is through collaboration that we will be able to have a much greater impact on developing and sharing best practice. Throughout the course of this year, over and above our policy work, we have been pleased to be able to support many parents in answering their questions about cerebral palsy, its impact and where they can turn to for help and support. We are immensely grateful that we have been able to engage and collaborate with the following institutions and organisations to either support their endeavours or to gain their support and voice within our own initiatives:

- ⊙ Bobath Centre
- ⊙ Members of the CP Coalition
- ⊙ CP Scotland
- ⊙ CP Sport
- ⊙ CP Teens
- ⊙ Caudwell Children
- ⊙ Council for Disabled Children
- ⊙ Designability
- ⊙ Driving Mobility
- ⊙ Embracing Complexity Consortium
- ⊙ Enable Law
- ⊙ Institute of Health Visiting
- ⊙ National Network of Parent Carer Forums
- ⊙ Parents of children with cerebral palsy
- ⊙ PD Net
- ⊙ Researchers and academic institutions who are conducting research related to neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy
- ⊙ Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- ⊙ Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- ⊙ Scope
- ⊙ The ACE Centre

- ⊙ Up Movement for Adults with Cerebral Palsy (formerly, the Adult CP Hub)
- ⊙ Whizz Kids
- ⊙ Young People with cerebral palsy

### **Facilitating and disseminating research on cerebral palsy and therapeutic and educational intervention**

The Charity has continued to proactively promote and disseminate the latest UK and international research activities related to cerebral palsy in social media throughout the year.

### **Summary**

The focus of the Charity's work in 2022 was to raise awareness of the challenges facing children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families through co-sponsoring the work of the APPG on Cerebral Palsy, the CP Covenant with Local Authorities and the launch of our Signs of Cerebral Palsy campaign in October. These have been significant projects which have raised the profile of cerebral palsy and those living with the condition at national and local government level and informed the public and workforce of the signs and impact of the condition with the aim that infants and children at risk of or with cerebral palsy can be identified promptly and receive the care and support they need to thrive.

However, it is clear that there are still unacceptable anomalies and inadequacies of current educational, health and care systems of provision experienced by many families with children with cerebral palsy. Parents continue to tell us that they feel the provision is fractured, incohesive, and does not always follow the statutory timelines or duty of care. Parents are left feeling marginalised and frustrated by a system that does not understand or have sufficient training in their child's disability, where services are not joined up or consistent, and one in which their child's needs are secondary to local authority budgets.

Action CP is a small but ambitious charity which is determined to deliver change for children and young people with cerebral palsy. In 2023, we will continue to work on our own and with others in the following areas:

- ⊙ **Policy and practice change** at national and local government level through the implementation of the recommendations of the first-ever All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy.
- ⊙ **Workforce Skills improvement, practical information and awareness raising about cerebral palsy** with the public and non-specialist professionals through the expansion of our If In Doubt, Check It Out awareness campaign coverage and the continued development of our CP awareness training materials
- ⊙ **Parent Support** to provide families with much needed practical information about cerebral palsy and where they can turn to for help, care, support and the opportunities available for their child

## Financial Review

The trustees have a continued focus on strengthening the Charity's financial sustainability through proactively seeking new sources of charitable funding, which has included delivering CP awareness training in 2022. Despite the challenges presented by COVID and the recent cost of living crisis for those non-frontline charities on our grant and trust fundraising opportunities in particular, the Charity has been successful in securing significant non-restricted funding from trusts and foundations and from generous individual, community and corporate donors. Action Cerebral Palsy is indebted to the many individuals, families and funding organisations which have donated to the Charity or chosen to fundraise for us during 2022. While expenditures relating to the APPG and the resulting policy work as well as those related to the launch of our *If In Doubt, Check It Out* public awareness campaign were greater in 2022 than in 2021, the Charity finished the year with sufficient levels of cash reserves.

The Charity makes all possible efficiencies to keep costs to a minimum and spending continues to be tightly controlled. The Charity has also benefited from generous pro bono administrative support. The Charity does not employ paid staff, but instead uses specialist consultancy and volunteer services to support its operations.

The Charity is hugely grateful for the funding that it has received in 2022 from generous individual donors and trusts and foundations, including the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation, the Castle Lodge Relief Chest, the King Cullimore Charitable Trust, the Michael Cornish Charitable Trust, and the Roger and Jean Jefcoate Trust. We are also grateful to the increasing number of individuals who undertook endurance challenges in 2022 to fundraise for Action CP. We were also proud to welcome our first ever regular giver.

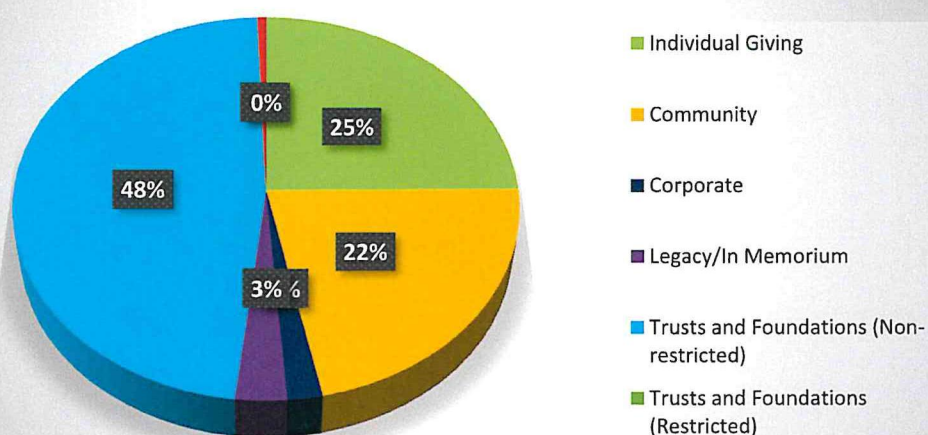
The table below identifies the Charity's income by type and expenditure by area of activity. All restricted income received in 2021 and carried forward into 2022 as well as restricted income received in 2022 were expended within 2022. While the Charity's CEO is largely focused on policy work, she is also involved in the Awareness Campaigning and Fundraising efforts. Likewise, a significant portion of the Project Lead's time has been spent on securing funding for the campaign. The Charity's website redesign has already benefited our ability to advocate and educate.

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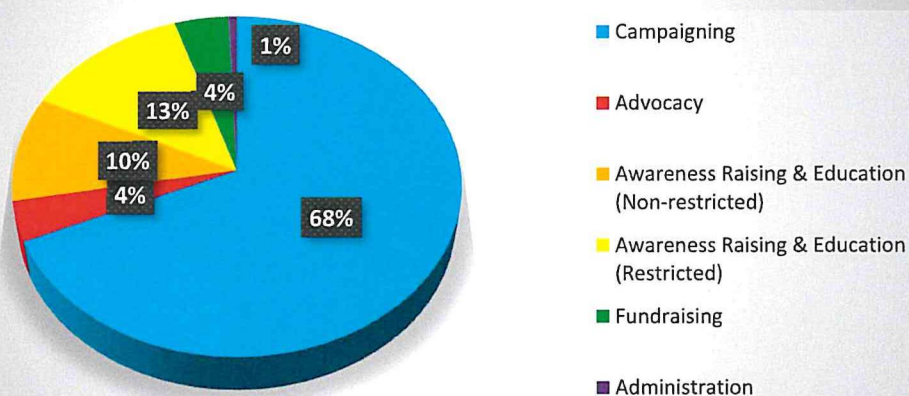
Income by Area	2022	2021
Individual Giving	£14,629	£23,995
Community	£12,859	£7,552
Corporate	£1,200	£1,140
Legacy/In Memorium	£1,779	£2,065
Trusts and Foundations (Non-restricted)	£28,000	£6,000
Trusts and Foundations (Restricted)	£0	£9,000
Training Income	£350	£0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£58,817</b>	<b>£49,752</b>

Expenditure by Area	2022	2021
Campaigning	£43,014	£23,213
Advocacy	£2,397	£2,982
Awareness Raising & Education (Non-restricted)	£6,287	£10,128
Awareness Raising & Education (Restricted)	£8,200	£8,500
Fundraising	£2,661	£3,500
Administration	£405	£488
<b>Total Expenditure by Area of Activity</b>	<b>£62,964</b>	<b>£48,811</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>-£ 4,146</b>	<b>£ 941</b>

### Income By Type - 2022



### Expenditure By Area of Activity - 2022



**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have resolved, in view of the size and operational requirements of the charity, that the minimum level of reserves should be 3 months of budgeted expenditure.

**Going Concern**

Further to independent consultation, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Financial Strategy**

Action Cerebral Palsy is ambitious in its mission and is highly conscious of its current status as being the only existing UK charity campaigning solely on behalf of children with cerebral palsy and their families. We recognise that in the current economic climate we must continue to focus on organic growth that leverages existing resources and relationships to ensure that we build from a position of financial stability while continuing to fund our key charitable activities. The Charity continues to move forward with its fundraising strategy which seeks to develop new opportunities and potential income generation across a range of fundraising activities, delivered services and projects which link us with individuals, other charities, corporates, trusts and foundations so that we can continue to expand our capabilities to campaign, educate and advocate on behalf of our community of 30,000 children and young people with cerebral palsy in the UK.

**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165217

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# Accounts

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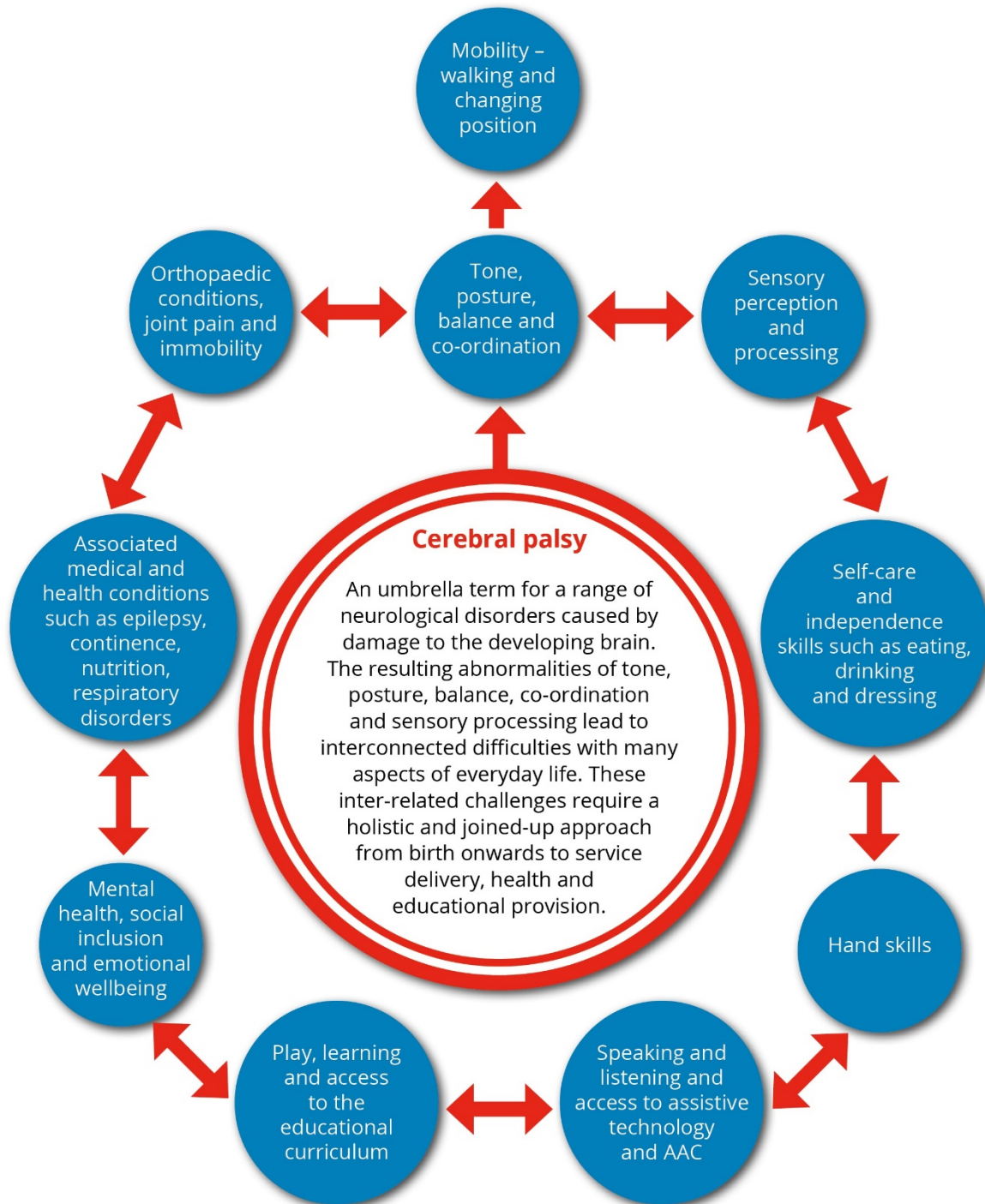
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Children with cerebral palsy may also have a range of physical and cognitive impairments.

- 1 in 3 is unable to walk
- 1 in 10 has a severe vision impairment
- 1 in 4 is unable to talk

- 1 in 4 has bladder control problems
- 3 in 4 experience pain
- 1 in 5 has sleep disorder
- 1 in 4 has epilepsy 1 in 5 has saliva control problems
- 1 in 4 has a behaviour disorder
- 1 in 2 has an intellectual impairment



## **Summary of main activities and achievements during 2021.**

Action Cerebral Palsy has filled the gap left by other campaigning organisations to advocate specifically on behalf of children and young people with cerebral palsy. The Charity has drawn together leading clinicians, therapists, healthcare professionals, special needs educators and third sector organisations as well as parents and young people with cerebral palsy to share with policy makers their concerns about the provision of intervention, care, education, and support available.

### **Engagement with policy makers in order to promote the creation of a national strategy and care pathways for intervention and provision for children with cerebral palsies**

Until the campaigning initiatives of Action Cerebral Palsy, there had previously been no unified voice or platform for cerebral palsy clinical professionals and parents of children with cerebral palsy to draw together a coherent case for policy makers for improved provisions and reform to improve early identification, intervention and pathways of care for infants with cerebral palsy.

The charity therefore decided to act proactively and in late 2020, Action Cerebral Palsy sponsored and facilitated the first **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy (APPG) on Cerebral Palsy** and led the first two sessions which examined early identification, intervention and pathways of care for infants with cerebral palsy. These sessions resulted in the March 2021 report; *Early identification, intervention and pathways of care of infants and young children with cerebral palsy: The case for reform and investment.*

<https://actioncp.org/wp-content/uploads/APPG-on-Cerebral-Palsy-report-2021.pdf>

Similarly, there has been no unified voice or platform for cerebral palsy educational professionals and parents of children and young people with cerebral palsy to draw together a coherent case for improved provisions and reform to improve educational provision and life outcomes for children with cerebral palsy. In 2021, the charity once again sponsored and facilitated the third and fourth sessions of the **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy (APPG)**. These sessions were attended by leading educational experts and examined education, health and care plans (EHCPs) and teaching and learning for children with cerebral palsy and resulted in the October 2021 report *Best Practice in Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), Teaching, and Learning for Children with Cerebral Palsy: The case for quality provision and standardisation.*

<https://actioncp.org/wp-content/uploads/EHCP-report-APPG-on-Cerebral-Palsy-October-2021.pdf>

Following the publication of the APPG reports and recommendations in late 2021, Action Cerebral Palsy worked closely with the Public Affairs group, Connect, to establish a work plan with the aim of facilitating the implementation of the recommendations in both reports into public life. Contact was made with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence and a working party from these agencies, including Action Cerebral Palsy, was established to progress the APPG recommendations.

### **To be a source of informed advice on cerebral palsy for the public and policy makers**

Although cerebral palsy is the most common physical disability in childhood, policy makers are often unaware of the experience of many families with children with cerebral palsy which is of being inadequately supported and informed at the critical and devastating point of diagnosis and of having to fight throughout their child's growing years for the level of service and care their child needs to thrive.

To supplement evidence from the APPG sessions, the charity carried out a national parent consultation and survey in summer 2021 to gather vital data on the experiences of families with children with cerebral palsy and to compare progress against findings from the Charity's 2014 parent survey.

Findings from the survey show that progress in support for families with children with cerebral palsy since the initial Parliamentary Inquiry in 2014 has been too slow.

There are still unacceptable anomalies and inadequacies of current educational, health and care systems of provision experienced by many families with children with cerebral palsy. Parents continue to tell us that they feel the provision is fractured, incohesive, and does not always follow the statutory timelines or duty of care. Parents are left feeling marginalised and frustrated by a system that does not understand or have sufficient training in their child's disability, where services are not joined up or consistent, and one in which their child's needs are secondary to local authority budgets. Information from this parent survey has been incorporated into Government consultations.

### **Public Awareness Campaign**

Both the APPG and the Action Cerebral Palsy survey highlighted that poor information for the public about the signs of cerebral palsy and parents lacking the information they need about their child's condition at diagnosis creates delay in swift referrals and intervention for children with cerebral palsy which impacts on their health and development. As a result, the Charity began work on a public awareness campaign to ensure that infants and children at risk of cerebral palsy would no longer "fall

through the net” through lack of knowledge about the signs of the condition.

In 2020 the charity recruited the services of a Project Co-ordinator to develop and deliver a project and fundraising plan for a cerebral palsy awareness campaign. The campaign aims to alert parents, the public and childcare professionals to the signs of cerebral palsy in young children and the urgency of onward referral for further assessment. It is hoped that this will be the first phase of a broader support and advice service for families with children with cerebral palsy.

Collaborative work with an expert advisory group of leading clinicians, healthcare professionals, therapists, parents of children with cerebral palsy and public affairs specialists began in 2020 and in 2021 resulted in the production of a public information poster which aims to alert parents and the public to the early warning signs of cerebral palsy and give clear direction for action; ***If in doubt, check it out!*** This poster achieved accreditation by the Institute of Health Visitors in late 2021 and will be distributed to GP surgeries and Early Years Centres in 2022. It is available on the Action Cerebral palsy Website. <https://actioncp.org/action-cerebral-palsy-launches-public-awareness-campaign/>

Work on a more detailed leaflet for parents about early motor development, to supplement the initial awareness poster, began in 2021 and is due for completion in 2022.

An extensive review and redesign of the Charity’s website took place during 2021. This enabled the Charity to provide a platform for a more comprehensive source of information and advice about cerebral palsy for policy makers, parents, professionals, and the public. The updated website also enabled the Charity to present its work and activities in a more dynamic and interactive manner. Effort was made to “future proof” the website for additional development.

### **To represent the best interests of the cerebral palsy community**

Action Cerebral Palsy is proud to have been a voice for children and young people with cerebral palsy and their families throughout 2021 and to have raised awareness of the condition through the Charity’s research, publications, campaigns and engagement with the public, professionals and policy makers. The Charity’s reports and publications are of value to other services, schools, practitioners and charities in this sector to who rely on this data to help them understand the status of the cerebral palsy landscape in the UK. In addition to its extensive policy and public awareness work, the Charity;

- Maintained a commentary on social media on aspects of health and education that concerns children with cerebral palsy

- Responded to national consultations on disability and education to represent the needs of children with cerebral palsy and their families
- Participated in the steering group of the Embracing Complexity Consortium, which brings together organisations which support people with neurodevelopmental conditions.

### **To facilitate the development of best practice for intervention, care, education and support for children and young people with cerebral palsies across the United Kingdom**

In addition to the ground-breaking work to bring families, professionals and policy makers together to identify the need for best practice pathways and policy development through the Charity's sponsorship of the APPG, Action Cerebral Palsy;

- Was a founder member of the newly formed UK Cerebral Palsy Coalition which aims to foster collaboration with other cerebral palsy organisations to strengthen our common aims and to provide support for policy and research and into cerebral palsy as a lifelong condition.
- Shared information and advice about COVID-19 and its impact on children and families directly to individuals, through social media and on the Charity's website.
- Collaborated with an advisory group of expert clinicians, therapists, public affairs professionals and parents of children with cerebral palsy to develop the key messaging for our public awareness campaign about the early warning signs of cerebral palsy - ***If in doubt, check it out***. The poster for this campaign has been accredited by the Institute of Health Visiting, and will now ensure that health visitors and other first line early years professionals as well as new parents have an accessible resource to use and share.

### **To facilitate and disseminate research on cerebral palsy and therapeutic and educational intervention**

The Charity has continued to proactively promote and disseminate the latest UK and international research activities related to cerebral palsy in social media throughout the year. The newly redesigned Action Cerebral Palsy website is now better able to share information and resources for parents, professionals, policy makers and researchers.

### **Summary**

During 2021, Action Cerebral Palsy worked closely with families of children with cerebral palsy, policy makers, healthcare and educational professionals and a wide range of third sector organisations to increase awareness of cerebral palsy. The Charity has worked hard to better understand the needs, the existing levels of provision, and identify what

best practice should look like across the sectors and to communicate this to policy makers and practitioners. As a result, it has significantly raised the profile of both the Charity and of the needs of children with cerebral palsy and influenced the agenda for change.

However, there is still a very long way to go to level the playing field for all children at risk or with cerebral palsy in the UK. The Charity will continue to work on behalf of all children with or at risk of cerebral palsy with the aim of achieving a lasting positive impact on the lives of the 1,800 children born each year who will be diagnosed with condition.

The Charity will do this by;

- Raising awareness with politicians, professionals and the general public about cerebral palsy and the issues facing children and young people with the condition
- Providing information about cerebral palsy for the public, professionals and policy makers
- Campaigning for improved access to care and support
- Influencing strategy at both national and local level
- Sharing and developing models of best practice

To read more about the Charity's strategy going forward as well as the impact we have already been able to have, the Action Cerebral Palsy Strategy & Impact Report which was launched at the House of Commons in March 2022 is available here: [ACP-Strategy-and-Impact-Report-2022-2027.pdf \(actioncp.org\)](https://www.actioncp.org/ACPS-Strategy-and-Impact-Report-2022-2027.pdf).

As a result of our work, the Charity has been able to draw together a broad network of experts in the field of childhood cerebral palsy who are united in their wish for a better future for this vulnerable group. The Charity is immensely grateful for their help, guidance and support.

### **Charitable objectives for 2022**

- Build on the findings and recommendations of the Charity's reports and on the 2020-2021 APPG on best practice early intervention and pathways of healthcare for infants at risk of cerebral palsy, through ongoing dialogue with Government at local and national level and with health care professionals.
- Proactively engage with local authorities to further the aims of the APPG recommendations regarding improved awareness of cerebral palsy and provision for young people with the condition.
- Design, produce and disseminate electronically and in hard copy, a cerebral palsy information pack which will provide more information about typical and atypical motor development and thereby alert parents and the public to the signs and indicators of cerebral palsy in young children and the importance of rapid referral for further assessment.

- Co-sponsor and facilitate further APPG sessions which will focus on Transition to Adulthood and Social Inclusion for children and young people with cerebral palsy.
- Continue to develop and lead collaborative work with national and international organisations who seek to inform and influence policy makers about the need for improved provision for children with neuro disabling conditions such as cerebral palsy and their families and for better systems of data collection on the condition.
- Work with the Department for Education, schools, colleges and academic institutions to develop and promote high quality training for teachers on how best to support children and young people with cerebral palsy and related learning challenges.
- Continue to produce and disseminate information about cerebral palsy for researchers, professionals, MPs and the public to promote awareness of the condition and the continuing challenges of provision that children and families experience.

## **Financial Review**

The trustees have a continued focus on strengthening the Charity's financial sustainability through proactively seeking new sources of charitable funding. Despite the continuing challenges of fundraising which COVID-19 has presented causing unprecedented demands on grant making organisations, the Charity has been successful in securing both restricted and unrestricted funding from trusts and foundations and from generous individual, community and corporate donors. Action Cerebral Palsy is indebted to the many individuals, families and funding organisations which have donated to the Charity during 2021.

As the restrictions imposed by COVID reduced somewhat during 2021 and the charitable activities increased due to the momentum of the policy work and awareness campaigns, the Charity increased its spending on these activities in line with budgets set. This had the effect of reducing the artificially high level of cash reserves in 2020 created by the restrictions on activities and therefore spending caused by the pandemic, but maintained an acceptable level of reserves in line with the reserves policy.

The Charity makes all possible efficiencies to keep costs to a minimum and spending continues to be tightly controlled. The Charity has also benefited from generous pro bono administrative support. The Charity does not employ paid staff, but instead uses specialist consultancy and volunteer services to support its operations.

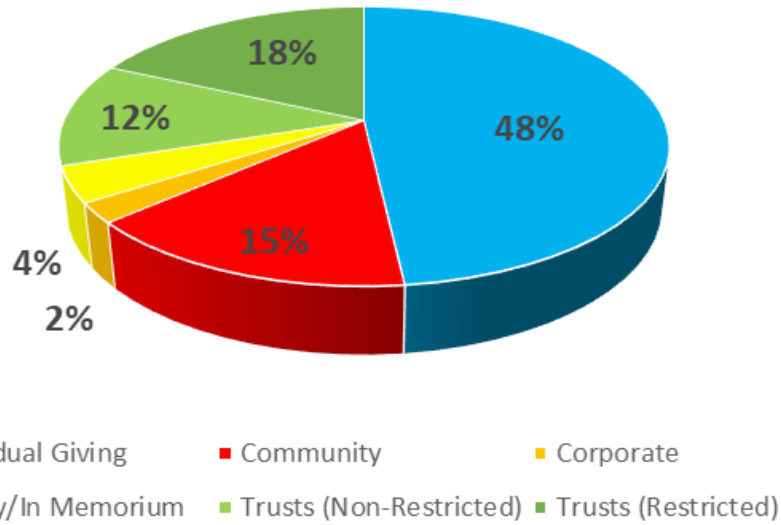
Action Cerebral Palsy is a small but aspirational charity and is indebted to the many individuals, families, professionals working with children with cerebral palsy and funding organisation which have supported our work over the past year. Without a dedicated fundraising role, the Charity is

hugely grateful for the funding that it has received in 2021 from a number of trusts and foundations, including the Barbara Ward Children’s Foundation and Childwick Charitable Trust. In late 2021, the Charity was pleased to benefit from restricted trust income for the Awareness Campaign which will be expended in 2022 when the campaign is launched. The table below identifies the Charity’s income by type and expenditure by area of activity. While the Charity’s CEO is largely focused on policy work, she is also involved in the Awareness Campaigning and Fundraising efforts. Likewise, a significant portion of the Project Lead’s time has been spent on securing funding for the campaign. The Charity’s website redesign has already benefited our ability to advocate and educate.

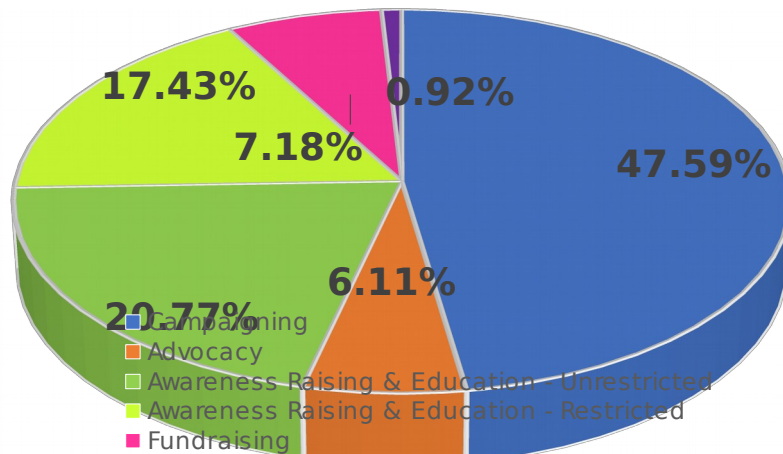
For 2021, the Charity’s income and expenditure was as follows;

<b>Income</b>	<b>2021</b>
Individual Giving	£ 23,995
Community	£ 7,552
Corporate	£ 1,140
Legacy/In Memorium	£ 2,065
Trusts (Non-Restricted)	£ 6,000
Trusts (Restricted)	£ 9,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 49,752</b>
<b>Expenditure by Type</b>	
	<b>2021</b>
Campaigning	£ 23,213
Advocacy	£ 2,982
Awareness Raising & Education - Unrestricted	£ 10,128
Awareness Raising & Education - Restricted	£ 8,500
Fundraising	£ 3,500
Administration	£ 488
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 48,811</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>£ 941</b>

Income by Type - 2021



Expenditure by Area of Activity - 2021



**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have resolved, in view of the size and operational requirements of the charity, that the minimum level of reserves should be 3 months of budgeted expenditure.

**Going Concern**

Further to independent consultation, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they

continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## **Financial Strategy**

Whilst the Charity is at present very small in comparison with other disability charities, it is ambitious in its mission and is highly conscious of its current status as being the only existing UK charity campaigning solely on behalf of children with cerebral palsy and their families.

In order to grow the Charity's capacity to campaign, educate, and advocate on behalf of our community of 30,000 children and young people with cerebral palsy in the UK, the Trustees recognise the need for a dedicated fundraising strategy. Over the next three years, Action Cerebral Palsy needs to treble its income in order to build financial stability so that the Charity can fund and plan its key charitable activities and delivery its strategy with confidence.

As a small charity, Action Cerebral Palsy is currently not eligible for consideration by a number of key funders and does not have the capacity to adequately support or engage with its wider community on fundraising endeavours. The Charity has no dedicated resources for fundraising activities and this important aspect of the Charity's sustainability is balanced within its limited resources against the need to carry out the core activities of the Charity, including an increasing demand for information and advocacy from the families impacted by cerebral palsy as a result of the effects of the pandemic and pressure on public services.

To grow its income to £150,000 within the next three years, the Charity plans to:

- Leverage dedicated (and self-sustaining) fundraising expertise to support the Chief Executive, Project Lead and Trustees to develop a robust fundraising strategy and to plan and deliver fundraising activities
- Develop a three-year fundraising strategy, based on analysis of Action Cerebral Palsy funding history, new opportunities and potential income generation across a range of fundraising activities to enable the Charity to target and engage with individuals, corporates, and trusts and foundations
- Improve the Charity's infrastructure for efficient and effective fundraising including a CRM
- Develop a case for support across the various fundraising channels.
- Evaluate the Charity's in-house fundraising needs and define and develop necessary fundraising skills.

The Trustees have agreed to release sufficient funding resources from the Charity over the next three years in order to progress this strategy.

Registered number: 09651097

**ACTION CEREBRAL PALSY  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd

Units 1 & 2 Field View  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Company Information  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**Directors**

Mr Duncan Walsh  
Dr Helen Hunt  
Mr Philip Lea  
Mr Anthony McGarel-Groves  
Professor Neena Modi  
Ms Katharine Gollop

**Company Number**

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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Accountant's Report  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at year ended 31 December 2021 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

*Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd*  
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Date *16th May 2022*

Philip Deane Accountancy Ltd  
Units 1 & 2 Field View  
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**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>TURNOVER</b>		
Other charges	<b>49,752</b>	<b>47,712</b>
	(48,811 )	(19,152 )
<b>NET (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>28,560</b>

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Balance Sheet  
As at 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current assets		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	41,895	34,744
	(6,469)	(260 )
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>34,484</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>34,484</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>34,484</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>34,484</b>

Notes

**1. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: 6 (2020: 6)

**2. General Information**

Action Cerebral Palsy is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 09651097 . The registered office is Units 1 & 2 Field View, Baynards Green, Bicester, OX27 7SG.  
For the year ending 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**3. Reserves**

Restricted reserves sitting in the Balance Sheet for the year are £6,200.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

On behalf of the board



Date

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Action Cerebral Palsy  
Trading Profit and Loss Account  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
<b>TURNOVER</b>				
CAF Donations	20,313		15,208	
Donations-Other	20,439	9,000	25,004	7,500
	<b>40,752</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>40,212</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>OTHER CHARGES</b>				
Accountancy fees	274		322	
Consultancy fees Public Affairs	35,213	8,500	17,730	1,000
Bank charges	31		101	
Fundraising Costs	700		(1)	
Website Hosting, Design & Branding	4,093		-	
	<b>(40,311)</b>	<b>(8,500)</b>	<b>(18,152)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>NET (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>22,060</b>	<b>6,500</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Action Cerebral Palsy

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1165217

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*Philip Deane*

**Date:**

10/06/22

**Name:**

Philip Deane

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

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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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