

Charity number: 1165217

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

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**Action Cerebral Palsy
Charity Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Trustees

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

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

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

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

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

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

10th March 2026

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

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		48,997		59,870
Donations-Restricted		5,000		10,000
Training Income		-		750
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Total Income		53,997		70,620
Expenditure				
<i>Restricted</i>				
<i>Consultancy</i>		5,320		1,725
 <i>Unrestricted</i>				
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	
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		(52,642)		(54,676)
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		1,355		15,944
 OPERATING SURPLUS				
 Other interest receivable and similar income				
Bank Interest	89			
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 NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<hr/>		<hr/>
		1,444		15,944



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
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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)

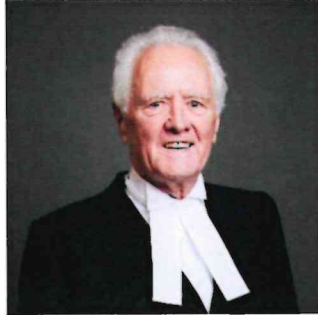
Paul Maynard

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, co-ordination 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 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, 3rd 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

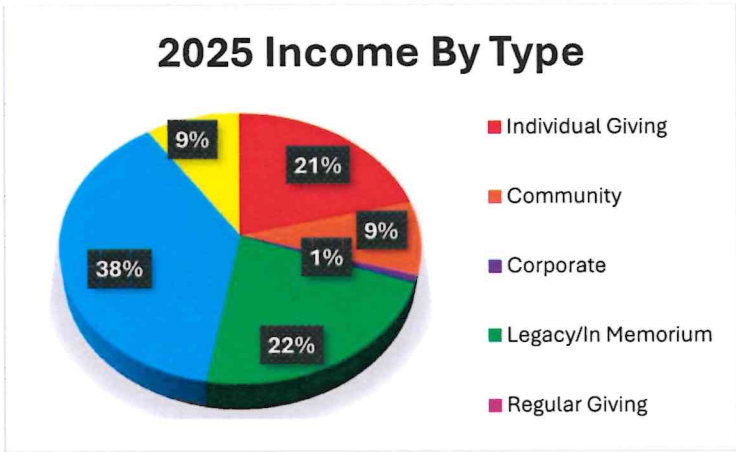
Financials

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.

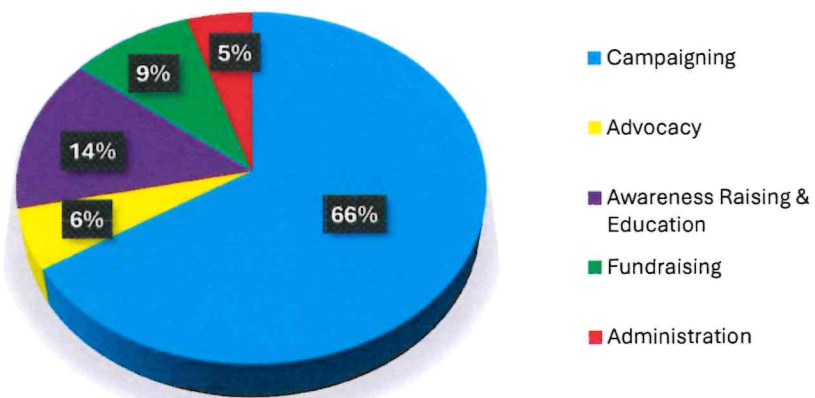
The tables below identify the Charity’s income by type and expenditure by area of activity. While the Charity’s CEO is largely focused on advocacy, awareness raising and education and fundraising, she is also involved in the Charity’s policy work. Similarly, the Director of Policy is involved in advocacy, awareness raising and fundraising. The Charity was awarded a restricted grant at the end 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
Total Income	53,997	£ 70,620



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
Total Expenditure	£52,582	£54,676

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.