

# BORN ON THE EDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1165401

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2016-02-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('THE OBJECTS') ARE:FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OFNEWBORN BABIES AROUND THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOTEXCLUSIVELY BY:ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SUSTAINABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENTAND FACILITIES, PROVIDING TRAINING TO HEALTH WORKERS ANDEMPOWERING LOCAL FAMILIES AND MEDICAL STAFF TO PROVIDE BETTERCARE FOR NEWBORN BABIES.

**Activities:** Born on the Edge improves newborn care through education and sustainable support. It currently operates in Uganda and the UK.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Uganda

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£21,540	£29,727	-	-
2024-04-04	£19,089	£27,107	-	-
2023-04-04	£42,671	£42,715	-	-
2022-04-04	£42,921	£32,407	-	-
2021-04-04	£31,684	£22,464	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr KATHY BURGOINE MSC MRCPCH	Chair	2012-09-22
Dr ADAM HEWITT SMITH MBBS BSc		2012-09-22
Dr Andrew Stephen James Marshall MRCPCH		2016-06-25
Dr Emma Louise McLaren MSc MRCPCH		2016-06-25
SARAH BURGOINE		2012-09-22

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# Accounts

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**UK Registered Charity Number: 1165401**

# **Trustee's Annual Report**

**And**

# **Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended**

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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## Legal and Administrative Information

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Bedfordshire  
SG19 2HB

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Independent Examiner: Sarah Perkins  
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Bankers: HSBC Bank plc  
Station Place  
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### **Main Activities**

During our trustee meetings, in planning our activities for the year, the charity's trustees kept in mind the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

A summary of our main activities can be found on pages 4 - 5 of this report.



## **Eastern Uganda's first breastfeeding specialist**

We are over the moon to welcome Gorret, an expert mama, to our team to train her as a breastfeeding specialist. All part of our long-term plan to establish human donor breastmilk at Mbale RRH and driven by her personal experience & passion to make a difference, Gorret is already busy supporting mamas who are experiencing life with a preterm. During March 2023 Gorret started her formal qualification and our hospital carpenter and his team started renovation works to create a breastmilk donation area within the neonatal unit. We also spent the year preparing protocols, guidelines and procuring essential equipment to allow us to operationalise the first human donor breastmilk bank in a government hospital in Uganda later in 2023.

## **Nourish to Nurture**

In our setting, where there are limited alternatives to breastmilk, we try our hardest to support every mother to establish successful breastfeeding and give their newborn babies the best start in life. Many of our mothers cannot afford to eat three meals a day, and for anyone who has ever breastfed a child, you will know how ravenous you can become. Our Nourish to Nurture programme supports mamas in need by providing an extra nutritious meal each day. Without the extra meal, many of our mothers go hungry, are unable to express breast milk and some even decide to runaway home with their sick baby. Born on the Edge supports Ruth, pictured here, to cook rice, vegetables and beans for up to 40 mamas each day.



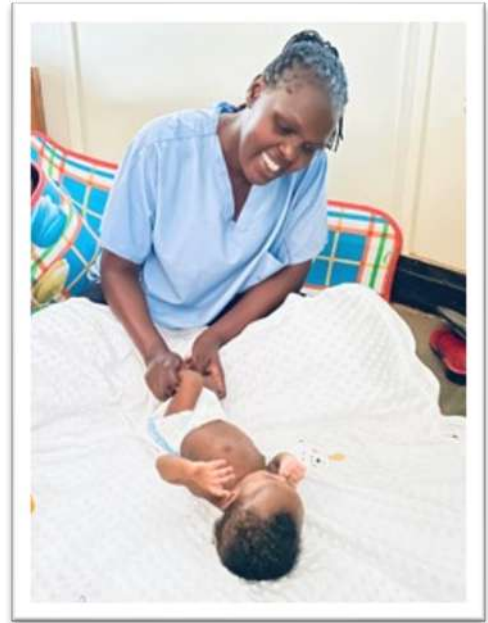
## **Staff Support**

Our day-to-day support for newborn care in the eastern region of Uganda often goes unnoticed but plays a huge part in the overseas spending of the charity. Providing salary support for our newborn care trainers not only provides daily learning opportunities for staff and students working on the ward but touches the lives of thousands of babies each year. At least one of our newborn trainers is on the ward every day of the week providing hands on mentoring. During the year we have treated over 3200 babies and saved over 1180 lives. During 2022/23 we also supported one of our key neonatal nurses who sadly lost her funding for her job. A key member of the team, Born on the Edge provided short term salary support to avoid shortages on the ward.



## **Early Intervention Programme**

Many developmental disabilities, such as cerebral palsy originate from difficulties in the newborn period. Prematurity, infections and difficulty establishing breathing at birth can all lead to long term disabilities. Our early intervention programme begins right away in the neonatal unit with developmentally appropriate care and neonatal physiotherapy. We then follow our high-risk infants up in our weekly clinic, giving them early advice and support and physiotherapy. Those babies are then invited for a development assessment clinic at 6 months. Born on the Edge has continued supporting our amazing and dedicated Early Intervention Programme Nurse, Naume following the end of the formal THET funded Baby Ubuntu project.



## **Newborn Care Training Courses**

Sadly, in Uganda, the number of babies dying in the first month after birth remains one of the highest in the world. Our Newborn Care Training Course began in 2014 and over the years has grown and developed into a 15-module course covering all the key elements of caring for sick and small newborns. It is now peer-reviewed and endorsed by the Neonatal Nurses Association in the UK. The first part of this year we ran a “train the trainers” course and now have 5 local neonatal staff who are trained and able to deliver the course. These new trainers ran 5 courses across eastern Uganda during the year including two courses in Mbale itself.

## **Medical Equipment Maintenance**

As soon as we start using a piece of medical equipment, its lifetime clock starts ticking. All of our clinical team are trained to use and clean the machines correctly, but the heat, dust and continuous use give all our equipment a hard time. Our amazing CPAP (breathing) machines run 24/7, 365 days a year, saving life after life. In fact, they work harder than anyone else on the team! But just like the best of us, they need a little tender, loving care to keep them running at their best. Born on the Edge supports Herbert, our technician as and when he is needed, often out of hours and in an emergency. He is always available when a key piece of equipment needs an expert eye to get it back up and running and spends hours cleaning, maintaining, and checking our equipment is performing at its best.



## Policy on Reserves

The annual income and expenditure of the charity remains small and there are no direct running costs incurred on a regular basis except annual website hosting fees. The charity currently has no reserves policy. This will be reviewed as and when the charity's trustees deem necessary. Any surplus funds at the end of the financial year will be carried forward and spent in accordance with the charity's objects and the donors' wishes.

## Review of Accounts

Charitable income for the year totalled £42,671 of which £23,802 were restricted funds. Restricted funds included grant funding from the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) through collaborators at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (£10,894) and funds raised through GlobalGiving that are restricted to their individual projects (centre of excellence, £4,863) and newborn trainers, £8,045). Other grants were received from UK based grant making organisations including from the Kitchen Tables Charities Trust. The majority of individual donations were processed through our GlobalGiving page with TotalGiving providing the second biggest fundraising platform for the charity. Charity Commission guidance states that overseas income should be recorded from the country of the platform that disperses the funds and not from an individual donor's country of residence and so this year all individual donations through GlobalGiving are listed as income from the USA despite the varied countries of residence of donors. UK income = £27,959, overseas income = £14,712 (USA: £12945 donations, £1767 grants). Major sources of income are listed in figure 1.

Charitable expenditure totalled £42,715. Of this £20,898 was from restricted funds and the majority (£40,398) was spent overseas (See figure 2). £9,668 of grant money from THET was spent in the FY 2022/23. The largest charitable activity includes providing salary support for our newborn care training team in Uganda (52%), including our charity chairman who works as a full-time volunteer but received a small monthly stipend (£500) to cover living expenses. As the charities unrestricted income dropped during the financial year, this support was stopped at the end of December 2022. 3% of income was spent on fundraising costs. The majority of this is fees that are deducted at source by our fundraising platform GlobalGiving.

The trustees all provide their time on a voluntary basis. The chairman works full time on a voluntary basis on the operational activities of the charity. Born on the Edge could not operate without the time and effort donated by its volunteers.

Our summary of accounts is attached on page 11.

As the total income for the charity during the financial year 2020/21 was > £25,000, in accordance with guidance from the charity commission, an independent examination of accounts was conducted by Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services and is attached below on pages 9-11.

Figure 1: Income Sources FY 2022/23

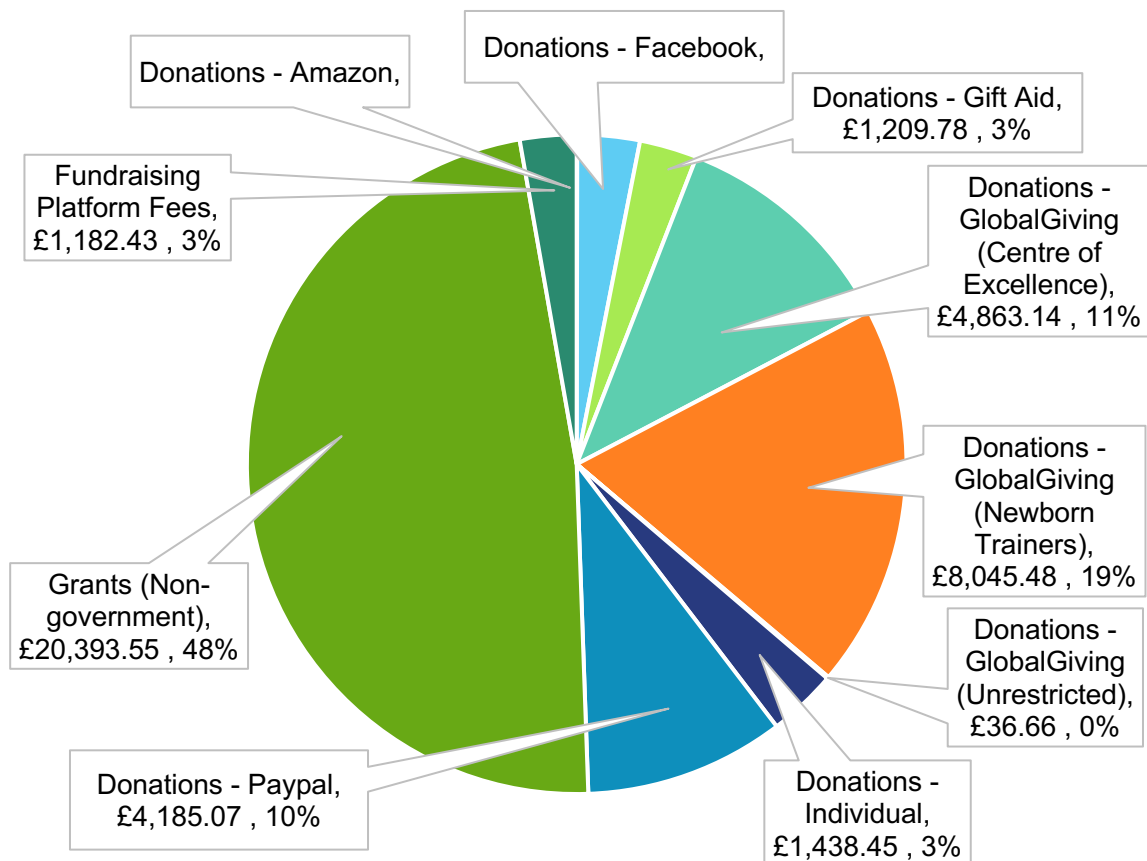
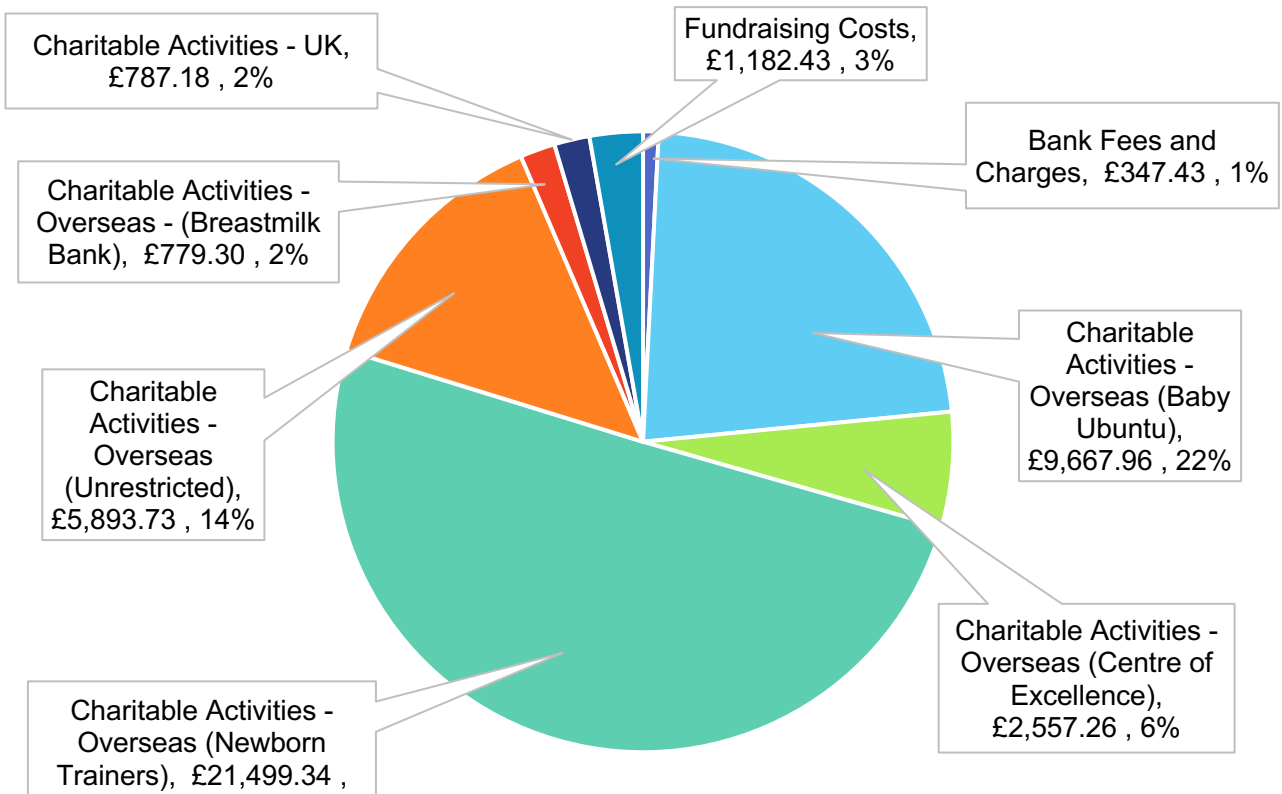


Figure 2: Expenditure by Category FY2022/23



## Financial Statement

The financial statements on page 11 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Date 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Dr A Hewitt Smith  
Trustee & Treasurer

## Declaration

The trustees are responsible for preparing the charity's annual report and declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Date 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Dr Kathy Burgoine  
Trustee & Chairperson



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Born On The Edge

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1165401

Set out on page

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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 05/04/2023.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

07/01/2024

Name:

Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services Ltd

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

Address:

4 Orchard Close

Biggleswade

Beds SG18 0NE

**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.**



Charity Name Born on the Edge	No (if any) 1165401
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### Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 05-Apr-22	To	Period end date 04-Apr-23
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (Unrestricted)	9,369	-	-	9,369	18,736
Donations (Centre of excellence)	-	4,863	-	4,863	6,379
Donations (Newborn trainers)	-	8,045	-	8,045	5,744
Grants	9,500	10,894	-	20,394	12,062
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,869</b>	<b>23,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,671</b>	<b>42,921</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,869</b>	<b>23,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,671</b>	<b>42,921</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Unrestricted)	6,673	-	-	6,673	2,922
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Centre of excellence)	-	2,557	-	2,557	-
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Newborn Trainers)	13,454	8,045	-	21,499	15,956
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Early Intervention Programme)	-	9,668	-	9,668	10,157
Charitable Activities - UK	187	600	-	787	1,591
Fundraising Platform Fees	1,182	-	-	1,182	1,540
Running costs (Bank Fees etc)	320	28	-	347	241
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,816</b>	<b>20,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,715</b>	<b>32,407</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,816</b>	<b>20,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,715</b>	<b>32,407</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,947</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10,514</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	602	602	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,513	20,712	-	28,225	17,711
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>24,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,181</b>	<b>28,225</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	UK HSBC charity account	3,963	24,218	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>24,218</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
	Details			
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
	Details			
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
	Macbook Air Laptop	-	-	800
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		A Hewitt Smith	27-May-23	

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# Accounts

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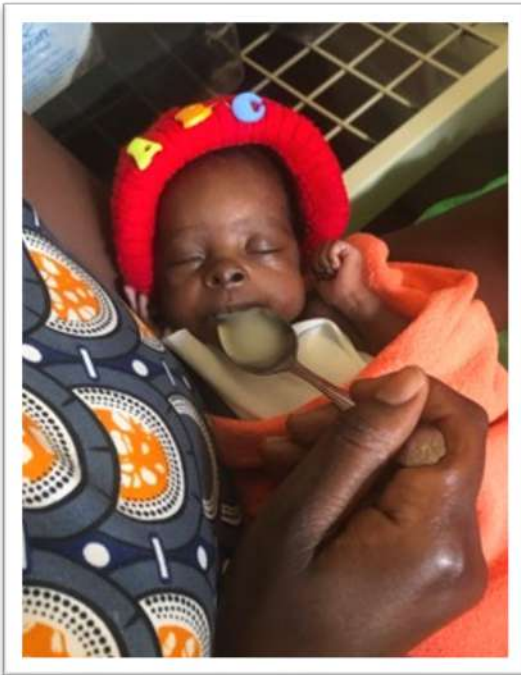
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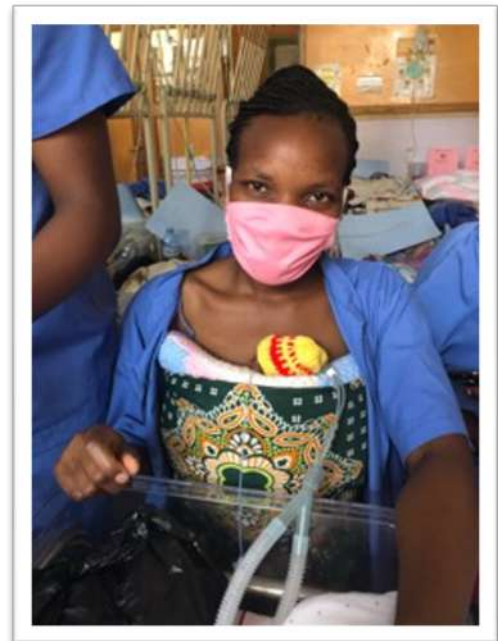


## Heading toward the first donor human milk bank in east Africa

In September 2021 we received our first delivery of donated breastmilk thanks to a collaboration with the ATTA breastmilk community in the capital Kampala. Not all babies can get their own mothers breastmilk and many newborn babies who are born too sick or too small will only survive and thrive if they receive human breastmilk that is donated. Although Uganda doesn't yet have a human milk bank to pasteurise the milk, donors are carefully selected and screened to ensure milk is safe for the babies. Our next step is to fundraise enough to enable Born on the Edge and the team in Mbale to establish one of the first fully functioning donor human breastmilk banks in eastern Africa.

## Nourish to Nurture

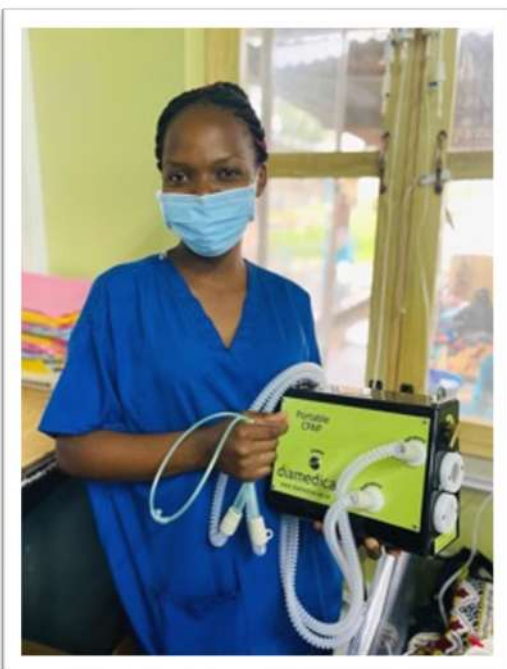
Many of our mothers struggle to afford enough to eat during their stay, which makes it almost impossible for them to express the breastmilk needed to feed their sick and small newborn babies. Our Nourish to Nurture programme has been running for three years and provides one meal a day for up to 30 mothers. Without this support, they would almost certainly runaway with their babies. This support was even more essential during the second lockdown of the COVID pandemic in Uganda and undoubtedly saved many lives.



## Staff Support

"The best way to find yourself is to loose yourself in the service of others" - Mahatma Gandhi

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## **Baby Ubuntu**

Late in 2021 we were delighted to establish a partnership with the London School Of Hygiene and Tropical medicine and with support from a Grant through the Tropical Health Education Trust in the UK we were able to start an early intervention hub in eastern Uganda. Together with the Baby Ubuntu programme we are now able to harness the power of peer psychosocial support to help improve carers skills in caring for their child. Babies who are at risk are identified during screening clinics and carers are invited to attend a modular session programme which offers practical advice for care (such as feeding and movement) and helps the carer understand issues such as early stimulation and disability rights.



## **Newborn Care Training Course**

In March 2022 we launched a new module in our newborn care training course. The teaching session is the fifteenth in our evidence-based programme. In each facility we partner with, we deliver one module a week to ensure staff know how to provide basic newborn care. The course is free of charge, and we give students handouts, refreshments and provide a transport refund so they don't miss any modules. Our new session focuses on developmentally supportive care and early intervention to help babies thrive.

## **Fundraising**

During the 2021/22 financial year we saw some changes to the platforms we use to support our fundraising work. Virgin Money Giving which has been our default site that we encourage donors and fundraisers to use closed down. This meant we had to explore alternatives that were as reliable and secure for our supporters to use. We chose Total Giving for its flexibility in receiving payments from all over the world, its 0% platform fees and its intuitive process for claiming gift aid. We were delighted to test this during a funding raising challenge in December 2021 set by two of our founding trustees, Kathy and Adam and their family. They took on one of the highest mountains in Uganda and after several months of preparation made it to the summit. They raised over £4321 in the process, more than the height of the mountain itself!



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Charitable expenditure totalled £32,407. Of this £27,583 was from restricted funds and the majority (£29,035) was spent overseas. (See figure 3) £11,627 of grant money from THET was spent in the FY 2021/22. The project is continuing, and more funds are expected in the FY 2022/23. The largest charitable activity includes providing salary support for our newborn care training team in Uganda, including our charity chairman who works as a full time volunteer but receives a small monthly stipend to cover living expenses. 3.6% of income was spent on fundraising costs. The majority of this is fees that are deducted at source by our fundraising platforms.

The trustees all provide their time on a voluntary basis. The chairman works full time on a voluntary basis on the operational activities of the charity. Essential living expenses incurred by the chairman during her voluntary work are part covered by the charity. Born on the Edge could not operate without the time and effort donated by its volunteers.

Our summary of accounts is attached on page 9.

As the total income for the charity during the financial year 2020/21 was > £25,000, in accordance with guidance from the charity commission, an independent examination of accounts was conducted by Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services and is attached below on page 9.

FIGURE 1 - INCOME SOURCES FY 2021/22

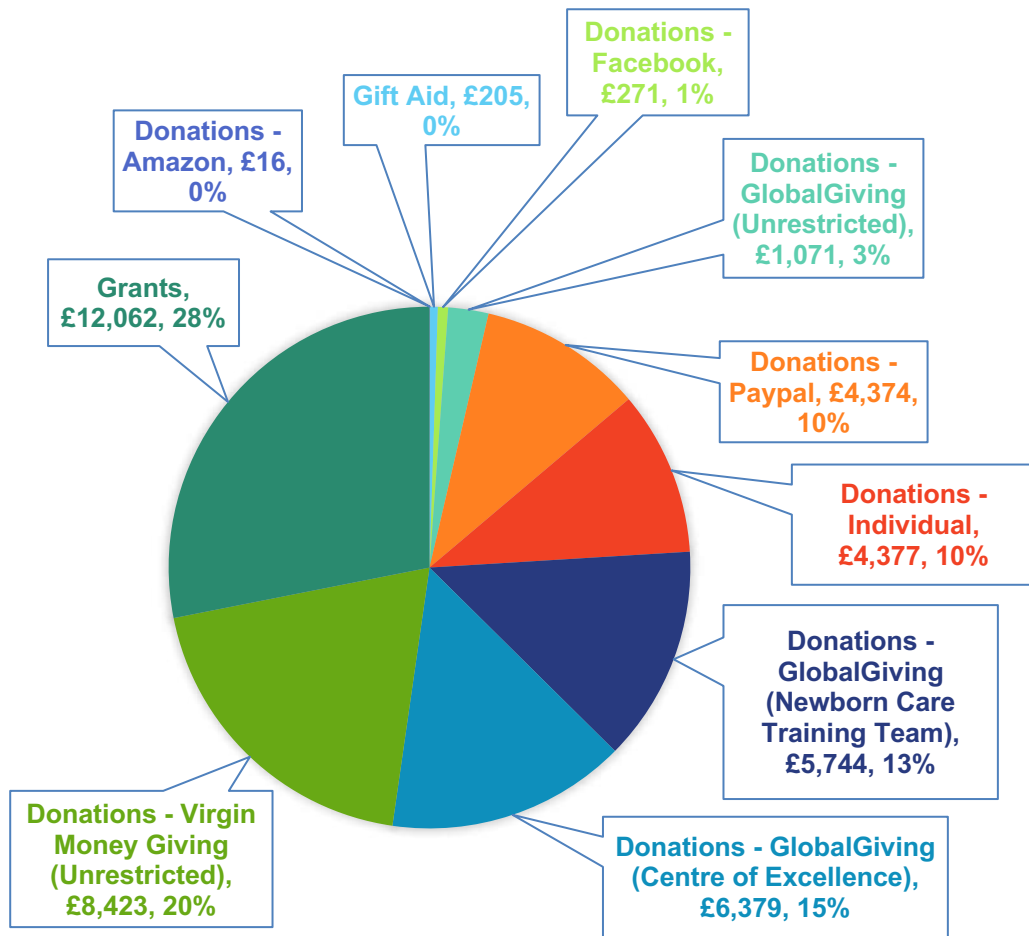


Figure 2 - Charity Funding Sources, Country of Origin

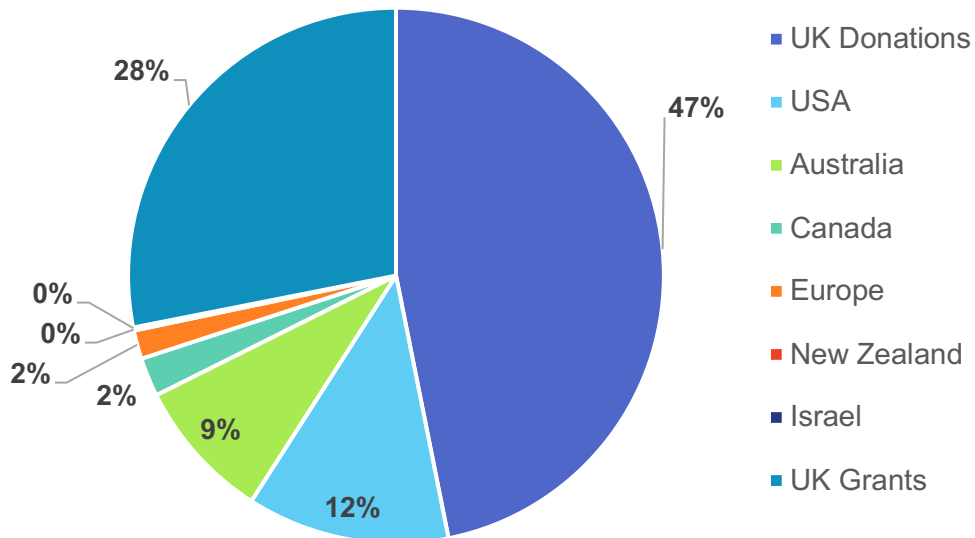
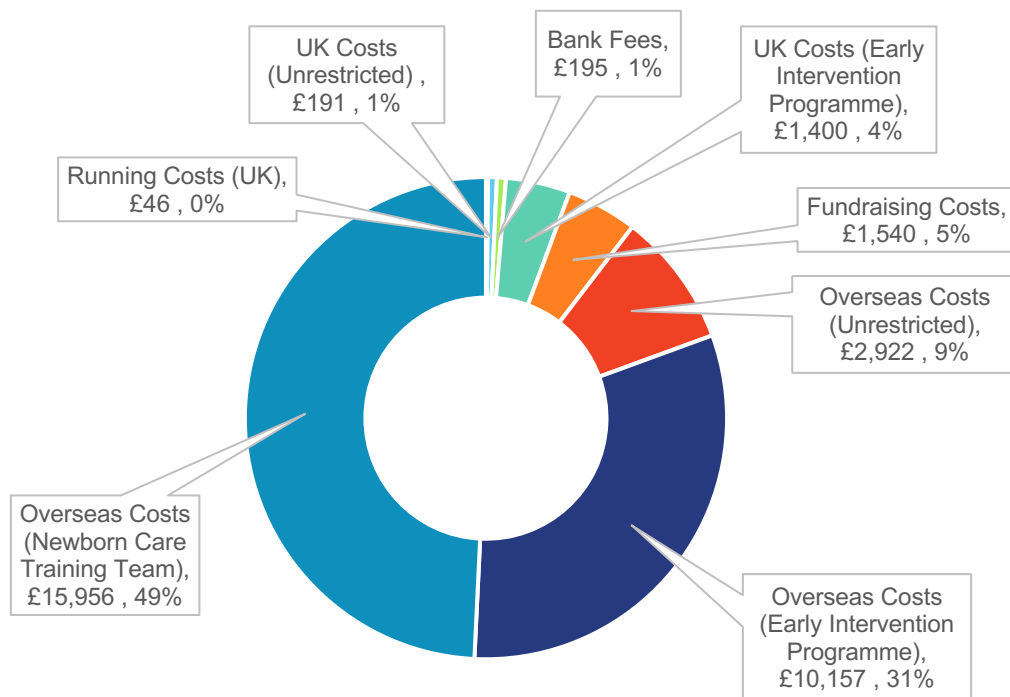


Figure 3 - Charity Expenditure FY 2021/22



### Financial Statement

The financial statements on page 11 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dr A Hewitt Smith  
Trustee & Treasurer

### Declaration

The trustees are responsible for preparing the charity's annual report and declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Date 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dr Kathy Burgoine  
Trustee & Chairperson



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Born On The Edge

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1165401

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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 05/04/2022.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

29/01/2023

Name:

Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services Ltd

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

Address:

4 Orchard Close

Biggleswade

Beds SG18 0NE

**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.**



Charity Name Born on the Edge		No (if any) 1165401	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 05-Apr-21	To Period end date 04-Apr-22	


### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (Unrestricted)	18,736	-	-	18,736	7,201
Donations (Centre of excellence)	-	6,379	-	6,379	15,889
Donations (Newborn trainers)	-	5,744	-	5,744	8,594
Grants	-	12,062	-	12,062	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,736</b>	<b>24,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,921</b>	<b>31,684</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,736</b>	<b>24,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,921</b>	<b>31,684</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Unrestricted)	2,922	-	-	2,922	5,128
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Centre of excellence)	-	-	-	-	1,990
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Newborn Trainers)	-	15,956	-	15,956	8,609
Charitable Activities - Overseas (Early Intervention Programme)	-	10,157	-	10,157	-
Charitable Activities - UK	121	1,470	-	1,591	6,067
Fundraising Platform Fees	1,540	-	-	1,540	444
Running costs (Utilities & Bank Fees etc)	241	-	-	241	226
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,824</b>	<b>27,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,407</b>	<b>22,464</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,824</b>	<b>27,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,407</b>	<b>22,464</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>13,913</b>	<b>- 3,399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,514</b>	<b>9,220</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 10,212</b>	<b>10,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>13,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,711</b>	<b>8,491</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>20,712</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,225</b>	<b>17,711</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	UK HSBC charity account (unrestricted)	7,513	-	-
	UK HSBC charity account (restricted - centre of excellence)	-	20,712	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>20,712</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>			
	Nil	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>			
	Nil	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>			
	Projector	Unrestricted	642	50
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>			
	Nil	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A Hewitt Smith	07-May-22

**BORN ON THE EDGE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165401

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# Accounts

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**UK Registered Charity Number: 1165401**

# **Trustee's Annual Report**

**And**

# **Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended**

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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## Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Number: 1165401

Registered Address: Water End Farm  
Wrestlingworth  
Bedfordshire  
SG19 2HB

Trustees: At the date of this report, current Trustees are:

Appointed

Dr Kathy Burgoine 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

Dr Adam Hewitt Smith 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

Mrs Sarah Burgoine 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

Dr Andrew Marshall 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dr Emma McLaren 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Independent Examiner: Sarah Perkins  
Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services  
4 Orchard Close  
Biggleswade  
SG18 0NE

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc  
12 Melbourn Street  
Royston  
SG8 7BT

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Born on the Edge is a charitable association registered in England and Wales by the charity commission with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. The charity is governed and administered in accordance with its constitution and mission statement. The constitution was adopted on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and amended on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

The structure of the charity consists of the trustees, who are also the charity's only members. The trustees manage the organisation of the charity and make all the major and strategic decisions about its organisation and operation. The trustees work for the charity on a voluntary basis.

Trustee appointment and recruitment follows the requirements set out within the charity's constitution. Trustee recruitment is a fair and open process that can be accessed by any individual aged 16 years and over (excluding employees) who has valuable skills, which will benefit the charity, and who subscribes to the purposes of the charity and wishes to see them fulfilled. The constitution requires that nominations for new trustees should come from an existing member and that appointment should follow a decision by the current trustees during a general meeting.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Charity's Objects**

The charity's objects are:

- For the public benefit to preserve and protect the health of newborn babies around the world, in particular but not exclusively by:
- Assisting in the provision of sustainable medical equipment and facilities, providing training to health workers and empowering local families and medical staff to provide better care for newborn babies.

### **Main Activities**

In planning our activities for the year, the charity's trustees kept in mind the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit during our trustee meetings.

A summary of our main activities can be found on pages 4 - 5 of this report.

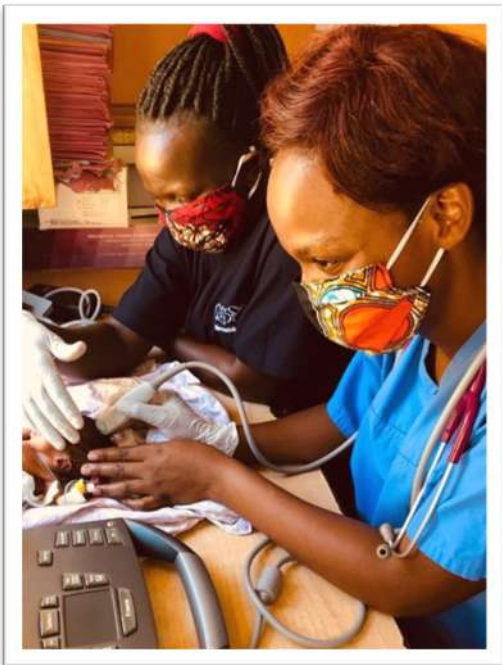


## **COVID-19**

The 2020/21 financial year was a busy year for Born on the Edge, not least because all our work was conducted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We adopted even stricter infection control SOPs than usual, with mandatory mask wearing for everyone entering the neonatal unit in Mbale. We also supported installation of new handwashing facilities outside the ward and have been providing top ups of soap and hand sanitiser throughout the year.

## **Celebrating a 5<sup>th</sup> birthday**

In May 2020, 5 years had past since we opened the neonatal unit in Mbale. Since that time Born on the Edge, in partnership with The Ministry of Health and Mbale Hospital, have treated over 12,000 babies and saved the lives of almost 6000 babies! It continues to be an absolute honour and privilege to work alongside such an amazing team. Even in these challenging times, their dedication and passion to care for the mamas and their babies is inspirational!



## **Staff Support**

“Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change.” - Barbara Mikulski

At the heart of all our projects lie the passion, dedication and innovation of the the amazing people we work with. Our newborn clinicians work tirelessly everyday not only to provide day to day care to the smallest and sickest patients in eastern Uganda, but to teach and train each and every healthcare worker that spends time working in the neonatal unit. They deliver regular training newborn care training courses across eastern Uganda. They provide us with a continuous source of ideas and suggestions for projects and improvements. They love and care for their patients and their families as if they were their own.

We love their passion for learning new skills be it performing brain scans, removing spinal fluid to diagnoses meningitis or complicated blood transfusions for life-threatening jaundice. And what we love more is watching them spontaneously share those skills with others.

Born on the Edge supports the salary of our two neonatal clinical officers and also supports two neonatal assistants whose roles include cleaning, health education, provision of basic physiotherapy services in our neonatal outpatient clinic and provision of an evening meal through our Nourish to Nurture programme.

### **High Dependency Care**

In July we were delighted to receive 4 brand new breathing machines (bubble CPAP) for our sickest babies and a brand new extra big oxygen concentrator to generate oxygen for those babies who need a little extra help. We are incredibly grateful to Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide - SAWW and Diamedica UK Ltd for this amazing gift of life. After 4-5 years of working 24/7 our current CPAP machines have been the hardest working members of the neonatal team, and have saved countless

lives. But for a few months only 2 of our 6 had been functioning properly. We patched, adjusted and made do but were really struggling! Following the donation, we were able to return to 6 fully functional High-Dependency cots with bubble CPAP that are monitored continuously.



### **Knitting**

We are always grateful for the large numbers of generous donors throughout the world who support our project with knitted items to keep our babies warm. We are not always able to thank every individual who has knitted for us but we are incredibly grateful to everyone and try to share photos of our babies keeping warm on social media when we are able.

### **Fundraising**

Our huge impact reducing the number of babies dying in eastern Uganda can be attributed to amazing teamwork, a novel and sustainable training model and the introduction of good quality and basic newborn care. As a product of our success, there can be as many as 60 babies on a ward we designed for 10. In our Mbale Mother Centred Model it is essential to have the mothers alongside their babies, but we now use the mother's beds to accommodate babies, up to 8 at a time. All of this increases the spread of infection. Central to the concept of improving newborn care and reducing neonatal mortality is a centre of excellence with training capacity for the region.

Staff attend the current neonatal unit for exposure and hands on training but the ward is too small to meet basic standards of education. Students are turned away on a daily basis because there is no space to move. So we have a plan to expand. A new fundraising campaign to support the building of our centre of excellence was started on our GlobalGiving platform in May 2020 and during the year saw almost £16,000 raised towards this cause.

## Policy on Reserves

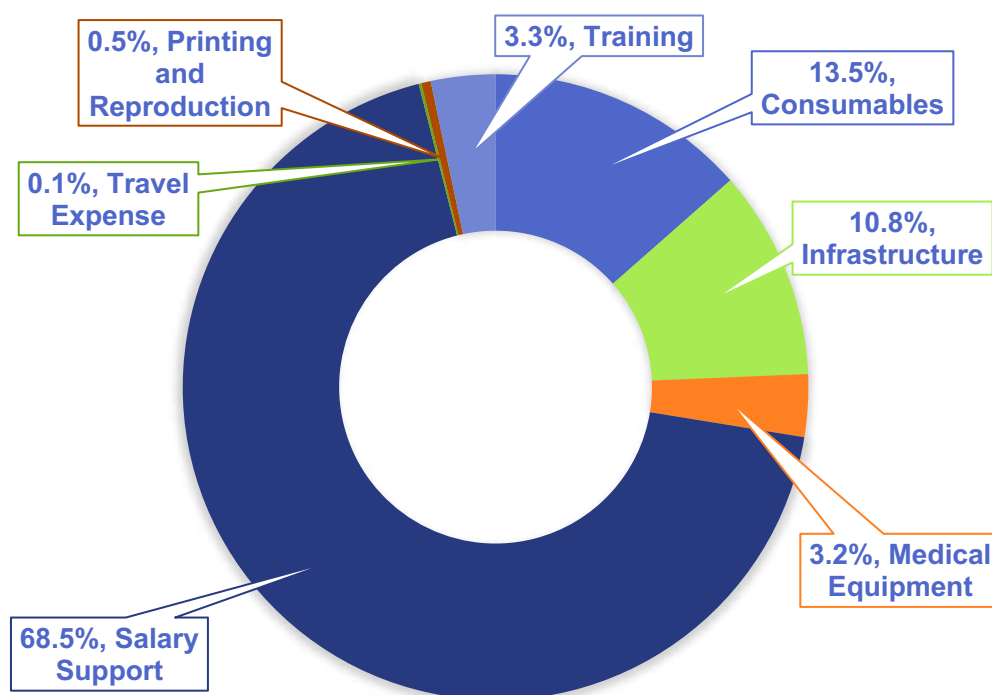
The annual income and expenditure of the charity remains small and there are no direct running costs incurred on a regular basis. The charity currently has no reserves policy. This will be reviewed as and when the charity's trustees deem necessary. Any surplus funds at the end of the financial year will be carried forward and spent in accordance with the charity's objects and the donors' wishes.

## Review of Accounts

Charitable income for the year totalled £31,684. The majority of this income came from individual donors via donations on our fundraising platforms including Virgin Money Giving and GlobalGiving with a few bank transfers directly into our charity account. Just over half (£15,889) was restricted funds for our centre of excellence, a quarter (£8,594) to support our newborn care trainers and the remainder unrestricted.

Expenditure totalled £22,464. Of this, £15,727 was overseas expenditure and the remaining balance spent in the UK. The breakdown of overseas expenditure is illustrated in figure 1 below. At the end of the financial year, cash funds totalled £17,711 of which 78% was restricted to the planned centre of excellence.

Figure 1: Breakdown of overseas expenditure



The trustees all provide their time on a voluntary basis. The chairman works full time on a voluntary basis on the operational activities of the charity. Essential living expenses incurred by the chairman during her voluntary work are part covered by the charity. Born on the Edge could not operate without the time and effort donated by its volunteers.

Our summary of accounts is attached on page 9.

As the total income for the charity during the financial year 2020/21 was > £25,000, in accordance with guidance from the charity commission, an independent examination of accounts was conducted by Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services and is attached below.

## **Financial Statement**

The financial statements on page 9 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr A Hewitt Smith  
Treasurer

Date 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

## **Declaration**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the charity's annual report and declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



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Dr A Hewitt Smith  
Trustee

Date 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Born On The Edge

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5<sup>th</sup> April 202021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1165401

**Set out on page**

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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.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 28/10/2021

**Name:**

Sarah Perkins Accountancy Services Ltd

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

**Address:**

4 Orchard Close

Biggleswade

Beds SG18 0NE



Charity Name Born on the Edge		No (if any) 1165401		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 05-Apr-20	To	Period end date 04-Apr-21	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (Unrestricted)	7,201	-	-	7,201	17,997
Donations (Centre of excellence)	-	15,889	-	15,889	-
Donations (Newborn trainers)	-	8,594	-	8,594	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>24,483</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,684</b>	<b>17,997</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>24,483</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,684</b>	<b>17,997</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Project Expenses - Overseas (Unrestricted)	5,128	-	-	5,128	15,447
Project Expenses - Overseas (Centre of excellence)	-	1,990	-	1,990	-
Project Expenses - Overseas (Newborn Trainers)	15	8,594	-	8,609	-
Project Expenses - UK	6,067	-	-	6,067	9,803
Project Expenses - Research	-	-	-	-	4,321
Fundraising Platform Fees	444	-	-	444	368
Running costs (Utilities & Bank Fees etc)	226	-	-	226	164
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>10,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,464</b>	<b>30,102</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>10,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,464</b>	<b>30,102</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,678.69</b>	<b>13,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,220</b>	<b>- 12,105</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,491	-	-	8,491	20,596
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>13,898.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,711</b>	<b>8,491</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	UK HSBC charity account (unrestricted)	3,812	-	-
	UK HSBC charity account (restricted - centre of excellence)	-	13,899	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>13,899</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
	Laptop and Projector	Unrestricted	642	50
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			A Hewitt Smith	31-May-21