

Paediatric Critical Care Society

England & Wales · Charity number 1165535

Details

Other names PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY, PICS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY IS TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE THE CARE AND SAFETY OF CRITICALLY ILL INFANTS AND CHILDREN, AND IN PARTICULAR, 1) THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THOSE BRANCHES OF MEDICAL SCIENCE CONCERNED WITH CRITICAL CARE OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN; AND 2) THE PROMOTION OF STUDY AND RESEARCH INTO CRITICAL CARE OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE USEFUL RESULT OF SUCH STUDY AND RESEARCH.

Activities: To advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£211,738	£188,575	-	-
2024-03-31	£310,566	£282,135	-	-
2023-03-31	£225,796	£247,380	-	-
2022-03-31	£113,561	£111,326	-	-
2021-03-31	£76,739	£70,644	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ADRIAN PLUNKETT		2020-10-08
Dr Akash Deep		2022-02-01
Dr Andrew Gustaf Nyman		2021-11-16
Dr Arunoday Ghose		2024-02-06
Dr Constantinos Kanaris		2021-11-16
Dr Emma Katie Hubbard		2023-10-04
Dr Gerard Leslie Peter Manning		2022-08-12
Dr MIRIAM RACHEL FINE-GOULDEN		2019-11-20
Dr PADMANABHAN RAMNARAYAN		2022-02-01
Dr Patrick Davies		2018-09-01
Dr Peter Dominic Donnelly		2021-11-16
Dr Rohit Saxena		2024-11-11
Hannah Jane Marie Child		2024-11-26
MARK ANTHONY CLEMENT		2021-11-01
Sam Ellis		2023-04-26
Sister Carli Whittaker		2016-02-11
Tracey Ann Phillips		2019-02-01

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PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

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Trustees from 1 April 2024 to date of the approval of these Financial Statements

Elected Position	Name
President	Mrs Carli Whittaker from Sept 2022
President elect	Dr Adrian Plunkett from Oct 2024
Immediate Past-President	Vacant
Honorary secretary	Dr Adrian Plunkett from Oct 2021 Dr Patrick Davies from Oct 2024
Honorary treasurer	Dr Patrick Davies from Nov 2020 Dr Costantinos Kanaris from Oct 2024
Medical Vice President	Dr Peter Donnelly from Dec 2023
Non-medical vice president	Mr Simon Gates from Oct 2021 (Resigned Oct 2024) Ms Tracey Phillips from Oct 2024
Medical member	Dr Arun Ghose from Feb 2024
Medical member	Dr Andrew Nyman from Oct 2021
Medical member	Dr Costantinos Kanaris from Oct 2021 Dr Rohit Saxena from Nov 2024
Medical member	Dr Miriam Fine-Goulden from Sept 2022
Trainee member	Dr Emma Hubbard from Oct 2023
Trainee member	Dr Gerard Manning from Sept 2022 Dr Faith Hannon from Mar 2025
Nurse / AHP member	Ms Sam Ellis from April 2023
Nurse / AHP member	Ms Tracey Phillips from Sept 2021 Ms Hannah Child from Nov 2024
Nurse / AHP member	Ms Donna Webb from Oct 2021
Nurse / AHP member	Mr Mark Clement from Nov 2021

Charity registered number

Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535 England and Wales

Principal office

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**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
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TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year to 31 March 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The principal object of the Society is to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The trustees hold office for an initial three-year period and comprise those elected by members of the Paediatric Critical Care Society to serve on its Council. They may be re-elected for one further period of three years and serve as an Officer in accordance with the Constitution.

Public Benefit Statement

The Society's trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit". The charitable purposes of the Society are set out in its constitution. The objects are achieved through education and training events, issuing professional standards documents, and by promoting and funding research.

Objectives and Activities

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Society's objectives ("the objectives") are to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children, by (1) the advancement and promotion of those branches of medical science concerned with critical care of infants and children, and (2) the promotion of study and research into the critical care of infants and children and the publication of useful results of such study and research.

The Society's trustees form a Council to manage the development of policies and objectives for the Society. The principal objectives are in relation to its charitable purposes of education, standards, and research.

During the year, the Society developed statements of plans and activities in support of its objectives.

ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The main activities for achieving the Society's objectives are:

1. Education and accreditation of training: PCCS promotes education across the broad multi-disciplinary team who treat critically ill children. PCCS holds a major scientific conference each year for the benefit of all members of the multi-disciplinary team. PCCS also holds an annual event for members of the RCPCH at the annual RCPCH scientific meeting. PCCS trainees hold a further 4-6 master classes per year for training purposes. The PCCS educators group host multiple study days for nurses and advanced practitioners. Committees (sub-groups of PCCS Council) support education of nurses, advanced practitioners, trainees, pharmacists and all staff undertaking transport of patients. All groups report their activities to Council on an annual basis. PCCS provides accreditation and peer review for PCC nurse education courses, run by individual centres. Accreditation is provided for levels 1,2 (high dependency) and 3 (intensive care).
2. PCCS standards and peer review: PCCS publishes national standards of care for providers of PCC (last iteration Sept 2021) and provides peer review to facilitate service development and quality improvement in local centres.

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3. Communication with membership and other professionals working in PCC: PCCS holds regular meetings for members of leadership teams in PCC Units to share information and resources. Multiple special interest groups within the PCCS community meet regularly and report to PCCS council. PCCS council has a communication strategy to optimise information sharing between PCCS members via various digital media including email, website resources, social media, webinars, and blogs. PCCS collaborates with other professional organisations whose work relates to PCC – including, but not limited to, NHS England, Intensive Care Society, The Royal College of Nursing, The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Getting it Right First Time, The National Operational Delivery Network (ODN) for PCC, and the National Paediatric Pharmacy Group (NPPG).
4. Research: A subgroup of professionals working in PCC form a Study Group (PCCS-SG), the purpose of which is to promote research within PCC. In the last decade, PCCS-SG has become a very successful research network, winning several major research grants and delivering a wealth of research activity, including multi-centre clinical trials, the results of which have been published in major healthcare journals.

GRANT MAKING POLICIES

The Society makes research and fellowship grants subject to available resources. The aim is to make two awards each year. A separate Designated Fund has been established from which awards are made.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council has considered significant risks to which the Society is exposed. The Society has a financial risk relating to the outcome of its educational events programme and has taken steps to contain the risk through event insurance and budgetary controls. The Honorary Treasurer reports on financial matters to each Council meeting of the Society. These meetings record the formal review and approval of all aspects of finance and accounts.

Achievements and performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Highlights of PCCS activity and achievements in the year 2024-2025 include:

- **Collaboration with professional bodies and organisations:**
 - NHS England / DHSC (CRG): PCCS contributed to the NHS 10-year plan consultation, and engaged in service specification and escalation planning (“PICLE”).
 - AoMRC: PCCS members contributed to the revision of the Death by Neurological Criteria Code of Practice; PCCS endorsed the updated guidance and hosted an educational webinar.
 - RCPCH: PCCS collaborated on palliative care sessions at the RCPCH conference, and endorsed the College’s position opposing statutory individual duty of candour in Northern Ireland.
 - ICS: PCCS collaborated with the Intensive Care Society (ICS) on peer support initiatives, funding places for PCCS members to attend ICS peer support training.
 - APA: ongoing collaboration and mutual support.
 - PICM ISAC: ongoing engagement with trainee support and curriculum development
 - NPPG: collaboration on medication safety alerts.
 - WFPICCS: PCCS initially supported a proposal for Edinburgh to host the 2028 international congress, though the bid did not proceed.
- **Annual Scientific Conferences:**
 - Liverpool 2024 conference delivered successfully, with strong attendance and positive feedback.
 - Belfast confirmed as host for 2025, with planning for larger venues and hybrid options.
 - St Mary’s confirmed for 2026.

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- **Research and Education:**
 - PCCS-SG continued to lead national research: two major multicentre trials (PRESSURE, GASTRIC) recruiting well; completion expected in 2025.
 - NIHR-funded PIVOTAL platform trial awarded — the first global PICU platform trial (fluids, sedation, transfusion thresholds), due to start September 2025.
 - NIHR incubator programme launched, including national PPI reference group, mentorship, and monthly research skills webinars.
 - PCCS Science & Education committee increased research grants to three per year (£2.5k each).
 - Series of trainee masterclasses and Bread'n'Butter physiology sessions delivered; collaboration with “Don't Forget The Bubbles” for open-access education.
- **Workforce and Surveys**
 - Workforce census completed; nursing retention survey ongoing.
 - Support for RCN exploring automatic uplift for nurses (band 5→6 after competencies).
 - National PCC bed capacity pressures discussed frequently with council input into dashboard and escalation framework via CRG.
- **Communications and Website**
 - New PCCS website launched with donation facility planned; council bios/photos updated, and information on SIGs updated.
 - Blog programme for members initiated (conference, wellbeing, ECMO).
 - Social media strategy under review: LinkedIn and BlueSky accounts opened; declining engagement on X.
 - Newsletter programme maintained; unit hampers distributed across all British PICUs.
 - Membership growth encouraged through webinars, teaching days, and conference sessions.
- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**
 - Wellbeing SIG launched toolkit and continued peer support training.
 - ECMO SIG active with workstreams on staffing, service specifications, audit, and peer support.
 - New SIGs approved: Complex Critical Illness (CCI) and CHAPS (Critical care Healthcare Associated infections).
- **Finance and Governance**
 - Accounts remained healthy, with surpluses from conferences.
 - Bank switch to Co-op (ethical banking) initiated.
 - Membership fees unchanged; new parental leave policy introduced (£10 annual fee for ≥8 weeks leave).
 - Council roles clarified across communications, guidelines, conferences, conflict, standards, membership, and regulations.
- **Other Initiatives**
 - Paediatric Medicolegal Group presented opportunities for expert witness training and mentoring.
 - Dystonia working group proposed collaborative guidance and toolkit development.
 - PCCS statement on disagreements published on PCCS website; serious conflict support bundle implementation progressing.
 - Martha's Rule: Council tracked pilot implementations across ODNs (North Thames, Yorkshire/Humber, and West Midlands), covering over 140 hospital sites. PCCS continues to monitor developments and contribute to the national debate.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded an overall surplus of £23,163 for the year (2024: surplus of £28,431). Where receipts are made from former members, they are recognised as donations and will be used to support research projects; these are held in a Designated Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Society maintains reserves to enable it to develop its activities and progressively implement plans in support of its objectives. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves required to meet fluctuations in income and the outcome of major meetings is £40,000. Free reserves currently greatly exceed this figure, and we are looking to spend some of these additional funds in various areas of our work.

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FUTURE PLAN

The Society has set out a comprehensive strategic plan and will continue to develop specific activities to achieve the objectives. The key areas are:

- Advancing knowledge and practice and supporting education

PCCS will continue to build on its successful delivery of a range of online educational material via through a series of educational webinars for members. The annual scientific meeting will be held this year in Belfast as a face-to-face event, with online hybrid access. The masterclasses and nursing education programme will continue. The new website will be updated intermittently with relevant educational resources, and information relevant to members.

- Improving awareness and recognition of paediatric critical care and the advantages of membership of the Society

Benefits of membership will be promoted via existing communication streams, and colleagues who work in high dependency units (HDU) will continue to be encouraged to join the society. A membership strategy to increase accessibility for members in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) is available and will continue to be promoted. A new communication strategy will be developed.

- Enhancing the Society's profile as the professional representative of the paediatric intensive care community in the UK

The Society's Communications Strategy informs how the Society communicates with stakeholders. The Society will continue to build on relationships with other professional organisations to establish PCCS as the primary contact for opinion and information regarding paediatric critical care services in the UK. It will continue to strengthen collaborations with NICE, NHS-England, GIRFT, and other bodies.

- Developing partnership with other organisations involved in paediatric critical care

Representation will be maintained with other organisations. The society is represented by Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health through co-opted membership on Council. The Society's President attends the Board meetings of the adult Intensive Care Society and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. The National Paediatric Pharmacy Group are co-opted onto PCCS council. PCCS will continue to work with DoH Patient Safety team to support implementation of Martha's rule pilot(s). PCCS will work with NHS England and RCPCH to support development of a new educational resource for clinicians with respect to communication with patients/families.

- Promoting safe practice in paediatric critical care

The Society's Guidelines special interest group which will provide a focus for the ongoing development of standards and guidelines, and a point of contact for NICE and other Societies wishing to work collaboratively. The Society will continue to work through established sub-groups, including nurse managers, in developing its activities. PCCS will support peer review of PCCS services, using the latest standards as reference.

- Paediatric Critical Care Research

The PCCS Study Group (PICS-SG) will continue to provide a forum to promote a multi-disciplinary interest in research. The Society will be making further research grants (awarded competitively) available to members. The PCCS-SG will build on the findings of the research prioritisation exercise, to design and deliver high impact, meaningful research..

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TRUSTEES' REPORT**

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett, President

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended to 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 - 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Andrew M Wells FMAAT
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Date: 25 November 2025

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Subscriptions		90,469	-	90,469	82,268
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	104,578	-	104,578	227,888
Study days and other activities		16,354	-	16,354	270
Investment income: Bank interest		337	-	337	140
TOTAL INCOME		211,738	-	211,738	310,566
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	84,887	-	84,887	194,544
Study days and other activities		23,143	-	23,143	8,761
Grants	3	3,885	615	4,500	-
Membership and support services	4	76,045	-	76,045	78,830
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		187,960	615	188,575	282,135
Net income		23,778	(615)	23,163	28,431
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		23,778	(615)	23,163	28,431
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		109,161	615	109,776	81,345
Fund balances carried forward		132,939	-	132,939	109,776

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	18,325		259,177	
Cash at bank		133,755		19,843	
Total Current Assets		<u>152,080</u>		<u>279,020</u>	
CREDITORS: falling due within one year	7	(19,141)		(169,244)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			132,939		109,776
NET ASSETS			<u>132,939</u>		<u>109,776</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		132,939		109,161
Designated funds	8		-		615
			<u>132,939</u>		<u>109,776</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

C. Kanaris

Dr Costantinos Kanaris

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the Charity's forecasts and projections. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of the funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions are accounted for when received. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions as membership lapses on non-payment.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when receivable. Grants for future expenditure received subject to conditions are deferred and released to income when the conditions are met.

Meetings income includes registrations fees and associated income received from meetings.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Meetings expenditure includes the direct costs of meetings and associated expenditure.

Support Services costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

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NOTES

2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

	Income £	Expenditure £	Year to 31 March 2025 £	Year to 31 March 2024 £
Annual Conference	104,578	84,887	19,691	33,344
	<u>104,578</u>	<u>84,887</u>	<u>19,691</u>	<u>33,344</u>

The Annual conference was held in Liverpool in October 2024 and Edinburgh in October 2023.

3. GRANTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Research grants (2024: 0)	4,500	-
	<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>

Two research grants were made during the year (2024: 0), and no travel grants (2024: 0)

4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2025 £	2024 £
Meetings	357	1,944
Consultants	-	6,036
Administrative services	12,898	15,118
Office costs	1,933	1,703
IT costs	2,027	1,010
Website costs	18,942	18,247
Insurance	9,250	11,996
Legal and professional fees	21,564	19,098
Bank and credit card charges	4,326	1,917
	<u>71,297</u>	<u>77,069</u>
Governance costs (see Note 5)	4,748	1,761
	<u>76,045</u>	<u>78,830</u>

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5. GOVERNANCE

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Council meetings	3,758	<i>771</i>
Independent Examiner remuneration	990	<i>990</i>
	<u>4,748</u>	<i><u>1,761</u></i>

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses received during the year were £2,439 for 9 trustees (2024: £3,468 for 7 trustees).

6. DEBTORS

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Accrued income	-	<i>225,408</i>
Prepayments	18,325	<i>33,769</i>
	<u>18,325</u>	<i><u>259,177</u></i>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Accruals	12,453	<i>39,058</i>
Deferred Income	1,525	<i>17,157</i>
Trade creditors	5,163	<i>113,029</i>
	<u>19,141</u>	<i><u>169,244</u></i>

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8. FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR

	Brought forward 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	109,161	211,738	(187,960)	132,939
Designated funds	615	-	(615)	-
Total Funds	109,776	211,738	(188,575)	132,939

PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Brought forward 1 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Carried forward 31 March 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	80,730	310,566	(282,135)	109,161
<i>Designated funds</i>	615	-	-	615
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>81,345</i>	<i>310,566</i>	<i>(282,135)</i>	<i>109,776</i>

The Designated Fund was established for donations from former members and will be used to support research.

All funds at the year end were represented by net current assets.

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Trustees from 1 April 2023 to date of the approval of these Financial Statements

Elected Position	Name
President	Mrs Carli Whittaker from Sept 2022
President elect	Dr Adrian Plunkett from Oct 2024
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GRANT MAKING POLICIES

The Society makes research and fellowship grants subject to available resources. The aim is to make two awards each year. A separate Designated Fund has been established from which awards are made.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council has considered significant risks to which the Society is exposed. The Society has a financial risk relating to the outcome of its educational events programme and has taken steps to contain the risk through event insurance and budgetary controls. The Honorary Treasurer reports on financial matters to each Council meeting of the Society. These meetings record the formal review and approval of all aspects of finance and accounts.

Achievements and performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Highlights of PCCS activity and achievements in the year 2023-2024 include:

- PCCS has continued to work with other professional bodies and organisations, including:
 - GIRFT: The Getting it Right First Time programme (GIRFT): PCCS council members contribute to work related to recommendations from the national PCC GIRFT report
 - NHS England: PCCS council members informed and contributed to NHSE winter planning.
 - NHS England: PCCS Council endorsed an e-learning package on Conflict Resolution from NHSE.
 - ICS: PCCS collaborated with the Intensive Care Society to launch CACTUS (a point of care ultrasound course for clinical practitioners).
 - Nuffield Council of Bioethics: PCCS council and members were major stakeholders and contributor to the Nuffield Council Bioethics project “Disagreements in the care of the critically ill child”, and continue to contribute to work related to the recommendations from this project.
 - UKHACC: PCCS joined the UK Healthcare Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC) as a member society
 - EECC: PCCS contributed funding support to the global health initiative Essential and Emergency Critical Care (EECC).
 - AoMRC: PCCS provided a subgroup of members to contribute to the revision of the Death by Neurological Criteria Code of practice (with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges).

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- PCCS funded a peer support psychology project to support wellbeing of members; in conjunction with the Intensive Care Society.
- PCCS hosted a series of trainee education events – trainee “masterclasses” and “bread and butter physiology” programmes. The PICU trainee doctors created and maintained an internet “board” for dissemination of key information related to training and education in PCC.
- The PCCS Science and Education team hosted a series of education webinars for members.
- A small group of PCCS council members undertook a full day of professional media training to prepare for engagement with media if and when required. PCCS council members subsequently contributed to two articles in major, mainstream media outlets. (Guardian and Independent).
- The research study group (PCCS-SG) continues to be highly successful: A bid to the NIHR for “incubator funding” was successful – this funding will support a number of research activities, including development of a PPI group, and research-related meetings.
- The council officers held an annual leads' meeting for PCCS clinical lead consultants and nurse manager.
- Multiple Special Interest Groups within the PCCS community remain active, and the formation of new groups is planned (airway and critical care outreach).
- The council has funded development on an update of the society's website.
- The PCCS membership continues to grow: 1251 members at Mar 2024, with no change in the membership fees, despite rising inflation costs.
- The council conducted a survey of PCCS members to clarify key challenges faced by members, and potential solutions.
- PCCS held an Annual General Meeting.
- PCCS awarded research grants to members of the society after peer-review of applications.
- PCCS continues to engage in Supreme Court appeal against lifting of reporting restrictions in Abbasi and Haarstap judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded an overall surplus of £28,431 for the year (2023: deficit of £21,584). Where receipts are made from former members, they are recognised as donations and will be used to support research projects; these are held in a Designated Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Society maintains reserves to enable it to develop its activities and progressively implement plans in support of its objectives. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves required to meet fluctuations in income and the outcome of major meetings is £40,000. Free reserves currently greatly exceed this figure, and we are looking to spend some of these additional funds in various areas of our work.

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FUTURE PLAN

The Society has set out a comprehensive strategic plan and will continue to develop specific activities to achieve the objectives. The key areas are:

- Advancing knowledge and practice and supporting education

PCCS intends to build on its successful delivery of a range of online educational material via through a series of educational webinars for members. The annual scientific meeting will be held this year in Liverpool as a face-to-face event. The masterclasses and nursing education programme will continue. The website will be updated intermittently with "hot topics" and other relevant educational resources. PCCS aims to launch a revamped website.

- Improving awareness and recognition of paediatric critical care and the advantages of membership of the Society

Benefits of membership will be promoted via existing communication streams, and colleagues who work in high dependency units (HDU) will continue to be encouraged to join the society. A membership strategy to increase accessibility for members in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) is available. The PCCS will seek views from its membership about how to better represent the Society's members.

- Enhancing the Society's profile as the professional representative of the paediatric intensive care community in the UK

The Society's Communications Strategy informs how the Society communicates with stakeholders. The Society will continue to build on relationships with other professional organisations to establish PCCS as the primary contact for opinion and information regarding paediatric critical care services in the UK. It will continue to strengthen collaborations with NICE and NHS-England.

- Developing partnership with other organisations involved in paediatric critical care

Representation will be maintained with other organisations. The society is represented by Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health through co-opted membership on Council. The Society's President attends the Board meetings of the adult Intensive Care Society and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. The National Paediatric Pharmacy Group are co-opted onto PCCS council. PCCS will continue to work with DoH Patient Safety team to support implementation of Martha's rule pilot(s). PCCS will work with NHS England and RCPCH to support development of a new educational resource for clinicians with respect to communication with patients/families.

- Promoting safe practice in paediatric critical care

The Society's Guidelines special interest group which will provide a focus for the ongoing development of standards and guidelines, and a point of contact for NICE and other Societies wishing to work collaboratively. The Society will continue to work through established sub-groups, including nurse managers, in developing its activities. PCCS will support peer review of PCCS services, using the latest standards as reference.

- Paediatric Critical Care Research

The PCCS Study Group (PICS-SG) will continue to provide a forum to promote a multi-disciplinary interest in research. The Society will be making further research grants (awarded competitively) available to members. The PCCS-SG will build on the findings of the research prioritisation exercise, to design and deliver high impact, meaningful research.

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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P. Davies

Dr Patrick Davies, Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended to 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 10 December 2024

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Subscriptions		82,268	-	82,268	80,515
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	227,888	-	227,888	129,925
Study days and other activities		270	-	270	15,233
Investment income: Bank interest		140	-	140	123
TOTAL INCOME		310,566	-	310,566	225,796
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	194,544	-	194,544	131,262
Study days and other activities		8,761	-	8,761	11,845
Grants	3	-	-	-	5,590
Membership and support services	4	78,830	-	78,830	98,683
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		282,135	-	282,135	247,380
Net income / (expenditure)		28,431	-	28,431	(21,584)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		28,431	-	28,431	(21,584)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		80,730	615	81,345	102,929
Fund balances carried forward		109,161	615	109,776	81,345

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	259,177		25,050	
Cash at bank		19,843		76,161	
Total Current Assets		<u>279,020</u>		<u>101,211</u>	
CREDITORS: falling due within one year	7	(169,244)		(19,866)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			109,776		81,345
NET ASSETS			<u>109,776</u>		<u>81,345</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		109,161		80,730
Designated funds	8		615		615
			<u>109,776</u>		<u>81,345</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

C. Kanaris

Dr Costantinos Kanaris

P. Davies

Dr Patrick Davies

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the Charity's forecasts and projections. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of the funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions are accounted for when received. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions as membership lapses on non-payment.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when receivable. Grants for future expenditure received subject to conditions are deferred and released to income when the conditions are met.

Meetings income includes registrations fees and associated income received from meetings.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Meetings expenditure includes the direct costs of meetings and associated expenditure.

Support Services costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

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NOTES

2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

	Income £	Expenditure £	Year to 31 March 2024 £	Year to 31 March 2023 £
Annual Conference	227,888	194,544	33,344	(1,337)
	<u>227,888</u>	<u>194,544</u>	<u>33,344</u>	<u>(1,337)</u>

The Annual conference was held in Edinburgh in October 2023 and in Leicester in October 2022.

3. GRANTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Research grants (2023: 2)	-	5,000
Travel grant (2023: 1)	-	590
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,590</u>

No research grants were made during the year (2023:2), and no travel grants grants (2023:1)

4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2024 £	2023 £
Publications	-	5,447
Meetings	1,944	2,111
Consultants	6,036	16,380
Administrative services	15,118	13,339
Office costs	1,703	591
IT costs	1,010	3,139
Website costs	18,247	17,447
Insurance	11,996	15,925
Legal and professional fees	19,098	21,241
Bank and credit card charges	1,917	1,413
	<u>77,069</u>	<u>97,033</u>
Governance costs (see Note 5)	1,761	1,650
	<u>78,830</u>	<u>98,683</u>

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5. GOVERNANCE

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Council meetings	771	615
Independent Examiner remuneration	990	1,035
	<u>1,761</u>	<u><i>1,650</i></u>

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses received during the year were £3,468 for 7 trustees (2023: £1,299 for 5 trustees).

6. DEBTORS

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	6,000
Accrued income	225,408	-
Prepayments	33,769	18,826
Other debtors	-	224
	<u>259,177</u>	<u><i>25,050</i></u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Accruals	39,058	2,919
Deferred Income	17,157	-
Trade creditors	113,029	16,947
	<u>169,244</u>	<u><i>19,866</i></u>

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8. FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR

	Brought forward 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	80,730	310,566	(282,135)	109,161
Designated funds	615	-	-	615
Total Funds	81,345	310,566	(282,135)	109,776

PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Brought forward 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Carried forward 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>96,724</i>	<i>225,796</i>	<i>(241,790)</i>	<i>80,730</i>
<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>6,205</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(5,590)</i>	<i>615</i>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>102,929</i>	<i>225,796</i>	<i>(247,380)</i>	<i>81,345</i>

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Trustees from 1 April 2022 to date of the approval of these Financial Statements

Elected Position	Name
President	Dr James Fraser, until Sept 2022 Mrs Carli Whittaker from Sept 2022
President elect	Mrs Carli Whittaker from Oct 2021 - Sept 2022 Vacant from Sept 2022
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Achievements and performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Highlights of PCCS activity and achievements in the year 2022-2023 include:

- The PCCS regulations were updated following Annual General Meeting in line with change of membership of council.
- The society has continued to support the national GIRFT project. Following publication of the national GIRFT report for PCCU, the PCCS has engaged with the GIRFT team to support implementation of recommendations. PCCS has also supported sharing the GIRFT report and recommendations with PCCS members via bulletin and a dedicated webinar on the topic.
- PCCS worked with RCPCH to co-produce guidance on external second opinions (ESO). The guidance is for patient/families and professionals and has been published on the RCPCH website.
- PCCS worked with the national child mortality database team to communicate to members about the new role of medical examiner – co-hosting a dedicated webinar on the topic.
- PCCS council members undertook a peer review of PCCU (including critic care transport service) in Belfast.
- Multiple special interest groups continue to be active within PCCS. The PCCS Wellbeing group has secured funding from PCCS to employ a psychologist to undertake a national wellbeing project within PCCS community. Design of a web resource for information on wellbeing has commenced.
- A new membership category for members in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) was launched at significantly reduced membership cost.
- PCCS held a successful annual scientific conference (ASM) was held in Leicester in 2022. This was a return to face-to-face conferencing for the society.
- The PCCS social media channel (on twitter) has remained active, distributing information to members and other followers. Followership has continued to grow. A new communications approach was launched – “hot topics”, in which social media posts, blog posts, podcast and webinars were coordinated to promote dedicated educational topics.

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- The PCCS website has hosted several blogs from members.
- PCCS continues to work with multiple other specialist societies and healthcare bodies, including RCPCH, ICS, WFPICCS, APA, national ODN, GIRFT, NHSE, PICMISAC, NPPG...
- Co-produced guidance on "transition" (for older children requiring transition from paediatric to adult services) from published in conjunction with the ICS.
- PCCS has worked with the NPPG to disseminate important information on medicines to members (e.g. chloral hydrate) and also to support NPPG work on standardization of infusions in PCCU.
- The PCCS trainee group has been very active, hosting regular forums and educational events, a dedicated Trello forum / page and regular masterclasses. The PICSTAR group (trainee research group) has been reinvigorated and is engaging in collaborative research.
- The PCCS membership continues to grow, and there has been no increase in membership fees.
- The research arm of PCCS - PCCS-SG - undertook a research prioritization exercise to understand members' views on priorities for research. Members of the PCCS-SG authored a publication of commissioned article in recognition of the success of PCCS-SG as a research network. A number of multicenter, NIHR-funded research trials are underway throughout the PCCS community.
- PCCS commissioned a communications consultant to support a revision of the society's communication strategy: to improve communications with memberships and with general public / media.
- Competencies for level 3 nursing in PCCU were published online.
- A survey of members was undertaken to understand the impact of nursing redeployment in PCCU.
- PCCS has contributed to the work of the newly formed CRG in NHSE.
- PCCS has also endorsed and promoted an educational programme on conflict resolution in PCCU, produced by NHSE.
- PCCS worked with the national ODN to understand the impact of invasive Group A streptococcus infection (iGAS) in PCCU and to communicate the findings with PCCS members.
- PCCS hosted a series of online meetings with PCCU leads and managers to share and understand winter pressures; key themes and messages were escalated to leadership in NHSE.
- PCCS released communications about nursing industrial action.
- PCCS has been contributing expertise to work reviewing diagnosis of neurological death and associated revision of guidance.
- PCCS has contributed to a government-commissioned project from the Nuffield Council of Bioethics which aims to understand the causes of disagreements in the care of critically ill children. PCCS is a major stakeholder in this work.
- PCCS continues to engage in Supreme Court appeal against lifting of reporting restrictions in Abbasi and Haarstap judgement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded an overall deficit of £21,584 for the year (2022: surplus of £2,235). Where receipts are made from former members, they are recognised as donations and will be used to support research projects; these are held in a Designated Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Society maintains reserves to enable it to develop its activities and progressively implement plans in support of its objectives. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves required to meet fluctuations in income and the outcome of major meetings is £40,000. Free reserves currently greatly exceed this figure, and we are looking to spend some of these additional funds in various areas of our work.

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FUTURE PLAN

The Society has set out a comprehensive strategic plan and will continue to develop specific activities to achieve the objectives. The key areas are:

- Advancing knowledge and practice and supporting education

PCCS intends to build on its successful delivery of a range of online educational material via through a series of educational webinars for members. The annual scientific meeting will be held this year in Edinburgh as a face-to-face event. The masterclasses and nursing education programme will continue. The website will be updated intermittently with “hot topics” and other relevant educational resources. PCCS aims to launch the accredited Children’s Acute Ultrasound (CACTUS) course in collaboration with the ICS.

- Improving awareness and recognition of paediatric critical care and the advantages of membership of the Society

Benefits of membership will be promoted via existing communication streams, and colleagues who work in high dependency units (HDU) will continue to be encouraged to join the society. A membership strategy to increase accessibility for members in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) will be promoted. The PCCS Membership Group will inform council about how to better represent the needs of the Society’s members.

- Enhancing the Society’s profile as the professional representative of the paediatric intensive care community in the UK

The Society’s Communications Strategy will be reviewed and reiterated in order to meet the society’s objectives. The Society will continue to build on relationships with other professional organisations to establish PCCS as the primary contact for opinion and information regarding paediatric critical care services in the UK. It will continue to strengthen collaborations with NICE and NHS-England.

- Developing partnership with other organisations involved in paediatric critical care

Representation will be maintained with other organisations. The society is represented by Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health through co-opted membership on Council. The Society’s President attends the Board meetings of the adult Intensive Care Society and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. The National Paediatric Pharmacy Group are co-opted onto PCCS council.

- Promoting safe practice in paediatric critical care

The Society’s Guidelines special interest group which will provide a focus for the ongoing development of standards and guidelines, and a point of contact for NICE and other Societies wishing to work collaboratively. The Society will continue to work through established sub-groups, including nurse managers, in developing its activities. PCCS will support peer review of PCCS services, using the latest standards as reference.

- Paediatric Critical Care Research

The PCCS Study Group (PICS-SG) will continue to provide a forum to promote a multi-disciplinary interest in research. The Society will be making further research grants (awarded competitively) available to members. The PCCS-SG will build on the findings of the research prioritisation exercise, to design and deliver high impact, meaningful research.

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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett, Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended to 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 11 October 2023

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Subscriptions		80,515	-	80,515	77,721
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	129,925	-	129,925	35,440
Study days and other activities		15,233	-	15,233	400
Investment income: Bank interest		123	-	123	-
TOTAL INCOME		225,796	-	225,796	113,561
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	131,262	-	131,262	38,208
Study days and other activities		11,845	-	11,845	-
Grants	3	-	5,590	5,590	2,500
Membership and support services	4	98,683	-	98,683	70,618
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		241,790	5,590	247,380	111,326
Net (expenditure) / income		(15,994)	(5,590)	(21,584)	2,235
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(15,994)	(5,590)	(21,584)	2,235
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		96,724	6,205	102,929	100,694
Fund balances carried forward		80,730	615	81,345	102,929

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	25,050		18,078	
Cash at bank		76,161		100,200	
Total Current Assets		<u>101,211</u>		<u>118,278</u>	
CREDITORS: falling due within one year	7	(19,866)		(15,349)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			81,345		102,929
NET ASSETS			<u>81,345</u>		<u>102,929</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8	80,730		96,724	
Designated funds	8	615		6,205	
			<u>81,345</u>		<u>102,929</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett

P. Davies

Dr Patrick Davies

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the Charity's forecasts and projections. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of the funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions are accounted for when received. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions as membership lapses on non-payment.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when receivable. Grants for future expenditure received subject to conditions are deferred and released to income when the conditions are met.

Meetings income includes registrations fees and associated income received from meetings.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Meetings expenditure includes the direct costs of meetings and associated expenditure.

Support Services costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

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2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual conference in the prior financial year (which took place in October 2021) was held online due to Covid COVID-19.

3. GRANTS

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
2 Research grants (2022: 1)	5,000	<i>2,500</i>
1 Travel grant (2022: 0)	590	<i>-</i>
	<u>5,590</u>	<i><u>2,000</u></i>

4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Publications	5,447	<i>12,826</i>
Meetings	2,111	<i>486</i>
Consultants	16,380	<i>-</i>
Administrative services	13,339	<i>15,010</i>
Office costs	591	<i>617</i>
IT costs	3,139	<i>-</i>
Website costs	17,447	<i>13,874</i>
Insurance	15,925	<i>9,601</i>
Legal and professional fees	21,241	<i>15,960</i>
Bank and credit card charges	1,413	<i>1,286</i>
	<u>97,033</u>	<i><u>69,660</u></i>
Governance costs (see Note 5)	1,650	<i>958</i>
	<u>98,683</u>	<i><u>70,618</u></i>

5. GOVERNANCE

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Council meetings	615	<i>-</i>
Independent Examiner remuneration	1,035	<i>958</i>
	<u>1,650</u>	<i><u>958</u></i>

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses received during the year were £1,299 for 5 trustees (2022: £120 for 1 trustee).

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6. DEBTORS

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	6,000	<i>4,085</i>
Prepayments	18,826	<i>13,891</i>
Other debtors	224	<i>102</i>
	<u>25,050</u>	<i><u>18,078</u></i>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Accruals	2,919	<i>3,102</i>
Deferred Income	-	<i>7,990</i>
Trade creditors	16,947	<i>4,257</i>
	<u>19,866</u>	<i><u>15,349</u></i>

8. FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR

	Brought forward 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	96,724	225,796	(241,790)	80,730
Designated funds	6,205	-	(5,590)	615
Total Funds	<u>102,929</u>	<u>225,796</u>	<u>(247,380)</u>	<u>81,345</u>

PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Brought forward 1 April 2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Carried forward 31 March 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>91,989</i>	<i>113,561</i>	<i>(108,826)</i>	<i>96,724</i>
<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>8,705</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(2,500)</i>	<i>6,205</i>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i><u>100,694</u></i>	<i><u>113,561</u></i>	<i><u>(111,326)</u></i>	<i><u>102,929</u></i>

The Designated Fund was established for donations from former members and will be used to support research.

All funds at the year end were represented by net current assets.

Paediatric Critical Care Society

England & Wales - Charity number 1165535

Accounts

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

Report and financial statements

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Trustees from 1 April 2021 to date of the approval of these Financial Statements

Elected Position	Name
President	Dr James Fraser, until Sept 2022 Mrs Carli Whittaker from Sept 2022
President elect	Vacant until Oct 2021 Mrs Carli Whittaker from Oct 2021 - Sept 2022
Immediate Past-President	Vacant until Sept 2022 Dr James Fraser from Sept 2022
Honorary secretary	Dr Padmanabhan Ramnarayan until Oct 2021 Dr Adrian Plunkett from Oct 2021
Honorary treasurer	Dr Patrick Davies
Medical Vice President	Dr Margarita Burmester until Oct 2021 Dr Sarah Mahoney from Oct 2021
Non-medical vice president	Mrs Carli Whittaker until Oct 2021 Mr Simon Gates from Oct 2021
Medical member	Dr Adrian Plunkett from Nov 2020 to Oct 2021 Dr Peter Donnelly from Oct 2021
Medical member	Dr Mehrengise Cooper until Oct 2021 Dr Andrew Nyman from Oct 2021
Medical member	Dr Sarah Mahoney until Oct 2021 Dr Costantinos Kanaris from Oct 2021
Medical member	Dr Miriam Fine-Goulden until Sept 2022 Vacant from Sep 2022 (election underway)
Trainee member	Dr Helen Ord
Trainee member	Dr Michelle Winter until Sept 2022 Dr Gerard Manning from Sept 2022
Nurse / AHP member	Fiona Bickell
Nurse / AHP member	Tracey Phillips
Nurse / AHP member	Mr Simon Gates until Oct 2021 Ms Donna Webb from Oct 2021
Nurse / AHP member	Mark Clement from Nov 2021

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**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
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TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The principal object of the Society is to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The trustees hold office for an initial three-year period and comprise those elected by members of the Paediatric Critical Care Society to serve on its Council. They may be re-elected for one further period of three years and serve as an Officer in accordance with the Constitution.

Public Benefit Statement

The Society's trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit". The charitable purposes of the Society are set out in its constitution. The objects are achieved through education and training events, issuing professional standards documents, and by promoting and funding research.

Objectives and Activities

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Society's objectives ("the objectives") are to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children, by (1) the advancement and promotion of those branches of medical science concerned with critical care of infants and children, and (2) the promotion of study and research into the critical care of infants and children and the publication of useful results of such study and research.

The Society's trustees form a Council to manage the development of policies and objectives for the Society. The principal objectives are in relation to its charitable purposes of education, standards, and research.

During the year, the Society developed statements of plans and activities in support of its objectives.

ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The main activities for achieving the Society's objectives are:

1. Education and accreditation of training: PCCS promotes education across the broad multi-disciplinary team who treat critically ill children. PCCS holds a major scientific conference each year for the benefit of all members of the multi-disciplinary team. PCCS also holds an annual event for members of the RCPCH at the annual RCPCH scientific meeting. PCCS trainees hold a further 4-6 master classes per year for training purposes. The PCCS educators group host multiple study days for nurses and advanced practitioners. Committees (sub-groups of PCCS Council) support education of nurses, advanced practitioners, trainees, pharmacists and all staff undertaking transport of patients. All groups report their activities to Council on an annual basis. PCCS provides accreditation and peer review for PCC nurse education courses, run by individual centres. Accreditation is provided for levels 1,2 (high dependency) and 3 (intensive care).
2. PCCS standards and peer review: PCCS publishes national standards of care for providers of PCC (last iteration Sept 2021) and provides peer review to facilitate service development and quality improvement in local centres.

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Achievements and performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

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The Respiratory Surge in Children programme. PCCS worked with NHSE/I (NHS England / Improvement) and London Transformation and Learning Collaborative to produce guidance and education / training resources to assist with the NHS response to “Respiratory Surge” in children. The education package is here: [Respiratory Surge in Children - e-learning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](https://www.e-learning-for-healthcare.org.uk). This initiative aimed to support the cross-skilling of the national NHS workforce to manage the potential future spikes in paediatric demand as a result of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses in children, as well as longer-term increasing paediatric acuity and demand in children. Included in this work is the PCCS endorsement of the “PCCS passport” – a paediatric digital skills passport for staff caring for children in critical care during resp surge. More information here: [HEE LTLC launches new Paediatric Digital Skills Passports to support staff caring for children in critical care during surge - Paediatric Critical Care Society \(pccsociety.uk\)](https://www.pccsociety.uk).

PCCS contributed to the development of the National Paediatric Critical Care Nursing Competencies [Paediatric Critical Care Nursing Competencies \(pccsociety.uk\)](https://www.pccsociety.uk)

In response to the national GIRFT (Getting It Right First Time) review of PCC, PCCS has established a formal link with the national GIRFT team to share findings with PCCS members, and to help address implementation of recommendations (ongoing work).

In recognition of the climate emergency, PCCS issued a climate change statement and created a network of green champions throughout the society. [Paediatric Critical Care Society Statement on Climate Change - Paediatric Critical Care Society \(pccsociety.uk\)](https://www.pccsociety.uk)

Multiple special interest groups (SIGs) comprising members of the PCCS community have continued to report their activities to council – the areas of special interest include: cardiac, transport, HDU, wellbeing, nurse educators, nurse managers, advanced practitioners, global partnerships, and nutrition.

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The PCCS has formed a formal link with the National Paediatric Pharmacy Group (NPPG): the NPPG is now co-opted on PCCS council.

The membership of PCCS has grown year on year; there are approximately 200-300 new members per calendar year.

In order to expand the scope and accessibility of the benefits of PCCS membership, PCCS has created a new membership category for colleagues in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) at greatly reduced financial cost for members.

An AGM was held in Feb 2022. A change to the PCCS constitution and regulations was agreed: chairs of the Science and Education committee and the PCCS-SG will be recognised as council members (and thus Trustees of the charity). Previously, these roles were co-opted members of council.

PCCS has worked with the Intensive Care Society (ICS) to develop an accredited course for learning the use of point of care ultrasound in PICU (Children's Acute Ultrasound - CACTUS course). This is ongoing work and expected to be available to PCCS members in 2022 / 2023.

PCCS held its annual scientific meeting in the Autumn of 2021. This year's conference was hosted by the Manchester PCCU team. The two-day event was held as a virtual meeting due to social distancing requirements. Conference content included a range of scientific material, e-poster and virtual presentations from PCCS members, prize and grant awards. PCCS also hosted a special interest stream at the annual conference of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH).

The PCCS educational webinar programme continued throughout the year with quarterly webinars on healthcare topics of relevance to PCCS members.

PCCS worked with ICS to produce guidance on patients undergoing transition from paediatric to adult critical care. [Joint PCCS-ICS guidance for Paediatric to Adult critical care transition - Paediatric Critical Care Society \(pccsociety.uk\)](#)

PCCS has continued to develop its communication strategy to improve communication to members, colleagues outside the PCCS membership, patients, families and members of the public. There has been significant growth in social media followers (twitter), podcast downloads / streams, blogs and the development of "hot topics" programme – an initiative in which educational webinars are promoted via multiple digital media platforms.

The wellbeing of healthcare professionals is a key area of interest within PCCS. The wellbeing special interest group has report regularly to council. Members of the wellbeing SIG have worked with an academic team from Aston University to conduct research into the wellbeing of professionals working in PCC. Findings have been promoted via conference presentation and peer-reviewed publications. PCCS is supporting a digital wellbeing tool ("tree") for use by PCCS members (ongoing work).

PCCS has developed a rapid response network "emergency grand round" for use by PCCS members whose patients may benefit from rapid expert opinions. During the year 2021-2022 this project was conceived and the ground work and infrastructure were established. The initiative is due to launch in the Autumn of 2022.

PCCS collaborated with RCPCH and Together for Short Lives to produce guidance for professionals and patients / families related to External Second Opinions (ESO). [Seeking and providing external second opinions in paediatrics | RCPCH](#)

The revised PCCS standards document (6th edition) were completed and published in the Autumn of 2021. [PCCS publishes 6th edition quality care standards - Paediatric Critical Care Society \(pccsociety.uk\)](#).

The PICSSG (study group) has remained active, supporting research activity across the society, with over 15 million pounds of research funding allocated to PCCS research studies.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded an overall surplus of £2,235 for the year (2021: surplus of £6,095). Where receipts are made from former members, they are recognised as donations and will be used to support research projects; these are held in a Designated Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The Society maintains reserves to enable it to develop its activities and progressively implement plans in support of its objectives. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves required to meet fluctuations in income and the outcome of major meetings is £40,000. Free reserves currently greatly exceed this figure, and we are looking to spend some of these additional funds in various areas of our work.

FUTURE PLAN

The Society has set out a comprehensive strategic plan and will continue to develop specific activities to achieve the objectives. The key areas are:

- Advancing knowledge and practice and supporting education

PCCS intends to build on its successful delivery of a range of online educational material via through a series of educational webinars for members. The annual scientific meeting will be held this year in Leicester as a hybrid (virtual and in person) event. The masterclasses and nursing education programme will continue. The website will be updated intermittently with "hot topics" and other relevant educational resources. PCCS aims to launch the accredited Children's Acute Ultrasound (CACTUS) course.

- Improving awareness and recognition of paediatric critical care and the advantages of membership of the Society

Benefits of membership will be promoted via existing communication streams, and colleagues who work in high dependency units (HDU) will continue to be encouraged to join the society. A membership strategy to increase accessibility for members in Low to Middle Income Countries (LMIC) has been developed and will be promoted. The PCCS Membership Group will inform council about how to better represent the needs of the Society's members. A Rapid Response Network (emergency grand rounds) programme will be launched in 2022.

- Enhancing the Society's profile as the professional representative of the paediatric intensive care community in the UK

The Society's Communications Strategy will be reviewed and reiterated in order to meet the society's objectives. The Society will continue to build on relationships with other professional organisations to establish PCCS as the primary contact for opinion and information regarding paediatric critical care services in the UK. It will continue to strengthen collaborations with NICE and NHS-England.

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- Developing partnership with other organisations involved in paediatric critical care

Representation will be maintained with other organisations. The society is represented by Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health through co-opted membership on Council. The Society's President attends the Board meetings of the adult Intensive Care Society and the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. The National Paediatric Pharmacy Group are now co-opted onto PCCS council.

- Promoting safe practice in paediatric critical care

The Society's Guidelines special interest group which will provide a focus for the ongoing development of standards and guidelines, and a point of contact for NICE and other Societies wishing to work collaboratively. The Society will continue to work through established sub-groups, including nurse managers, in developing its activities. PCCS will support peer review of PCCS services, using the latest standards as reference.

- Paediatric Critical Care Research

The PCCS Study Group (PICS-SG) will continue to provide a forum to promote a multi-disciplinary interest in research. The Society will be making further research grants (awarded competitively) available to members. The PCCS-SG will undertake a research prioritisation exercise, to describe the research priorities of the society.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 8 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett, Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended to 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 8 December 2022

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Subscriptions		77,721	-	77,721	69,269
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	35,440	-	35,440	7,470
Study days and other activities		400	-	400	-
TOTAL INCOME		113,561	-	113,561	76,739
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	38,208	-	38,208	-
Grants	3	-	2,500	2,500	2,000
Membership and support services	4	70,618	-	70,618	68,644
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		108,826	2,500	111,326	70,644
Net income		4,735	(2,500)	2,235	6,095
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,735	(2,500)	2,235	6,095
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		91,989	8,705	100,694	94,599
Fund balances carried forward		96,724	6,205	102,929	100,694

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	18,078		20,721	
Cash at bank		100,200		115,325	
Total Current Assets		<u>118,278</u>		<u>136,046</u>	
CREDITORS: falling due within one year	7	(15,349)		(35,352)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			102,929		100,694
NET ASSETS			<u>102,929</u>		<u>100,694</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8	96,724		91,989	
Designated funds	8	6,205		8,705	
			<u>102,929</u>		<u>100,694</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett

P. Davies

Dr Patrick Davies

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the Charity's forecasts and projections. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of the funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions are accounted for when received. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions as membership lapses on non-payment.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when receivable. Grants for future expenditure received subject to conditions are deferred and released to income when the conditions are met.

Meetings income includes registrations fees and associated income received from meetings.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Meetings expenditure includes the direct costs of meetings and associated expenditure.

Support Services costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

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2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual conferences in October 2021 and October 2020 were held online due to Covid COVID-19.

3. GRANTS

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Research grants	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>

One research grant was made during the year (2021:1).

4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Publications	12,826	<i>10,256</i>
Meetings	486	<i>2,615</i>
Administrative services	15,010	<i>13,020</i>
Office costs	617	<i>512</i>
Website costs	13,874	<i>16,257</i>
Insurance	9,601	<i>7,392</i>
Legal and professional fees	15,960	<i>15,692</i>
Bank and credit card charges	1,286	<i>1,173</i>
	<u>69,660</u>	<u><i>66,917</i></u>
Governance costs (see Note 5)	958	<i>1,727</i>
	<u>70,618</u>	<u><i>68,644</i></u>

5. GOVERNANCE

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Council meetings	-	<i>815</i>
Independent Examiner remuneration	958	<i>912</i>
	<u>958</u>	<u><i>1,727</i></u>

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses received during the year were £120 for 1 trustee (2021: £8,323 for 5 trustees).

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6. DEBTORS

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,085	1,500
Prepayments	13,891	19,221
Other debtors	102	-
	<u>18,078</u>	<u>20,721</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Accruals	3,102	2,828
Deferred Income	7,990	6,510
Trade creditors	4,257	26,014
	<u>15,349</u>	<u>35,352</u>

8. FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR

	Brought forward 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	91,989	113,561	(108,826)	96,724
Designated funds	8,705	-	(2,500)	6,205
Total Funds	<u>100,694</u>	<u>113,561</u>	<u>(111,326)</u>	<u>102,929</u>

PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Brought forward 1 April 2020</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Carried forward 31 March 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>83,894</i>	<i>76,739</i>	<i>(68,644)</i>	<i>91,989</i>
<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>10,705</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(2,000)</i>	<i>8,705</i>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i><u>94,599</u></i>	<i><u>70,885</u></i>	<i><u>(97,221)</u></i>	<i><u>100,694</u></i>

The Designated Fund was established for donations from former members and will be used to support research.

All funds at the year end were represented by net current assets.

Paediatric Critical Care Society

England & Wales - Charity number 1165535

Accounts

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

Report and financial statements

For the year to 31 March 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Trustees from 1 April 2020 to date of the approval of these Financial Statements

Elected Position	Name
President	Dr James Fraser
Immediate Past-President (until Oct 2020)	Dr Peter-Marc Fortune
Honorary secretary (until Oct 2021)	Dr Padmanabhan Ramnarayan
Honorary treasurer (until Nov 2020)	Dr Adrian Humphry
Honorary treasurer (from Nov 2020), previously medical member	Dr Patrick Davies
Medical Vice President (until Oct 2021)	Dr Margarita Burmester
Non-medical vice president (until Oct 2021), President elect (from Oct 2021)	Carli Whittaker
Medical member (from Nov 2020), Honorary Secretary (from Oct 2021)	Dr Adrian Plunkett
Medical member (until Oct 2021)	Dr Mehrengise Cooper
Medical member (until Oct 2021), Medical Vice President (from Oct 2021)	Dr Sarah Mahoney
Medical member	Dr Miriam Fine-Goulden
Trainee member (from Nov 2020)	Dr Helen Ord
Trainee member	Dr Michelle Winter
Nurse / AHP member (from Nov 2020)	Fiona Bicknell
Nurse / AHP member	Tracey Phillips
Nurse / AHP member (until Oct 2021), Non-medical Vice President (from Oct 2021)	Simon Gates
Nurse / AHP member (from Oct 2021)	Donna Webb
Nurse / AHP member (from Nov 2021)	Mark Clement
Medical member (from Nov 2021)	Dr Constantinos Kanaris
Medical member (from Nov 2021)	Dr Peter Donnelly
Medical member (from Nov 2021)	Dr Andrew Nyman

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**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
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TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year to 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2016).

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The principal object of the Society is to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The trustees hold office for an initial three-year period and comprise those elected by members of the Paediatric Critical Care Society to serve on its Council. They may be re-elected for one further period of three years and serve as an Officer in accordance with the Constitution.

Public Benefit Statement

The Society's trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit". The charitable purposes of the Society are set out in its constitution. The objects are achieved through education and training events, issuing professional standards documents, and by promoting and funding research.

Objectives and Activities

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Society's objectives ("the objectives") are to advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill infants and children, by (1) the advancement and promotion of those branches of medical science concerned with critical care of infants and children, and (2) the promotion of study and research into the critical care of infants and children and the publication of useful results of such study and research.

The Society's trustees form a Council to manage the development of policies and objectives for the Society. The principal objectives are in relation to its charitable purposes of education, standards, and research.

During the year, the Society developed statements of plans and activities in support of its objectives.

ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The main activities for achieving the Society's objectives are:

1. Education: Council promotes education across the broad multi-disciplinary team who treat critically ill children. It holds a major conference each year for the benefit of all members of the multi-disciplinary team. Trainees hold a further 4-6 master classes per year for training purposes and there are study days for nurses and advanced nurse practitioners. Committees (sub-groups of Council) have been created to support education of nurses, nurse practitioners, trainees, pharmacists and all staff undertaking transport of patients. All groups report their activities to Council on an annual basis.
2. Critical care nursing education was previously run out of universities. However, the cost was proving prohibitively expensive and therefore PCCS has developed a process for accreditation and ongoing peer review for these courses, which are now run by individual centres. This process was initially only for level 3 courses (paediatric intensive care) but now includes accreditation for level 1/2 courses (paediatric high dependency care) as well.

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3. Information sharing and collaboration. PCCS holds regular meetings for leadership of PCC Units in order to share information and resources. The frequency of these meetings was significantly increased during the peaks of the COVID19 pandemic. PCCS has a communication strategy to optimise information sharing between PCCS members via email, website resources, social media, webinars, blogs, and face to face meetings. The Society publishes standards, the latest version is due for publication in Autumn 2021.
4. Research: There is a PICS Study Group whose sole purpose is to promote research within the paediatric critical care fraternity. During the last year several PICS-SG trials have been published with many more expected to come to fruition over the course of the next few years.

GRANT MAKING POLICIES

The Society makes research and fellowship grants subject to available resources. The aim is to make two awards each year. A separate Designated Fund has been established from which awards are made.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council has considered significant risks to which the Society is exposed. The Society has a financial risk relating to the outcome of its educational events programme and has taken steps to contain the risk through event insurance and budgetary controls. The Honorary Treasurer reports on financial matters to each Council meeting of the Society. These meetings record the formal review and approval of all aspects of finance and accounts.

Achievements and performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

PCCS has formally transition from Paediatric Intensive Care Society (PICS) to enhance the Society's relevance to Operational Delivery Networks and colleagues who work in high dependency care

PCCS has supported the national critical care response to the COVID19 pandemic through a range of activities including a series of weekly virtual meetings with clinical leadership from paediatric critical care units across the UK in order to share intelligence on clinical activity; working with NHS England and Operational Delivery Networks to inform the coordination of national critical care delivery, including the provision of mutual aid; provision of new educational resources via website and a series of educational webinars.

A revision of the PCCS standards document (6th edition) commenced during this time period and is due to complete in Autumn of 2021.

PCCS held its annual Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in October 2020. The two-day event was held as a virtual meeting due to social distancing requirements. Conference content included a range of scientific material, e-poster and virtual presentations from PCCS members, prize and grant awards.

The PCCS education programme activity has increased. A series of webinars for PCCS members has been delivered on a virtual platform, covering a range of clinical topics related to the work of the PCCS membership (wellbeing, ethics, acute liver failure, PIMS-TS, and the management of Covid in adults). PCCS trainees' masterclasses have also continued to take place via virtual platforms.

Two new subgroups (special interest groups) have been established: wellbeing and High Dependency Unit (HDU) groups, reflecting the growth in scope of the society. A third special interest group was identified for development in the next year: sustainability and climate change.

The membership of the society has continued to grow year on year (circa 1150 members March 2021)

The PICSSG (study group) has remained active, supporting research activity across the society, with over 15 million pounds of research funding allocated to PCCS research studies.

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The PCCS council has formalised a communication strategy and appointed a communications lead from within council in order to streamline communication to members and to oversee social media channels. There has been significant growth in followership via the society's social media channel on Twitter. During the period of this report PCCS also released regular 'Presidential blogs' to keep the membership informed of its activities.

The society has continued to work with other professional societies (Intensive care Society, Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) to promote its objectives.

The society also launched a free mobile phone app, available on Android and iOS, to benefit its members and increase visibility, which has had over 2000 downloads.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded an overall surplus of £6,095 for the year, compared with a deficit of £26,336 in the previous year. The accounts for the previous year included costs of £21,904 in preparation for the 2020 Annual conference which was cancelled due to Covid 19. Receipts from former members have been received as donations and will be used to support research projects; these are held in a Designated Fund.

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- Improving awareness and recognition of paediatric critical care and the advantages of membership of the Society

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The Society has developed a Communications Strategy and a communications group within council. The Society will continue to build on relationships with other professional organisations to establish PCCS as the primary contact for opinion and information regarding paediatric critical care services in the UK. In particular it will continue to strengthen collaborations with NICE and NHS-England. The Society is represented on the NHS-E Paediatric Intensive Care Clinical Reference Group.

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- Paediatric Critical Care Research

The PCCS Study Group (PICS-SG) will continue to provide a forum to promote a multi-disciplinary interest in research. The Society will be making further research grants available.

- Climate change and sustainability

PCCS recognises the serious health impact of climate change and our responsibilities as a professional society. The Society will issue a statement on this topic and develop a green plan, along with a climate change and sustainability sub-group with leadership within council.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett, Honorary Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended to 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 10 December 2021

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations		-	-	-	3,618
Subscriptions		69,269	-	69,269	63,227
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	7,470	-	7,470	-
Study days and other activities		-	-	-	4,040
TOTAL INCOME		76,739	-	76,739	70,885
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
Annual Conference	2	-	-	-	21,904
Study days and other activities		-	-	-	5,459
Grants	3	-	2,000	2,000	4,941
Membership and support services	4	68,644	-	68,644	64,917
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		68,644	2,000	70,644	97,221
Net income/ (expenditure)		8,095	(2,000)	6,095	(26,336)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		8,095	(2,000)	6,095	(26,336)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		83,894	10,705	94,599	120,935
Fund balances carried forward		91,989	8,705	100,694	94,599

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1165535)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	20,721		21,821	
Cash at bank		115,325		101,081	
Total Current Assets		<u>136,046</u>		<u>122,902</u>	
CREDITORS: falling due within one year	7	(35,352)		(28,303)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			100,694		94,599
NET ASSETS			<u>100,694</u>		<u>94,599</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8	91,989		83,894	
Designated funds	8	8,705		10,705	
			<u>100,694</u>		<u>94,599</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A. Plunkett

Dr Adrian Plunkett

P. Davies

Dr Patrick Davies

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore has also prepared the financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular, the trustees have considered the continued impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, along with Charity's forecasts and projections. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of the funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions are accounted for when received. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions as membership lapses on non-payment.

Grants and Donations are accounted for when receivable. Grants for future expenditure received subject to conditions are deferred and released to income when the conditions are met.

Meetings income includes registrations fees and associated income received from meetings.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Meetings expenditure includes the direct costs of meetings and associated expenditure.

Support Services costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE, STUDY DAYS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Annual Conference scheduled for Manchester in October 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19. The results for the year to 31 March 2020 included the total committed costs for the October 2020 conference before it was cancelled. The Annual Conference in October 2021 was held virtually.

3. GRANTS

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Research grants	2,000	<i>4,000</i>
Travel grants	-	<i>941</i>
	<u>2,000</u>	<i><u>4,941</u></i>

One research grant was made during the year (2020: 2), and no travel grants (2020: 1).

4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Publications	10,256	<i>8,870</i>
Meetings	2,615	<i>4,242</i>
Administrative services	13,020	<i>12,262</i>
Office costs	512	<i>653</i>
Website costs (see below)	16,257	<i>9,089</i>
Insurance	7,392	<i>5,204</i>
Legal and professional fees	15,692	<i>15,264</i>
Bank and credit card charges	1,173	<i>1,087</i>
	<u>66,917</u>	<i><u>56,671</u></i>
Governance costs (see Note 5)	1,727	<i>8,246</i>
	<u>68,644</u>	<i><u>64,917</u></i>

Website costs in the year to March 2021 included additional expenditure on enhancing the Charity's app and developing the website.

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5. GOVERNANCE

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Council meetings	815	<i>7,496</i>
Independent Examiner remuneration	912	<i>750</i>
	<u>1,727</u>	<i><u>8,246</u></i>

Trustees received no remuneration. Expenses received during the year were £8,323 for 5 trustees (2020: £8,323 for 10 trustees).

6. DEBTORS

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,500	<i>1,500</i>
Accrued income	-	<i>563</i>
Prepayments	19,221	<i>16,902</i>
Other debtors	-	<i>2,856</i>
	<u>20,721</u>	<i><u>21,821</u></i>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Accruals	2,828	<i>18,660</i>
Deferred Income	6,510	<i>6,840</i>
Trade creditors	26,014	<i>2,803</i>
	<u>35,352</u>	<i><u>28,303</u></i>

**PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY
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8. FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR

	Brought forward 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	83,894	76,739	(68,644)	91,989
Designated funds	10,705	-	(2,000)	8,705
Total Funds	94,599	76,739	(70,644)	100,694

PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Brought forward 1 April 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Carried forward 31 March 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	108,907	67,267	(92,280)	83,894
<i>Designated funds</i>	12,028	3,618	(4,941)	10,705
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>120,935</i>	<i>70,885</i>	<i>(97,221)</i>	<i>94,599</i>

The Designated Fund was established for donations from former members and will be used to support research.

All funds at the year end were represented by net current assets.