



**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. TRUSTEES

The following served as trustees during the year:

Allan Fawlk - Chair
Joy Hibbins - Chief Executive
John Price - Treasurer
Tim Miles - Deputy Chair
Hilary Rawles – appointed October 2020

Trustees are also directors for the purposes of company law. No trustee received any remuneration.

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Nature of Governing Document

Suicide Crisis is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. It is governed by a memorandum and articles. The company registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 29 November 2016, registration number 1170444.

Registered office

The registered office is 1b Oxford Street, Cheltenham, GL52 6DT.

Members

Each member undertakes to pay an amount not exceeding £1.00 towards liabilities in the event of the charity being dissolved.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

Directors are recruited with a view to diversity, sound experience in a related field or professional expertise in a relevant area.

Risk Policy

It is the policy of the directors to review all risks on at least an annual basis. Each review seeks to establish that all risks are documented and that steps to mitigate such risks are established and executed. As a result of this process, the trustees are satisfied that residual risks are minimal.

3. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The directors refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Objects

The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the following:

- 1) to provide services to support people who are in or at risk of suicidal crisis and to provide services to support people who have experienced recent or historic psychological trauma
- 2) to set up and participate in suicide prevention initiatives

Activities and achievements in year

Suicide Crisis is a registered charity which runs Suicide Crisis Centres, providing face to face crisis support to people who are at risk of suicide.

The work of our charity has attracted national and international attention because of our zero suicide achievement. We have been providing suicide crisis services since 2013, and no client has ever died by suicide during the period in which they have been under our care. Clients usually remain under our care for a period of weeks.

There has been an increase in demand for our suicide crisis services during the pandemic. We have been operating throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Even during the lockdowns, we have continued to provide face to face crisis support for clients who have been assessed as being at high risk of suicide. Our focus changed to providing predominantly home visits. We have provided appointments at home to people in suicidal crisis across Gloucestershire, including the most rural areas. Many of the individuals would not have been able to travel to us. Home visits have always been a part of our service – they became even more important in 2020.

We were contacted frequently by the national media during 2020. They were seeking to understand the impact of the pandemic on people's mental health and suicide risk. We were featured in The Daily Express, The Daily Telegraph and The Metro as well as in healthcare journals.

Joy Hibbins, our CEO, was commissioned by a publisher to write a new book about suicide prevention. This new book will be published in September 2021.

As we move into 2021, we have a renewed focus on working nationally and internationally with individuals, organisations and partners to prevent suicide. Joy, our CEO, has been approached by national organisations and other partners to develop and contribute to suicide prevention initiatives.

However our priority and our main focus will be our clients, and the work of our Suicide Crisis Centres.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

General

The charity is heavily reliant on the work of its many volunteers, eight of whom work directly with clients. The efforts of these individuals help keep expenditure to a minimum.

The results for the year are given in the Statement of Financial Activities which shows a sound surplus.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held to ensure the charity is well placed to meet future demands on its resources. In particular, the trustees anticipate that some reserves may be used over the coming twelve months in obtaining new operating premises. The balance on general funds at the year-end was £119,458.

4. FUTURE PLANS

Our team will continue to work tenaciously to ensure that all clients under our care survive. Their approach is to “do everything we can for each individual to ensure that they survive.”

Increasingly, other regions are expressing an interest in setting up similar Suicide Crisis Centres. We would like to assist them as much as we can, and we see this as an important part of our future work. We would also like to find new and creative ways to share our methods, approach and ethos even more widely.

The trustees believe that the time is approaching when we will need new premises to better serve our clients and have already been considering possible options.

6. STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors (who are also known as trustees) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

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

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

On behalf of the Directors

31 July 2021

John Price

Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Income from			
Donations	3	66,852	55,574
Total		<u>66,852</u>	<u>55,574</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities	4	15,518	19,787
Total		<u>15,518</u>	<u>19,787</u>
Net income for the year		51,334	35,787
Funds brought forward		68,124	32,337
Funds carried forward		<u>119,458</u>	<u>68,124</u>

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(Company number 8326320)

BALANCE SHEET**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	119,458	68,124
Net assets	<u>119,458</u>	<u>68,124</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated funds:		
General fund	<u>119,458</u>	<u>68,124</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 31 July 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

John Price
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Company information

The company is limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales; it is also a registered charity whose activities are intended to be for the public benefit.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015), as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published in February 2016 and in accordance with company law.

This is the first time that the accounts have been presented in accordance with FRS 102. The only material change in accounting policies is in relation to donations as disclosed below. This had no impact on reserves.

Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors are not aware of any material uncertainties that cast doubt on going concern and have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue its activities for the foreseeable future, and at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts. Accordingly, they have continued to adopt the going concern basis in the financial statements.

Income

Voluntary income, including donations under Gift Aid are recognised as income when received. Where applicable, associated income tax recovery is recognised when the recovery is receivable. Grants, where related to performance, are recognised as income when the right to income is earned. Interest is recognised as income when receivable.

Donations in kind received, being the rent free use of premises, are valued based on the value of the gift to the charity included as income; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

Expenditure

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise those costs incurred by the charity as a result of the delivery of its service.

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3. Donations

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations in cash	66,002	51,622
Donation in kind - rent free premises	850	3,952
	<u>66,852</u>	<u>55,574</u>

4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Premises - payments made	5,449	7,994
Premises - received as donation	850	3,952
Other	9,219	7,841
	<u>15,518</u>	<u>19,787</u>

No remuneration was paid to trustees

5. Related party transactions

(1) During the year, the charity rented premises from a trustee to act as a centre for the charity's operations. Rent of £4,250 per annum was payable, this being calculated as being no more than 80% of the market value. In addition, costs of services and council tax in relation to the premises are paid by the charity. This arrangement was discontinued on 26 July 2021.

(2) In October 2020, an arrangement was entered into with another trustee (who is a professional driver) to provide driving and chaperone services in connection with client visits. This trustee was made an initial one-off payment of £1,000 and thereafter is reimbursed mileage at a rate of 25p per mile, considerably lower than the HMRC permitted rate of 45p per mile.

Both transactions are permitted by the charity's Articles of Association. The trustees in question took no part in the charity's decisions to enter into the transactions; neither will those trustees participate in any future decision of the charity in connection therewith.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUICIDE CRISIS

I report on the accounts of Suicide Crisis ('the Company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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;
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

AW Imrie FCCA
Woodmancote, Gloucestershire

31 July 2021