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HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

A Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in England & Wales No 9734591
Charity No 1170607

Patron: HRH Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, KG, GCVO

Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement 01st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

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1. BOARD of DIRECTORS

(Listed Alphabetically by Surname)

1.1 Trustees

Brenda Jeffery- Treasurer (Appointed August 2015)
Vivienne Miller (Appointed August 2015)
Nabilah Moghal (Appointed January 2018)
Lynn Openshaw (Appointed August 2015 and resigned July 2020)
Sheeba Eeswaramoorthy – Chair (Appointed October 2020)
Lesley Wiltshire-Chair until October 2020 and thereafter Vice Chair (Appointed August 2015)
Andrea Vaughan (Appointed October 2020)

1.2 Advisers

Alison Foden (January 2018 – December 2020)
Wendy Millichap (July 2018 - May 2020)
Jo Taylor (January 2020 – July 2020)
Wendy Murtagh Scheme Manager (January 2021 to date)
Dawn Baker Scheme Manager (January 2021 to date)

1.3 Consultants

Jo McLeish (The Media Room) Appointed February 2015

2. MEMBER SCHEMES

Home-Start Birmingham Central & South West.

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Home-Start Birmingham North West.

Tel: 0121-323 - 5181 e-mail: info@homestartbnw.org.uk

Home-Start Birmingham South.

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Home-Start Birmingham Tameside.

Tel: 0121-747-4631 email hsbts@homestartbirmingham.co.uk

Home-Start Cole Valley.

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3. Chair's Report

Development, Activities & Achievements this Year

Welcome to the 6th Annual Report of the Consortium, at the end of what has been a very demanding year. The challenges have been extraordinary with the global pandemic and severe staff shortage. The 6 member schemes have worked well together to fulfil the conditions of our contract with Birmingham Forward Steps and overcome the stresses and strains that came with the exceptional world-wide difficulties that we all faced. We have shown resilience and adaptability, using the virtual world to remain connected and continue to provide the ever more needed support.

The information set out below clearly shows the level of success we are achieving combined with some of the real difficulties that persisted. It demonstrates the paradoxical opposing and yet stark realities of unity amidst a universal seismic disaster. Together we can succeed.

3.1 Improved Family Functioning

These figures show the needs identified at initial visit and the percentage of service users stating that there had been an improvement, in this area, at end of support or at last review date.

Some families have more than one need and parents/carers may identify with different difficulties.

NEED 2020-21	Total No families who identified need	% Improv'mnt	NEED 2020-21	Total No families who identified need	% Improv'mnt
Managing Child's Behaviour	275	79%	Coping with child's mental health.	164	56%
Being involved in children's learning / development	257	81%	Managing Household Budget.	262	80%
Coping with parent's physical health issues	143	62%	Coping with day-day running of home.	240	80%
Coping with parent's mental health.	394	63%	Stress caused by conflict in family.	195	70%
Coping with feelings of isolation.	349	54%	Coping with 3 or more children under 5years.	111	39%
Parent's own learning needs	110	62%	Use of Services.	154	59%
Parent's self-esteem	258	68%	Bereavement	15	97%
Coping with child's physical health issues.	213	54%	Housing	280	33%

3.2 Partnership Working with Referring Agencies:

We have been developing good relationships with partnering agencies and professionals. However, the global pandemic has seen a marked decrease in referrals. Whilst almost all sources of referrals reduced, there was an increase from our health and educational partners.

Source of Referrals

BCC/ Social Workers	Children's Centres	Health Services	Schools	Self- Referrals	Other ★	Total
62 (103)	173 (215)	196 (173)	31 (24)	11 (73)	20 (16)	493 (604)

Figures in brackets are 2019-20

★The referrals from other agencies include; Crisis Centre, Care leaving team, Women's Aid, Asylum Refuge, Mental Health, volunteers, CASS

3.3 Referrals for Vulnerable Children:

This data is collated from the figures that each scheme returns annually to Home-Start UK.

	2020-21	2019-20
Children on Child Protection Plan	54	94
Child in Need Plan	48	69
Children on EHP	134	113
Families with Issues around Poverty	238	125
Families with a child with a Disability	158	130
One Parent Families	322	325

3.4 Support for Families in the Home

The number of Volunteers available to support shows a 32% decrease on 2019-20 figures. This is evidence of the real challenges that the pandemic caused, as it did for the whole of the volunteer charity sector. Restoring our pool of volunteers to previous numbers is a key goal in the coming year.

	<u>Volunteers</u> Actual total in year	<u>Volunteers</u> Total newly trained in year	<u>Volunteers</u> Left for training or employment
TOTAL	118 (174)	39 (60)	28 (20)

Figures in brackets are 2019 - 20

3.5 Children & Families Supported in the Home

No of Families	No of Children Under 5	No of Children Over 5	Total Children Supported in the Home
429 (495)	647 (840)	550 (439)	1,197 (1,279)

Figures in brackets are 2019 - 20

3.6 Children & Families Supported by Group Work

Some member schemes secure funding to provide additional support to families in the form of family Groups. These are used to provide a secure social setting, developmentally appropriate activities or to offer some support while a family is waiting to be matched with a volunteer. The groups are staffed by a mixture of paid and volunteer workers.

No of Families	No of Children under 5yrs
49 (150)	66 (196)

Figures in brackets are 2019-20

3.7 Paid Worker Support

Each member scheme employs staff to manage the day-to-day operation of their service and respond to local issues. They have extensive parenting experience, understand the locality, participate in local partnership forums and have a great deal of experience and knowledge of both family support and child development issues. Across the city there are 6 Managers, 13 Family & Volunteer Coordinators, 7 Family Group Workers, 8 Targeted Support Workers and 1 ESOL Tutor. This staff team are supported by 8 Admin Assistants.

3.8. THANK YOU:

The Annual Report is a good opportunity to thank all those who have made this year such a success.

Big Thanks to:

- ✓ **The Volunteers:** who have given up their time to help and support families over the last year. They are the heartbeat of the work we do. The impact on families and children, helping them move forward with their lives, is invaluable.
- ✓ **The Staff:** Thanks to all staff, past and present, for their hard work, tireless dedication, and commitment to the families.
- ✓ **Trustees & Advisers:** Home-Start Birmingham Consortium has a team of trustees, who are also volunteers, and who give their time freely to provide the strategic leadership necessary for success but also underpinned by the great pool of talent from the Boards of Trustees across the six schemes.

The statistics in this report, indicate, not only the amount of success achieved for our families but also the commitment of all those involved, we are lucky to have you all.

Sheeba Eeswaramoorthy
Chair 2020-2021

4. Constitution, Object & Policies:

4.1 Directors named in Section 1 have served either throughout or during the year. Directors are nominated by each member scheme considering the balance of skills and representation required.

4.2 Advisers named in Section 1 have served either throughout or during the year.

4.3 The Consortium is a charitable company limited by guarantee, Incorporated in August 2015. The consortium was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

4.4 The Objects of the Charity:

- ✚ to safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children;
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- ✚ the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of Home-Start Charities in Birmingham, and its environs, by providing support to administration, infrastructure and fundraising through a consortium model and building a co-ordinated service for vulnerable children and families.

5. Organizational Risk:

5.1 Risk & Reserves Policy: The trustees examine major risks that the charity faces each financial year regularly. The trustees have developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the future of the charity.

5.2 Organizational Risk Policy: The Board of Trustees is responsible for the management and control of the consortium, and has a fundamental duty to protect the organization and vulnerable beneficiaries. Trustees have adopted a Policy for Organizational Risk Assessment and identified the major areas of possible threat as follows;

- Legal Risks: Data Protection and GDPR obligations.
- Financial: Termination of Contract, contractual changes, reduced income and lack of diversity of income sources.

5.3 Organizational Risk Register: These risks are included on an Organizational Risk Register which is reviewed annually. Trustees have established robust systems to mitigate these risks. Please contact chair@homestartbirmingham.co.uk to view the complete Organizational Risk Assessment Policy and Register.

6. Challenges for 2020-21

As with all charities it has been and remains a challenge to plan and deliver services when we have been subject to continued restrictions associated with the impact of the pandemic. Our services have to be reactive to the current demands and constraints that are imposed, often with very little notice and it will continue to be a challenge to do this until the long term impact of Covid-19 is known or the country returns to 'normal'.

✚ **Financial Security:** Like many other charities, we are under financial pressure and continue to explore additional income sources in line with our funding strategy.

✚ **Expand the volunteer team:** The Birmingham Forward Steps contract places an obligation on the consortium to cover the whole of the city. Member schemes are working together to plan strategies to increase the number of volunteers across the city and raise the profile of our work.

✚ **Maintain Quality of Service:** To ensure support for all staff and volunteers to maintain and develop appropriate skills, knowledge and ability to uphold quality of service we are recognized for. We need to work more closely together so that staff sickness/shortages do not impact quality/delivery of service.

✚ **Working in Partnership:** The challenge here is to reduce the number of inappropriate referrals received. Staff will continue to develop constructive relationships with professionals by positive networking. New colleagues need to be informed about the scope of our core work to ensure that families get the right support.

✚ **Birmingham City Council Forward Steps Contract:** To guarantee we are a favoured sub-contractor in the next round of tendering, we must ensure we work in accordance with the terms & conditions of our status as a sub-contractor to the lead provider, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. We must also maintain our reputation as an efficient, professional and indispensable organisation.

✚ **Communication:** To provide greater transparency between Schemes within Consortium, share ideas and good practice to meet the changing needs.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

7.1 The Report: The Trustees present their report and examined financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, Accounting & Reporting by Charities (FRS 102), the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

7.2 Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 9 Birmingham Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1QA

7.3 Funding: In addition to receiving money through the Birmingham Forward Steps contract (BFS), all local schemes in the consortium raise their own funds and have their accounts independently examined annually. These accounts are available on application to each scheme (see above Section 2)

7.4 Unit Costs per Family: Home-Start aims to support a family for an average of 9 -12 months. Occasionally a family will need support for longer, due to the complexity of needs within some families, whilst others will require shorter intervention. Under the Birmingham Forward Steps Contract, the Consortium receives a unit cost of £1,149 per family.

7.5 The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021. This shows:

✚ funding from Birmingham City Council (provided through the Birmingham Forward Steps contract) to support our core work of volunteer led support in the home. These funds come into the consortium account and are distributed, by the Treasurer, to individual schemes based on the number of families they are contracted to support.

✚ Additional funds and donations, secured by the Consortium, are used to increase the number of volunteers across the city and raise the profile of our work.

6.6 Accounts 01.04.20 - 31.03.2021

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Grants	13,700	Grants	4,700
Donations	2,058.88	Birmingham Forward Steps	532268.73
Birmingham Forward Steps	527,598.00		
Total	£543,355.88	Total	536968.73
Excess of Receipts over Balance B/F 01.04.20	6387.15		
	19714.97		
BALANCE @ BANK 31.03.21	£26102.12		

7. Independent Examiners Report 2020-2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purpose 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').

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:

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act: or

The accounts do not accord with those records; or

The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 or the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'a true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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 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.



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Status

Home-Start Birmingham Consortium was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital under the Companies Act 1985 on 15th August 2015 and registered as a charity on 16th March 2016

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the members of the Trustee Board are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Trustees (Directors)

The following served as Trustees and Directors under company law during the year.

Sheeba Eeswarmorthy (appointed October 2020)

Brenda Jeffery

Vivienne Miller

Nabilah Moghal

Lynn Openshaw (Resigned July 2020)

Lesley Wiltshire

Andrea Vaughan (appointed October 2020)

The charitable company has no share capital and the members of the board of trustees have no interest in its surplus or assets and receive no remuneration.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and must consist of a minimum of 4 trustees and not more than 12 individuals. The trustees may co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee but will only hold office until the next Annual General meeting. In accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association, one third of the Trustees will retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Registered Office and principal operating address

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Bankers

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Independent Examiner

Sally Bateman
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Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published 16 July 2014, as amended in Bulletin 1.

Objects of the Charity

1. to safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children;
2. to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children;
3. to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children;
4. to promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare, principally but not exclusively within the area of Birmingham and its environs.
5. the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of Home-Start Charities in Birmingham, and its environs, by providing support to administration, infrastructure and fundraising through a consortium model and building a co-ordinated service for vulnerable children and families.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Activities of the Charity

Home-Start is a voluntary home-visiting organisation offering emotional and practical support to families experiencing difficulties with at least one child under five years of age. Trained volunteers, who all have parenting experience, support the families by visiting them at home and are from a variety of backgrounds, ages, status, race, creed and colour. The 6 member schemes of the Birmingham Consortium have worked together to fulfil the conditions of our contract with Birmingham Forward Steps. We now cover the whole of the city and offer accreditation to volunteers who undertake the preparation course.

Financial review

Income for the year was £543,356 (2020: £528,637) and expenditure totalled £536,969 (2020: £533,994). This has resulted in a surplus for the year of £6,387 (2020: deficit £5,357) net surplus at 31 March 2021 of £26,102 (2020: net surplus £19,715). The surplus on the actual year figures is due to funding being received for a project in the year 2020/21 but invoices and work carried out will be paid in the following funding year.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 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

- selected suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on: 14th October 2021

Signed on its behalf by:
Sheeba Eeswaramoorthy
Chair



Home-Start Birmingham Consortium

Statement of financial activities for the period ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Fundraising, Gifts	2	2058	0	0	2058	874
Grants & Contract funding	2	0	0	541,298	541,298	527,598
Bank interest/Charge refund	2	0	0	0	0	165
Total incoming resources		2058	0	541,298	543,356	528,637
Resources Expended						
Grants & Contract	3	0	0	536,969	536,969	533,828
Office & Promotional	3	0	0	0	0	100
Bank Charges	3	0	0	0	0	66
		0	0	536,969	536,969	533,994
Net income for the year		2058	0	4329	6387	(5357)
Funds brought forward at 1.4.20		5067	0	14,647	19,714	25,071
Total funds as at 31st March 2021		7125	0	18,976	26,101	19,714

All activities derived from continuing activities. There are no recognized gains or losses or other movements in funds for the current period other than as stated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Home-Start Birmingham Consortium

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	0		0	
Cash in bank		26,101		19,714	
		<u>26,101</u>		<u>19,714</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	0		0	
Net current assets			<u>26,101</u>	<u>19,714</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>26,101</u>	<u>19,714</u>	
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			7125	5067	
Designated funds			0	0	
Restricted funds			18976	14647	
			<u>26101</u>	<u>19714</u>	

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under Section 477 (1). No members have 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 ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company's regime.

Signed and approved on behalf of the board.

Director: 
Sheeba Eeswaramoorthy

Date: 14th October 2021

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102. 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), the Charities act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historic convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are drawn from individuals who have an interest in the work of the Organisation. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

(c) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objective 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. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Home-Start Birmingham Consortium

Notes to the financial statement continued
for the period ended 31.3.21

2) Incoming Resources	Unrestricted 2021	Designated 2021	Restricted 2021	Total 2021
Donations/Fundraising/Gifts	2058	0	0	2058
Birmingham Forward Steps	0	0	527598	527598
W A Cadbury	0	0	5000	5000
Grimmett Trust			2000	2000
Cole Charitable Trust			1000	1000
D E Cadbury			1000	1000
Eveson Trust			4700	4700
	<u>2058</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>541298</u>	<u>543356</u>

3) Resources Expended

Grants & Contracts	Total 2021	Total 2020
Awards 4 All	0	5930
Eveson Trust	4700	0
Birmingham Forward Steps	532269	527898
	<u>533828</u>	<u>533828</u>
Office & Promotional		
Office Costs	0	0
Promotional costs	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bank Charges	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Trustees' remuneration

None of the trustees have received any remuneration from the charity during the current period.

4) Debtors

Prepayments	0
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5) Creditors

Unpresented cheques	0
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HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

RECEIPTS

Donations	2057.88
Grants	13700.00
B'ham Forward Steps	527598.00

Total Receipts	543355.88
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PAYMENTS

Grants	4700.00
B'ham Forward Steps	532268.73

Total Payments	536968.73
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Excess of Receipts over	6387.15
Balance b/f 01/04/20	19714.97

Balance c/f 31/03/2021	26102.12
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Balance @ Bank 31/03/2021	26102.12
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15/04/2021

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM**

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The charitable company has no share capital and the members of the board of trustees have no interest in its surplus or assets and receive no remuneration.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and must consist of a minimum of 4 trustees and not more than 12 individuals. The trustees may co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee but will only hold office until the next Annual General meeting. In accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association, one third of the Trustees will retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Registered Office and principal operating address

The Sanctuary
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Birmingham
B35 7PX

Bankers

Lloyds Bank
9, Birmingham Rd
Sutton Coldfield
B72 1QA

Independent Examiner

Sally Bateman
79 Witherford Way
Selly Oak
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Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 March 2020

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published 16 July 2014, as amended in Bulletin 1.

Objects of the Charity

1. to safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children;
2. to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children;
3. to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children;
4. to promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare, principally but not exclusively within the area of Birmingham and its environs.
5. the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of Home-Start Charities in Birmingham, and its environs, by providing support to administration, infrastructure and fundraising through a consortium model and building a co-ordinated service for vulnerable children and families.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Activities of the Charity

Home-Start is a voluntary home-visiting organisation offering emotional and practical support to families experiencing difficulties with at least one child under five years of age. Trained volunteers, who all have parenting experience, support the families by visiting them at home and are from a variety of backgrounds, ages, status, race, creed and colour. The 6 member schemes of the Birmingham Consortium have worked together to fulfil the conditions of our contract with Birmingham Forward Steps. We now cover the whole of the city and offer accreditation to volunteers who undertake the preparation course.

Financial review

Income for the year was £528,637 (2019: £537,867) and expenditure totalled £533,994 (2019: £521,428). This has resulted in a deficit for the year of £5,357 (2019: surplus £16,439) net surplus at 31 March 2020 of £19,714 (2019: net surplus £25,071). The deficit on the actual year figures is due to funding being received for a project in the 2018/19 year but invoices received and paid in the 2019/20 funding year.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

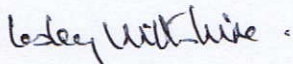
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and

- selected suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on: 9th July 2020

Signed on its behalf by: 
Lesley Wiltshire
Chair

Statement of financial activities for the period
ended 31st March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Designated funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Fundraising, Gifts	2	874	0	0	874	865
Grants & Contract funding	2	0	0	527,598	527,598	536998
Bank interest/Charge refund	2	165	0	0	165	4
Total incoming resources		1039	0	527,598	528,637	537867
Resources Expended						
Grants & Contract	3	0	0	533,828	533,828	519210
Office & Promotional	3	100	0	0	100	2134
Bank Charges	3	66	0	0	66	84
		166	0	533,828	533,994	521,428
Net income for the year		873	0	(6230)	(5357)	16439
Funds brought forward at 1.4.19		4194	0	20,877	25071	8632
Total funds as at 31st March 2020		5067	0	14,647	19,714	25071

All activities derived from continuing activities. There are no recognized gains or losses or other movements in funds for the current period other than as stated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	0		0	
Cash in bank		19714		25071	
		<u>19714</u>		<u>25071</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	0		0	
Net current assets			<u>19714</u>		<u>25071</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>19714</u>		<u>25071</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			5067		4194
Designated funds			0		0
Restricted funds			14647		20877
			<u>19714</u>		<u>25071</u>

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under Section 477 (1). No members have 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 ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company's regime.

Signed and approved on behalf of the board.

Director: *Lesley Wilshire*
LESLEY WILTSHIRE

Date: 9th July 2020

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102. 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), the Charities act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historic convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are drawn from individuals who have an interest in the work of the Organisation. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

(c) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objective 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. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Notes to the financial statement continued
for the period ended 31.3.20

2) Incoming Resources	Unrestricted 2020	Designated 2020	Restricted 2020	Total 2020
Donations/Fundraising/Gifts	874	0	0	874
Birmingham Forward Steps	0	0	527598	527598
Awards 4 All	0	0	0	0
Bank interest	165	0	0	165
	<u>1039</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>527598</u>	<u>528637</u>

3) Resources Expended

Grants & Contracts	Total 2020	Total 2019
Awards 4 All	5930	3330
Birmingham Forward Steps	<u>527898</u>	<u>515880</u>
	<u>533828</u>	<u>519210</u>
Office & Promotional		
Office Costs	100	13
Promotional costs	0	381
Event expenditure	0	1740
	<u>100</u>	<u>2134</u>
Bank Charges	<u>66</u>	<u>84</u>
	<u>66</u>	<u>84</u>

Trustees' remuneration

None of the trustees have received any remuneration from the charity during the current period.

4) Debtors

Prepayments	0
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5) Creditors

Unpresented cheques	0
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HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the period April 2019 to March 2020

Receipts

Birmingham Forward Steps	527,598.00
Donations	873.85
Bank Charges Refund	151.55
Bank Interest	13.42

Total Incoming Resources **528,636.82**

Payments

Birmingham Forward Steps	527,897.70
Awards for All	5,930.00
Office Costs	100.00
Bank Charges	65.65

Total Outgoing Resources **533,993.35**

Balance on year	-5,356.53
Balance c/f 01/04/2019	25,071.50
Balance @ Bank 31/03/2020	19,714.97

Balance @ Bank 01/04/2020 **19,714.97**

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To the best of my knowledge, on the evidence supplied to me, the above Receipts and Payments Account for the period April 2019 to March 2020 forms a true picture of the financial activity of The Home Start Birmingham Consortium.



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28th September 2020

HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purpose 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').

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 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 or the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'a true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
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 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.



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28TH September 2020