
HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

Period ended: 31 March 2023

Charity No: 1170607
Company No: 9734591

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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
Brenda Jeffery (left April 2022)
Vivienne Miller
Charlene Carter-James
Lesley Wiltshire
Andrea Vaughan
Neisa Reid (co-opted July 2022)

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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Independent Examiner

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Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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 £486,519 (2022: £579,827) and expenditure totalled £534,849 (2022: £541,899). This has resulted in a loss for the year of -£48,329 (2022: surplus £37,928) net surplus at 31 March 2022 of £15,701 (2022: net surplus £64,029). The loss for the year is due to BFS funding for April 2022 being received in the previous financial year. Scheme payments were then paid in April 2023 which fell in this financial 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: 17th October 2023

Signed on its behalf by:



Sheeba Eswaramoorthy
Chair

Statement of financial activities for the period ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Fundraising, Gifts	2	2385	0	0	2385	2263
Grants & Contract funding	2	0	0	483,631	483,631	577,564
Reimbursements/Misc	2	0	503	0	503	0
Bank interest	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources		2385	503	483,631	486,519	579,827
Resources Expended						
Grants & Contract	3	0	0	526,165	526,165	533,832
Office & Promotional	3	0	8628	0	8628	8067
Bank Charges	3	56	0	0	56	0
		56	8628	526,165	534,849	541,899
Net income for the year		2329	(8125)	(42,534)	(48,330)	37,928
Funds brought forward at 1.4.22		1321	0	62,710	64,031	26,101
Transfer of funds		0	8125	(8125)	0	0
Total funds as at 31st March 2023		3650	0	12,051	15,701	64,029

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 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	0		0	
Cash in bank		15,701		64,031	
		<u>15,701</u>		<u>64,031</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	0		43,245	
Net current assets			<u>15,701</u>		<u>64,031</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>15,701</u>		<u>20,786</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			3650		1321
Designated funds			0		0
Restricted funds			12,051		19,465
			<u>15,701</u>		<u>20,786</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 2023 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: 17th October 2023

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 31.3.2023

2) Incoming Resources	Unrestricted 2023	Designated 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023
Donations/Fundraising/Gifts	2385	0	0	2385
Birmingham Forward Steps	0	0	483631	483631
Reimbursements/Misc		503		503
	<u>2385</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>483631</u>	<u>486519</u>

3) Resources Expended

	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fundraising Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>
Grants & Contracts		
Grants received previous yr	2472	7520
Eveson Trust	0	6000
Birmingham Forward Steps	523693	520312
	<u>526165</u>	<u>533832</u>
Office & Promotional		
Office Costs	2350	646
Media/Promotional costs	6000	7171
Accreditation External Costs	278	0
	<u>8628</u>	<u>7817</u>
Bank Charges	<u>56</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>56</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

Payments owed	0
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 2023 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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