
HOME-START BIRMINGHAM CONSORTIUM

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

Period ended: 31 March 2025

Charity No: 1170607
Company No: 9734591

Registered Office: The Sanctuary
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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 Eeswaramoorthy
Vivienne Miller
Emma-Jane Daly
Lesley Wiltshire
Stephen Smith
Anthony Fuggle (Resigned February 2025)
Neisa Reid

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
Tangmere Drive
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Bankers

Lloyds Bank
9, Birmingham Rd
Sutton Coldfield
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Independent Examiner

Sally Bateman
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Selly Oak
Birmingham B29 4AN

Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 coordinated 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 £507,524 (2024: £529,925) and expenditure totalled £522,746 (2024: £523,657). This resulted in a loss for the year of -£15,222 due to excess funds being distributed to schemes. (2024: loss £6,268) net surplus at 31 March 2025 of £6747 (2024: net surplus £21,969).

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: 26.11.25

Signed on its behalf by:
Sheeba Eeswaramoorthy
Chair



Statement of financial activities for the period
ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations, Fundraising, Gifts	2	1850	0	0	1850	2097
Grants & Contract funding	2	0	0	505,674	505,674	527,598
Reimbursements/Misc	2	0	0	0	0	230
Bank interest	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources		1850	0	505,674	507,524	529,925
Resources Expended						
Grants & Contract	3	0	0	517,196	517,196	514,856
Office & Promotional	3	0	0	5550	5550	8801
Bank Charges	3	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	522,746	522,746	534,849
Net income for the year		1850	0	(17072)	(15,222)	6268
Funds brought forward at 1.4.24		1167	30	20,772	21,969	15,701
Transfer of funds		0	0	0	0	0
Total funds as at 31st March 2025		3017	30	3700	6747	21,969

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 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	0		0	
Cash in bank		6747		21,969	
		<u>6747</u>		<u>21,969</u>	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	0		0	
Net current assets			<u>6747</u>		<u>21,969</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>6747</u>		<u>21,969</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			3017		1167
Designated funds			30		30
Restricted funds			3700		20,772
			<u>6747</u>		<u>21,969</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:
26.11.25

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 31.3.2025

2) Incoming Resources	Unrestricted 2025	Designated 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025
Donations/Fundraising/Gifts	1850	0	0	1850
Birmingham Forward Steps	0	0	417,682	417,682
Other Grants		0	87,992	87,992
	1850	0	505,674	507,524

3) Resources Expended	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fundraising Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Grants & Contracts		
Grants	87,992	492
Birmingham Forward Steps	<u>429,204</u>	<u>514364</u>
	517,196	514856
Office & Promotional		
Office Costs	800	692
Media/Promotional costs	4750	7909
Accreditation External Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
	5550	8801
Bank Charges	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0

Trustees' remuneration

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

4) Debtors	
Prepayments	0
5) Creditors	

Payments owed

0

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 2025 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.



Sally Bateman 79, Witherford Way, Birmingham B29 4AN