

SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1172481

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [10152838](#)

Registered 2017-04-07

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY (OBJECTS) ARE:1.1 THE RELIEF OF: (A) CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND DISABLED PEOPLE IN NEED; AND(B) THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND DISABLED PEOPLE IN NEED IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL, THERAPEUTIC AND REHABILITATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES; 1.2 THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, YOUTH, AGE OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE; AND1.3 THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH OTHER OBJECTS OR PURPOSES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES CONNECTED WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS OR DISABLED PEOPLE IN NEED IN SUCH MANNER AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT.2 IN THESE ARTICLES, CHARITABLE MEANS CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES PROVIDED THAT IT WILL NOT INCLUDE ANY PURPOSE WHICH IS NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND / OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE SYSTEM OF LAW GOVERNING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARITY IS THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,204,361	£2,181,070	£266,801	42
2023-12-31	£3,615,842	£2,017,521	£243,510	45
2022-12-31	£1,816,895	£2,067,745	£-1,354,811	0
2021-12-31	£1,787,805	£1,871,326	£-1,103,961	45
2020-12-31	£1,462,406	£1,520,362	£-1,020,440	35

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Mason		2022-07-06
adrian Devilliers		2023-08-20

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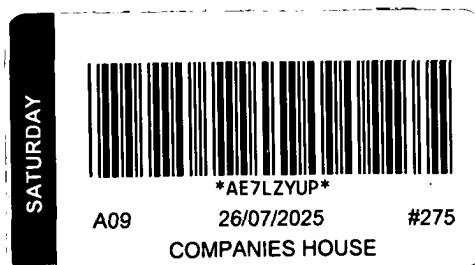
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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees	Keith Mason Adrian De Villiers
Company registered number	10152838
Charity registered number	1172481
Registered office	First Floor, Triad House Mountbatten Court Worrall Street Congleton Cheshire CW12 1DT
Independent auditors	PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited Statutory Auditors 2 Lace Market Square Nottingham NG1 1PB
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Western Avenue Chatham ME4 4RT
Solicitors	Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP Narrow Quay House Narrow Quay Bristol BS1 4QA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

a. Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

- The relief of:
 - a) children, young adults and disabled people in need; and
 - b) the families of children, young adults and disabled people in need in particular but not exclusively by providing residential, therapeutic and rehabilitation services and family support services;
- The relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship, ill health, disability, youth, age or other disadvantage;
- The promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of other charities whose charitable objects are within, the same as, or similar to the objects of Safe Places for Children UK, in particular but not exclusively by setting standards which serve to improve the quality of care delivered by those other charities; and
- The advancement of such other objects or purposes in any part of the world which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are in the opinion of the trustees connected with children, young adults or disabled people in need in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide therapeutic residential care of high needs children, young adults and disabled people, providing rehabilitation services in addition to the immediate needs of the young people.
- In addition, we seek to use the experiences and knowledge gained working with traumatised young people in other locations to bring about improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of other organisations working in this sector.
- Working with the local authorities and departments, we aim to raise the standards and the quality of care delivered to all high needs young people by the various agencies and charities.

The objectives for this year are:

- To continue to develop a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.
- To select and appropriately fit out houses within the community to provide accommodation for the young people in a way that facilitates their care, safety and rehabilitation.
- To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Funding

We have established working relationships with various Trustees of the Health and Social Care trusts in a range of jurisdictions in Northern Ireland and England. We have broad agreement on the pricing structure and cost recovery models for caring for young people.

We have increased the pricing structure per young person for the financial year 2024 to recover increased employment costs. Safe Places are currently supporting multiple young people across houses in England and Northern Ireland. As the complex needs of a child or young person reduces due to the intense therapeutic work we deliver, we work alongside the Trusts and Local authorities to secure less-intensive models of care and provide outreach support during the young persons transition out of Safe Places, whilst simultaneously providing outreach support to new young people transitioning into our service, this increases revenue during this period.

Across England and Northern Ireland, we have in excess of 25 referrals to our service per day, which reduces the ongoing concern of business/revenue continuity. The English Councils along with the Northern Ireland Trusts are under a huge amount of pressure to not only place children and young people but also to bring young people back to their communities as some young people are placed down south in Ireland or other countries. Safe Places have been able to assist with this and now have several successful transitions back to family and community living.

Safe Places have an exemplary reputation in providing therapeutic residential care and both the Councils and the Trusts continue to provide exceptional feedback regarding the quality of care provided by Safe Places.

We have determined that we can provide the appropriate services at the best cost to ensure the ongoing viability of Safe Places for Children UK.

c. Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not actively raise funds or solicit donations directly from the general public at present. The charity does not work directly with commercial sponsors in relation to fundraising. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

d. Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year to meet the charitable objects, the trustees have complied with their duties in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Financial review

a. Financial review

The charity received charitable income of £2,204,361 (2023 - £1,798,144). There was an increase in income compared to 2023 as the charity opened an additional house in Northern Ireland and one in England.

Expenditure of £2,181,070 (2023 - £2,017,521) was incurred in relation to the charity's operations. The operations included therapeutic residential services and ancillary activities.

Reserves policy

The charity held a surplus on unrestricted funds of £266,801 as at 31 December 2024 (2023 - surplus of £243,510). The charity recognises the need to maintain positive unrestricted funds. The charity expects to receive continued support from its parent charity, Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

b. Going concern

We were supported during start-up by the parent organisation, Safe Places for Children Secretariat, and by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Australia Limited. These organisations continue to provide backup funding, management expertise, emergency staffing requirements and administrative support. With these arrangements in place, we are able to continue establishing our presence in the industry and bring better outcomes for young people. The charity recognises the need to maintain positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from its parent charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2025 and 2026 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c. Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- monthly review and check to ensure standards are maintained, policies upheld and procedures followed in both practical application and documentation;
- ongoing work by a dedicated Quality and Systems team;
- ongoing work by team reviewing documentation, licencing and other requirements for working in this highly regulated industry;
- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces, including financial risks;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that barriers to entry is the major financial risk for the charity. The approach of Safe Places for Children UK is different from those used by other organisations in residential care, and requires changes in thinking in the funding and placement agencies.

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Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff and young people. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

d. Future plans

Since the financial year end, we have made significant progress in continuing to establish the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care.

Placements continue in our homes in England and Northern Ireland and we have achieved great outcomes for the children and young people.

In the coming year we expect to open further houses in England and Northern Ireland.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 28 April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is currently one member. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 April 2017.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

c. Trustee induction and training

The trustees have undergone orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

d. Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

The charity has a close relationship with Safe Places Australia Limited in Australia, a non-profit with extensive experience and successes in the care and rehabilitation of troubled young people, and Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449) the UK charity's parent. Safe Places Australia Limited provides administration support, training and advice, as well as providing funding for the establishment phase of Safe Places for Children UK.

e. Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings, subject to market comparative review.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 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.

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

Disclosure of information to auditors

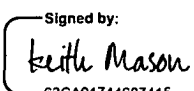
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Keith Mason
(Trustee)
Date: 22/7/2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safe Places for Children UK (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK
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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identify the key laws and regulations affecting the company. We identified that the principal risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations related to:

- Management bias in respect of accounting estimates and judgements made;
- Management override of control;
- Posting of unusual transactions.

We focussed on those areas that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. Our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims, including instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing legal expenditure in the year to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

It is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

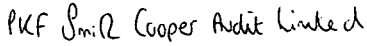
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:


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PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited
Statutory Auditors
2 Lace Market Square
Nottingham
NG1 1PB

Date: 22/7/2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	4	-	-	1,817,698
Charitable activities	5	2,204,361	2,204,361	1,798,144
Total income		<u>2,204,361</u>	<u>2,204,361</u>	<u>3,615,842</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	2,181,070	2,181,070	2,017,521
Total expenditure		<u>2,181,070</u>	<u>2,181,070</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>23,291</u>	<u>23,291</u>	<u>1,598,321</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		243,510	243,510	(1,354,811)
Net movement in funds		23,291	23,291	1,598,321
Total funds carried forward		<u>266,801</u>	<u>266,801</u>	<u>243,510</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	395,784	394,974
		395,784	394,974
Current assets			
Debtors	13	104,657	39,848
Cash at bank and in hand	21	31,973	79,249
		136,630	119,097
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(255,613)	(270,561)
Net current liabilities		(118,983)	(151,464)
Total assets less current liabilities		276,801	243,510
Provisions for liabilities	16	(10,000)	-
Total net assets / (liabilities)		266,801	243,510
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	-	-
Unrestricted funds	17	266,801	243,510
Total funds		266,801	243,510

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.


The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

.....63CA91744687415.....
Keith Mason
(Trustee)
Date: 22/7/2025

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(28,938)	(117,594)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(18,518)	(8,200)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(18,518)	(8,200)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	204,175
Repayment of borrowings	-	(20,365)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	-	183,810
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(47,456)	58,016
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	79,249	21,233
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	31,793	79,249
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. General information

Safe Places for Children UK is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is First Floor, Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Safe Places for Children UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company and are rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Going concern

At 31 December 2024, the Charity has net current liabilities of £118,983 (2023: £151,464). The Charity has continued to grow since its' incorporation, generating a surplus in the current year of £23,291. Although the charity is in a net current liability position at the year end, the trustees are confident that the charity can meet its current liabilities for a period of twelve months from the date of signing the financial statements. Trade has continued to improve post year-end, and the charity has returned to a net current asset position as of June-25. Forecasts also indicate that the charity will continue to generate a surplus for twelve months from the date of signing the financial statements.

On that basis, the Trustees consider that the Charity will be a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of signing the financial statements. Therefore, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Support services for parent entity are recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the services have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 50 years straight line
Motor vehicles	- 4 years straight line
Computer equipment	- 5 years straight line

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 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.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trustees are of the opinion that there are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations - loan forgiven	-	-	1,817,698
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<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>1,817,698</i>	<i>1,817,698</i>	
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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Residential care	1,662,317	1,662,317	1,555,189
Outreach care	69,287	69,287	46,449
Support services for parent entity	472,757	472,757	196,506
	<u>2,204,361</u>	<u>2,204,361</u>	<u>1,798,144</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>1,798,144</u>	<u>1,798,144</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Direct costs	1,708,227	1,708,227	1,607,838
Support costs	472,843	472,843	409,683
	<u>2,181,070</u>	<u>2,181,070</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>2,017,521</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Therapeutic residential services	1,708,227	-	1,708,227	1,607,838
Other	-	472,843	472,843	409,683
	<u>1,708,227</u>	<u>472,843</u>	<u>2,181,070</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>1,607,838</u>	<u>409,683</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Therapeutic residential services 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff and related costs	1,463,110	1,463,110	1,389,005
Residential premises costs	199,210	199,210	194,615
Travel costs	45,907	45,907	24,218
	<u>1,708,227</u>	<u>1,708,227</u>	<u>1,607,838</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>1,607,838</u>	<u>1,607,838</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Other 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff and related costs	226,154	226,154	177,677
Loan forgiveness	18,766	18,766	-
Governance costs	14,913	14,913	44,829
Service fees	-	-	22,571
Insurance	68,476	68,476	51,716
Travel costs	31,384	31,384	11,096
Office costs	95,443	95,443	83,495
Depreciation	17,707	17,707	18,299
	<u>472,843</u>	<u>472,843</u>	<u>409,683</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>409,683</u>	<u>409,683</u>	

8. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	10,945	9,950
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of: Accounting and Tax Fees	<u>2,170</u>	<u>1,975</u>

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,497,173	1,381,565
Employers NI	139,202	138,329
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	52,889	46,788
	<u>1,689,264</u>	<u>1,566,682</u>

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9. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Employees	42	45

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	-
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	1	2
In the band £100,001 - £110,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Managing Director.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £103,242 (2023: £96,681).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	416,863	44,094	10,077	471,034
Additions	-	18,518	-	18,518
Disposals	-	(11,366)	-	(11,366)
At 31 December 2024	<u>416,863</u>	<u>51,246</u>	<u>10,077</u>	<u>478,186</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	35,522	32,754	7,784	76,060
Charge for the year	7,140	8,833	1,735	17,708
On disposals	-	(11,366)	-	(11,366)
At 31 December 2024	<u>42,662</u>	<u>30,221</u>	<u>9,519</u>	<u>82,402</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>374,201</u>	<u>21,025</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>395,784</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>381,341</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>394,974</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	4,930	-
	<u>4,930</u>	<u>-</u>
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	30,361	22,362
Other debtors	8,300	6,391
Prepayments and accrued income	61,066	11,095
	<u>104,657</u>	<u>39,848</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,772	11,687
Other taxation and social security	27,247	30,469
Other creditors	6,826	9,426
Accruals and deferred income	218,768	218,979
	255,613	270,561
	255,613	270,561

15. Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	84,306	119,097
	84,306	119,097
	84,306	119,097
Financial liabilities		
Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure	213,289	270,561
	213,289	270,561
	213,289	270,561

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise trade debtors, other debtors, prepayments and accrued income and cash at bank.

Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise trade creditors, other tax and social security, other creditors and accruals and deferred income.

16. Provisions

	Dilapidations £
Additions	10,000
	10,000
	10,000

During the year, the company vacated a leased property that requires work to restore the property to its original condition. The directors' best estimate of the costs of restoration represents the provision addition this year. At the time of signing these financial statements, final agreement has not been reached with regards to this liability.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	243,510	2,204,361	(2,181,070)	266,801

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	(1,354,811)	3,615,842	(2,017,521)	243,510

18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
General funds	243,510	2,204,361	(2,181,070)	266,801

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General funds	(1,354,811)	3,615,842	(2,017,521)	243,510

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	395,784	395,784
Debtors due after more than one year	4,930	4,930
Current assets	79,376	79,376
Creditors due within one year	(213,289)	(213,289)
Total	266,801	266,801

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	394,974	394,974
Current assets	119,097	119,097
Creditors due within one year	(270,561)	(270,561)
Total	243,510	243,510

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	23,291	1,598,321
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	17,735	15,818
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(12,485)	42,020
Decrease in creditors	(57,479)	(1,773,753)
Net cash used in operating activities	(28,938)	(117,594)

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21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	31,793	79,249
Total cash and cash equivalents	31,793	79,249

22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2024	Cash flows	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	79,249	(47,276)	31,973
	79,249	(47,276)	31,973

23. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £52,889 (2023 - £46,788). Contributions totalling £6,950 (2023 - £9,363) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	82,008	23,952
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	105,000	45,000
	187,008	68,952

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25. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 102 section 33.1A Related Party Disclosures from disclosing transactions with other members of the group.

Trustee Adrian De Villiers, a trustee of parent company Safe Places for Children Secretariat, is also a Director of Safe Places Community Services Limited. Safe Places Community Services Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Community Services Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

During the year Safe Places Community Services Limited paid net expenses of £Nil (2023 - £183,810) on behalf of the charity. The balance outstanding as at 31 December 2024 is £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

Anthony Thompson, a trustee of parent company Safe Places for Children Secretariat, is also a Director of Safe Places Australia Limited. Safe Places Australia Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Australia Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

On 29 February 2024 Safe Places for Children UK joined the Safe Places Australia Limited group, and are therefore exempt from disclosing transactions from this date. From 1 January 2024 to 29 February 2024 the company recognised the sales of £54,216 (2023 - £139,432) relating to the recovery of costs incurred

Keith Mason is a Trustee of Safe Places for Children UK but is also the Managing Director of the Charity. He receives remuneration for his employment as Managing Director, which is separate to his role as a Trustee, for which no remuneration is received.

26. Controlling party

Safe Places for Children UK is a Company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital.

Every member of the charitable Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

The charity's immediate parent entity is Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449, Company Registration Number 10147280) as the sole member of Safe Places for Children UK.

Consolidated financial statements are prepared by Safe Places for Children Secretariat, a copy of which is available from First Floor, Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT.

The ultimate controlling party is Safe Places Australia Limited.

Consolidated financial statements are prepared by Safe Places Australia Limited, a copy of which is available from Level 19, 241 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000.

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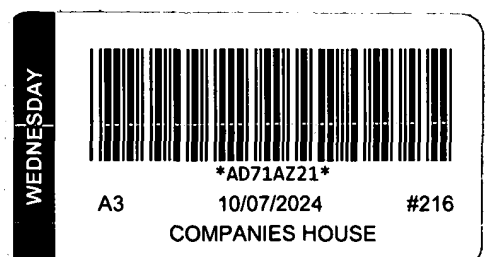
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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	Keith Mason Christopher Saunders (resigned 8 August 2023) Adrian De Villiers (appointed 2 August 2023)
Company registered number	10152838
Charity registered number	1172481
Registered office	First Floor, Triad House Mountbatten Court Worrall Street Congleton Cheshire CW12 1DT
Independent auditors	PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited Statutory Auditors 2 Lace Market Square Nottingham NG1 1PB
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Western Avenue Chatham ME4 4RT
Solicitors	Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP Narrow Quay House Narrow Quay Bristol BS1 4QA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

a. Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

- The relief of:
 - a) children, young adults and disabled people in need; and
 - b) the families of children, young adults and disabled people in need in particular but not exclusively by providing residential, therapeutic and rehabilitation services and family support services;
- The relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship, ill health, disability, youth, age or other disadvantage; and
- The advancement of such other objects or purposes in any part of the world which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are in the opinion of the trustees connected with children, young adults or disabled people in need in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide therapeutic residential care of high needs children, young adults and disabled people, providing rehabilitation services in addition to the immediate needs of the young people.
- In addition, we seek to use the experiences and knowledge gained working with traumatised young people in other locations to bring about improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of other organisations working in this sector.
- Working with the local authorities and departments, we aim to raise the standards and the quality of care delivered to all high needs young people by the various agencies and charities.

The objectives for this year are:

- To continue to develop a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.
- To select and appropriately fit out houses within the community to provide accommodation for the young people in a way that facilitates their care, safety and rehabilitation.
- To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Funding

We have established working relationships with various Trustees of the Health and Social Care trusts in a range of jurisdictions in Northern Ireland and England. We have broad agreement on the pricing structure and cost recovery models for caring for young people.

We have increased the pricing structure per young person in Northern Ireland for the financial year 2024 with a base rate of £7,164 per child per week. Safe Places are currently supporting four young people across two houses. As the complex needs of a child or young person reduces due to the intense therapeutic work we deliver, we work alongside the Trusts and Local authorities to secure less-intensive models of care and provide outreach support during the young persons transition out of Safe Places, whilst simultaneously providing outreach support to new young people transitioning into our service, this increases revenue during this period.

Across England and Northern Ireland, we have an average of 100 referrals to our service per month, which reduces the ongoing concern of business/revenue continuity. The Northern Ireland Trusts are under a huge amount of pressure to not only place children and young people but also to bring young people back to their communities as some young people are placed down south in Ireland or other countries. Safe Places have been able to assist with this and now have 4 young people being supported locally and an additional 3 through Outreach support.

Safe Places have an exemplary reputation in providing therapeutic residential care and are the only private provider in Northern Ireland. The regulator 'RQIA' and the Trusts continue to provide exceptional feedback regarding the quality of care provided by Safe Places.

We have determined that we can provide the appropriate services at the best cost to ensure the ongoing viability of Safe Places for Children UK.

c. Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not actively raise funds or solicit donations directly from the general public at present. The charity does not work directly with commercial sponsors in relation to fundraising. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

d. Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year to meet the charitable objects, the trustees have complied with their duties in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Financial review

a. Financial review

The charity received charitable income of £1,798,144 (2022 - £1,816,895). There was a decrease in income compared to 2022 as the charity closed two houses in England and increased support in Northern Ireland to provide services to local authorities. In addition to this, the loan between Safe Places for Children UK and Safe Places for Children Secretariat was forgiven, resulting in an increase in total income by £1,817,698.

Expenditure of £2,017,521 (2022 - £2,067,745) was incurred in relation to the charity's operations. The operations included therapeutic residential services and ancillary activities.

Reserves policy

The charity held a surplus on unrestricted funds of £243,510 as at 31 December 2023 (2022 - deficit of £1,354,811). The charity recognises the need to maintain positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

b. Going concern

We were supported during start-up by the parent organisation, Safe Places for Children Secretariat, and by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Australia Limited. These organisations continue to provide backup funding, management expertise, emergency staffing requirements and administrative support. With these arrangements in place, we are able to continue establishing our presence in the industry and bring better outcomes for young people. The charity recognises the need to maintain positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2024 and 2025 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c. Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- monthly review and check to ensure standards are maintained, policies upheld and procedures followed in both practical application and documentation;
- ongoing work by a dedicated Quality and Systems team;
- ongoing work by team reviewing documentation, licencing and other requirements for working in this highly regulated industry;
- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces, including financial risks;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

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This work has identified that barriers to entry is the major financial risk for the charity. The approach of Safe Places for Children UK is different from those used by other organisations in residential care, and requires changes in thinking in the funding and placement agencies.

Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff and young people. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

d. Future plans

Since the financial year end, we have made significant progress in continuing to establish the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care, this has been acknowledged by the regulator in Northern Ireland and the individual trusts. Placements continue in our homes and we have achieved great outcomes for the children and young people. We have received payments from the South-Eastern Trust of HSC, Northern Trust of HSC and Belfast Trust in Northern Ireland for these services.

Safe Places has received final licensing approval from OFSTED for the Nantwich property and we will look to support children and young people from July 2024 and increase our overall revenue, this will be outside of the constraints of a tendered agreement. Nantwich property will be on a fee for service basis under an individual contract for specific young person for a specified period.

Safe Places for Children UK have commenced supporting Safe Places Australia Ltd in Australia to source additional staffing resources, an agreed pricing schedule is in place this includes cost recovery for fixed costs and various pay points throughout the various stages. Safe Places UK have a well-established training team that will also train prospective staff before they travel to Australia. The international recruitment project is underway and has generated additional revenue.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 28 April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is currently one member. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 April 2017.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

c. Trustee induction and training

The trustees have undergone orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

The charity has a close relationship with Safe Places Australia Limited in Australia, a non-profit with extensive experience and successes in the care and rehabilitation of troubled young people, and Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449) the UK charity's parent. Safe Places Australia Limited provides administration support, training and advice, as well as providing funding for the establishment phase of Safe Places for Children UK. The charity has not been asked to repay any of these funds, and we have assurances that repayment will be required only as and when the charity has capacity to repay. During the 2023 financial year the loan balance was forgiven to further support the growth of Safe Places for Children UK.

Our view is that Safe Places Australia Limited and the charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

e. Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings, subject to market comparative review.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 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.

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

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Disclosure of information to auditors


Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Keith Mason
(Trustee)

Date: 25/6/2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safe Places for Children UK (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identify the key laws and regulations affecting the company. We identified that the principal risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations related to:

- Management bias in respect of accounting estimates and judgements made;
- Management override of control;
- Posting of unusual transactions.

We focussed on those areas that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. Our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims, including instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing legal expenditure in the year to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

It is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited

Sarah Flear (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

PKF Smith Cooper Audit Limited

Statutory Auditors

2 Lace Market Square

Nottingham

NG1 1PB

Date: 3 July 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	4	1,817,698	1,817,698	-
Charitable activities	5	1,798,144	1,798,144	1,816,895
Total income		3,615,842	3,615,842	1,816,895
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	2,017,521	2,017,521	2,067,745
Total expenditure		2,017,521	2,017,521	2,067,745
Net movement in funds		1,598,321	1,598,321	(250,850)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		(1,354,811)	(1,354,811)	(1,103,961)
Net movement in funds		1,598,321	1,598,321	(250,850)
Total funds carried forward		243,510	243,510	(1,354,811)

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	394,974	402,592
		<u>394,974</u>	<u>402,592</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	39,848	81,868
Cash at bank and in hand	21	79,249	21,233
		<u>119,097</u>	<u>103,101</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(270,561)	(226,616)
Net current liabilities		<u>(151,464)</u>	<u>(123,515)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>243,510</u>	<u>279,077</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(1,633,888)
Total net assets / (liabilities)		<u><u>243,510</u></u>	<u><u>(1,354,811)</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	-	-
Unrestricted funds	17	243,510	(1,354,811)
Total funds		<u><u>243,510</u></u>	<u><u>(1,354,811)</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Keith Mason
(Trustee)

Date: 23/6/2024.

The notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(117,594)	(229,213)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8,200)	-
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Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(8,200)	-
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash inflows from new borrowing	204,175	115,000
Repayment of borrowings	(20,365)	-
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Net cash provided by financing activities	183,810	115,000
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	58,016	(114,213)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	21,233	135,446
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	79,249	21,233
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The notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Safe Places for Children UK is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is First Floor, Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Safe Places for Children UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company and are rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees are of the view that the relationship between Safe Places Community Services Limited and Safe Places for Children UK, along with the long-term viability and resources of the Australian operation, and the demonstrated willingness of the placement agencies to utilise our services and pay the associated costs, indicate that the charity is a going concern.

The Trustees have reviewed the latest management information, budgets and forecast cashflows to 31 December 2025 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of the financial statements. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. *Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.* Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. *All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.*

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 50 years straight line
Motor vehicles	- 4 years straight line
Computer equipment	- 5 years straight line

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 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.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trustees are of the opinion that there are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations - loan forgiven	1,817,698	1,817,698	-
<i>Total 2022</i>	-	-	

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Residential care	1,555,189	1,555,189	1,614,658
Outreach care	46,449	46,449	86,360
Other income	196,506	196,506	115,877
	<u>1,798,144</u>	<u>1,798,144</u>	<u>1,816,895</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>1,816,895</u>	<u>1,816,895</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Direct costs	1,607,838	1,607,838	1,556,750
Support costs	409,683	409,683	510,995
	<u>2,017,521</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>	<u>2,067,745</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>2,067,745</u>	<u>2,067,745</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Therapeutic residential services	1,607,838	-	1,607,838	1,556,750
Other	-	409,683	409,683	510,995
	<u>1,607,838</u>	<u>409,683</u>	<u>2,017,521</u>	<u>2,067,745</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u><u>1,556,750</u></u>	<u><u>510,995</u></u>	<u><u>2,067,745</u></u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Therapeutic residential services 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff and related costs	1,389,005	1,389,005	1,322,352
Residential premises costs	194,615	194,615	201,910
Travel costs	24,218	24,218	32,488
	<u>1,607,838</u>	<u>1,607,838</u>	<u>1,556,750</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u><u>1,556,750</u></u>	<u><u>1,556,750</u></u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Other 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff and related costs	177,677	177,677	200,361
Travel	11,096	11,096	10,676
Office costs	83,495	83,495	110,243
Depreciation	18,299	18,299	18,128
Insurance	51,716	51,716	64,316
Service fees	22,571	22,571	34,963
Governance costs	44,829	44,829	72,308
	<u>409,683</u>	<u>409,683</u>	<u>510,995</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>510,995</u>	<u>510,995</u>	

8. Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	9,950	23,064
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Accounting and Tax Fees	1,975	2,300
Legal and Professional Fees	-	46,944
	<u>1,975</u>	<u>49,244</u>

9. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,381,565	1,338,661
Employers NI	138,329	136,925
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	46,788	47,127
	<u>1,566,682</u>	<u>1,522,713</u>

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9. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Employees	45	47

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	-	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	2	-

The key management personnel of the charity currently comprise the Managing Director, General Manager and Quality and Systems Manager.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £286,035 (2022: £233,833).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - *£NIL*).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - *£NIL*).

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	416,863	35,894	10,077	462,834
Additions	-	8,200	-	8,200
At 31 December 2023	<u>416,863</u>	<u>44,094</u>	<u>10,077</u>	<u>471,034</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	28,383	26,092	5,767	60,242
Charge for the year	7,139	6,662	2,017	15,818
At 31 December 2023	<u>35,522</u>	<u>32,754</u>	<u>7,784</u>	<u>76,060</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>381,341</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>394,974</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>388,480</u>	<u>9,802</u>	<u>4,310</u>	<u>402,592</u>

13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	22,362	59,035
Other debtors	6,391	14,189
Prepayments and accrued income	11,095	8,644
	<u>39,848</u>	<u>81,868</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,687	22,407
Other taxation and social security	30,469	33,178
Other creditors	9,426	11,385
Accruals and deferred income	218,979	159,646
	270,561	226,616
	270,561	226,616

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan from parent charity	-	1,633,888
	-	1,633,888
	-	1,633,888

Creditors greater than one year represent a loan from parent company Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449).

On 30 June 2023 the Board of Safe Places for Children Secretariat confirmed the forgiveness of this loan in full. This has been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a charitable donation to the Company.

16. Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	119,097	103,101
	119,097	103,101
	119,097	103,101
Financial liabilities		
Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure	270,561	226,616
Other financial liabilities measured at amortised cost through income and expenditure	-	1,633,888
	270,561	1,860,504
	270,561	1,860,504

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Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise trade debtors, other debtors, prepayments and accrued income and cash at bank.

Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise trade creditors, other tax and social security and accruals and deferred income.

Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise loan from parent charity.

17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>3,615,842</u>	<u>(2,017,521)</u>	<u>243,510</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>1,816,895</u>	<u>(2,067,745)</u>	<u>(1,354,811)</u>

18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>3,615,842</u>	<u>(2,017,521)</u>	<u>243,510</u>

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18. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</i>
General funds	<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>1,816,895</u>	<u>(2,067,745)</u>	<u>(1,354,811)</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	394,974	394,974
Current assets	119,097	119,097
Creditors due within one year	(270,561)	(270,561)
Total	<u>243,510</u>	<u>243,510</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	402,592	402,592
Current assets	103,101	103,101
Creditors due within one year	(226,616)	(226,616)
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,633,888)	(1,633,888)
Total	<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>(1,354,811)</u>

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20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	1,598,321	(250,850)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,818	18,128
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	42,020	(52,032)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(1,773,753)	55,541
Net cash used in operating activities	(117,594)	(229,213)

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	79,249	21,233
Total cash and cash equivalents	79,249	21,233

22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2023 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	21,233	58,016	-	79,249
Debt due after 1 year	(1,633,888)	(183,810)	1,817,698	-
	(1,612,655)	(125,794)	1,817,698	79,249

23. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £46,788 (2022 - £47,127). Contributions totalling £9,363 (2022 - £11,215) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

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24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	23,952	17,640
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	45,000	1,470
	68,952	19,110
	68,952	19,110

25. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 102 section 33.1A Related Party Disclosures from disclosing transactions with other members of the group.

Trustee Adrian De Villiers and Anthony Thompson, a trustee of parent company Safe Places for Children Secretariat, are both also Directors of Safe Places Community Services Limited. Safe Places Community Services Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Community Services Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

The Company recognised sales of £45,000 from Safe Places Community Services Limited relating to the recovery of costs incurred. The balance owed to the company as at 31 December 2023 is £Nil.

During the year Safe Places Community Services Limited paid net expenses of £183,810 (2022 - £115,000 on behalf of the charity). These amounts were included in the loan payable to Safe Places for Children Secretariat which has been forgiven in full during the year. The balance outstanding as at 31 December 2023 is £Nil (2022 - £1,633,888).

Anthony Thompson, a trustee of parent company Safe Places for Children Secretariat, is also a Director of Safe Places Australia Limited. Safe Places Australia Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Australia Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

The Company recognised sales of £139,432 from Safe Places Australia Limited relating to the recovery of costs incurred. The balance owed to the company as at 31 December 2023 is £Nil.

Keith Mason is a Trustee of Safe Places for Children UK but is also the Managing Director of the Charity. He receives remuneration for his employment as Managing Director, which is separate to his role as a Trustee, for which no remuneration is received.

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26. Controlling party

Safe Places for Children UK is a Company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have share capital.

Every member of the charitable Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

The charity's parent entity is Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449, Company Registration Number 10147280) as the sole member of Safe Places for Children UK.

Consolidated financial statements are prepared by Safe Places for Children Secretariat, a copy of which is available from First Floor, Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT.

Until 29 February 2024, the Company's ultimate controlling party was considered to be Safe Places for Children Trustee Limited as the sole member of Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

On 29 February 2024, the new sole member and therefore ultimate controlling party became Safe Places Australia Limited following an amendment to Safe Places for Children Secretariat's articles of association by special resolution.

Consolidated financial statements are prepared by Safe Places Australia Limited, a copy of which is available from Level 19, 241 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD 4000.

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TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

- The relief of:
 - a) children, young adults and disabled people in need; and
 - b) the families of children, young adults and disabled people in need in particular but not exclusively by providing residential, therapeutic and rehabilitation services and family support services;
- the relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship, ill health, disability, youth, age or other disadvantage; and
- the advancement of such other objects or purposes in any part of the world which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are in the opinion of the trustees connected with children, young adults or disabled people in need in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide therapeutic residential care of high needs children, young adults and disabled people, providing rehabilitation services in addition to the immediate needs of the young people.
- In addition, we seek to use the experiences and knowledge gained working with traumatised young people in other locations to bring about improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of other organisations working in this sector.
- Working with the local authorities and departments, we aim to raise the standards and the quality of care delivered to all high needs young people by the various agencies and charities.

The objectives for this year are:

- To continue to develop a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.
- To select and appropriately fit out houses within the community to provide accommodation for the young people in a way that facilitates their care, safety and rehabilitation.
- To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.

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Funding

We have established working relationships with various Trustees of the Health and Social Care trusts in a range of jurisdictions in Northern Ireland and England. We have broad agreement on the pricing structure and cost recovery models for caring for young people.

We have increased the pricing structure per young person in Northern Ireland for the financial year 2023 with a base rate of 6,500 per child per week. Safe Places are currently supporting four young people across two houses. As the complex needs of a child or young person reduces due to the intense therapeutic work we deliver, we work alongside the Trusts and Local authorities to secure less-intensive models of care and provide outreach support during the young persons transition out of Safe Places, whilst simultaneously providing outreach support to new young people transitioning into our service, this increases revenue during this period. Across England and Northern Ireland, we have an average of 25 referrals to our service per day, which reduces the ongoing concern of business/revenue continuity. The Northern Ireland Trusts are under a huge amount of pressure to not only place children and young people but also to bring young people back to their communities as some young people are placed down south in Ireland or other countries. Safe Places have been able to assist with this and now have 4 young people being supported locally.

Safe Places have an exemplary reputation in providing therapeutic residential care and are the only private provider in Northern Ireland. The regulator 'RQIA' and the Trusts continue to provide exceptional feedback regarding the quality of care provided by Safe Places.

We have determined that we can provide the appropriate services at the best cost to ensure the ongoing viability of Safe Places for Children UK.

Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not actively raise funds or solicit donations directly from the general public at present. The charity does not work directly with commercial sponsors in relation to fundraising. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year to meet the charitable objects, the trustees have complied with their duties in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The charity received income of £1,816,895 (2021 – £1,787,805). There was an increase in income compared to 2021 as the charity took on more contracts to provide services to local authorities.

Expenditure of £2,067,745 (2021 – £1,871,326) was incurred in relation to the charity's operations. The operations included therapeutic residential services and ancillary activities.

Reserves policy

The charity held a deficit on unrestricted funds of £1,354,811 as at 31 December 2022 (2021 – deficit of £1,103,961). The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve

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this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Going Concern

We were supported during start-up by the parent organisation, Safe Places for Children Secretariat, and by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Community Services Limited. These organisations continue to provide backup funding, management expertise, emergency staffing requirements and administrative support. With these arrangements in place, we are able to continue establishing our presence in the industry and bring better outcomes for young people. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2023 and 2024 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- monthly review and check to ensure standards are maintained, policies upheld and procedures followed in both practical application and documentation;
- ongoing work by a dedicated Quality and Systems team;
- ongoing work by team reviewing documentation, licencing and other requirements for working in this highly regulated industry;
- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces, including financial risks;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that barriers to entry is the major financial risk for the charity. The approach of Safe Places for Children UK is different from those used by other organisations in residential care, and requires changes in thinking in the funding and placement agencies.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff and young people. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

Future Plans

Since the financial year end, we have made significant progress in continuing to establish the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care, this has been acknowledged by the regulator in Northern Ireland and

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the individual trusts. Placements continue in our homes and we have achieved great outcomes for the children and young people. We have received payments from the South-Eastern Trust of HSC and Belfast Trust in Northern Ireland for these services.

We previously provided therapeutic care to young people via a tendered contract with Cheshire East Council providing services to a significant number of young people. The CEC contracts were mutually terminated in July and August 2023, despite having some great outcomes for young people, including transitioning children and young people back home to their families or to a lessor intensive model of care. CEC was unwilling to increase the pricing structure to ensure the ongoing service was financially viable for Safe Places.

Safe Places have completed all registration documentation with OFSTED for the Nantwich property and we will look to support children and young people from January 2024 and increase our overall revenue, this will be outside of the constraints of a tendered agreement. Nantwich property will be on a fee for service basis under an individual contract for specific young person for a specified period.

Safe Places for Children UK have commenced supporting Safe Places community Service Ltd in Australia to source additional staffing resources, an agreed pricing schedule is in place this includes cost recovery for fixed costs and various pay points throughout the various stages. Safe Places UK have a well-established training team that will also train prospective staff before they travel to Australia. The international recruitment project is underway and has generated additional revenue.

Trustees

The following Trustees have held office during the period and to the date of signing the accounts:

- Keith Mason (resigned 11 April 2022, appointed 6 July 2022)
- Christopher Saunders
- Maninder Singh (resigned 17 November 2022)
- Anthony Thompson (appointed 22 March 2022, resigned 25 August 2022)

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Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 28 April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is currently one member. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 April 2017.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Trustee induction and training

The trustees have undergone orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

The charity has a close relationship with Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia, a non-profit with extensive experience and successes in the care and rehabilitation of troubled young people, and Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449) the UK charity's parent. Safe Places Community Services Limited provides administration support, training and advice, as well as providing funding for the establishment phase of Safe Places for Children UK. The charity has not been asked to repay any of these funds, and we have assurances that repayment will be required only as and when the charity has capacity to repay.

Our view is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and the charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings, subject to market comparative review.

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Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 of 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 trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (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 and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees 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 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.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on

30/10/2023



Keith Mason
Trustee

Company Number 10152838

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safe Places for Children UK for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the

financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Further, the charitable company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, through material fine, litigation or restrictions on the charitable company's operations. We identified the most significant other laws and regulations to be specific requirements as found in the Education and Skills Act 2008 and the Childcare Act 2006 and guidance issued by Ofsted and the Regulator and Quality Improvement Authority.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

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During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sally Appleton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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Date: 3 November 2023

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Income from:			
Charitable activities	2	1,816,895	1,787,805
Total income		<u>1,816,895</u>	<u>1,787,805</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	2,067,745	1,871,326
Total expenditure		<u>2,067,745</u>	<u>1,871,326</u>
Net expenditure for the year		(250,850)	(83,521)
Deficit balances brought forward at 1 January 2022	15	<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,440)</u>
Deficit balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>(1,103,961)</u>

During the above financial period, the charity's activities derived from continuing operations. The charity has no other recognised gains and losses from those stated above.

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets	9	402,592	420,720
Current assets			
Debtors	10	81,868	29,836
Cash at bank and in hand		21,233	135,446
		<u>103,101</u>	<u>165,282</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(226,616)</u>	<u>(171,075)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(123,515)	(5,793)
Total assets less current assets/(liabilities)		279,077	414,927
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	12	<u>(1,633,888)</u>	<u>(1,518,888)</u>
Net Liabilities		<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>(1,103,961)</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted deficit		<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>(1,103,961)</u>
Total deficit in funds		<u>(1,354,811)</u>	<u>(1,103,961)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 30 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Keith Mason
Trustee

Company Number 10152838

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	A	(229,213)	25,329
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(229,213)</u>	<u>25,329</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(606)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(606)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash inflows from new borrowings		115,000	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	(15,314)
Net cash from financing activities		<u>115,000</u>	<u>(15,314)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(114,213)	9,409
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>135,446</u>	<u>126,037</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	B	<u><u>21,233</u></u>	<u><u>135,446</u></u>

A. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow

	2022 £	2021 £
Net deficit for the reporting period	(250,850)	(83,521)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	18,128	18,087
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(52,032)	15,131
Increase in creditors	55,541	75,632
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(229,213)</u>	<u>25,329</u>

B. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	1 January 2022 £	Movement £	31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	135,446	(114,213)	21,233
Loans payable	(1,518,888)	(115,000)	(1,633,888)
	<u>(1,383,442)</u>	<u>(229,213)</u>	<u>(1,612,655)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Accounting exemptions

The charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in accordance with paragraph 1.12 of FRS102. Exemptions have been taken in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash flow statement and the compensation of key management personnel.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees are of the view that the relationship between Safe Places Community Services Limited and Safe Places for Children UK, along with the long-term viability and resources of the Australian operation, and the demonstrated willingness of the placement agencies to utilise our services and pay the associated costs, indicate that the charity is a going concern. The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2023 and 2024 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course through the increase in operations driving increasing surpluses over the high base running costs. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat, providing onward funding from Safe Places Communities Services Limited.

1.4 Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted general funds and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Expenditure on the acquisition of individual fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset less estimated residual value in equal instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

- Buildings and improvements 50 years
- Motor Vehicles 4 years
- Computer Equipment 5 years

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Land is estimated to represent 20% of the value of buildings and is not depreciated.

1.6 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from charitable activities represents the delivery of the charity's core services and is recognised as the service is performed.
- Income received by way of donations, legacies and gifts is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable.

1.7 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

1.8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not normally liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on its charitable activities. The company is unable to recover all of its VAT which is therefore expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised initially in the accounts at transaction price, including any transaction costs. At the end of each accounting period, basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. For debt instruments this is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

1.10 Critical accounting judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

No key judgements or assumptions have been made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements.

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2 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Residential care	1,614,658	1,688,010
Outreach care	86,360	82,951
Other income	115,877	16,844
	<u>1,816,895</u>	<u>1,787,805</u>

3 Charitable activities costs

	Direct costs (Note 4)	Support costs (Note 5)	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Therapeutic residential services	1,556,750	-	1,556,750
Other	-	510,995	510,995
	<u>1,556,750</u>	<u>510,995</u>	<u>2,067,745</u>
	Direct costs (Note 4)	Support costs (Note 5)	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Therapeutic residential services	1,411,220	-	1,411,220
Other	-	460,106	460,106
	<u>1,411,220</u>	<u>460,106</u>	<u>1,871,326</u>

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4 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff and related costs	1,322,352	1,261,476
Residential premises costs	201,910	125,056
Travel costs	32,488	24,689
	<u>1,556,750</u>	<u>1,411,220</u>

5 Support costs

Support costs are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff and related costs	200,361	196,288
Travel	10,676	7,244
Office costs	110,243	98,844
Depreciation	18,128	18,087
Insurance	64,316	54,479
Service fees	34,963	-
Governance costs (note 6)	72,308	84,164
	<u>510,995</u>	<u>460,106</u>

6 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit fees		
- Current Year	23,064	16,000
- Prior Year	-	21,600
Accounting and Tax Fees	2,300	4,440
Legal and Professional Fees	46,944	42,124
	<u>72,308</u>	<u>84,164</u>

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7 Direct staff costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,296,371	1,233,815
Social security costs	136,925	121,208
Other pension costs	47,127	44,635
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	1,480,423	1,399,659
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The average monthly number of employees (based on head count) during the year was 47 (2021: 45).

The number of employees with emoluments for the year over £60,000 are as shown below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
£60,000 - £69,999	-	1
£70,000 - £79,999	1	-
£80,000 - £89,999	1	-
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The key management personnel of the charity currently comprise individuals working for Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia. There is no charge to the charity for their services at present.

8 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 or for the year ended 31 December 2021. See note 15 for details of other related party transactions.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 or for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	10,077	416,863	35,894	462,834
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	10,077	416,863	35,894	462,834
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	3,752	21,243	17,119	42,114
Charge for year	2,015	7,139	8,973	18,128
At 31 December 2022	5,767	28,383	26,092	60,242
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	4,310	388,480	9,802	402,592
At 31 December 2021	6,325	395,620	18,775	420,720

10 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	59,035	9,245
Prepayments	3,244	744
Other debtors	19,589	19,847
	81,868	29,836

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11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,407	1,747
Tax and social security	33,178	33,352
Accruals and other creditors	151,031	135,976
Deferred income	20,000	-
	<u>226,616</u>	<u>171,075</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling after one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Loan from parent charity	1,633,888	1,518,888
	<u>1,633,888</u>	<u>1,518,888</u>

Creditors greater than one year represent a loan from Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449). The loan is interest free and has no fixed repayment date.

13 Operating lease commitment

Minimum lease payments commitment under operating leases due as follows

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	17,640	6,308
Between two and five years	1,470	-
	<u>19,110</u>	<u>6,308</u>

14 Company Status

The company does not have a share capital and is limited by the guarantee of its member, Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449). At 31 December 2022 the total of such guarantees was £1 (2021 - £1).

15 Related Party Transactions

Anthony Thompson, a trustee, is a trustee of Safe Places for Children Secretariat. The charity received loans in the year of £nil (2021: £nil) from Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

As at 31 December 2022 the balance of loans owing to Safe Places for Children Secretariat is £1, 633,888 (2021: £1, 518,888).

Anthony Thompson is a Director of Safe Places Community Services Limited, serving as Chairman. Safe Places Communities Services Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

During the year Safe Places Communities Services Limited paid net expenses of £115,000 (2021 - £15,314) on behalf of the charity. These amounts are included in the increased loan payable to Safe Places for Children Secretariat at 31 December 2022.

Keith Mason is a Trustee of Safe Places for Children UK but is also the Managing Director of the Charity. He receives remuneration for his employment as managing Director, which is separate to his role as a Trustee, for which no remuneration is received.

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure.

16 Post Balance Sheet Events

Following the year end, the Charity was informed by Safe Places Community Services Limited that the loan provided to the Charity (see note 12) was to be forgiven during the year ending 31 December 2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1172481

Accounts

Charity number: 1172481
Company number: 10152838



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TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

- The relief of:
 - a) children, young adults and disabled people in need; and
 - b) the families of children, young adults and disabled people in need in particular but not exclusively by providing residential, therapeutic and rehabilitation services and family support services;
- the relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship, ill health, disability, youth, age or other disadvantage; and
- the advancement of such other objects or purposes in any part of the world which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are in the opinion of the trustees connected with children, young adults or disabled people in need in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide therapeutic residential care of high needs children, young adults and disabled people, providing rehabilitation services in addition to the immediate needs of the young people.
- In addition, we seek to use the experiences and knowledge gained working with traumatised young people in other locations to bring about improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of other organisations working in this sector.
- Working with the local authorities and departments, we aim to raise the standards and the quality of care delivered to all high needs young people by the various agencies and charities.

The objectives for this year are:

- To continue to develop a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.
 - To select and appropriately fit out houses within the community to provide accommodation for the young people in a way that facilitates their care, safety and rehabilitation.
 - To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.
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Funding

We have established working relationships with various Trustees of the Health and Social Care trusts in a range of jurisdictions in Northern Ireland and England. We have broad agreement on the pricing structure and cost recovery models for caring for young people in their custody. We have successfully established England operations and expanded Northern Ireland operations despite the impact of COVID-19.

We have determined that we can provide the appropriate services at the best cost to ensure the viability of Safe Places for Children UK.

Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not actively raise funds or solicit donations directly from the general public at present. The charity does not work directly with commercial sponsors in relation to fundraising. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year to meet the charitable objects, the trustees have complied with their duties in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The charity received income of £1,787,805 (2020 – £1,374,990). There was an increase in income compared to 2020 as the charity took on more contracts to provide services to local authorities.

Expenditure of £1,871,326 (2020 – £1,520,362) was incurred in relation to the charity's operations. The operations included therapeutic residential services and ancillary activities.

Reserves policy

The charity held a deficit on unrestricted funds of £1,103,961 as at 31 December 2021 (2020 – deficit of £1,020,440). The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their fundraising activities. The Charity does not engage in fundraising activity nor does it petition any donations from members of the general public and does not work with any third-party commercial fundraiser. The Trustees are not aware of any fundraising complaints made in respect of the financial year.

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Going Concern

We were supported during start-up by the parent organisation, Safe Places for Children Secretariat, and by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Community Services Limited. These organisations continue to provide backup funding, management expertise, emergency staffing requirements and administrative support. With these arrangements in place, we are able to continue establishing our presence in the industry and bring better outcomes for young people. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2022 and 2023 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- monthly review and check to ensure standards are maintained, policies upheld and procedures followed in both practical application and documentation;
- ongoing work by a dedicated Quality and Systems team;
- ongoing work by team reviewing documentation, licencing and other requirements for working in this highly regulated industry;
- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces, including financial risks;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that barriers to entry is the major financial risk for the charity. The approach of Safe Places for Children UK is different from those used by other organisations in residential care, and requires changes in thinking in the funding and placement agencies.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff and young people. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

Future Plans

Since the financial year end, we have made significant progress in continuing to establish the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care. We have secured placements in both Northern Ireland and England, with plans underway for expansion in Northern Ireland by early 2023, and this will help to improve our overall financial position and double the revenue for Northern Ireland.

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We continue to invest in our relationships with Cheshire East Council and the Trusts in Northern Ireland. We continue to receive payments as per the agreed schedule.

During the 2021 financial year, we secured OFSTED approvals for multiple Cheshire placements for our Crewe and Macclesfield properties and are in discussions about future placements in the Cheshire East area. We have also established our head office in Congleton along with a training room for in-house induction and training.

Sage Places for Children UK is also in discussions with Lancashire County Council and St Helens Council regarding future placement needs and how we can assist them to support their local children and young people.

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 28 April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is currently one member. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 April 2017.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Trustee induction and training

The trustees have undergone orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

The charity has a close relationship with Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia, a non-profit with extensive experience and successes in the care and rehabilitation of troubled young people, and Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449) the UK charity's parent. Safe Places Community Services Limited provides administration support, training and advice, as well as providing funding for the establishment phase of Safe Places for Children UK. The charity has not been asked to repay any of these funds, and we have assurances that repayment will be required only as and when the charity has capacity to repay.

Our view is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and the charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings, subject to market comparative review.

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Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 of 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 trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (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 and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 20 September 2022.



Keith Mason
Trustee

Company Number 10152838

Registered office: Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safe Places for Children UK for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Further, the charitable company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, through material fine, litigation or restrictions on the charitable company's operations. We identified the most significant other laws and regulations to be specific requirements as found in the Education and Skills Act 2008 and the Childcare Act 2006 and guidance issued by Ofsted and the Regulator and Quality Improvement Authority.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

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During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Saffery Champness LLP

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Date: 28 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Income from:			
Charitable activities	2	1,787,805	1,462,406
Total income		<u>1,787,805</u>	<u>1,462,406</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	1,871,326	1,520,362
Total expenditure		<u>1,871,326</u>	<u>1,520,362</u>
Net expenditure for the year		(83,521)	(57,956)
Deficit balances brought forward at 1 January 2021	15	<u>(1,020,440)</u>	<u>(962,484)</u>
Deficit balances carried forward at 31 December 2021		<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,440)</u>

During the above financial period, the charity's activities derived from continuing operations. The charity has no other recognised gains and losses from those stated above.

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets	9	420,720	438,201
Current assets			
Debtors	10	29,836	44,967
Cash at bank and in hand		135,446	126,037
		<u>165,282</u>	<u>171,004</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(171,075)</u>	<u>(95,443)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(5,793)	75,561
Total assets less current assets/(liabilities)		414,927	513,762
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	12	<u>(1,518,888)</u>	<u>(1,534,202)</u>
Net Liabilities		<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,440)</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted deficit		<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,440)</u>
Total deficit in funds		<u>(1,103,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,440)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Keith Mason
Trustee

Company Number 10152838

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	A	25,329	(15,733)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>25,329</u>	<u>(15,733)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(606)	(29,814)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(606)</u>	<u>(29,814)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash inflows from new borrowings		-	126,575
Repayment of borrowings		(15,314)	-
Net cash from financing activities		<u>(15,314)</u>	<u>126,575</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		9,409	81,028
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>126,037</u>	<u>45,009</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	B	<u><u>135,446</u></u>	<u><u>126,037</u></u>

A. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net deficit for the reporting period	(83,521)	(57,956)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	18,087	14,300
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	15,131	(696)
Increase in creditors	75,632	28,619
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>25,329</u>	<u>(15,733)</u>

B. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	1 January 2021 £	Movement £	31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	126,036	9,409	135,446
Loans payable	(1,534,202)	15,314	(1,518,888)
	<u>(1,408,166)</u>	<u>24,723</u>	<u>(1,383,442)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Accounting exemptions

The charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in accordance with paragraph 1.12 of FRS102. Exemptions have been taken in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash flow statement and the compensation of key management personnel.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees are of the view that the relationship between Safe Places Community Services Limited and Safe Places for Children UK, along with the long-term viability and resources of the Australian operation, and the demonstrated willingness of the placement agencies to utilise our services and pay the associated costs, indicate that the charity is a going concern. The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2023 and 2023 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course through the increase in operations driving increasing surpluses over the high base running costs. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat, providing onward funding from Safe Places Communities Services Limited.

1.4 Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted general funds and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Expenditure on the acquisition of individual fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset less estimated residual value in equal instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| • Buildings and improvements | 50 years |
| • Motor Vehicles | 4 years |
| • Computer Equipment | 5 years |

Land is estimated to represent 20% of the value of buildings and is not depreciated.

1.6 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from charitable activities represents the delivery of the charity's core services and is recognised as the service is performed.
- Income received by way of donations, legacies and gifts is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable.

1.7 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

1.8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not normally liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on its charitable activities. The company is unable to recover all of its VAT which is therefore expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised initially in the accounts at transaction price, including any transaction costs. At the end of each accounting period, basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. For debt instruments this is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

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1.10 Critical accounting judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

No key judgements or assumptions have been made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements.

2 Income from charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Residential care	1,688,010	1,336,519
Outreach care	82,951	38,471
Other income	16,844	87,416
	<u>1,787,805</u>	<u>1,462,406</u>

3 Charitable activities costs

	Direct costs (Note 4) £	Support costs (Note 5) £	Total 2021 £
Therapeutic residential services	1,411,220	-	1,411,220
Other	-	460,106	460,106
	<u>1,411,220</u>	<u>460,106</u>	<u>1,871,326</u>
	Direct costs (Note 4) £	Support costs (Note 5) £	Total 2020 £
Therapeutic residential services	1,136,575	-	1,136,575
Other	-	383,787	383,787
	<u>1,136,575</u>	<u>383,787</u>	<u>1,520,362</u>

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4 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff and related costs	1,261,476	1,008,900
Residential premises costs	125,056	112,007
Travel costs	24,689	15,668
	<u>1,411,220</u>	<u>1,136,575</u>

5 Support costs

Support costs are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff and related costs	196,288	182,205
Travel	7,244	6,395
Office costs	98,844	67,772
Depreciation	18,087	14,301
Insurance	54,479	36,524
Governance costs (note 6)	84,164	64,683
Irrecoverable VAT	-	6,414
	<u>460,106</u>	<u>383,787</u>

6 Governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent Examination Fees		
- Current Year	16,000	3,900
- Prior Year	21,600	8,184
Accounting and Tax Fees	4,440	3,822
Legal and Professional Fees	42,124	48,777
	<u>84,164</u>	<u>64,683</u>

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7 Direct staff costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,233,815	970,696
Social security costs	121,208	93,066
Other pension costs	44,635	39,554
	<u>1,399,659</u>	<u>1,103,316</u>

The average monthly number of employees (based on head count) during the year was 45 (2020: 35).

One employee had emoluments for the year over £60,000 (2020 - 1) in the band of £60,000 - £70,000.

The key management personnel of the charity currently comprise individuals working for Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia. There is no charge to the charity for their services at present.

8 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 or for the year ended 31 December 2020.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 or for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	9,471	416,864	35,894	462,229
Additions	606	-	-	606
At 31 December 2021	10,077	416,863	35,894	462,834
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	1,777	14,104	8,145	24,027
Charge for year	1,975	7,139	8,973	18,087
At 31 December 2021	3,752	21,243	17,119	42,114
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	6,325	395,620	18,775	420,720
At 1 January 2021	7,694	402,760	27,749	438,202

10 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	9,245	13,393
Prepayments	744	10,627
Other debtors	19,847	20,947
	29,836	44,967

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11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,747	940
Tax and social security	33,352	41,603
Accruals and other creditors	135,976	52,900
	<u>171,075</u>	<u>95,443</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling after one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Loan from parent charity	1,518,888	1,534,202
	<u>1,518,888</u>	<u>1,534,202</u>

Creditors greater than one year represent a loan from Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449). The loan is interest free and has no fixed repayment date.

13 Operating lease commitment

Minimum lease payments commitment under operating leases due as follows

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	6,308	24,090
Between one and five years	-	6,308

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14 Company Status

The company does not have a share capital and is limited by the guarantee of its member, Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Company Registration Number 10147280 and Registered Charity Number 1173449). At 31 December 2021 the total of such guarantees was £1 (2020 - £1).

15 Related Party Transactions

The ultimate parent company of the charity is Safe Places for Children Secretariat. Safe Places for Children Secretariat is the controlling member of Safe Places for Children UK. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for the group can be obtained by writing to the Company Secretary at First Floor, Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT.

The charity received loans in the year of £nil (2020: £178,500) from Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

As at 31 December 2021 the balance of loans owing to Safe Places for Children Secretariat is £1,518,888 (2020: £1,534,202).

Anthony Thompson is a Director of Safe Places Community Services Limited, serving as Chairman. Safe Places Communities Services Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

During the year Safe Places Communities Services Limited paid net expenses of £15,314 (2020 - £51,926) on behalf of the charity. These amounts are included in the balance of the loan payable to Safe Places for Children Secretariat at 31 December 2021.

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1172481

Accounts

Charity number: 1172481
Company number: 10152838



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2020 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Keith Mason
Peter Kearney (resigned 23 June 2020)
Christopher Saunders
Maninder Singh (appointed 16 July 2020)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

- The relief of:
 - a) children, young adults and disabled people in need; and
 - b) the families of children, young adults and disabled people in need in particular but not exclusively by providing residential, therapeutic and rehabilitation services and family support services;
- the relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship, ill health, disability, youth, age or other disadvantage; and
- the advancement of such other objects or purposes in any part of the world which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are in the opinion of the trustees connected with children, young adults or disabled people in need in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The purposes of the charity are:

- To provide therapeutic residential care of high needs children, young adults and disabled people, providing rehabilitation services in addition to the immediate needs of the young people.
- In addition, we seek to use the experiences and knowledge gained working with traumatised young people in other locations to bring about improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of other organisations working in this sector.
- Working with the local authorities and departments, we aim to raise the standards and the quality of care delivered to all high needs young people by the various agencies and charities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The objectives for this year are:

- To continue to develop a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.
- To select and appropriately fit out houses within the community to provide accommodation for the young people in a way that facilitates their care, safety and rehabilitation.
- To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.

Funding

We have established working relationships with various Trustees of the Health and Social Care trusts in a range of jurisdictions in Northern Ireland and England. We have broad agreement on the pricing structure and cost recovery models for caring for young people in their custody. We have successfully established England operations and expanded Northern Ireland operations despite the impact of COVID-19.

We have determined that we can provide the appropriate services at the best cost to ensure the viability of Safe Places for Children UK.

Fundraising

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not actively raise funds or solicit donations directly from the general public at present. The charity does not work directly with commercial sponsors in relation to fundraising. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year to meet the charitable objects, the trustees have complied with their duties in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The charity received income of £1,374,990 (2019 – £335,659). There was an increase in income compared to 2019 as the charity took on more contracts to provide services to local authorities.

Expenditure of £1,432,946 (2019 – £1,091,109) was incurred in relation to the charity's operations. The operations included therapeutic residential services and ancillary activities.

Reserves policy

The charity held a deficit on unrestricted funds of £1,020,440 as at 31 December 2020 (2019 – deficit of £962,484). The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Impact of COVID-19

COVID-19 has a limited impact on operations, but increased costs have adversely impacted profitability and cash flow. Numerous valuable lessons have been learnt and the organisation is stronger as result.

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Going Concern

We were supported during start-up by the parent organisation, Safe Places for Children Secretariat, and by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Community Services Limited. These organisations continue to provide backup funding, management expertise, emergency staffing requirements and administrative support. With these arrangements in place, we are able to continue establishing our presence in the industry and bring better outcomes for young people. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2021 and 2022 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements. The Trustees have also received confirmation from Safe Places Community Services Limited of their ongoing financial support.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- monthly review and check to ensure standards are maintained, policies upheld and procedures followed in both practical application and documentation;
- ongoing work by a dedicated Quality and Systems team;
- ongoing work by team reviewing documentation, licencing and other requirements for working in this highly regulated industry;
- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces, including financial risks;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that barriers to entry is the major financial risk for the charity. The approach of Safe Places for Children UK is different from those used by other organisations in residential care, and requires changes in thinking in the funding and placement agencies.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff and young people. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness training for staff working in these operational areas.

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Future Plans

Since the financial year end, we have made significant progress in continuing to establish the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care. Placements have continued in our homes despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions to operations in place.

The offices in Northern Ireland and England are now fully established and the Charity continues to look for opportunities to undertake further work with local authorities and expand the geographical nature of our offering.

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 28 April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There is currently one member. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 April 2017.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Trustee induction and training

The trustees have undergone orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work as a trustee with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with an employee or contractor must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

The charity has a close relationship with Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia, a non-profit with extensive experience and successes in the care and rehabilitation of troubled young people, and Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449) the UK charity's parent. Safe Places Community Services Limited provides administration support, training and advice, as well as providing funding for the establishment phase of Safe Places for Children UK. The charity has not been asked to repay any of these funds, and we have assurances that repayment will be required only as and when the charity has capacity to repay.

Our view is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and the charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings, subject to market comparative review.

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Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) 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).

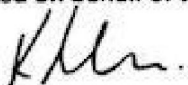
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (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 and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees 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 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.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 16 December 2021.



Keith Mason
Trustee

Company Number 10152838

Registered office: Triad House, Mountbatten Court, Worrall Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN UK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safe Places for Children UK for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

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There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019 were unaudited as the charity took advantage of relevant exemptions from audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Liz Hazell (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Saffery Champness LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

71 Queen Victoria Street
London
EC4V 4BE

Date: 16 December 2021.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 Unaudited £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	2	1,374,990	335,659
Other income		87,416	-
Total income		<u>1,462,406</u>	<u>335,659</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	1,520,362	1,091,109
Total expenditure		<u>1,520,362</u>	<u>1,091,109</u>
Net deficit for the year		(57,956)	(755,450)
Deficit balance brought forward at 1 January	14	<u>(962,484)</u>	<u>(207,034)</u>
Deficit balance carried forward at 31 December		<u>(1,020,440)</u>	<u>(962,484)</u>

During the above financial period, the charity's activities derived from continuing operations.
The charity has no other recognised gains and losses from those stated above.

All funds are unrestricted.

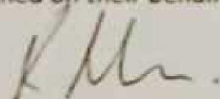
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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 Unaudited £
Fixed assets	8	438,202	422,688
Current assets			
Debtors	9	44,967	44,271
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>126,036</u>	<u>45,008</u>
		171,003	89,279
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(95,443)</u>	<u>(66,824)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		75,560	22,455
Total assets less current assets/(liabilities)		513,762	445,143
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	11	<u>(1,534,202)</u>	<u>(1,407,627)</u>
Net Assets		<u>(1,020,440)</u>	<u>(962,484)</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted deficit		<u>(1,020,440)</u>	<u>(962,484)</u>
Total deficit in funds		<u>(1,020,440)</u>	<u>(962,484)</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 16/12/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Keith Mason
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 Unaudited £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	A	(15,733)	(731,565)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(15,733)</u>	<u>(731,565)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(29,814)	(113,553)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(29,814)</u>	<u>(113,553)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash inflows from new borrowings		126,575	888,704
Net cash from financing activities		<u>126,575</u>	<u>888,704</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		81,028	43,586
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>45,008</u>	<u>1,422</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	B	<u>126,036</u>	<u>45,008</u>

A. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow

	2020 £	2019 £
Net deficit for the reporting period	(57,956)	(755,450)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	14,300	9,188
(Increase) in debtors	(696)	(15,279)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	28,619	29,976
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(15,733)</u>	<u>(731,565)</u>

B. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	1 January 2020 £	Movement £	31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	45,008	81,028	126,036
Loans payable	(1,407,627)	(126,575)	(1,534,202)
	<u>(1,362,619)</u>	<u>(45,547)</u>	<u>(1,408,166)</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Accounting exemptions

The charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in accordance with paragraph 1.12 of FRS102. Exemptions have been taken in relation to financial instruments.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees are of the view that the relationship between Safe Places Community Services Limited and Safe Places for Children UK, along with the long-term viability and resources of the Australian operation, and the demonstrated willingness of the placement agencies to utilise our services and pay the associated costs, indicate that the charity is a going concern. The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for 2021 and 2022 in order to consider going concern and are confident that the charity will have the resources available to it that it will need for at least the 12 months following the approval of these financial statements.

Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The charity recognises the need to have positive unrestricted funds and is taking steps to achieve this in due course. The charity expects to receive continued support from the connected charity Safe Places for Children Secretariat and has received confirmation of support from Safe Places Community Services Limited.

1.4 Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted general funds and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Expenditure on the acquisition of individual fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset less estimated residual value in equal instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

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| • Buildings and improvements | 50 years |
| • Motor Vehicles | 4 years |
| • Computer Equipment | 5 years |

Land is estimated to represent 20% of the value of buildings and is not depreciated.

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1.6 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from charitable activities represents the delivery of the charity's core services and is recognised as the service is performed.
- Income received by way of donations, legacies and gifts is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activity when receivable.

1.7 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

1.8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not normally liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on its charitable activities. The company is unable to recover all of its VAT which is therefore expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Critical accounting judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

No key judgements or assumptions have been made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.10 Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2 Income from charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Residential care	1,336,519	203,143
Outreach care	38,471	132,516
	<u>1,374,990</u>	<u>335,659</u>

3 Charitable activities costs

	Direct costs (Note 4) £	Support costs (Note 5) £	Total 2020 £
Therapeutic residential services	1,136,575	-	1,136,575
Other	-	383,787	383,787
	<u>1,136,575</u>	<u>383,787</u>	<u>1,520,362</u>
	Direct costs (Note 4) £	Support costs (Note 5) £	Total 2019 Restated £
Therapeutic residential services	601,931	-	601,931
Other	-	489,178	489,178
	<u>601,931</u>	<u>489,178</u>	<u>1,091,109</u>

4 Direct costs of charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff and related costs	1,008,900	509,065
Residential premises costs	112,007	80,520
Travel costs	15,668	12,346
	<u>1,136,575</u>	<u>601,931</u>

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5	Support costs	2020	2019
		£	£
	Staff and related costs	182,205	219,759
	Travel	6,395	116,851
	Office costs	67,772	18,906
	Depreciation	14,301	9,188
	Legal and professional	101,207	85,759
	Irrecoverable VAT	6,414	38,715
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		383,787	489,178
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6	Direct staff costs	2020	2019
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	970,696	474,685
	Social security costs	93,066	49,045
	Other pension costs	39,554	20,887
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		1,103,316	544,617
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The average monthly number of employees (based on head count) during the year was 35 (2019: 21).

One employee had emoluments for the year over £60,000 (2019 - 1) in the band of £60,000 - £70,000 (2019 - £60,000 - £70,000)

The key management personnel of the charity currently comprise the Trustees and individuals working for Safe Places Community Services Limited in Australia. There is no charge to the charity for their services at present.

7 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 or for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 or for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Buildings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	4,185	416,864	11,366	432,415
Additions	5,286	-	24,528	29,814
At 31 December 2020	9,471	416,864	35,894	462,229
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	279	6,966	2,482	9,727
Charge for year	1,498	7,138	5,663	14,300
At 31 December 2020	1,777	14,104	8,145	24,027
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	7,694	402,760	27,749	438,202
At 1 January 2020	3,906	409,898	8,884	422,688

9 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	13,393	22,263
Prepayments	10,627	4,884
Other debtors	20,947	17,124
	44,967	44,271

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10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	940	5,812
Tax and social security	41,603	17,136
Accruals and other creditors	52,900	43,876
	<u>95,443</u>	<u>66,824</u>

11 Creditors: Amounts falling after one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Loan from parent charity	1,534,202	1,407,627
	<u>1,534,202</u>	<u>1,407,627</u>

Creditors greater than one year represent a loan from Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449). The loan is interest free and has no fixed repayment date.

12 Operating lease commitments

Minimum lease payments commitment under operating leases due as follows

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expiring:		
Within one year	24,090	6,450
Between one and five years	6,308	11,288
	<u>30,398</u>	<u>17,738</u>

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13 Company status

The company does not have a share capital and is limited by the guarantee of its member, Safe Places for Children Secretariat (Registered Charity Number 1173449). At 31 December 2020 the total of such guarantees was £1 (2019 - £1).

14 Related Party Transactions

The charity received loans in the year of £178,500 (2019: £700,476) from Safe Places for Children Secretariat.

Safe Places Communities Services Limited is a similar organisation operating in Australia on which this charity has been modelled. The view of the Trustees is that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and this charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

During the year Safe Places Communities Services Limited paid expenses of £51,926 (2019 - £188,228) on behalf of the charity. These amounts are included in the increased loan payable to Safe Places for Children Secretariat at 31 December 2020.

As at 31 December 2020 the balance of loans owing to Safe Places for Children Secretariat is £1,534,202 (2019: £1,407,627).

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure.