

Charity Number: 1173449
Company number: 10147280



SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN SECRETARIAT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



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TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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 ended 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).

Objects and activities

The charity's objects 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 the Secretariat, in particular but not exclusively by setting standards which serve to improve the quality of care delivered by those other charities;
- 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 assist other charities to establish a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey.

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- To seek ways of improving the delivery of care to high needs young people.
- To institute training, review and verification programs to ensure the highest possible standard of care is provided.

The charity achieves its objectives by assisting its subsidiary Safes Places for Children UK. During the year the charity facilitated and sourced loan funding from Safe Places Community Services Australia.

Funding

We have established working relationships with the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Community Services Limited, who provided seed funding, and have agreed pricing on services the charity may provide to Safe Places Community Services Limited in the future.

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 £62,489 (2019 – £105,854) as a result of the continuance of its recruitment services and other management services provided to connected charities.

Expenditure in the year totalled £6,762 (2019 – £88,089).

Reserves policy

The charity held funds of £209,126 as at 31 December 2020 (2019 – £153,399). The trustees continue to develop a reserves policy for the charity and are reviewing the charity's anticipated areas of income and expenditure to ensure the policy is appropriate. In year 2020, the revenue of the subsidiary has increased, and it has become cash flow positive.

Going Concern

We were supported during the establishment and initial start-up phase by the Australian not-for-profit Safe Places Community Services Limited. This supporting relationship has continued throughout 2020. This organisation continues to provide management expertise 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. During this period Secretariat has been actively involved in negotiating a 10 year long term agreement with Safe Places Community Services Australia. As a result, the trustees consider that it is appropriate to continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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Risk management

The trustees work closely with Safe Places for Children UK to manage risk to which that entity and Secretariat could be exposed. 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 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;
- 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 to child safety that the charity is promoting 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.

Trustees

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

- Amanda Dunn (appointed 16 July 2020)
- Kirralee Harris (appointed 16 July 2020)
- Anthony Thompson (resigned 16 July 2020)
- Petra O'Meara (resigned 16 July 2020)

Future Plans

Since the Financial Year End, we continue to assist Safe Places for Children UK to make progress in establishing the organisation as a premium provider of therapeutic care. Having received Ofsted approval, Safe Places for Children UK has successfully commenced operations in Cheshire. We have also assisted with the recruitment of staff for Safe Places for Children UK. As Safe Places for Children UK has an established operating surplus and consistent positive cash flow, it is looking further to expand its operations beyond Cheshire Council, we are assisting them in finding suitable premises as well as securing new placements.

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Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 26 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 16 June 2017.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are nominated by the members.

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 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.

During the 2020 financial year, English operations started and have successfully grown to a cash positive position. Secretariat continues to support the market development with industry expertise. 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. 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 Secretariat. The charity has not been asked to repay any of these funds, and the trustees have assurances that repayment will be required only as and when the charity has capacity to repay. The trustees' 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.

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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).

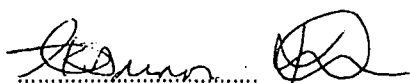
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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 *22nd* 2021
September



Trustee

Company Number 10147280

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

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Liz Hazell FCA
Saffery Champness LLP
Chartered Accountants


23 September 2021
71 Queen Victoria Street
London, EC4V 4BE

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

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Income			
Grants and donations		-	-
Charitable activities	2	62,489	105,854
Total income		<u>62,489</u>	<u>105,854</u>
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	3	6,762	88,089
Total expenditure		<u>6,762</u>	<u>88,089</u>
Net income for the year		55,727	17,765
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		<u>153,399</u>	<u>135,634</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		<u>209,126</u>	<u>153,399</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

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.
The notes on pages 10 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

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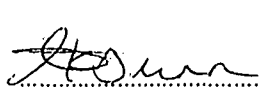
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	1,536,935	1,410,160
Cash at bank and in hand		2,829	3,303
		<u>1,539,764</u>	<u>1,413,463</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net current assets		<u>1,539,764</u>	<u>1,413,463</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	5	<u>(1,330,638)</u>	<u>(1,260,064)</u>
Net assets		<u>209,126</u>	<u>153,399</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted funds		<u>209,126</u>	<u>153,399</u>
Total funds		<u>209,126</u>	<u>153,399</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of financial statements. These financial statements on pages 8 to 12 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and constitute the annual financial statements required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the Company.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on *22nd* 2021 and signed on their behalf by: *September*


Trustee

Company Number 10147280

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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, Safe Places for Children UK and the charity, along with the long term viability and resources of the Australian operation, and the demonstrated willingness of the placement agencies to pay the costs of utilising the services of Safe Places for Children UK, indicate that the charity is a going concern.

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

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 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to it, when receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure it relates to.

1.7 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

	2020 £	2019 £
Management fees received	-	13,941
Recruitment services	62,489	91,913
	<u>62,489</u>	<u>105,854</u>

3 Expenditure

	2020 £	2019 £
Grants to Safe Place for Children UK	-	-
Recruitment services	-	82,836
Professional fees	6,762	5,253
	<u>6,762</u>	<u>88,089</u>

4 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Loans	1,534,202	1,407,627
VAT	2,733	2,533
	<u>1,536,935</u>	<u>1,410,160</u>

During the year, the charity provided loans to Safe Places for Children UK (Registered Charity Number 1172481) in line with its objective of the year of assisting other charities to establish a team of educated, excellent, enthusiastic staff to guide young people along a personal growth journey. The loans are interest free and have no fixed repayment period.

5 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Loans	1,330,638	1,260,064
	<u>1,330,638</u>	<u>1,260,064</u>

During the year Safe Places Community Services Limited, an Australian company, provided funding to allow the charity to continue its set up phase and provide onward finance to Safe Places for Children UK (Registered Charity Number 1172481) (see note 4).

At 31 December 2020 the loan balances are interest free and have no fixed repayment period. The loan from Sichere Orte is secured by a deed of guarantee and indemnity between Sichere Orte and Safe Places for Children UK.

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6 Related Party Transactions

Anthony Thompson and Petra O'Meara, both of whom resigned as Trustees during the year are directors of the non-trading UK company Safe Places for Children Trustee which acts as the corporate trustee of Safe Places for Children Trust, the sole purpose of which is to be the member of the charity.

Anthony Thompson, who resigned as a Trustee during the year, is the Chairman of Safe Places Community Services Limited. Safe Places Communities Services Limited is an organisation operating in Australia. The charity received a loan of £70,574 from Safe Places Community Services during the year. The outstanding balance at 31 December 2020 is £977,674. The trustees consider that Safe Places Communities Services Limited and the charity are connected parties pursuant to the Australian accounting standards and the United Kingdom accounting standards.

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure.