

Child's Vision
(Registered charity, number 1175345)
Financial statements
for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2023

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**Child's Vision
Trustees' annual report
for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2023**

Full name Child's Vision

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1175345

Principal address

GHL House
12-14 Albion Place
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 5DZ

Trustees

Kim Guest, from 26/1/23
Pat Jeffery, from 28/11/22
Brian Hadlow
V Hills, until 26/1/2023

Sharon Gambell, from 26/1/23
Emma Osborne
Gary Maxwell
Susan Button, until 26/1/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO- Foundation adopted 24/10/17 and amended on 20/4/23.

Trustees are appointed through election at our AGM. They are approached through personal recommendation or public advertisement.

Objectives and activities

- 1) To advance the education of the public in the subject of domestic abuse, in particular focusing on empowering children and families to progress through life, minimising the negative impact upon them. 2) to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Kent from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society by working with multiple agencies for the benefit of said object for the purpose of this clause socially excluded means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills

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attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Our main activities are 1:1 school support for children who have experienced domestic violence or abuse, The Freedom programme for Children and the Freedom programme for Teenagers.

Through educating and support sessions with children our aim is to 'Break the cycle' of domestic abuse in families.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Throughout the year, we continued to facilitate our 1:1 support sessions in schools with children who had experienced domestic violence and abuse. We did this through the delivery of the children's freedom programme. A total of 250 children have been supported through the period of this report.

Our CEO wrote a new book for children "Molly and Lucas through the eyes of children" This is used in support sessions with the children.

Our Constitution was amended in April 2023, to enable us to expand our work throughout Kent.

We were also nominated for the Kent Mental Health Awards where we were recognized as Highly Commended.

In July we also published our 3rd book in the Molly and Lucas, through the eyes of children series.

Throughout the year we continued to hold a number of events to raise funds for our work, this has enabled us to raise the profile of the charity and bring in much needed funds through sponsorship, quiz nights, and other fundraising activities.

We were also awarded the London and South East Prestige Award Children's charity of the year title for the 2nd year.

In November our work was recognised when we were awarded The Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

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The charity's policy on reserves

We have an active reserves policy which is updated annually and is currently under review.

Our total reserves include free reserves, restricted and designated funds.

Our free reserves should total 25% of total organisational operating costs based on the next budget year. This should be regularly reviewed to ensure that it meets the organisation's changing needs and circumstances.

Funds can be designated for the following items:

- Significant capital spend;
- Implementing new services.

Designated funds should be approved by the Trustees during regular committee meetings. Approval should be documented in the Minutes.

Designated funds should be used within 2 years of their target date. If this does not take place, they should be released back into free reserves or re-approved for designation.

Financial Risk

Our main financial risk is not securing enough funds to cover our core costs.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Kim Guest Date 21/2/2024
Kim Guest, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Child's Vision
for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Child's Vision (the charity) for the period 31/8/22 to 31/12/23.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 27/2/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2023

		2023 16 months		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts				
Grants & donations	2	28709	22000	50709
Fundraising		9178	-	9178
Bank interest		96	-	96
Total receipts		37983	22000	59983
Payments				
Professional fees		3688	-	3688
Advertising & promotional		5868	-	5868
Bank charges		103	-	103
Subscriptions		2831	-	2831
Fundraising costs		4415	-	4415
IT costs		688	-	688
Office & administration		3654	200	3854
Project costs		749	-	749
Refreshment & Hospitality		577	-	577
Staff uniform		189	-	189
Training		344	-	344
Travel & accomodation		1260	-	1260
Rent & room hire		9575	-	9575
Repairs & maintenance		1416	-	1416
Salaries NI & pension		10876	16821	27697
Agency & freelance workers		2062	-	2062
Sundry payments		640	-	640
Total payments		48935	17021	65956
Net receipts/(payments)		(10952)	4979	(5973)
Cash funds at start of this period		34921	-	34921
Cash funds at end of this period		23969	4979	28948

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2023**

	2023
Cash assets	£
Bank accounts	28948
	<u>28948</u>
 Assets retained for the charity's own use	
General equipment.	
 Liabilities	
Creditors: Independent examination	(600)
	<u>(600)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 21/2/2024
Kim Guest, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Children In Need	-	12000	12000
Biddington	400	-	400
C Vizzard	1000	-	1000
Co-operative	2130	-	2130
Colyer-Ferguson	-	10000	10000
ICS	585	-	585
Kent Police	900	-	900
Liberata UK	500	-	500
Magic Grant	1000	-	1000
Mazda UK	667	-	667
Swale Borough Council	300	-	300
SJP Charity Foundation	2500	-	2500
Groundwork UK	1000	-	1000
John Lewis	1250	-	1250
The Philip Trust	5000	-	5000
Charity Foundation	5000	-	5000
Brachers	750	-	750
Sundry donations	5726	-	5726
Total	28709	22000	50709

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Salaries	-	22000	(17021)	4979
	-	22000	(17021)	4979
Unrestricted funds				
General	34921	37983	(48935)	23969
	34921	37983	(48935)	23969

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4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

6. Previous period comparison

The previous period's figures have not been included for comparison because the layout used in the previous period was substantially different and does not lend itself to clear comparison.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.