



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	July	2021		30	June	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Birth Partner Project

Other names charity is known by TBPP

Registered charity number (if any) 1179100

Charity's principal address Trinity Centre

Four Elms Road, Piercefield Place

Cardiff

Postcode

CF24 1LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Santana		N/a	
2	Smitha Coughlan		N/a	
3	Jill Hunter		N/a	
4	Ellen-Mae Bryant		N/a	
5	Caroline Sophia Kerenhappuch Parkes		N/a	
6	Andrea Catherine Powell		N/a	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Founders of the charity appointed as trustees during the period of set up during which options for recruitment and selection of additional trustees has been reviewed and established.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

For the advancement of health, to provide emotional, physical, advocacy and material support during the perinatal period for women in the UK who lack access to a birth partner. In particular, but not exclusively, through the provision of volunteer support to provide information and signpost to services during the antenatal period, birth partner support during labour and delivery and continuity of non-medical care during the early postnatal

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>period. We will continue support beyond this period where there is a demonstrated need.</p> <p>For the purpose of this clause, "perinatal" means during pregnancy, birth and first 8 weeks after birth.</p> <p>Trained volunteers provide unbiased, non-medical, support for identified women during their pregnancy, birth, and the first 8 weeks with their baby. Women are supported by the charity following a referral from a midwife. The project coordinator sets up a team. Antenatal support is provided from about 36 weeks. We provide 24-hour support during labour and delivery then the birth partners visit supported women for 8 weeks after delivery.</p> <p>These activities are undertaken to ensure each woman:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feels valued and continually supported. Has access to, and understanding of, appropriate information; and is signposted to professional services when needed during the antenatal period. Has emotional support, comfort measures and a positive, nurturing presence during labour, birth and the immediate postnatal period, at home and/or in hospital. Is supported with regular visits during the first eight weeks post-natal. To provide non-medical support for the maternal well-being, her infant feeding choices, and to help with referrals for further third sector and professional help where appropriate. <p>A core group coordinates the project and mentors volunteers to ensure we maintain confidentiality, protection and safeguarding according to our policies.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 we confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance would be relevant.</p>
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Birth Partner Project (TBPP) objectives are to: provide non-medical birth partner support during pregnancy, labour, birth and for two months postnatally for pregnant women seeking sanctuary in Cardiff who would otherwise birth alone; improve access to relevant information, signpost to third sector and professional services where appropriate; liaise with other groups to improve local integration; encourage positive relationships between women with different life experiences and create an environment and organisational structure where volunteers feel appropriately skilled, valued and well supported.

TBPP support aims to reduce isolation, provide continuity of emotional support and instil a sense of self-worth, and thus achieve better birth and mental health outcomes for supported women.

The project has gone from strength to strength in this period with key achievements including:

- Our volunteer birth partners supporting 32 sanctuary seeking beneficiaries with intensive perinatal support.
- The volunteers were supported with additional learning and development opportunities and volunteer socials.
- The digital inclusion project attracted Safer Beginnings funding and the creation of 'Your Voice, Informed Choice' self advocacy and peer support programme offering weekly maternity wellbeing spaces and activities as well as casework and signposting and referral.
- Targeted volunteer recruitment attracting a significant interest in our work culminating in a shortlisted 12 volunteers undertaking 4 week hybrid training programme. A number of different facilitators were bought in to deliver on a range of topics from Cultural safety to Baby Loss Awareness. Service users, established volunteers, midwives, professionals in asylum and immigration and project staff were amongst those who delivered the training programme.
- The development of key partnerships in the refugee, maternal health and local voluntary sector.
- The WCVA Third Sector Resilience Funding bring used to focus on core sustainability and development for the organisation. We ran a successful competitive tender process for an organisational digital review as well as consolidating policies, HR practices and functions and improved IT and infrastructure for the staff and volunteer teams.
- Core funding from Moondance Foundation and Community Foundation Wales was bought in during this period and several fundraising initiatives were undertaken by our supporters to generate unrestricted reserves.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As at 30 June 2022, TBPP had reserves of £56,378.

The level of reserves at the end of the year reflects three grant payments received in the year which had not been spent by year end.

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The only asset within the CIO is cash held at bank.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Smitha Coughlan	Laura Santana
Full name(s)	Smitha Coughlan	Laura Santana
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Treasurer	Trustee and Chair of the Board of Trustees
Date	19 April 2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/07/2021

To

30/06/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation	2,953	-	-	2,953	580
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	346
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	-	1,000	19,929
The Moondance Foundation	-	15,000	-	15,000	-
WCVA	-	46,016	-	46,016	-
Community Fundation Wales	-	2,000	-	2,000	13,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,953	63,016	-	66,969	34,355
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,953	63,016	-	66,969	34,355
A3 Payments					
Cost of Raising Funds	97	38	-	135	96
Cost of Charitable Activities	-	35,552	-	35,552	5,442
Support Cost	540	5,655	-	6,195	1,077
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	637	41,246	-	41,882	6,615
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	637	41,246	-	41,882	6,615
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,316	21,770	-	25,087	27,740
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73	31,364	-	31,291	3,551
Cash funds this year end	3,243	53,134	-	56,378	31,291

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Cash at Bank	3,243	53,134	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,243	53,134	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)


When due (optional)

B5 Liabilities

		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Smitha Coughlan

Date of approval

21/04/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members
of

Charity Name
The Birth Partner Project

On accounts for the year ended

30 June 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1179100

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 06 / 2022

Responsibilities and basis of
report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

21/04/23

Name:

Nicola Whale

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/a

Address:

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CARDIFF

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.