



CHARITY NO: 1181912

CONSENT CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

For the period ended 31 March 2022

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CHARITY ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity registered number

118192

The board of trustees

Oliver Müller (Chair)
Sarah Holdway (appointed 15th June 2021)
Samantha Pereira (appointed 3rd July 2021)
Versha Patel (appointed 19th August 2021)
David Cooper (appointed 10th Sept. 2021)
Lorraine Dawson (resigned 30th April 2021)
Marijke Roberts (resigned 30th April 2021)
Juliette Scarfe (resigned 30th April 2021)

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TRUST REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Consent is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation established under a constitution on 6th February 2019. Trustees are appointed for three years by existing trustees, all of whom are natural persons.

In compiling this report the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Our Work

Our objects are to promote the healthcare of children in the UK by:

- advancing knowledge of the law, policy, professional standards and best practice relating to parental rights and informed consent in the care and treatment of children;
- providing support to parents in making decisions relating to their child's care and treatment;
- promoting understanding of parental rights and informed consent between medical staff, social workers, parents and other relevant persons;

During the summer of 2021 we became aware that the government was going to roll out Covid-19 vaccinations for children aged 12-15 years in schools that autumn. On 3rd September the JCVI published a statement that it wasn't going to recommend the vaccine due to marginal benefits and considerable uncertainty over risks. The government went ahead anyway. We became interested in this from a consent viewpoint, as it was made clear that children would be able to consent to the vaccine in school even when the parents had refused consent.

The principle of children consenting to medical treatment under "Gillick competence" is well established and is usually uncontroversial in a clinical setting, with proper assessment by medical experts and plenty of time to consider the information given. In a school setting however, this has become a convenient way of overriding parental refusal, with one-sided information given to children, competence assessment via tick boxes on a form and, frequently, undue influence and coercion.

We therefore crowdfunded donations for a legal challenge that would clarify whether it was appropriate and lawful for children as young as 12 to override their parents and consent to a vaccine which was meant to benefit not that child but wider society. We took legal advice from barrister Jeremy Hyam QC and decided against a Judicial Review. Instead, we circulated a pre-action letter template and invited parents to send it to their local vaccination provider and to come forward once they had heard back. We would then help them to court if appropriate. We were very active on Twitter and Facebook. One Facebook ad reached 60k people. Other publicity included updating all funders/donors, targeted emails to several thousand recipients and posting in groups of tens of thousands of members.

A claimant was eventually found but legal advice was such that the case never seemed quite ready for court action and it would have been irresponsible of trustees to go ahead against legal advice from our QC. The test case therefore never happened. Legal costs were incurred regardless and the amount raised all but used up.

Predictably we soon started hearing of just the sort of cases we had wanted to prevent from happening. One mother approached us whose son had asked for the vaccine in school and was given it, despite her opposition. Due to the particular circumstances of the case we decided to assist her and, as our financial year closed, the case was ongoing.

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Financial Review

We have applied the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE). Our total income was £33,054 and expenditure £29,960. The vast majority of costs were legal fees this year, which is what the donations were given for. We held £6,668 in reserves at the end of the year. Our reserve policy is to always hold a reserve of three times our average monthly expenditure. Average monthly expenditure is usually very low and can, if necessary, be reduced to zero. The charity has made no commitment to continue its current level of legal support and will only do so while funds allow

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

On behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Muller', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Oliver Muller, Chair

06-May-22

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the receipt and payment accounts for the period ended 31 March 2022 on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1963 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(2))
- To follow the procedure laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 433(7)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction 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 the 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 the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, any material respects, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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CONSENT CIO**Receipts and payments accounts for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations	32752	-	-	32752	830
GiftAid	303	-	-	303	10
	<hr/> 33055	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 33055	<hr/> 840
 Payments					
Advertising	6698	-	-	6698	51
Bank charges	56	-	-	56	35
Design	275	-	-	275	
Legal and professional fees	19524	-	-	19524	
Office expenses, repairs & maintenanc	220	-	-	220	298
Printing, postage and stationery	3	-	-	3	
Software and IT	720	-	-	720	77
Staff	2430	-	-	2430	1094
Telephone	35	-	-	35	
	<hr/> 29,960	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 29,960	<hr/> 1,555
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,095	-	-	3,095	-715
Bank current and deposit accounts on 1 April 2021	3572	-	-	3,572	4287
Bank current and deposit accounts on 31 March 2022	<hr/> 6,667	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 6,667	<hr/> 3,572

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash Funds					
Bank current accounts	6048	-	-	6048	3543
Other cash accounts	43	-	-	43	29
	6091	-	-	6091	3572
Other Monetary Assets					
Truth Legal Trust Accounts	576	-	-	576	-
	6667			6667	3572
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
 On behalf of the trustees



Oliver Muller, Chair
 06 May 2022