

Hope Pregnancy Advice Centre

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2023

**HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	53 Drayton Green West Ealing W13 0JE
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 20 December 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1187074
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Froukje Cradock Lourens du Plessis Andrew Rae Marta Willcox
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objects of the charity

The charity is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) to preserve and protect the health and well-being of women & their unborn children from the point of conception as well as their families in accordance with Christian principles as set out in the statement of beliefs by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate in the west London area and in such other parts of the united kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit,
- b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in accordance with Christian principles, particularly by the provision of advice and assistance to women and their partners and families who are experiencing unplanned or unwanted pregnancy or suffering from any physical or mental illness, distress or poverty during or as a result of pregnancy or following abortion, miscarriage, cot death, still birth, loss of a child, rape or other sexual abuse,
- c) to advance the Christian religion, and
- d) the advancement of education in the subject of pregnancy and the termination of pregnancy and into the effects thereof upon women.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

In preparation for welcoming and serving clients according to the stated charity objectives, a group of five volunteers began and completed a pregnancy crisis counselling training course in the winter and spring of 2022. This is a 60-hour course recognised by the Association of Christian Counsellors as a pastoral care with counselling skills course, and brought the total number of trained volunteers to nine. Since then we have engaged a supervisor to oversee our volunteer operations, as well as continued to meet as a volunteer team to discuss relevant client issues.

In October of 2022 our charity went live as we launched a new website, phone line, and made final preparations to serve local women. Since October of 2022, we have been networking with churches and registered charities in order to raise awareness and reach women in Ealing and the West London area. In addition, we have raised funds with the purpose of renting a building in Ealing, which will anchor our work and allow us to reach women within the community more effectively.

The Charity is registered with Christian Safeguarding Services, and all volunteers must receive a successful DBS check prior to any contact with clients.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £42,262, to £42,762, and expenditure increased by £3,402, to £5,561. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £37,201, to £39,050, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees do not currently have a formal reserves policy as the charity is still new. The level of reserves is monitored regularly, and the trustees anticipate that most of the current reserves will be spent in setting up of the charity's services. Once formal fundraising efforts commence, the trustees will establish a formal reserves policy according to budgetary projections.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a volunteer centre manager, attached to the International Presbyterian Church Ealing. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the elders and trustees of International Presbyterian Church Ealing.

Relationships with other charities and related parties

While the charity is independent, and the trustees independently act for this charity, new trustees are initially appointed by the trustees of the International Presbyterian Church Ealing, who provided the impetus for starting this charity.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Rae

Andrew Rae

Date: _____ 23 January 2024 _____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Pregnancy Advice Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 5 to 7 following.

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 2011 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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young
Jaimée Young
Stewardship
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LONDON
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Date: 24 January 2024

HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
		General Funds	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>				
Donations		37,110	37,110	500
Gift aid receipts		5,651	5,651	
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>42,762</u>	<u>42,762</u>	<u>500</u>
<i>Payments</i>				
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	5,561	5,561	2,159
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>5,561</u>	<u>5,561</u>	<u>2,159</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		37,201	37,201	- 1,659
Net movement in funds		<u>37,201</u>	<u>37,201</u>	<u>- 1,659</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		1,849	1,849	3,508
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>39,050</u>	<u>39,050</u>	<u>1,849</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
		General funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access		39,050	39,050	1,849
		39,050	39,050	1,849
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity		40	40	-
		40	40	-
C Liabilities				
Falling due within one year				
Fee for Independent Examination		480	480	-
Accrued expenses		80	80	-
		560	560	-
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost
				£
Computers and IT			General	360
Furniture			General	100
				460

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Rae
 Andrew Rae

Date: 23-Jan-24

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

HOPE PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
	General funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly			
Website, marketing & software	1,493	1,493	2,144
Safeguarding	62	62	-
Legal & insurance	610	610	-
Rent & lease deposit	2,500	2,500	-
Supplies (office, client, materials)	381	381	-
Bank charges	62	62	15
Asset purchases	454	454	-
	<u>5,561</u>	<u>5,561</u>	<u>2,159</u>

3 Transactions with related parties

While not strictly a related party, the charity received £4,500 during this period from the International Presbyterian Church Ealing.