

**NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**REPOST OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

**Company Number: 12554616
Charity Number: 1110481**

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NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	R A Lissack QC (Chairman)	- appointed 11 May 2020
	Lord K F Bilimoria CBE DL FCA	- appointed 11 May 2020
	Baroness T C D Grey-Thompson DBE DL	- appointed 11 May 2020
	Dr J R Gayner	- appointed 14 April 2020
	S Orchard	- appointed 14 April 2020
	S R Phillips	- appointed 11 May 2020
	J Ryall	- appointed 14 October 2020
	M-A Franklin	- appointed 12 May 2021
SECRETARY:	S Orchard	- appointed 14 April 2020
EXECUTIVE TEAM:	M Willis MBE (Chief Executive Officer)	
	B Daly (Chief Operating Officer)	
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Windover House St. Ann Street Salisbury SP1 2DR	
COMPANY NUMBER:	12554616	
CHARITY NUMBER:	1189517	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	T Austreng FCA CTA Fawcetts LLP Chartered Accountants Windover House St Ann Street Salisbury SP1 2DR	
BANKERS:	Barclays Bank plc 326-328 High Holborn London WC1V 7PE	

NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) present their first annual report, together with the independently examined financial statements of the charitable company for the period ended 30 April 2021 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011, the governing document and the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

National Bereavement Partnership was incorporated on 14 April 2020. The company is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registration number 1189517). It is incorporated and registered in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital (company number 12554616). The company passed a special resolution on 11 May 2020 changing its name from National Bereavement Partnership Ltd to National Bereavement Partnership. The liability of the members in the event of a winding up is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £1 per member. The company's Memorandum and Articles of Association being adopted by special resolution dated 11 May 2020 replaced the previous version dated 14 April 2020.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees as and when vacancies arise. No outside party can appoint trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objects

The principal Objects of the charity, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

- To prevent and/or relieve the mental and physical distress of those in the United Kingdom suffering mental illness, bereavement, or loss, primarily (but not exclusively) caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, through the provision of information, advice and support, and, where identified, counselling.
- To advance the education of the public in issues surrounding bereavement or loss primarily (but not exclusively) arising from the COVID-19 pandemic through (but not limited to) the provision of information, working with NHS Trusts and other relevant organisations and the provision of training for persons who wish to work with and support the bereaved.
- To assist Government and key stakeholders through developing policies and the dissemination of information to all relevant parties.
- Develop further, a sustainable platform for continued and regular funding for the National Bereavement Partnership's current and ongoing work and future development.

Significant Activities

During the year, National Bereavement Partnership [NBP] provided over 6,500 hours of emotional support by highly trained operators, free to the end user. Many of those contacting the service are at breaking point, their emotional resistance is low, and loneliness is suffocating. The NBP throughout the year has provided a lifeline for the vulnerable, helped them on the road to emotional wellbeing and reduced numbers contacting GP's and hospitals, thus assisting in reducing the pressure on the NHS.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Significant Activities (continued)

In addition, NBP has worked closely with the NHS and relevant sector support teams where needed. Increasingly throughout the year, many of those contacting the service demonstrated other complexities with regards to ambiguous loss. Many were turning to medication, alcohol, and drugs as support and displaying thoughts of suicidal ideation. The team successfully dealt with the associated impact of these complexities, in order to address the very real and deep emotions that the impact grief has, following the death of a loved

In the first quarter of the year, it became apparent that there was another category of vulnerable people contacting the helpline. They were lonely or alone, needed to talk and to be listened to, but they were not in need of counselling. The NBP befriending service was launched as a direct response. This service provides 12 sessions with someone experienced in bereavement or allied sector. The befriender calls the client each week to be a support and chat about life in general.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in s17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including 'Public benefit: reporting' [PB3].

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year and financial position of the charity are shown in the attached financial statements.

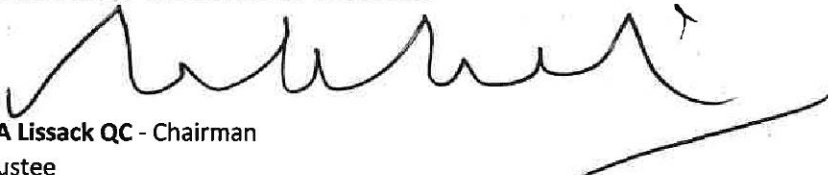
Total incoming resources for the year were £653,424. This includes the £329,000 grant from the Department of Health and Social Care, together with £237,689 (before Gift Aid) received from the Virgin Money Giving online portal which provided a valuable source of donations throughout the period. Total outgoing resources for the year were £567,852. This includes the costs of counselling support, providing the necessary clinical supervision to the helpline volunteers, staff training, and administrative support. Net income for the period of £85,572 was achieved. The cash position at the end of the year was £65,779.

Reserves Policy

The trustees policy on the funding of reserves is based on the Charity Commission document CC19 and therefore recognises the need to hold reserves in order to deal with adverse changes in the levels of income and expenditure in future years. The charity's policy is to hold three to six months' running costs in reserves in the eventuality of the charity losing a primary source of income or having to close down completely. The required reserves equate to between £80,000 and £160,000. At 30 April 2021 free reserves amounted to £83,202. The trustees continue to explore ways in which to generate free reserves.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



R A Lissack QC - Chairman
Trustee

24 November 2021

NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the period ended 30 April 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 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 company'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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed by 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 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.



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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 21/12/21

NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations, grants and legacies	2	324,424	329,000	653,424
Investments	3	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>324,424</u>	<u>329,000</u>	<u>653,424</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds		953	-	953
Charitable activities		237,899	329,000	566,899
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	<u>238,852</u>	<u>329,000</u>	<u>567,852</u>
NET INCOME		85,572	-	85,572
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>85,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,572</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>85,572</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>85,572</u></u>

Total recognised gains and losses

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The notes form part of these financial statements

NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (REGISTERED NUMBER: 12554616)

BALANCE SHEET

30 APRIL 2021

	Note	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS:		
Tangible fixed assets	9	2,370
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Debtors	10	26,239
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>65,779</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		92,018
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	11	<u>(8,816)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>83,202</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	13	<u>85,572</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds: general	12	85,572
Restricted funds	12	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>85,572</u>

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 accounts for the year 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 accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 24 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



R A Lissack QC - Chairman
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	(a)	69,062
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(3,284)
Net cash flow from investing activities		(3,284)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		65,779
Cash and cash equivalents at 14 April 2020		-
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 April 2021	(b)	<u><u>65,779</u></u>
a) Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		
		2021 £
Net income for the year as per the Statement of Financial Activities		85,572
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		914
Increase in debtors		(26,239)
Increase in creditors		8,815
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u><u>69,062</u></u>
b) Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash at bank and in hand		65,779
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 April 2021		<u><u>65,779</u></u>

The charity has no borrowings or obligations under finance leases therefore a reconciliation of net debt has not been provided.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

National Bereavement Partnership is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in England and Wales. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered the financial position of the organisation and believe that it is currently a going concern. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has so far not had a material impact on this assessment and, based on their current knowledge, they do not expect it to do so going forward. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Tangible fixed assets

Expenditure on fixed assets is capitalised except for expenditure incurred on the replacement of assets of low value with a short life. Repair, renovation and replacement expenditure is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 25% reducing balance

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity makes pension contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Contributions to this scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations, grants and legacies			
Donations	57,396	-	57,396
Donations via Virgin Money Giving	237,689	-	237,689
Gift Aid receivable	26,239	-	26,239
Department of Health & Social Care grant	-	329,000	329,000
Training income	3,100	-	3,100
Total	324,424	329,000	653,424

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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

All of the charity's income from investments arises from interest bearing deposit accounts.

4. TAXATION

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

5. TRUSTEES' AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer. Key management personnel received total remuneration of £112,000 and pension contributions of £8,300.

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the period.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the period.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.
Management	2
Administration	2
	<u>4</u>

	2021 £
Wages and salaries	150,359
Social security	10,557
Defined contribution pension costs	8,400
	<u>169,316</u>

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

The charity continues to benefit from the development of its volunteer team.

7. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

Net incoming resources are stated after charging:

	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	914
Independent examiner's fees	<u>3,000</u>

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8. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2021
	£
Raising funds	
Online donations - platform and processing fees	<u>953</u>
Charitable activities	
Counsellors	181,530
Call handling	12,392
Safeguarding	1,500
Supervision	12,430
Administration support	99,274
Wages and salaries	150,359
Social security	10,557
Pension contributions	8,400
Advertising	7,927
Independent examiner's fee	3,000
Accountancy	2,538
Legal and professional fees	4,950
Licences and subscriptions	184
Motor expenses	1,036
Printing and stationery	469
Staff training	65,375
Telephone and internet	4,064
Depreciation	
Computer equipment	374
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	<u>540</u>
	<u>566,899</u>
Total resources expended	<u><u>567,852</u></u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
COST:			
Additions	1,122	2,162	3,284
Disposals	-	-	-
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At 30 April 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,122	2,162	3,284
DEPRECIATION:			
Charge for the year	374	540	914
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
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At 30 April 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	374	540	914
NET BOOK VALUE:			
At 30 April 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
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	748	1,622	2,370

10. DEBTORS

	2021
	£
Trade debtors	-
Prepayments and accrued income	26,239
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	26,239

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021
	£
Trade creditors	2,538
Other creditors	3,278
Accruals and deferred income	3,000
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	8,816

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12. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 14 April £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 April £
Unrestricted funds					
General free reserves	-	321,140	(237,938)	-	83,202
Unrestricted fixed assets	-	3,284	(914)	-	2,370
	<u>-</u>	<u>324,424</u>	<u>(238,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,572</u>
Restricted funds					
Department of Health & Social Care	-	329,000	(329,000)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>329,000</u>	<u>(329,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>653,424</u>	<u>(567,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,572</u>

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12. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

General

This represents funds which have been accumulated for the general purposes of the charity.

Unrestricted fixed assets

This represents unrestricted funds held as fixed assets and are not readily available.

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Department of Health & Social Care

This represents grants received during the year from the Department of Health & Social Care to support the charity's helpline and provide clinical supervision to the helpline volunteers. The grant was fully utilised during the year.

13. ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

	Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Long-term Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds: general	2,370	83,202	-	85,572
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total	2,370	83,202	-	85,572

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14. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021
	£
Within one year	<u><u>-</u></u>

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2021
	£
Contracted but not provided for in these financial statements	<u><u>-</u></u>

16. STATUS OF COMPANY

The company is a registered charity limited by guarantee. The liability of the members in the event of a winding up is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the period.