

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

England & Wales · Charity number 1190441

Details

Other names	AOCPP, BASPCAN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-07-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: 3.1. TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN, FROM SUFFERING, OR LIKELIHOOD OF SUFFERING, SIGNIFICANT HARM, ILL-TREATMENT, IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH OR IMPAIRMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF ANY METHODS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES CALCULATED TO SAFEGUARD AND PROMOTE THEIR WELFARE. 3.2. TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THOSE PERSONS PROFESSIONALLY WORKING IN ANY RELEVANT FIELD IN ALL ASPECTS AND EFFECTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT ON CHILDREN AND ADULTS. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: A multi-disciplinary networking membership association for professionals working in the field of child protection. Provides a forum to exchange views, opinions, issues, research and experience. Provides a voice for professionals to policy-makers. Publishes an online bi-monthly journal and provides online training through local and national workshops, conferences, and a national 3 day congress.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£100,556	£119,486	-	-
2024-03-31	£116,837	£108,188	-	-
2023-03-31	£126,962	£158,783	-	-
2022-03-31	£180,676	£167,148	-	-
2021-03-31	£208,855	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Spanswick		2021-11-20
Ciaran Murphy		2022-03-07
Clare Allely		2026-03-21
Dr Robert Ewin		2024-04-24
Dr SAMANTHA JANE WARNER		2020-07-16
Dr Sarah Steele		2024-11-01
John Stephen Myers		2020-07-16
Nicola Frances Sarah O'Brien		2026-03-21

Accounts

Charity registration number 1190441 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number SC050800 (Scotland)

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Steve Myers	
	Sam Warner (Chair)	
	Ann-Marie Christian	(Resigned 14 July 2025)
	Lorna Boreland-Kelly	(Resigned 14 July 2025)
	Adrian Spanswick	
	Ciaran Murphy	
	Julie Baker	(Resigned 9 November 2024)
	Sarah Forrest	
	Kelechi Ukandu	(Resigned 14 July 2025)
	Jermaine Ravalier	
	Sarah Steele	(Appointed 1 November 2024)
	Robert Ewin	
Charity number (England and Wales)	1190441	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC050800	
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ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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 UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The Association is established:

- To protect children and adults from suffering, or likelihood of suffering, significant harm, ill-treatment, impairment of health or impairment of development by the encouragement and promotion of any methods, services and facilities calculated to safeguard and promote the welfare of such children and families.
- To educate and inform the public at large and, in particular, but not exclusively, those persons professionally qualified, within voluntary or charity setting to be sure we are including all relevant parties regarding all aspects and effects of abuse and neglect on children and families generally.
- To ensure we listen to, and practice is informed by, the victims who have suffered harm, to hear their voice and learn from their experiences.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Update on activities

2024-25 saw further changes to the AoCPP office team. The Membership, Finance and Administrator position was split into two separate roles; Membership and Administration Officer in one position, and Finance Officer in another, separate and much smaller role. This enabled us to maintain financial continuity by retaining the existing post holder, albeit in a new capacity as Finance Office working as a contractor, whilst recruiting a new team member with specific third sector experience in managing memberships and IT based support systems.

The recruitment for a new Events Office that began in the previous period was successful, and the post was filled in June 2024 on a 15 hour per week contract.

In early 2025, the Association was approached by Wiley the current part owner and publisher of our journal, Child Abuse Review, with an offer to purchase our 17.5% share of the journal. This detailed negotiation continues with consultation between the AoCPP Leadership, AoCPP Board and Wiley senior team.

Activity in the period continues to be delivered via online platforms. Work has begun on the first large scale face to face conference since the move to online at the onset of Covid-19. This will be delivered in September 2025 and will be a partnership with Durham University.

Research partnerships were secured in the period, most notably with Birkbeck University on Child Sexual Abuse Recovery Histories, in a 4-year partnership worth circa £18,000.

Events and learning

Helping practitioners to develop their knowledge base at an advanced level is a key strand of how we support professional and career development. A knowledgeable and skilled workforce leads to better outcomes for children and families.

In 2024/25 we held more events than in the previous year. We hosted 12 Lunch and Learn sessions, 33 Special Interest Group meetings (more than double the previous year's total of 16), an online learning week with NOTA and we also coordinated an additional member-led meeting in response to the Government consultation on Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

We also launched our new online Member's Area which contains a range of resources, including a library of recorded webinars that members can access at any time.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Strategy and direction

At AoCPP our vision is a world in which all children and vulnerable adults are able to grow up in safety and security and without risk of being abused or neglected.

Our mission is to improve the lives and safety of children and vulnerable adults by providing research, representation, training, and support for those involved in child protection.

Supporting vulnerable adults: We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults..

We have been driving improvement in child protection for almost 45 years by working with those in the field to influence policy and practice. We publish high quality multidisciplinary research, hold conferences and training events on a range of topics, facilitate peer to peer support and learning, and provide a sector voice in policy-making and consultations with statutory stakeholders. We do this because we believe knowledgeable, resilient, powerful professionals are best able to support children and families.

Our purpose is guided by 3 key principles:

- We are **multidisciplinary**, reflecting the crucial nature of partnership working to effective child protection
- We believe in **research and practice going hand in hand**: research must inform practice and practice must inform research
- We **represent the whole of the UK** and aim to share learning across the four nations.

Our work is underpinned by a central belief in the rights and wellbeing of children. We listen to voices from research and practice to identify needs and inform our service development. Supporting and meeting the needs of the child protection workforce is our route to helping keep children safe from harm.

We have a strong set of values that informs our work, in particular we work with:

- **Compassion:** We recognise the systemic, psychological and emotional complexities involved for all those in contact with or working in the child protection system. We model and promote compassion in our organisation and in all aspects of our work.
- **Respect:** We promote equality and inclusivity within our association and how we collaborate and support other organisations to ensure that social justice is core to what we do.
- **Humility:** We have humility to recognise the limitations of our knowledge, and that we must continually learn, improve and act to improve the lives of children.
- **Courage:** We have courage to voice hard truths openly and honestly, and to stay true to our charitable objectives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

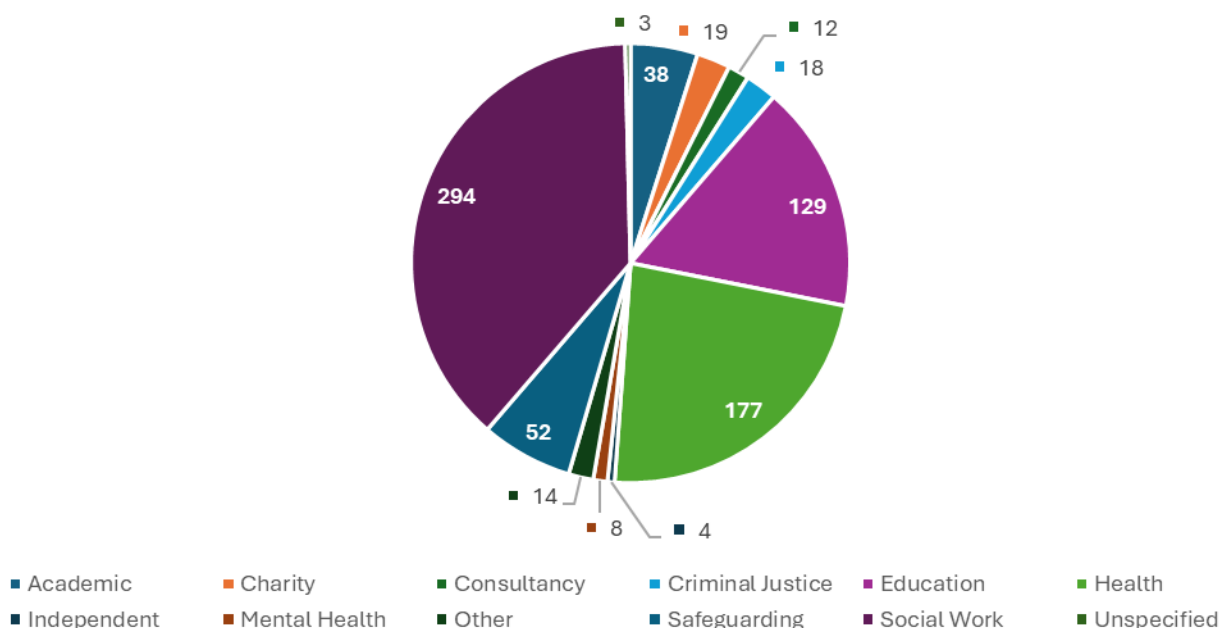
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Achievements and performance

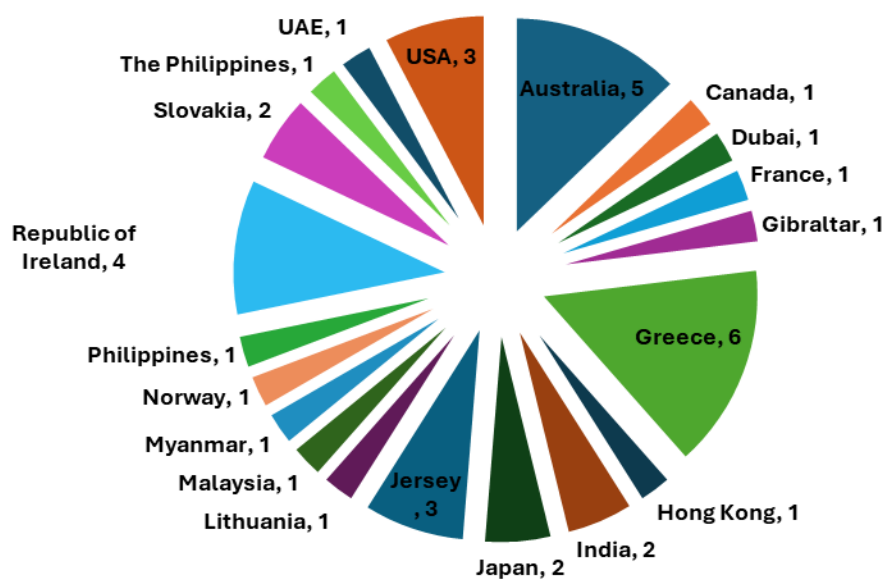
Members

Our total number of members is 768 at time of writing.

38% of our members are in the Social Work field, with 24% working in either Healthcare or Mental Healthcare. Education – 17%, Safeguarding – 7%, and Academic – 5% - make up the next largest fields. Where this information has been provided, the remainder of our members work in Charities, Criminal Justice, and Consultancy (all 2%), Mental Health or operating Independently (both 1%).



95% of members – 727 – are based in the United Kingdom. Of those, 622 are in England – 91%, with 40 members in Scotland, 16 in Wales and 9 in Northern Ireland. Members from various other countries make up the remainder of the membership.



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Member voice

As a membership organisation it is essential that we understand our members' needs in order to be useful. The statutory, policy, cultural and financial landscape for child protection has changed significantly over the past 10 years, as well as the ways in which people want to receive training and consume information.

As a result of these discussions, we launched 3 new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in 2023/24.

- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Youth Justice
- Culture in Child Protection

In addition to our already established Special Interest Groups in:

- Gender Dysphoria
- Children and Young People in Care and Care Experienced
- Digital Safeguarding
- Practice Learning Reviews
- Gypsy Roma Traveller Communities and Child Protection
- Safeguarding in Sport
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Culture in Child Protection
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Youth Justice

Each SIG group held meetings throughout the year with good attendance and 1 new Special Interest Group: Safeguarding in Education is planned for 2025/26.

Ann Paterson Scholarship

In 2017 we received a legacy from Ann Wingate Paterson, a long-time member of the Scottish branch, and in 2019 we awarded the Ann Paterson Scholarships for professionals studying child protection in the UK. In 2024/25 we made 3 awards totalling £11,982 and look forward to hearing about the impact of this funding.

Social media

We continued our strategy to develop our presence across a variety of social media platforms, introducing the use of Instagram to connect with a broader audience. The changing nature of Social Media platforms meant that we made the strategic decision to withdraw from Twitter in 2024/25 to avoid any reputational damage associated with remaining active in the space.

At the time of writing, followers on LinkedIn were 4042 (almost 1700 more than in FY2023/24), whereas new followers on Facebook and Instagram have been harder to attract with 787 followers on Facebook and 68 followers on Instagram. We continue to be active on these platforms but focus much of our activity and engagement on LinkedIn where we have the most success with engagement.

Unfortunately the impact of the takeover of Twitter and move to X has removed the analytics function from the free basic package, so we are no longer able to report on the impact of our posts on this platform.

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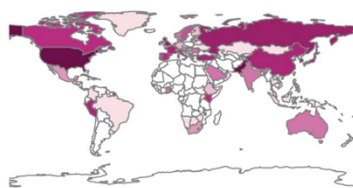
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Research

Child Abuse Review

Circulation

Global reach



In 2024, 4,234 institutions offered access to the latest content in your journal via a Wiley license or a traditional subscription. On this map, darker shading shows where circulation is highest. Countries/regions with no shading may be covered by philanthropic initiatives. In 2024, our philanthropic initiatives extended low-cost or free access to current content to 4,514 developing world institutions.

Additional reach: EBSCO

Wiley's arrangement with EBSCO allows us to extend the reach of your journal beyond core academic libraries. In 2024, 3,394 institutions accessed embargoed content of at least one year old from your journal via EBSCO databases. This is a -6.6% change from 2023.

Reach by region

Region	2022	2023	2024
Australia & NZ	69	69	69
Canada	90	95	87
China	142	173	164
Europe	1,231	1,225	1,262
Japan	130	127	137
Rest of World	1,929	1,890	1,470
UK	269	269	269
USA	718	764	776
Grand Total	4,578	4,612	4,234

This table shows the number of institutions, by region, with access to the latest content in your journal via either a Wiley license or a traditional subscription.

Reach by access type

Sales Model	2022	2023	2024
Institutions with access via a Wiley license	4,568	4,604	4,228
All Journals license	1,025	1,351	1,305
Transformational agreements	1,176	1,561	1,880
Other licenses	2,367	1,692	1,043
Institutions with access via traditional subscriptions	10	8	6
Online	10	8	6
Print and online	0	0	0
Print	0	0	0
Total	4,578	4,612	4,234

In 2024, 4,228 institutions offered access to your journal via a Wiley license, often through a consortium. Of these institutions, 1,305 had access via the 'All Journals license', 1,880 institutions had access via 'Transformational agreements' which cover both subscription access and open access publishing. In addition, 6 institutions offered access via traditional (online or print) subscriptions.

Our publishing partner, Wiley Publishing Ltd, has now embedded the structural changes experienced and referenced in the 2023-2024 period.

The changes have already resulted in a drop in royalty payments to the AoCPP and as such, discussions about the potential sale of the AoCPP's share of Child Abuse Review are ongoing with Wiley to ensure the future of the journal, but also the financial stability and efficiency of the Association. The key areas of negotiation are around ensuring an ongoing affiliation between the AoCPP and Child Abuse Review.

Most viewed articles on Wiley Online Library

Rank	Article Title	Vol	Iss	Views
1	When Coercive Control Continues to Harm Children: Post-Separation Fathering, Stalking and Domestic Violence	29	4	9,086
2	The Prevalence of Child Maltreatment across the Globe: Review of a Series of Meta-Analyses	24	1	3,978
3	Beyond the Physical Incident Model: How Children Living with Domestic Violence are Harmed By and Resist Regimes of Coercive Control...	25	1	2,806
4	Children's Human Rights to 'Participation' and 'Protection': Rethinking the relationship using Barnahus as a case example	32	6	2,461
5	Tackling the 'normalisation of neglect': Messages from child protection reviews in England	33	1	2,362
6	Interventions to Improve the Response of Professionals to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence and Abuse: A Systematic Review	26	1	2,269
7	Social Worker and Midwife Decision Making Regarding Child Protection Risk and the Unborn Baby: A Qualitative Study	30	2	2,236
8	The positive and negative effects of working with child sexual abuse for health and social care professionals: A systematic review	33	1	2,123
9	A review of the relationship between poverty and child abuse and neglect: Insights from scoping reviews, systematic reviews and me...	32	2	2,113
10	Context matters: Conceptualising and operationalising the contextual prevention of child sexual abuse	33	1	1,990

This table includes details of the 10 most-accessed articles of 2024. The average number of views per article published in your journal in 2024 was 275. Across all journals that Wiley publishes in the same subject area, the average number of views per article was 565.

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Financial review

The charity made a deficit in the year of £30,912 (2024: Surplus £8,649). The unrestricted deficit was £18,930 (2024: Surplus £43,022).

Investment policy

The charity holds funds on deposit and seeks to maximise the interest earned on those deposits.

It is not felt appropriate to invest funds over a longer term which are required for the good financial management of the charity.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves

At 31 March 2025 the Association had free reserves of £85,666 (2024: £108,492) that is after excluding reserves represented by fixed assets, restricted funds, and a provision for the financial commitment. The trustees consider that the Association should hold approximately one year's projected expenditure on salaries and one year's projected expenditure on the journal and believes that the present level of reserves is sufficient to have the flexibility to meet its obligations.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The AGM was held in March 2025. There were no resolutions submitted.

Sarah Steele was Co-Opted as Trustee with responsibility for Policy, and Julie Baker resigned her position. After these changes the Board consisted of 11 members.

Constitution

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which is governed by its CIO-Association governing document which was registered on 16 July 2020 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The CIO also registered with Scotland's OSCR on 25 February 2021.

We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

In light of this recognition we amended the constitution 4 years ago to reflect this.

Organisation

The board of trustees met 3 times in this period and, subject to the direction of the Association in general meeting, is responsible for the exercise of the functions of the Association and for the determination of policy and general management of the business of the Association.

The leadership team meet every two weeks to ensure the good management of the financial and administrative affairs of the Association, the implementation of policies and directions of the Association. The membership of the leadership team comprises of the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Operations Manager of the Association and such other members of the board of trustees as determined from time to time.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are encouraged to spend time learning about the organisation and the activities they run. They are provided with appropriate background information and are supported by the leadership team. All trustees are asked to sign a declaration of compliance and copies of up to date DBS's are kept on file for each member. All trustees meet with the Chair, Vice Chair and Operations Manager annually, to review their trusteeship and plan their contribution for the year ahead.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where significant risks have been identified systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The risk register is reviewed and presented at each Board meeting. Risk is scored using a RAG system achieved by multiplying assessed potential impact by likelihood of occurrence.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Sam Warner

Sam Warner (Chair)

Trustee

17 December 2025

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Association of Child Protection Professionals (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Frances Howard

Frances Howard BFP FCA

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Dated: 17 December 2025

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	89	-	89	192
Charitable activities	3	99,230	-	99,230	116,376
Investments	4	1,063	-	1,063	84
Other income	5	174	-	174	185
Total income		100,556	-	100,556	116,837
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	119,486	11,982	131,468	108,188
Net movement in funds		(18,930)	(11,982)	(30,912)	8,649
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		128,483	64,728	193,211	184,562
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		109,553	52,746	162,299	193,211

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	192	-	-	192
Charitable activities	3	116,376	-	-	116,376
Investments	4	84	-	-	84
Other income	5	185	-	-	185
Total income		116,837	-	-	116,837
Charitable activities	6	102,710	-	5,478	108,188
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		14,127	-	(5,478)	8,649
Funds transfer		28,895	(28,895)	-	-
Net movement in funds		43,022	(28,895)	(5,478)	8,649
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		85,461	28,895	70,206	184,562
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		128,483	-	64,728	193,211

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11		3,600		-
Tangible assets	12		1,287		991
			<u>4,887</u>		<u>991</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	34,530		47,957	
Cash at bank and in hand		142,506		178,000	
		<u>177,036</u>		<u>225,957</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(19,624)</u>		<u>(33,737)</u>	
Net current assets			157,412		192,220
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>162,299</u>		<u>193,211</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		52,746		64,728
Unrestricted funds			109,553		128,483
			<u>162,299</u>		<u>193,211</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 December 2025

Steve Myers

Steve Myers
Trustee

Sam Warner

Sam Warner (Chair)
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Association of Child Protection Professionals is a CIO registered in England, Wales and Scotland. The registered office is 17 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classed by activity.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure headings. All expenditure is inclusive of VAT as the charity is not VAT registered.

1.6 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	3 years on a straight line basis
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1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Donations and gifts	89	192

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2025 £	Charitable Income 2024 £
Membership subscriptions	69,387	66,395
Conference fees	3,087	3,067
Income from journals	26,756	43,816
Training provided	-	3,098
	99,230	116,376

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Interest receivable	1,063	84

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Other income	174	185

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025 £	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Staff costs	65,960	46,836
Child abuse review and newsletter	14,250	19,000
Equipment	266	-
IT subscriptions & support	9,551	8,055
Amortisation	2,691	4,635
Insurance	1,049	1,393
Publicity & advertising	7,282	4,614
Printing, postage & stationery	185	120
Rent & service charges	1,087	564
Room hire	-	66
Scholarships	11,982	5,478
Staff training & welfare	862	1,401
Sundry expenses	132	370
Telephone	1,870	683
Subscriptions	100	50
Travel & subsistence	1,382	2,045
Bank charges	1,559	1,725
	120,208	97,035
Share of support costs (see note 7)	8,364	7,248
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	2,896	3,905
	131,468	108,188
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	119,486	102,710
Restricted funds	11,982	5,478
	131,468	108,188

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,474	2,896	4,370	673	3,905	4,578
Professional fees	6,890	-	6,890	6,575	-	6,575
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	8,364	2,896	11,260	7,248	3,905	11,153
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	8,364	2,896	11,260	7,248	3,905	11,153
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

8 Trustees

During the year two trustees (2024: two trustee) received reimbursement of £1,102 (2024: £898) for travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	4	3
	=====	=====
Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,108	44,672
Pension costs	2,852	2,164
	=====	=====
	65,960	46,836
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 in either year.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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11 Intangible fixed assets

Website costs £

Cost

At 1 April 2024	12,420
Additions	5,400

At 31 March 2025	17,820
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Amortisation

At 1 April 2024	12,420
Amortisation charged for the year	1,800

At 31 March 2025	14,220
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Carrying amount

At 31 March 2025	3,600
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At 31 March 2024	-
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12 Tangible fixed assets

Computers £

Cost

At 1 April 2024	6,272
Additions	1,187

At 31 March 2025	7,459
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Depreciation

At 1 April 2024	5,281
Depreciation charged in the year	891

At 31 March 2025	6,172
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Carrying amount

At 31 March 2025	1,287
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At 31 March 2024	991
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13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accrued income	32,315	38,833
Prepayments	2,215	9,124
	<u>34,530</u>	<u>47,957</u>

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors		510	13,474
Other creditors		993	304
Accruals		4,865	3,799
Deferred income	15	13,256	16,160
		<u>19,624</u>	<u>33,737</u>

15 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	13,256	16,160
	<u>13,256</u>	<u>16,160</u>

Deferred income comprises members' subscriptions and journal income received in advance.

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	62,222	-	(11,982)	50,240
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
	<u>64,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,982)</u>	<u>52,746</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	67,700	-	(5,478)	62,222
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
	<u>70,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,478)</u>	<u>64,728</u>

The Anne Wingate Paterson legacy fund is monies given to provide financial support for students registered or applying to be registered with a university in Scotland to study for a higher degree in the field of identification, the impact of, effective responses to or the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

NSPCC fund is monies held for the NSPCC.

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

There were no designated funds in the year ended 31 March 2025.

2024 funds	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2024
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Scottish branch	2,186	-	-	(2,186)	-
Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	(300)	-
Northern Ireland branch	5,015	-	-	(5,015)	-
East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	(1,038)	-
London branch	1,957	-	-	(1,957)	-
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	(2,795)	-
South Coast branch	905	-	-	(905)	-
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	(3,730)	-
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	(1,918)	-
North West Manchester branch	828	-	-	(828)	-
South west branch	8,223	-	-	(8,223)	-
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,895)</u>	<u>-</u>

Designated funds relate to the branches which have mainly closed and the money was held in case they reopened. The transfers represent the funds of closed branches being transferred back to the main branch as no branch activity is expected.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Intangible fixed assets	3,600	-	3,600
Tangible assets	1,287	-	1,287
Current assets/(liabilities)	104,666	52,746	157,412
	<u>109,553</u>	<u>52,746</u>	<u>162,299</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	991	-	991
Current assets/(liabilities)	127,492	64,728	192,220
	<u>128,483</u>	<u>64,728</u>	<u>193,211</u>

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19 Contingent assets and liabilities

After the year end the charity was approached by the publishers of the Child Abuse Review with an offer to buy out the charity's share for £85,000. If the sale is agreed the charity would be free of its current obligation to provide support of £19,000 per annum for the journal costs. The charity would also lose the right to any income from royalties associated with the journal.

20 Financial commitments

There is a contract with the publishers of Child Abuse Review which was agreed in April 2022, and effective from 1 January 2023 for 3 years. The contract will be renewed on the same terms until terminated by either party giving not less than 12 months' notice. The total annual charge is £19,000.

21 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid £nil (2024: £527) to Sam Warner Consulting Limited to provide training. A trustee of the Charity, Sam Warner, is also a director of Sam Warner Consulting Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1190441

Accounts

Charity registration number 1190441 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number SC050800 (Scotland)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Steve Myers Sam Warner (Chair) Ann-Marie Christian Lorna Boreland-Kelly Adrian Spanswick Ciaran Murphy Julie Baker Sarah Forrest Kelechi Ukandu Jermaine Ravalier Wendy Thorogood Robert Ewin	(Resigned 15 July 2023) (Appointed 24 February 2024)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1190441	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC050800	
Principal address & Registered office	17 Priory Street York YO1 6ET	
Independent examiner	Frances Howard FCA Fortus Limited Business Advisors and Accountants Equinox House Clifton Park Shipton Road York YO30 5PA	
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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 UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The Association is established:

- To protect children and adults from suffering, or likelihood of suffering, significant harm, ill-treatment, impairment of health or impairment of development by the encouragement and promotion of any methods, services and facilities calculated to safeguard and promote the welfare of such children and families.
- To educate and inform the public at large and, in particular, but not exclusively, those persons professionally qualified, within voluntary or charity setting to be sure we are including all relevant parties regarding all aspects and effects of abuse and neglect on children and families generally.
- To ensure we listen, and practice is informed by the victims who have suffered harm, to hear their voice and learn from their experiences.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Update on activities

2023-24 saw further changes to the AoCPP office team. Following the departure of our long-term administrator at the very end of the last financial year, we commenced recruitment of a Digital Marketing and Events Officer. This post was filled and then vacated again 6 months later, prompting a further review of the skills needed within the team, and the decision to split out the role of event coordination and digital marketing. Two part time roles were created (Events Coordinator post and Digital Marketing and Content Creator post) and a recruitment drive began with a view to filling the posts in the early part of the next financial year (2024/25).

November 2023 saw the AoCPP and Wiley Publishing Ltd confirm Dr Jenny Driscoll as Co-Editor of *Child Abuse Review*, following a successful interim position in the 6 months prior.

Although the Association has delivered a small number of bespoke face to face training sessions, the overwhelming majority of activity in the period has continued to be delivered online.

Income streams have been diversified further with the development of bespoke Higher Education Institution partnerships and a drive for the AoCPP to endorse and partner in a range of research bids.

Events and learning

Helping practitioners to develop their knowledge base at an advanced level is a key strand of how we support professional and career development. A knowledgeable and skilled workforce leads to better outcomes for children and families.

In 2023/24 we held more events than in the previous year. We hosted 14 Lunch and Learn sessions, 16 Special Interest Group meetings (with the launch of 3 new groups in the period), an online learning week with the CSA Centre, and we also coordinated a member-led response to the Government consultation on Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

The Association coordinated a member-led response to the Government's Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023; A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children. A meeting was held to discuss the proposed guidance, and then feedback was systematically collated and submitted with the support of a member-led working group.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Strategy and direction

At AoCPP our vision is a world in which all children and vulnerable adults are able to grow up in safety and security and without risk of being abused or neglected.

Our mission is to improve the lives and safety of children and vulnerable adults by providing research, representation, training, and support for those involved in child protection.

Supporting vulnerable adults: We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

We have been driving improvement in child protection for almost 45 years by working with those in the field to influence policy and practice. We publish high quality multidisciplinary research, hold conferences and training events on a range of topics, facilitate peer to peer support and learning, and provide a sector voice in policy-making and consultations with statutory stakeholders. We do this because we believe knowledgeable, resilient, powerful professionals are best able to support children and families.

Our purpose is guided by 3 key principles:

- We are **multidisciplinary**, reflecting the crucial nature of partnership working to effective child protection
- We believe in **research and practice going hand in hand**: research must inform practice and practice must inform research
- We **represent the whole of the UK** and aim to share learning across the four nations.

Our work is underpinned by a central belief in the rights and wellbeing of children. We listen to voices from research and practice to identify needs and inform our service development. Supporting and meeting the needs of the child protection workforce is our route to helping keep children safe from harm.

We have a strong set of values that informs our work, in particular we work with:

- **Compassion:** We recognise the systemic, psychological and emotional complexities involved for all those in contact with or working in the child protection system. We model and promote compassion in our organisation and in all aspects of our work.
- **Respect:** We promote equality and inclusivity within our association and how we collaborate and support other organisations to ensure that social justice is core to what we do.
- **Humility:** We have humility to recognise the limitations of our knowledge, and that we must continually learn, improve and act to improve the lives of children.
- **Courage:** We have courage to voice hard truths openly and honestly, and to stay true to our charitable objectives.

We are now a member of Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) and a registered charity in Scotland from 1 April 2021.

Achievements and performance

Members

In February we launched new categories of membership with a small price increase. 86% of our members were individuals, 8% organisations or agencies, and 6% students.

We had members from all the core safeguarding functions (health and mental health, social work, education, and criminal justice), as well as from academia, faith groups and those working as independent trainers and consultants.

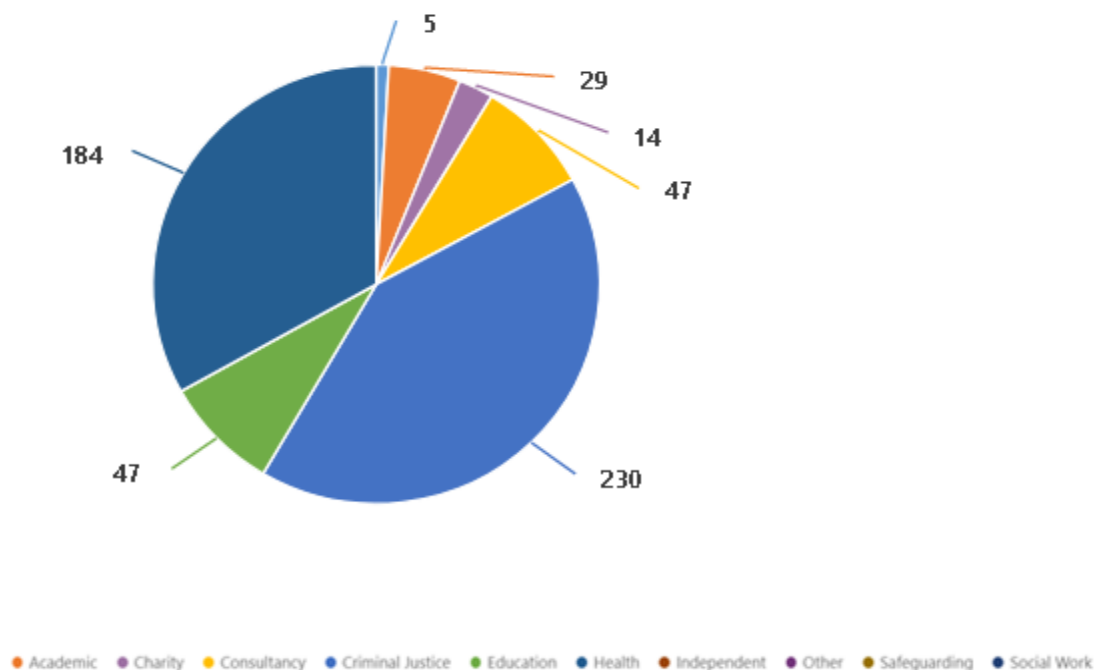
The Breakdown is here:

230 Health and Mental Health Workers, 184 Social Work Education 47, Academia 29, Criminal Justice 14, Unknown 5, Unspecified 47.

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Our members come from across the UK (97%) and overseas (3%), with 83% based in England.

Member voice

As a membership organisation it is essential that we understand our members' needs in order to be useful. The statutory, policy, cultural and financial landscape for child protection has changed significantly over the past 10 years, as well as the ways in which people want to receive training and consume information.

As a result of these discussions, we launched 3 new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in 2023/24.

- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Youth Justice
- Culture in Child Protection

The Special Interest Group programme now comprises:

- Gender Dysphoria
- Children and Young People in Care and Care Experienced
- Digital Safeguarding
- Practice Learning Reviews
- Gypsy Roma Traveller Communities and Child Protection
- Safeguarding in Sport
- Child Sexual Abuse

Each SIG group held meetings throughout the year with good attendance and new Special Interest Groups are planned for 2024/25.

Ann Paterson Scholarship

In 2017 we received a legacy from Ann Wingate Paterson, a long-time member of the Scottish branch, and in 2019 we awarded the Ann Paterson Scholarships for professionals studying child protection in the UK. In 2023/24 we made 2 awards totalling £5,478 and look forward to hearing about the impact of this funding.

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Social media

We continued our strategy to develop our presence across a variety of social media platforms, introducing the use of Instagram to connect with a broader audience to our existing portfolio comprising of Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

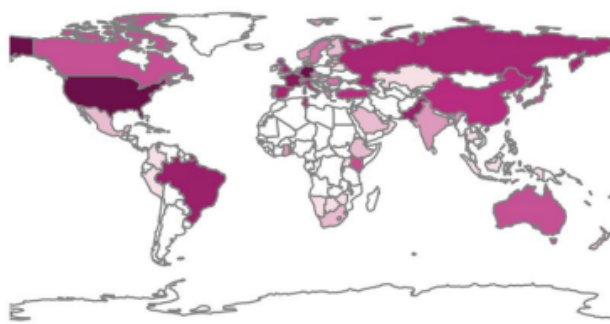
We now have over 7,740 followers on X/Twitter, 2,678 on LinkedIn (almost 2,000 more than in FY2022/23), 770 followers on Facebook (up 200), and 59 followers on Instagram as we start to develop a presence on this new platform for the AoCPP.

Unfortunately the impact of the takeover of Twitter and move to X has removed the analytics function from the free basic package, so we are no longer able to report on the impact of our posts on this platform.

Research

Child Abuse Review

Global reach



In 2023, 6,714 institutions offered access to the latest content in your journal via a Wiley license or a traditional subscription. On this map, darker shading shows where circulation is highest. Countries/regions with no shading may be covered by philanthropic initiatives. In 2023, our philanthropic initiatives extended low-cost or free access to current content to 4,327 developing world institutions.

Reach by region

Region	2021	2022	2023
Australia & NZ	178	179	178
Canada	85	87	92
China	144	145	181
Europe	3,046	2,844	2,916
Japan	130	148	144
Rest of World	2,131	2,203	2,020
UK	307	313	321
USA	717	808	862
Grand Total	6,738	6,727	6,714

This table shows the number of institutions, by region, with access to the latest content in your journal via either a Wiley license or a traditional subscription.

Our publishing partner, Wiley Publishing Ltd, has undergone structural changes in the period, and our Editorial and partner team at Wiley has changed. Alongside this changes to the publishing landscape have seen a new model of accessing research emerge via Open Access. Wiley explain this briefly here:

"Research communities are demanding that publishing is more open and transparent. With greater transparency comes increased reach, reproducibility, integrity, and impact. We need to adopt open research policies that enable critical change for the research community and give authors what they want—open access, open data, and open practices." 2023 Child Abuse Review Publishers Report, J Wiley.

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The articles below were among the most viewed articles via the Wiley Online Library in 2023.

Most viewed articles on Wiley Online Library				
Rank	Article Title	Vol	Iss	Views
1	When Coercive Control Continues to Harm Children: Post-Separation Fathering, Stalking and Domestic Violence	29	4	16,381
2	Tackling the 'normalisation of neglect': Messages from child protection reviews in England	33	1	4,966
3	Children's Human Rights to 'Participation' and 'Protection': Rethinking the relationship using Barnahus as a case example	32	6	3,621
4	Social Worker and Midwife Decision Making Regarding Child Protection Risk and the Unborn Baby: A Qualitative Study	30	2	3,407
5	The Prevalence of Child Maltreatment across the Globe: Review of a Series of Meta-Analyses	24	1	3,079
6	Commercial sexual exploitation of children in Zimbabwe: A threat to human and social development	32	2	2,759
7	Beyond the Physical Incident Model: How Children Living with Domestic Violence are Harmed By and Resist Regimes of Coercive Contro...	25	1	2,603
8	Hearing the Voice of the Child in Safeguarding Processes: Exploring Different Voices and Competing Narratives	31	6	2,478
9	Interventions to Improve the Response of Professionals to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence and Abuse: A Systematic Review	26	1	2,368
10	Transgender identity and experiences of sexual harassment in adolescence	31	4	2,089

This table includes details of the 10 most-accessed articles of 2023. The average number of views per article published in your journal in 2023 was 533. Across all journals that Wiley publishes in the same subject area, the average number of views per article was 718.

Financial review

The charity made a surplus in the year of £8,649 (2023: Deficit £37,821). The unrestricted surplus was £43,022 (2023: Deficit £31,821).

Investment policy

The charity holds funds on deposit and seeks to maximise the interest earned on those deposits.

It is not felt appropriate to invest funds over a longer term which are required for the good financial management of the charity.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves

At 31 March 2024 the Association had free reserves of £108,492 (2023: £60,835) that is after excluding reserves represented by fixed assets and restricted funds. The trustees consider that the Association should hold approximately one year's projected expenditure on salaries and one year's projected expenditure on the journal and believes that the present level of reserves is sufficient to have the flexibility to meet its obligations.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Structure, governance and management

The AGM was held in March 2023. There were no resolutions submitted.

The resignation of Trustee and former Interim Director Wendy Thorogood was recognised. No new trustees were appointed, and after this resignation the Board consisted of 10 members.

Constitution

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which is governed by its CIO-Association governing document which was registered on 16 July 2020 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The CIO also registered with Scotland's OSCR on 25 February 2021.

We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

In light of this recognition we amended the constitution 4 years ago to reflect this.

Organisation

The board of trustees met 4 times in this period and, subject to the direction of the Association in general meeting, is responsible for the exercise of the functions of the Association and for the determination of policy and general management of the business of the Association.

The leadership team meet every two weeks to ensure the good management of the financial and administrative affairs of the Association, the implementation of policies and directions of the Association. The membership of the leadership team comprises of the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Operations Manager of the Association and such other members of the board of trustees as determined from time to time.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are encouraged to spend time learning about the organisation and the activities they run. They are provided with appropriate background information and are supported by the leadership team. All trustees are asked to sign a declaration of compliance and copies of up to date DBS's are kept on file for each member. All trustees meet with the Chair, Vice Chair and Operations Manager annually, to review their trusteeship and plan their contribution for the year ahead.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where significant risks have been identified systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The risk register is reviewed and presented at each Board meeting. Risk is scored using a RAG system achieved by multiplying assessed potential impact by likelihood of occurrence.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Steve Myers

Steve Myers

Trustee

18 December 2024

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Association of Child Protection Professionals (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Frances Howard

Frances Howard FCA

Fortus Limited
Business Advisors and Accountants
Equinox House
Clifton Park
Shipton Road
YO30 5PA
York

Dated: 18 December 2024

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	2	192	-	-	192	-
Charitable activities	3	116,376	-	-	116,376	126,248
Investments	4	84	-	-	84	696
Other income	5	185	-	-	185	18
Total income		116,837	-	-	116,837	126,962
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	6	102,710	-	5,478	108,188	164,783
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		14,127	-	(5,478)	8,649	(37,821)
Funds transfer		28,895	(28,895)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		43,022	(28,895)	(5,478)	8,649	(37,821)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		85,461	28,895	70,206	184,562	222,383
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		128,483	-	64,728	193,211	184,562

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments					
Charitable activities	3	126,248	-	-	126,248
Investments	4	696	-	-	696
Other income	5	18	-	-	18
Total income		126,962	-	-	126,962
Charitable activities	6	158,783	-	6,000	164,783
Total expenditure		158,783	-	6,000	164,783
Net movement in funds		(31,821)	-	(6,000)	(37,821)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		117,282	28,895	76,206	222,383
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		85,461	28,895	70,206	184,562

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11		-		4,140
Tangible assets	12		991		1,486
			991		5,626
Current assets					
Debtors	13	47,957		53,996	
Cash at bank and in hand		178,000		143,994	
		225,957		197,990	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(33,737)		(19,054)	
Net current assets			192,220		178,936
Total assets less current liabilities			193,211		184,562
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		64,728		70,206
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	-		28,895	
General unrestricted funds		128,483		85,461	
			128,483		114,356
			193,211		184,562

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18 December 2024

Steve Myers

Steve Myers

Trustee

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Association of Child Protection Professionals is a CIO registered in England, Wales and Scotland. The registered office is 17 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classed by activity.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure headings. All expenditure is inclusive of VAT as the charity is not VAT registered.

1.6 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	3 years on a straight line basis
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1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	192	-

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2024 £	Charitable Income 2023 £
Membership subscriptions	66,395	72,485
Conference fees	3,067	8,508
Income from journals	43,816	45,255
Training provided	3,098	-
	116,376	126,248

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Interest receivable	84	696

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Other income	185	18

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Staff costs	46,836	72,775
Child abuse review and newsletter	19,000	19,000
Equipment	-	1,550
IT subscriptions & support	8,055	8,743
Amortisation	4,635	4,140
Insurance	1,393	1,735
Publicity & advertising	4,614	398
Printing, postage & stationery	120	415
Rent & service charges	564	1,030
Room hire	66	1,210
Scholarships	5,478	6,000
Staff training & welfare	1,401	177
Sundry expenses	370	76
Telephone	683	472
Subscriptions	50	135
Travel & subsistence	2,045	3,335
Bank charges	1,725	1,489
	97,035	122,680
Share of support costs (see note 7)	7,248	38,503
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	3,905	3,600
	108,188	164,783
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	102,710	158,783
Restricted funds	5,478	6,000
	108,188	164,783

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees	673	3,905	4,578	1,381	3,600	4,981
Professional fees	6,575	-	6,575	37,122	-	37,122
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	7,248	3,905	11,153	38,503	3,600	42,103
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	7,248	3,905	11,153	38,503	3,600	42,103
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

8 Trustees

Two trustees (2023: One trustee) received reimbursement of £898 (2023: £188) for expenses during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	3	2
	=====	=====
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	44,672	51,982
Pension costs	2,164	2,861
Redundancy costs	-	17,942
	=====	=====
	46,836	72,775
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Intangible fixed assets

Website costs £

Cost

At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024

12,420

Amortisation

At 1 April 2023

8,280

Amortisation charged for the year

4,140

At 31 March 2024

12,420

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2024

-

At 31 March 2023

4,140

12 Tangible fixed assets

Computers £

Cost

At 1 April 2023

6,272

At 31 March 2024

6,272

Depreciation

At 1 April 2023

4,786

Depreciation charged in the year

495

At 31 March 2024

5,281

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2024

991

At 31 March 2023

1,486

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accrued income	38,833	42,671
Prepayments	9,124	11,325
	<u>47,957</u>	<u>53,996</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors		13,474	2,322
Other creditors		304	-
Accruals		3,799	3,523
Deferred income	15	16,160	13,209
		<u>33,737</u>	<u>19,054</u>

15 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income	16,160	13,209
	<u>16,160</u>	<u>13,209</u>

Deferred income comprises members' subscriptions and journal income received in advance.

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	67,700	-	(5,478)	62,222
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
	<u>70,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,478)</u>	<u>64,728</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	73,700	-	(6,000)	67,700
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
	<u>76,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>70,206</u>

The Anne Wingate Paterson legacy fund is monies given to provide financial support for students registered or applying to be registered with a university in Scotland to study for a higher degree in the field of identification, the impact of, effective responses to or the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

NSPCC fund is monies held for the NSPCC.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	£
Scottish branch	2,186	-	-	(2,186)	-
Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	(300)	-
Northern Ireland branch	5,015	-	-	(5,015)	-
East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	(1,038)	-
London branch	1,957	-	-	(1,957)	-
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	(2,795)	-
South Coast branch	905	-	-	(905)	-
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	(3,730)	-
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	(1,918)	-
North West Manchester branch	828	-	-	(828)	-
South west branch	8,223	-	-	(8,223)	-
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,895)</u>	<u>-</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	£
Scottish branch	2,186	-	-	-	2,186
Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	-	300
Northern Ireland branch	5,015	-	-	-	5,015
East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	-	1,038
London branch	1,957	-	-	-	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	-	2,795
South Coast branch	905	-	-	-	905
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	-	3,730
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	-	1,918
North West Manchester branch	9,051	-	-	-	828
South west branch	9,051	-	-	-	8,223
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>

Designated funds relate to the branches which have mainly closed and the money was held in case they reopened. The transfers represent the funds of closed branches being transferred back to the main branch as no branch activity is expected.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	991	-	-	991
Current assets/(liabilities)	127,492	-	64,728	192,220
	<u>128,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,728</u>	<u>193,211</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	4,140	-	-	4,140
Tangible assets	1,486	-	-	1,486
Current assets/(liabilities)	79,835	28,895	70,206	178,936
	<u>85,461</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>70,206</u>	<u>184,562</u>

19 Financial commitments

There is a contract with the publishers of Child Abuse Review which was agreed in April 2022, and effective from 1 January 2023 for 3 years. The contract will be renewed on the same terms until terminated by either party giving not less than 12 months' notice. The total annual charge is £19,000.

20 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid £527 to Sam Warner Consulting Limited to provide training. A trustee of the Charity, Sam Warner, is also a director of Sam Warner Consulting Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

England & Wales - Charity number 1190441

Accounts

Charity registration number 1190441 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number SC050800 (Scotland)

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS
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ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Steve Myers Sam Warner (Chair) Simon Snell Ann-Marie Christian Lorna Boreland-Kelly Adrian Spanswick Ciaran Murphy Julie Baker Sarah Forrest Kelechi Ukandu Jermaine Ravalier Wendy Thorogood	(Resigned 16 July 2022) (Appointed 1 November 2022)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1190441	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC050800	
Principal address & Registered office	17 Priory Street York YO1 6ET	
Independent examiner	N Clemit ACA, FCCA JWPCreers LLP Chartered Accountants Genesis 5 Church Lane York YO10 5DQ	
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	
Interim Director	Wendy Thorogood	(Resigned 1 November 2022)

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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 UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The Association is established:

- To protect children and adults from suffering, or likelihood of suffering, significant harm, ill-treatment, impairment of health or impairment of development by the encouragement and promotion of any methods, services and facilities calculated to safeguard and promote the welfare of such children and families.
- To educate and inform the public at large and, in particular, but not exclusively, those persons professionally qualified, within voluntary or charity setting to be sure we are including all relevant parties within all aspects and effects of abuse and neglect on children and families generally.
- To ensure we listen, and practice is informed by the victims who have suffered harm, to hear their voice and learn from their experiences.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Update on activities

At the beginning of November 2022 Consultant Interim Director Wendy Thorogood stepped down as part of an agreed cost-saving and restructuring exercise. Wendy Thorogood rejoined the Board of Trustees at this time.

The cost-saving and restructuring exercise also included the decision to make the post of full time Administrator redundant, replacing it with two part time posts designed to ensure that the Association had in-house, the necessary skill sets to take it forward in its new digital model which has been adopted since the onset of Covid-19.

The new part-time posts (both 0.5FTE) were agreed as Finance and Membership Support Officer and Digital Marketing and Events Support Officer. It was agreed that the new roles would absorb the work of the two consultant's posts of bookkeeper and digital marketer, and as such, notice was given to the two contractors.

In addition, several key contracts with suppliers have been renegotiated and more cost-effective suppliers sourced.

February 2022 saw Lisa Bunting step down as the Co-Editor of Child Abuse Review, and Dr Jenny Driscoll of King's College London was appointed as Interim Co-Editor, to be reviewed in November 2023.

Although the Association has delivered a small number of bespoke face to face training sessions, the overwhelming majority of activity has been delivered online.

Income streams have been diversified with the opening of our online shop, the development of the affiliate scheme which gives existing members the opportunity to refer colleagues for a small financial reward, and the opportunity to have research proposals endorsed by AoCPP for a small fee. The model of developing a wide range of Special Interest Groups to add value to members, support the dissemination of research findings and good practice, and as a mechanism to both income-generate and grow the membership is working well.

Events and learning

Helping practitioners to develop their knowledge base at an advanced level is a key strand of how we support professional and career development. A knowledgeable and skilled workforce leads to better outcomes for children and families.

In 2021/22 we held 10 Lunch and Learn sessions, 14 Special Interest Group meetings, 2 Online Conference Events and 5 bespoke training events for members and member-organisations.

The AoCPP was represented in person at Community Care Live 2022, and the Joint Social Work and Education Conference (JSWEC) of 2022.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Strategy and direction

At AoCPP our vision is a world in which all children and vulnerable adults are able to grow up in safety and security and without risk of being abused or neglected.

Our mission is to improve the lives and safety of children and vulnerable adults by providing research, representation, training, and support for those involved in child protection.

Supporting vulnerable adults: We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

We have been driving improvement in child protection for over 40 years by working with those in the field to influence policy and practice. We publish high quality multidisciplinary research, hold conferences and training events on a range of topics, facilitate peer to peer support and learning, and provide a sector voice in policy-making and consultations with statutory stakeholders. We do this because we believe knowledgeable, resilient, powerful professionals are best able to support children and families.

Our purpose is guided by 3 key principles:

- We are **multidisciplinary**, reflecting the crucial nature of partnership working to effective child protection
- We believe in **research and practice going hand in hand**: research must inform practice and practice must inform research
- We **represent the whole of the UK** and aim to share learning across the four nations.

Our work is underpinned by a central belief in the rights and wellbeing of children. We listen to voices from research and practice to identify needs and inform our service development. Supporting and meeting the needs of the child protection workforce is our route to helping keep children safe from harm.

Work began on developing a 5-year strategy and as such, key strategic priorities are listed here:

1. Income generation through
 - a. Growth of memberships
 - b. Growth of events programme
 - c. New professional partnerships (Higher Education Establishments, Research Partnerships, Private Providers, key field-based organisations)
 - d. Diversification of income streams
2. Profile raising through social media activity, responses in the media, professional comment and contribution
3. Influencing policy through consultations and opportunities to work with local and national Government
4. Efficiency of internal organisational systems and resources
5. Strengthening the relationship between the activity of the AoCPP and its journal, *Child Abuse Review*

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

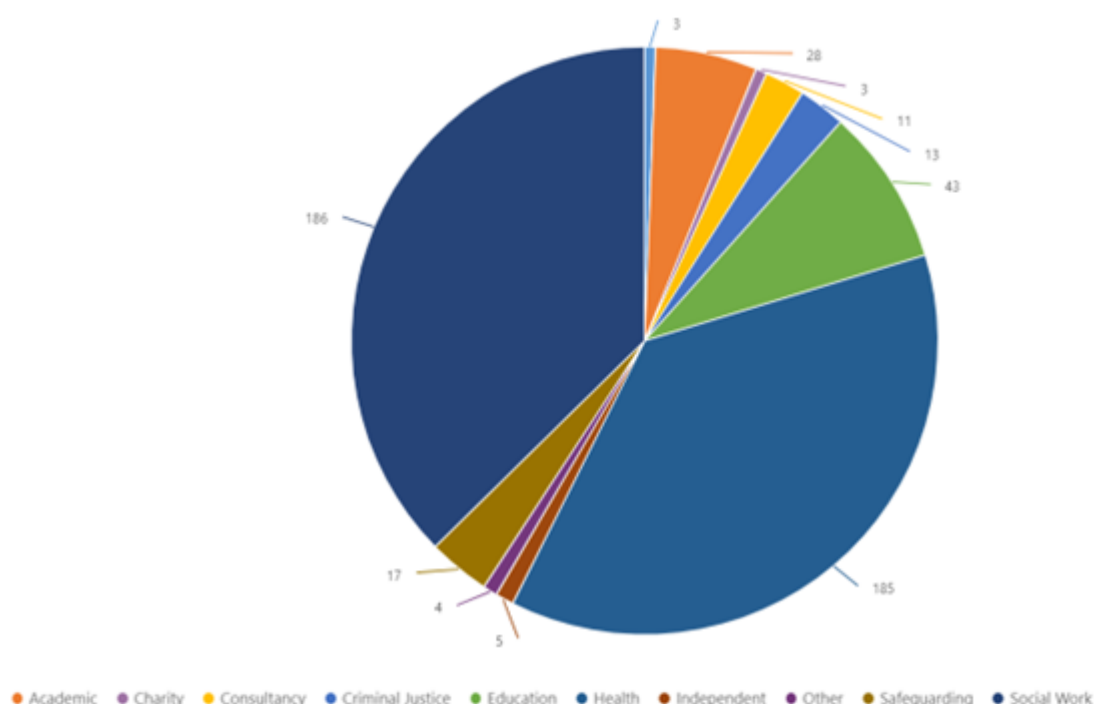
Members

Despite increasing the price of membership in 2021/22, membership has remained static. In the period 87% of our members were individuals, 7% organisations or agencies, and 6% students.

We had members from all the core safeguarding functions (health and mental health, social work, education, and criminal justice), as well as from academia, faith groups and those working as independent trainers and consultants.

The Breakdown is here:

Academics 28, Charity 3, Consultancy/Independent 16, Criminal Justice 13, Education 43, Health 185, Safeguarding 17, Social Work 186, Other 7



Our members come from across the UK (97%) and overseas (3%), with 83% based in England

Member voice

As a membership organisation it is essential that we understand our members' needs in order to be useful. The statutory, policy, cultural and financial landscape for child protection has changed significantly over the past 10 years, as well as the ways in which people want to receive training and consume information.

As a result of these discussions, we continued to develop our range of Special Interest Groups in 2022/23. The Special Interest Group programme now comprises:

- Practice Learning Reviews (PLR)
- Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- Gender Dysphoria
- Digital Safeguarding
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Safeguarding in Sport

The SIG groups held meetings throughout the year with good attendance and new Special Interest Groups are planned for 2023/24.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Ann Paterson Scholarship

In 2017 we received a legacy from Ann Wingate Paterson, a long-time member of the Scottish branch, and in 2019 we awarded the Ann Paterson Scholarships for professionals studying child protection in the UK. In 2022/23 we made 2 awards totalling £6,000 and look forward to hearing about the impact of this funding.

Social media

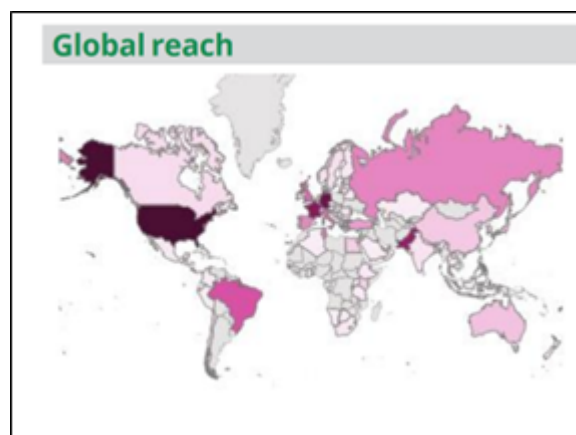
We also began a targeted strategy to develop our presence across a variety of social media platforms, focusing initially on X (formally known as twitter), Facebook and LinkedIn.

We now have over 7,817 followers on X (formally known as twitter), 1,951 on LinkedIn and 760 followers on Facebook.

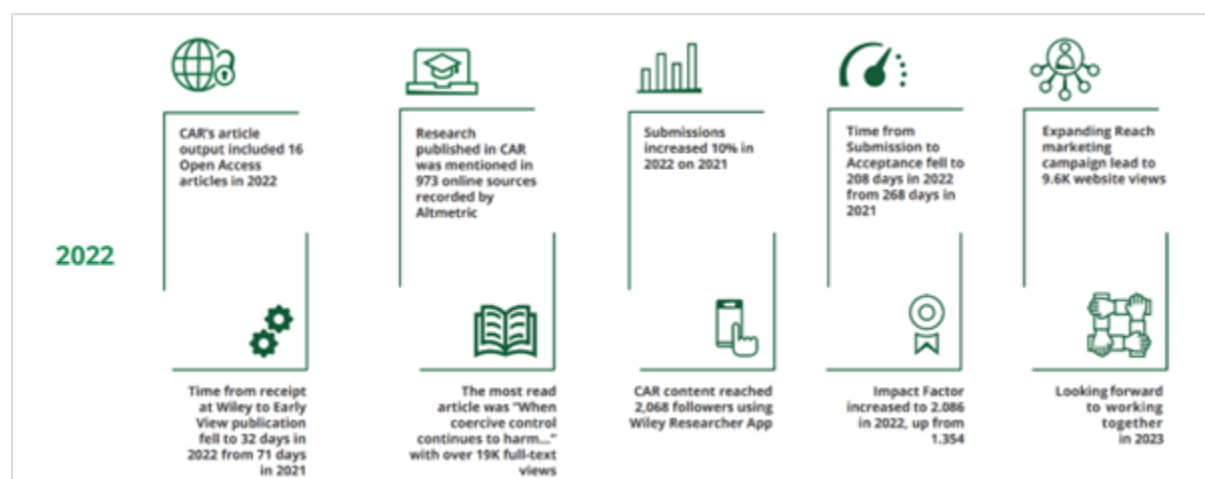
Research

Child Abuse Review

In 2022/23, 6,727 institutions offered access to the latest content in our journal via either Wiley licence of a traditional (title-by-title) subscription. On this map, darker shading shows where circulation is highest:



Key achievements for Child Abuse Review in the period are shown here:



ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

The charity incurred a deficit in the year of £37,821 (2022: Surplus £13,528). The unrestricted deficit incurred was £31,821 (2022: Surplus £21,039).

Investment policy

The charity holds funds on deposit and seeks to maximise the interest earned on those deposits.

It is not felt appropriate to invest funds over a longer term which are required for the good financial management of the charity.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves

At 31 March 2023 the Association had free reserves of £77,003 (2022: £109,002) that is after excluding reserves represented by fixed assets, in restricted funds or held by branches. The trustees consider that the Association should hold approximately one year's projected expenditure on salaries and one year's projected expenditure on the journal and believes that the present level of reserves is sufficient to have the flexibility to meet its obligations.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The AGM held in March 2023 saw all trustees remain in post, with the exception of Simon Snell who had resigned his post in July of 2022. Following the end of the Interim Director position which had been held by Wendy Thorogood on a consultancy basis, the charity is led by Operations Manager Helen Wilson under the direction of the board.

Constitution

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which is governed by its CIO-Association governing document which was registered on 16 July 2020 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The CIO also registered with Scotland's OSCR on 25 February 2021.

We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

In light of this recognition we amended the constitution 2 years ago to reflect this.

Organisation

The board of trustees met 5 times in this period and, subject to the direction of the Association in general meeting, is responsible for the exercise of the functions of the Association and for the determination of policy and general management of the business of the Association.

The leadership team meet every two weeks to ensure the good management of the financial and administrative affairs of the Association, the implementation of policies and directions of the Association. The leadership team comprises of the Chair, Vice Chair, Interim Director and the Operations Manager of the Association.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are encouraged to spend time learning about the organisation and the activities they run. They are provided with appropriate background information and are supported by the leadership team. All trustees are asked to sign a declaration of compliance.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where significant risks have been identified systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The risk register is reviewed at each Board meeting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



S J Warner
Signed on 20/12/23 @ 10:50

Sam Warner (Chair)

Trustee

14 December 2023

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Association of Child Protection Professionals (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



N P Clemet
Signed on 20/12/23 @ 13:24

N Clemet ACA, FCCA

JWPCreers LLP
Chartered Accountants
Genesis 5
Church Lane
York
YO10 5DQ

Dated: 14 December 2023

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	-	66,033
Charitable activities	3	126,248	-	-	126,248	113,975
Investments	4	696	-	-	696	598
Other income		18	-	-	18	70
Total income		126,962	-	-	126,962	180,676
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	158,783	-	6,000	164,783	167,148
Net movement in funds		(31,821)	-	(6,000)	(37,821)	13,528
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		117,282	28,895	76,206	222,383	208,855
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		85,461	28,895	70,206	184,562	222,383

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	66,033	-	-	66,033
Charitable activities	3	113,975	-	-	113,975
Investments	4	598	-	-	598
Other income		70	-	-	70
Total income		180,676	-	-	180,676
Charitable activities	5	159,637	-	7,511	167,148
Total expenditure		159,637	-	7,511	167,148
Net movement in funds		21,039	-	(7,511)	13,528
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		96,243	28,895	83,717	208,855
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		117,282	28,895	76,206	222,383

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10		4,140		8,280
Tangible assets	11		1,486		-
			<u>5,626</u>		<u>8,280</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	12	53,996		42,589	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,994		201,431	
		<u>197,990</u>		<u>244,020</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,054)		(29,917)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			178,936		214,103
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>184,562</u>		<u>222,383</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		70,206		76,206
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	16	28,895		28,895	
General unrestricted funds		85,461		117,282	
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			114,356		146,177
			<u>184,562</u>		<u>222,383</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 December 2023



Steve Myers
Signed on 18/12/23 @ 14:04

Steve Myers
Trustee



Sam Warner
Signed on 20/12/23 @ 10:50

Sam Warner (Chair)
Trustee

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Association of Child Protection Professionals is a CIO registered in England, Wales and Scotland. The registered office is 17 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classed by activity.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure headings. All expenditure is inclusive of VAT as the charity is not VAT registered.

1.6 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	3 years on a straight line basis
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1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Total	Unrestricted funds general
	2023	2022
	£	£
Legacies receivable	-	66,033

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income	Charitable Income
	2023	2022
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	72,485	66,593
Conference fees	8,508	12,184
Income from journals	45,255	35,198
	126,248	113,975

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds general
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	696	598

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	72,775	76,039
Depreciation	-	643
Child abuse review and newsletter	19,000	19,001
Equipment	1,550	335
IT subscriptions & support	8,743	4,620
Amortisation	4,140	4,140
Insurance	1,735	1,602
Publicity & advertising	398	1,320
Printing, postage & stationery	415	893
Rent & service charges	1,030	925
Room hire	1,210	577
Scholarships	6,000	7,300
Staff training & welfare	177	549
Sundry expenses	76	500
Telephone	472	392
Subscriptions	135	594
Travel & subsistence	3,335	2,341
Bank charges	1,489	1,499
	<u>122,680</u>	<u>123,270</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	38,503	39,318
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	3,600	4,560
	<u>164,783</u>	<u>167,148</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	158,783	159,637
Restricted funds	6,000	7,511
	<u>164,783</u>	<u>167,148</u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Accountancy fees	1,381	3,600	4,981	1,326	4,560	5,886
Professional fees	37,122	-	37,122	37,992	-	37,992
	<u>38,503</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>42,103</u>	<u>39,318</u>	<u>4,560</u>	<u>43,878</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>38,503</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>42,103</u>	<u>39,318</u>	<u>4,560</u>	<u>43,878</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Trustees

One trustee (2022: One trustee) received reimbursement of £188 (2022: £36) for expenses during the year to 31 March 2023.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	2	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	51,984	65,189
Social security costs	-	1,399
Pension costs	2,861	3,437
Redundancy costs	17,942	6,014
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	72,775	76,039
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Intangible fixed assets

	Website costs £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	12,420
	<u> </u>
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2022	4,140
Amortisation charged for the year	4,140
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	8,280
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	4,140
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	8,280
	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Tangible fixed assets

Computers £

Cost

At 1 April 2022

4,786

Additions

1,486

At 31 March 2023

6,272

Depreciation

At 1 April 2022

4,786

At 31 March 2023

4,786

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2023

1,486

12 Debtors

2023

2022

Amounts falling due within one year:

£

£

Accrued income

42,671

29,010

Prepayments

11,325

13,579

53,996

42,589

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2023

2022

Notes

£

£

Trade creditors

2,322

345

Other creditors

-

1,719

Accruals

3,523

3,900

Deferred income

14

13,209

23,953

19,054

29,917

14 Deferred income

2023

2022

£

£

Deferred income

13,209

23,953

Deferred income comprises members' subscriptions and journal income received in advance.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	73,700	-	(6,000)	67,700
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
	<u>76,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>70,206</u>
	<u><u>76,206</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(6,000)</u></u>	<u><u>70,206</u></u>

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	81,000	-	(7,300)	73,700
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	2,506
Raffle Money	211	-	(211)	-
	<u>83,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,511)</u>	<u>76,206</u>
	<u><u>83,717</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(7,511)</u></u>	<u><u>76,206</u></u>

The Anne Wingate Paterson legacy fund is monies given to provide financial support for students registered or applying to be registered with a university in Scotland to study for a higher degree in the field of identification, the impact of, effective responses to or the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

NSPCC fund is monies held for the NSPCC.

Raffle charity monies (2022 only) is money raised from a raffle held at the 40th Anniversary Dinner, intended for Develop Africa. However, that proved to be expensive and unviable so it was donated to the Red Cross instead.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from unincorporated charity	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Scottish branch	2,186	-	-	-	2,186
Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	-	300
Northern Ireland branch	5,015	-	-	-	5,015
East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	-	1,038
London branch	1,957	-	-	-	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	-	2,795
South Coast branch	905	-	-	-	905
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	-	3,730
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	-	1,918
North West Manchester branch	828	-	-	-	828
South west branch	8,223	-	-	-	8,223
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>

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Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	-	300
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East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	-	1,038
London branch	1,957	-	-	-	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	-	2,795
South Coast branch	905	-	-	-	905
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	-	3,730
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	-	1,918
North West Manchester branch	9,051	-	-	-	828
South west branch	9,051	-	-	-	8,223
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>

Designated funds relate to the branches.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	4,140	-	-	4,140
Tangible assets	1,486	-	-	1,486
Current assets/(liabilities)	79,835	28,895	70,206	178,936
	<u>85,461</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>70,206</u>	<u>184,562</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	8,280	-	-	8,280
Current assets/(liabilities)	109,002	28,895	76,206	214,103
	<u>117,282</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>76,206</u>	<u>222,383</u>

18 Financial commitments

There is a contract with the publishers of Child Abuse Review which was agreed in April 2022, and effective from 1 January 2023 for 3 years. The contract will be renewed on the same terms until terminated by either party giving not less than 12 months' notice. The total annual charge is £19,000.

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1190441 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number SC050800 (Scotland)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Peter Sidebotham	(Resigned 4 September 2021)
	Jane Appleton	(Resigned 4 September 2021)
	Steve Myers	
	Sam Warner (Chair)	
	Mark Pearson	(Resigned 7 February 2022)
	Richard Woodley	(Resigned 22 November 2021)
	Simon Snell	
	Ann-Marie Christian	
	Lorna Boreland-Kelly	
	Adrian Spanswick	(Appointed 22 November 2021)
	Ciaran Murphy	(Appointed 7 March 2022)
	Julie Baker	(Appointed 7 March 2022)
	Sarah Forrest	(Appointed 7 March 2022)
	Kelechi Ukandu	(Appointed 7 March 2022)
	Jermaine Ravalier	(Appointed 7 March 2022)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1190441	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC050800	
Principal address & Registered office	17 Priory Street York YO1 6ET	
Independent examiner	N Clemit ACA, FCCA JWPCreers LLP Chartered Accountants Genesis 5 Church Lane York YO10 5DQ	
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	
Interim Director	Wendy Thorogood	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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 UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The Association is established:

- To protect members of the public, and in particular children, from suffering, or likelihood of suffering, significant harm, ill-treatment, impairment of health or impairment of development by the encouragement and promotion of any methods, services and facilities calculated to safeguard and promote their welfare.
- To educate and inform the public at large and, in particular, but not exclusively, those persons professionally working in any relevant field in all aspects and effects of abuse and neglect on children and adults.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Update on activities

At the end of March 2021 Tammy Banks stepped down as Director and Helen Wilson joined the team in May 2021 as Operations Manager. Wendy Thorogood continues in her role as Interim Director and Tyra Sirandula is a consultant.

September 2021 saw a change of Editors for the journal as Jane Appleton and Peter Sidebotham retired from the role. They were replaced by Professor Kish Bhatti-Sinclair and Dr Lisa Bunting who are working closely with Wiley.

There was a change of editorial process within Wiley which resulted in the redundancy of the Editorial Manager's post in January 2022.

No face-to-face meetings have been held in this financial year, but various online events were established which included lunch and learn meetings, conferences, masterclasses and special interest groups.

We offered discounted memberships to those attending our online events which have proved a great success.

A new website was developed by 'Fallen Leaf' which was launched in Spring 2022, and we are developing the second phase of the website development to integrate a shop and affiliate scheme which will income generate for the charity.

AoCPP received with thanks a legacy from Brian Sheard, from Leeds to the amount of £66,033 and we are looking at ways to celebrate this.

Events and learning

Helping practitioners to develop their knowledge base at an advanced level is a key strand of how we support professional and career development. A knowledgeable and skilled workforce leads to better outcomes for children and families.

In 2021/22 we held 12 lunch and learn sessions, 11 special interest group meetings, 6 masterclasses and a 2-day online conference in partnership with the University of Kent.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Strategy and direction

At AoCPP our vision is a world in which all children and vulnerable adults are able to grow up in safety and security and without risk of being abused or neglected.

Our mission is to improve the lives and safety of children and vulnerable adults by providing research, representation, training, and support for those involved in child protection.

Supporting vulnerable adults: We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

We have been driving improvement in child protection for over 40 years by working with those in the field to influence policy and practice. We publish high quality multidisciplinary research, hold conferences and training events on a range of topics, facilitate peer to peer support and learning, and provide a sector voice in policy-making and consultations with statutory stakeholders. We do this because we believe knowledgeable, resilient, powerful professionals are best able to support children and families.

Our purpose is guided by 3 key principles:

- We are **multidisciplinary**, reflecting the crucial nature of partnership working to effective child protection
- We believe in **research and practice going hand in hand**: research must inform practice and practice must inform research
- We **represent the whole of the UK** and aim to share learning across the four nations.

Our work is underpinned by a central belief in the rights and wellbeing of children. We listen to voices from research and practice to identify needs and inform our service development. Supporting and meeting the needs of the child protection workforce is our route to helping keep children safe from harm.

We have a strong set of values that informs our work, in particular we work with:

- **Compassion:** We recognise the systemic, psychological and emotional complexities involved for all those in contact with or working in the child protection system. We model and promote compassion in our organisation and in all aspects of our work.
- **Respect:** We promote equality and inclusivity within our association and how we collaborate and support other organisations to ensure that social justice is core to what we do.
- **Humility:** We have humility to recognise the limitations of our knowledge, and that we must continually learn, improve and act to improve the lives of children.
- **Courage:** We have courage to voice hard truths openly and honestly, and to stay true to our charitable objectives.

We are now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and a registered charity in Scotland from 25 February 2021.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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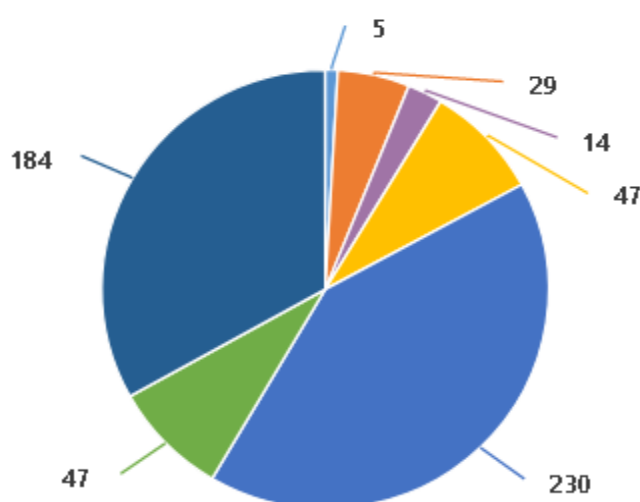
Achievements and performance

Members

In February we launched new categories of membership with a small price increase. 86% of our members were individuals, 8% organisations or agencies, and 6% students.

We had members from all the core safeguarding functions (health and mental health, social work, education, and criminal justice), as well as from academia, faith groups and those working as independent trainers and consultants.

230 Health and Mental Health Workers, 184 Social Work Education 47, Academia 29, Criminal Justice 14, Unknown 5, Unspecified 47.



Our members come from across the UK (97%) and overseas (3%), with 83% based in England

Member voice

As a membership organisation it is essential that we understand our members' needs in order to be useful. The statutory, policy, cultural and financial landscape for child protection has changed significantly over the past 10 years, as well as the ways in which people want to receive training and consume information.

As a result of these discussions, we launched our first Special Interest Groups in 2021/22:

- Practice Learning Reviews (PLR)
- Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- Gender Dysphoria

The SIG groups held meetings throughout the year with good attendance and new Special Interest Groups are planned for 2022/23.

Ann Paterson Scholarship

In 2017 we received a legacy from Ann Wingate Paterson, a long-time member of the Scottish branch, and in 2019 we awarded the Ann Paterson Scholarships for professionals studying child protection in the UK. In 2021/22 we made 3 awards of £7,300 and look forward to hearing about the impact of this funding.

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Social media

We also began a targeted strategy to develop our presence across a variety of social media platforms, focussing initially on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

We now have over 7,613 followers on Twitter, 835 on LinkedIn and 500 followers on Facebook.

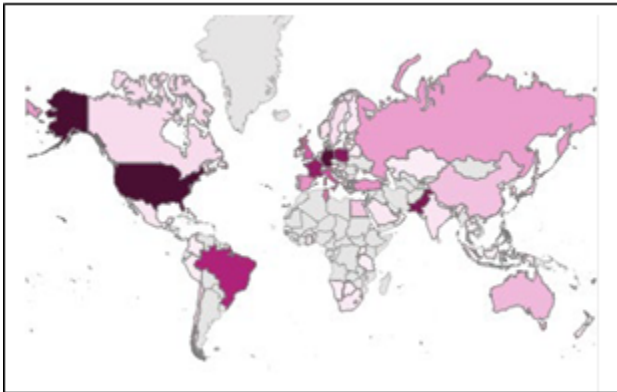
Top tweet (12,080 impressions) in January 2022:

"Those working in children's social care are calling against complete overhauls of the system in the aftermath of recent devastating child deaths. Instead, reducing caseloads, multi-agency partnerships, and more funding for early intervention help is needed".

Research

Child Abuse Review

In 2021, 6,738 institutions offered access to the latest content in your journal via either a Wiley license or a traditional (title-by-title) subscription. On this map, darker shading shows where circulation is highest. Countries shaded in grey may be covered by philanthropic initiatives.



In 2021, our philanthropic initiatives extended low-cost or free access to current content to 4,660 developing world institutions.

The top downloading countries of articles published in *Child Abuse Review* in 2021 were:

1. United Kingdom
2. Unites States
3. Australia
4. Netherlands
5. Canada
6. China - mainland
7. Ireland
8. Germany
9. Sweden
10. India

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The articles below were among the most liked or shared posts in 2021, as measured by Altmetric, which tracks the online attention that research outputs receive by pulling in data from three main sources: social media, traditional media, and online reference managers.

Rank	Author(s)	Article Title
1	Katz, E. <i>et al.</i>	When Coercive Control Continues to Harm Children: Post-Separation Fathering, Stalking and Domestic Violence
2	Katz, E.	Beyond the Physical Incident Model: How Children Living with Domestic Violence are Harmed By and Resist Regimes of Coercive Control
3	Zolotor, A. J. <i>et al</i>	Bans against corporal punishment: a systematic review of the laws, changes in attitudes and behaviours
4	Eriksson, L, <i>et al</i>	Maternal and Paternal Filicide: Case Studies from the Australian Homicide Project
5	Richardson Foster, H, <i>et al</i>	How Child-Focused are Child Protection Conferences?

Financial review

The charity made a surplus in the year of £13,528. This included receiving a legacy of £66,033. An unrestricted surplus was made of £21,039.

Investment policy

The charity holds funds on deposit and seeks to maximise the interest earned on those deposits.

It is not felt appropriate to invest funds over a longer term which are required for the good financial management of the charity.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves

At 31 March 2022 the Association had free reserves of £109,002 (2021: £95,600) that is after excluding reserves represented by fixed assets, in restricted funds or held by branches. The trustees consider that the Association should hold approximately one year's projected expenditure on salaries and one year's projected expenditure on the journal and believes that the present level of reserves is sufficient to have the flexibility to meet its obligations.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which is governed by its CIO-Association governing document which was registered on 16 July 2020 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The CIO also registered with Scotland's OSCR on 25 February 2021.

We recognise that the issues children and young people face do not stop when they reach adulthood. In fact, with fewer contact points with agencies and professionals, adults can become alienated from the avenues in which they can seek support, leaving them vulnerable to harm and exploitation. Through our work, we aim to ensure that we can make a positive difference in improving the lives of vulnerable adults.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The number of trustees shall be between 6 and 12. At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one elected charity trustee, he or she shall retire.

Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment, provided that no trustee shall serve for more than three continuous periods without a break of at least a year.

The AGM held in March 2022 saw the creation of a Vice-Chair role to replace the previous chair elect role. The new position was filled by Steve Myers.

The previous management committee was replaced by a leadership team consisting of Chair, Vice Chair, Interim Director and Operations Manager.

At the AGM we elected 5 new trustees. Board expectations were clearly outlined with particular emphasis made on the need for all board members to play an active role in the delivery of the charity's strategy.

Organisation

The board of trustees met 5 times in this period and, subject to the direction of the Association in general meeting, is responsible for the exercise of the functions of the Association and for the determination of policy and general management of the business of the Association.

The leadership team meet every two weeks to ensure the good management of the financial and administrative affairs of the Association, the implementation of policies and directions of the Association. The membership of the leadership team comprises of the Chair, Vice Chair, Interim Director and the Operations Manager of the Association and such other members of the board of trustees as determined from time to time.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are encouraged to spend time learning about the organisation and the activities they run. They are provided with appropriate background information and are supported by the leadership team. All trustees are asked to sign a declaration of compliance.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where significant risks have been identified systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales and in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Sam Warner

Signed on 14/12/22 @ 11:18

Sam Warner (Chair)

Trustee

13 December 2022

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Association of Child Protection Professionals (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



N P Clemet

Countersigned on 14/12/22 @ 11:28

N Clemet ACA, FCCA

JWPCreers LLP

Chartered Accountants

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Church Lane

York

YO10 5DQ

Dated: 13 December 2022

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	2	66,033	-	-	66,033	-
Charitable activities	3	113,975	-	-	113,975	-
Investments	4	598	-	-	598	-
Other income		70	-	-	70	-
Total income		180,676	-	-	180,676	-
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	159,637	-	7,511	167,148	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		21,039	-	(7,511)	13,528	-
Funds transferred to CIO		-	-	-	-	208,855
Net movement in funds		21,039	-	(7,511)	13,528	208,855
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		96,243	28,895	83,717	208,855	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		117,282	28,895	76,206	222,383	208,855

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
Total income		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the period		-	-	-	-
Funds transferred to CIO		96,243	28,895	83,717	208,855
Net movement in funds		96,243	28,895	83,717	208,855
Fund balances at 16 July 2020		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		96,243	28,895	83,717	208,855

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	9		8,280		-
Tangible assets	10		-		643
			<u>8,280</u>		<u>643</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	42,589		81,551	
Cash at bank and in hand		201,431		163,870	
		<u>244,020</u>		<u>245,421</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(29,917)		(37,209)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			214,103		208,212
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>222,383</u>		<u>208,855</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		76,206		83,717
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	28,895		28,895	
General unrestricted funds		117,282		96,243	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
			146,177		125,138
			<u>222,383</u>		<u>208,855</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13 December 2022



Steve Myers
Signed on 13/12/22 @ 14:28

Steve Myers
Trustee



Sam Warner
Signed on 14/12/22 @ 11:18

Sam Warner (Chair)
Trustee

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Association of Child Protection Professionals is a CIO registered in England, Wales and Scotland. The registered office is 17 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classed by activity.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure headings. All expenditure is inclusive of VAT as the charity is not VAT registered.

1.6 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	3 years on a straight line basis
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1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Legacies receivable	66,033	-

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2022 £	2021 £
Membership subscriptions	66,593	-
Conference fees	12,184	-
Income from journals	35,198	-
	113,975	-

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable	598	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	76,039	-
Depreciation	643	-
Anne Wingate Paterson Scholarship	26,301	-
Equipment	335	-
Repairs & renewals	4,620	-
Amortisation	4,140	-
Insurance	1,602	-
Publicity & advertising	1,320	-
Printing, postage & stationery	893	-
Rent & service charges	925	-
Room hire	577	-
Staff training & welfare	549	-
Sundry expenses	500	-
Telephone	392	-
Subscriptions	594	-
Travel & subsistence	2,341	-
Bank charges	1,499	-
	123,270	-
Share of support costs (see note 6)	39,318	-
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	4,560	-
	167,148	-
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	159,637	-
Restricted funds	7,511	-
	167,148	-

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Accountancy fees	1,326	4,560	5,886
Professional fees	37,992	-	37,992
	39,318	4,560	43,878
Analysed between			
Charitable activities	39,318	4,560	43,878

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7 Trustees

One trustee (2021: no trustees) received reimbursement of £36 (2021: £nil) for expenses during the year to 31 March 2022.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	3	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	65,189	-
Social security costs	1,399	-
Pension costs	3,437	-
Redundancy costs	6,014	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	76,039	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Intangible fixed assets

	Website costs £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	-
Additions	12,420
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	12,420
	<u> </u>
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2021	-
Amortisation charged for the year	4,140
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	4,140
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	8,280
	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2021	-
	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Tangible fixed assets

Computers £

Cost

At 1 April 2021

4,786

At 31 March 2022

4,786

Depreciation

At 1 April 2021

4,143

Depreciation charged in the year

643

At 31 March 2022

4,786

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2022

-

At 31 March 2021

643

11 Debtors

2022

2021

Amounts falling due within one year:

£

£

Accrued income

29,010

26,450

Other debtors

-

46,091

Prepayments

13,579

9,010

42,589

81,551

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2022

2021

Notes

£

£

Trade creditors

345

-

Other creditors

1,719

2,269

Accruals

3,900

3,579

Deferred income

13

23,953

31,361

29,917

37,209

13 Deferred income

2022

2021

£

£

Deferred income

23,953

31,361

Deferred income comprises members' subscriptions and journal income received in advance.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers from unincorporated charity £	£
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	81,000	-	(7,300)	-	73,700
NSPCC	2,506	-	-	-	2,506
Raffle Money	211	-	(211)	-	-
	<u>83,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,511)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,206</u>
	<u><u>83,717</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(7,511)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>76,206</u></u>

	Balance at 16 July 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from unincorporated charity	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	-	-	-	81,000	81,000
NSPCC	-	-	-	2,506	2,506
Raffle Money	-	-	-	211	211
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,717</u>	<u>83,717</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>83,717</u></u>	<u><u>83,717</u></u>

The Anne Wingate Paterson legacy fund is monies given to provide financial support for students registered or applying to be registered with a university in Scotland to study for a higher degree in the field of identification, the impact of, effective responses to or the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

NSPCC fund is monies held for the NSPCC.

Raffle charity monies is money raised from a raffle held at the 40th Anniversary Dinner, intended for Develop Africa. However, that proved to be expensive and unviable so it was donated to the Red Cross instead.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from unincorporated charity	£
Scottish branch	2,186	-	-	-	2,186
Milton Keynes branch	300	-	-	-	300
Northern Ireland branch	5,015	-	-	-	5,015
East Midlands branch	1,038	-	-	-	1,038
London branch	1,957	-	-	-	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	2,795	-	-	-	2,795
South Coast branch	905	-	-	-	905
All Wales branch	3,730	-	-	-	3,730
West Midlands branch	1,918	-	-	-	1,918
North West Manchester branch	828	-	-	-	828
South west branch	8,223	-	-	-	8,223
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>

	Balance at 16 July 2020	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2021
	£	Income	Expenditure	Transfers from unincorporated charity	£
Scottish branch	-	-	-	2,186	2,186
Milton Keynes branch	-	-	-	300	300
Northern Ireland branch	-	-	-	5,015	5,015
East Midlands branch	-	-	-	1,038	1,038
London branch	-	-	-	1,957	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	-	-	-	2,795	2,795
South Coast branch	-	-	-	905	905
All Wales branch	-	-	-	3,730	3,730
West Midlands branch	-	-	-	1,918	1,918
North West Manchester branch	-	-	-	828	828
South west branch	-	-	-	8,223	8,223
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>28,895</u>

Designated funds relate to the branches.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	8,280	-	-	8,280
Current assets/(liabilities)	109,002	28,895	76,206	214,103
	<u>117,282</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>76,206</u>	<u>222,383</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	643	-	-	643
Current assets/(liabilities)	95,600	28,895	83,717	208,212
	<u>96,243</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>83,717</u>	<u>208,855</u>

17 Financial commitments

There is a contract with the publishers of Child Abuse Review which was agreed on 1 April 2021, is effective from 1 January 2021 for 2 years and will be renewed on the same terms until terminated by either party giving not less than 12 months' notice. The total annual charge is £19,000.

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1190441 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration No. SC050800 (Scotland)

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Peter Sidebotham	(Appointed 16 July 2020 and resigned 4 September 2021)
	Jane Appleton	(Appointed 16 July 2020 and resigned 4 September 2021)
	Steve Myers	(Appointed 16 July 2020)
	Sam Warner	(Appointed 16 July 2020)
	Mark Pearson	(Appointed 16 July 2020)
	Richard Woodley	(Appointed 16 July 2020 and resigned 22 October 2021)
	Simon Snell	(Appointed 16 July 2020)
	Ann-Marie Christian	(Appointed 16 July 2020)
	Lorna Boreland-Kelly	(Appointed 10 February 2021)
	Wendy Thorogood	(Appointed 16 July 2020 and resigned 10 February 2021)

Wendy Thorogood resigned as Chair on 6 February 2021

Sam Warner was appointed Chair on 6 February 2021

Charity number (England and Wales) 1190441

Charity number (Scotland) SC050800

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Wendy Thorogood (appointed 6 February 2021)

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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 UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- To protect members of the public, and in particular children, from suffering, or likelihood of suffering, significant harm, ill-treatment, impairment of health or impairment of development by the encouragement and promotion of any methods, services and facilities calculated to safeguard and promote their welfare.
- To educate and inform the public at large and, in particular, but not exclusively, those persons professionally working in any relevant field in all aspects and effects of abuse and neglect on children and adults.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The only activity carried out in the period was the transfer of funds into the CIO from the unincorporated charity. The normal activities of the unincorporated charity will continue in the new entity.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 4 and shows the net movement in funds for the year.

Investment policy

The charity holds funds on deposit and seeks to maximise the interest earned on those deposits.

It is not felt appropriate to invest funds over a longer term which are required for the good financial management of the charity.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves policy

At 31 March 2021 the Association had free reserves of £125,138 that is after excluding reserves represented by fixed assets, in restricted funds or held by branches. The trustees consider that the Association should hold approximately one year's projected expenditure on salaries and related office costs and one year's projected expenditure on the journal and believes that the present level of reserves is sufficient to have the flexibility to meet its obligations.

Risk management

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) which is governed by its CIO-Association governing document which was registered on 16 July 2020 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The CIO also registered with Scotland's OSCR on 25 February 2021.

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one elected charity trustee, he or she shall retire.

Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment, provided that no trustee shall serve for more than three continuous periods without a break of at least a year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Sam Warner

Trustee

Date: 20 November 2021

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales and in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Association of Child Protection Professionals (the charity) for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

N Clemit ACA, FCCA

JWPCreers LLP
Chartered Accountants
Genesis 5
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York
YO10 5DQ

Dated: 25 November 2021

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Notes			
Net income before transfers	-	-	-
Funds transferred to CIO	125,138	83,717	208,855
Net movement in funds	125,138	83,717	208,855
Fund balances at 16 July 2020	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2021	125,138	83,717	208,855

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

No comparatives presented as 2021 is the first period of account for the charity.

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4		643
Current assets			
Debtors	5	81,551	
Cash at bank and in hand		163,870	
		<u>245,421</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(37,209)</u>	
Net current assets			208,212
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>208,855</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	8		83,717
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
Designated funds	9	28,895	
General unrestricted funds		96,243	
		<u></u>	125,138
			<u>208,855</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 November 2021

Steve Myers
Trustee

Sam Warner
Trustee

ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Association of Child Protection Professionals is a CIO registered in England, Wales and Scotland. The registered office is 17 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), "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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classed by activity.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure headings. All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/ (expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

3 Employees

There were no employees in the period.

4 Tangible fixed assets

Computers
£

Cost

Funds transferred to CIO 4,786

At 31 March 2021 4,786

Depreciation

Funds transferred to CIO 4,143

At 31 March 2021 4,143

Carrying amount

At 31 March 2021 643

5 Debtors

2021

Amounts falling due within one year: £

Accrued income 26,450

Other debtors 46,091

Prepayments 9,010

81,551

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £
Deferred income	7	31,361
Other creditors		2,269
Accruals		3,579
		<u>37,209</u>

7 Deferred income

	2021 £
Deferred income	<u>31,361</u>

Deferred income comprises members' subscriptions and journal income received in advance.

8 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 16 July 2020	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers from unincorporated £	£
Anne Wingate Paterson Legacy Fund	-	-	-	81,000	81,000
NSPCC	-	-	-	2,506	2,506
Raffle Money	-	-	-	211	211
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,717</u>	<u>83,717</u>

The Anne Wingate Paterson legacy fund is monies given to provide financial support for students registered or applying to be registered with a university in Scotland to study for a higher degree in the field of identification, the impact of, effective responses to or the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

NSPCC fund is monies held for the NSPCC.

Raffle charity monies is money raised from a raffle held at the 40th Anniversary Dinner, intended for Develop Africa. However, that proved to be expensive and unviable to now waiting to donate to a UK charity.

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9 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 16 July 2020	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2021
		Income	Expenditure	Transfers from unincorporated	
	£	£	£	£	£
Scottish branch	-	-	-	2,186	2,186
Milton Keynes branch	-	-	-	300	300
Northern Ireland branch	-	-	-	5,015	5,015
East Midlands branch	-	-	-	1,038	1,038
London branch	-	-	-	1,957	1,957
Republic of Ireland branch	-	-	-	2,795	2,795
South Coast branch	-	-	-	905	905
All Wales branch	-	-	-	3,730	3,730
West Midlands branch	-	-	-	1,918	1,918
North West Manchester branch	-	-	-	828	828
South west branch	-	-	-	8,223	8,223
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>28,895</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>28,895</u>

Designated funds relate to the branches.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	643	-	643
Current assets/(liabilities)	124,495	83,717	208,212
	<u>125,138</u>	<u>83,717</u>	<u>208,855</u>
	<u>125,138</u>	<u>83,717</u>	<u>208,855</u>

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.