

Forever Colours Children's Hospice

(Charity Incorporated Organisation)



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 28 AUGUST 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Charity Number: **1191073**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period 28 August 2020 to 31 March 2021.

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR

Welcome everyone to the Annual Report and Financial Statement.

I am proud to stand as the Chair of Trustees for Forever Colours Children's Hospice. To see first-hand the hard work and determination that has gone into not only reaching out to families during this unprecedented global pandemic, but doing so, whilst building a much-needed service that has been shaped by the families themselves.

The Charity has been on the frontline, helping babies, children and young people who have life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families make the most of every day and supporting them throughout the pandemic. It is therefore imperative that The Charity continues to generate the resources to grow to continue to meet the needs of these families.

Data suggests there are over 2,000 babies, children and young people in The Charities catchment area who could be benefitting from Forever Colours Children's Hospice support. The Charity has come such a long way and myself, alongside the Trustees, are so proud to have been part of the journey. The team are passionate and ambitious and Forever Colours receiving charity status during this period was warmly welcomed.

On behalf of The Board of Trustees and everyone at Forever Colours Children's Hospice, I would like to thank you all for the support that we have received over the last year as an official charity. This time has been one of the most difficult times for everyone globally, where we as a Nation have all experienced forms of disruption, loss and disappointment. I would like to thank Centricus, our Founding Partner, The Trustees, Directors, Care Team and Volunteers for mostly how much they care, alongside their passion, dedication, optimism and hard work. They were instrumental in growing The Charity and a very special thank you to our compassionate supporters, who have continued their support and generosity during this unprecedented time.

With sincere gratitude on behalf of everybody at Forever Colours Children's Hospice for continuing to stand by us.



S J Bowman
Chair of Trustees
Forever Colours Children's Hospice

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

We are delighted to share Forever Colours Children's Hospice First Annual Report and Financial Statement since the concept of the hospice was developed beyond a dream.

Our vision is that every baby, child or young person with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition or profound multiple learning disability should have the best possible life with access to the highest quality clinical and holistic care services wherever and whenever they need them. Our initial two-year strategy focussed on the holistic nature of palliative care, and brings together essential areas of activity to deliver our vision.

Arriving at a stage where we can plan for our future has not been an easy journey for Forever Colours Children's Hospice. Like many small charities, the global economic climate is a period of uncertainty, which is leading us to developing strong relationships with statutory agencies and partners who are willing to support us.

We also know from our families that care for a child with complex health and social needs can put a significant strain on the whole family, causing families to break down and life aspirations to be put on hold. This has made us question whether we are doing enough for families at every stage of their child's life and highlighted the need for an enhanced advocacy service.

Due to our location and the demographics of our local population we also face unique challenges in serving our culturally diverse communities appropriately and sensitively. The Dr Lorna Fraser research also informed us about the scale of potential and growing referrals we could receive in coming years.

We believe our strategy will help us to reach at least 20 children each year by the end of 2021.

We would like to conclude our introduction with a thank you - without our Founding Partner, Trustees, Donors, Volunteers, Staff and most importantly – our Families, we would not be able to consider the next year with such optimism.

We hope our report inspires you as much as us on this exciting journey.



J Adams

Chief Executive

Forever Colours Children's Hospice

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Board is pleased to submit its report and financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2021.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

3. OBJECTS

1. To promote and facilitate for the public benefit, the relief, treatment and care of children and young persons (aged 0-18 years) living in the UK with life-limiting and/or life-threatening conditions. This is achieved through the provision of a total and active approach to their care from the point of initial diagnosis, through treatment, recovery or deterioration and end of life to ensure that they have as fulfilling lives as possible. This care is provided by:

- a. involving such young persons in open, honest communication around decisions about their care.
- b. embracing physical, emotional, social and spiritual elements for the enhancement of quality of life of such young persons.
- c. relieving and managing distressing symptoms.
- d. assisting the provision of short breaks and care.
- e. assisting mental wellbeing of children and young people by providing therapeutic support.
- f. embracing play schemes and events for the whole family.

2. To promote and facilitate for the public benefit, the relief, treatment and care of children and young persons (aged 0-18 years) living in the UK with profound and multiple learning difficulties. This is achieved through the provision of respite care, support, education, training and advice achieving an active and total approach to their care to ensure that they have as fulfilling lives as possible. This range of care and support is provided by:

- a. involving such young persons in open, honest communication around decisions about their care.
- b. embracing physical, emotional, social and spiritual elements for the enhancement of quality of life of such young persons..
- c. relieving and managing distressing symptoms.
- d. assisting the provision of short breaks and care.
- e. assisting mental wellbeing of children and young people by providing therapeutic support.
- f. embracing play schemes and events for the whole family.

3. To promote and facilitate for the public benefit, the relief of parents, carers and families of children and young persons (aged 0-18 years) living in the UK with life-limiting and/or life-threatening conditions or profound and multiple learning difficulties. This is achieved by:

- a. involving such families and carers in open, honest communication around decisions about provision of care.

- b. embracing physical, emotional, social and spiritual elements for the enhancement of parents, carers and families.
 - c. relieving and managing distressing situations.
 - d. Assisting with the temporary relief of care responsibility over such children/young people by the provision of short breaks.
 - e. relieving financial hardship and strain on families by providing advocacy support services.
 - f. embracing play schemes and events for the whole family, siblings and parents/carers.
- 4.** To promote and facilitate for the public benefit, the relief of families who suffer bereavement through the loss of a child or young person (aged 0-18 years) who dies in the UK through the provision of after-death care services. These services are supported by:
- a. involving such families and carers in open, honest communication by raising awareness around decisions about the child and young persons after death care.
 - b. embracing physical, emotional, social and spiritual elements of death and bereavement support.
 - c. relieving and managing grief.
 - d. assisting mental wellbeing of families through providing therapeutic support.
 - e. relieving financial hardship and strain on families by providing advocacy support services.
 - f. assisting in the provision of after-death care.

Our work at Forever Colours Children's Hospice is informed by statutory and sector guidance and regulated by the Charity Commission.

This report demonstrates how public benefit was delivered through Forever Colours Children's Hospice's charitable aims. In working to deliver these objectives, the Board and members (Directors) are cognisant of the need to comply with public benefit requirements. To that end The Charity has paid due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Our Vision and Mission

Forever Colours is a family focused, community-based Children's Hospice covering the borough of Buckinghamshire providing care to families who have children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

Founded in 2019, The Charity provides a range of support services with the emotional, psychological, and physical wellbeing of families in mind. The Charity offers care and advocacy, including sibling and parent/guardian support, one-to-one help, group days out, post-death and end of life care. Our goal is to bring rest, relief, and a helping hand, allowing families to have a little time to themselves, as a family, or connecting with people in a similar situation.

What makes Forever Colours different is the personal family focus and attention to detail that The Charity brings, delivering a high standard of care that is family oriented and invested in making a difference. We never forget that the people we work with are at the heart of everything we do, so we make a sure we are always listening to them and their evolving needs, rather than simply studying the data.

With that in mind, we began by focusing our work on Buckinghamshire, as research highlighted the area has a large population without access to this type of support. We quickly found that advocacy was much needed by families, so we introduced our Family Liaison Service, which helps with everything from filling in forms to finding out which financial aid a family is eligible for. We also found there was an urgent need to help families where children have a profound and multiple learning disability (PMLD), so we widened our scope to include this referral criteria as well.

At Forever Colours we exist to support individuals and individual families, to provide what they need, when they need it, whether it is support grieving the loss of a baby that never came home or providing the freedom to have a little fun at a theme park for a day, knowing that someone else is carrying some of the responsibility.

Our Culture and Values

Forward Thinking

Collaborative

Consistent

Holistic

The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was felt across all areas of The Charity. Whilst we understand that this period has been an extremely isolating time for some of our families and some families have not been able to receive the care and support that they would normally receive. Forever Colours Children's Hospice has been in a fortunate position to be able to continue to have regular contact with referred families throughout this period.

"You (Forever Colours) have been the only ones we have heard from and has checked in on us during lockdown". Referred Family.

All care and support delivered by Forever Colours Children's Hospice has been led by the families own choices. As a Charity, we have been able to assess what has gone well for families, as well as what they might have been struggling with, and been able to source ways in which we could support. Forever Colours created a social media support page where families can connect, share and support each other.

During this time, The charity provided many fun and creative activities for the whole family to share in their own homes and circulated an informative newsletter that sign posted families to other available support as well as regular updates around COVID-19.

The risk of infection for Forever Colours families and staff has been thoroughly assessed and managed throughout the pandemic by ensuring that bespoke Infection, Prevention Control training was offered and updated regularly and COVID-19 and pandemic policies and procedures circulated to all Trustees, Staff and Volunteers. All service delivery was risk assessed and delivered within Government guidelines.

All Trustees, Staff and Volunteers were offered the Covid-19 vaccine as soon as the hospice became eligible and the charity maintained 100% uptake. All direct contact with families and professionals was completed adhering to full personal protective equipment guidelines and lateral flow (LFD) and Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing has taken place and has been recorded during this period.

CARE

Data suggests there are over 2,000 babies, children and young people in The Charities catchment area who could be benefitting from Forever Colours Children's Hospice support (Fraser et al, 2011).

Initially the team joined local community groups, started networking, in particular visiting Hospices, Schools, Hospitals and families to find out what The Charity could do that was not already being offered and would meet an unmet need in the sector. Forever Colours took this as an opportunity to ensure the message to sector colleagues was that Forever Colours Children's Hospice wanted to enhance and support the incredible work that was already happening in the sector, including consulting with the sector with regards to the final charity name.

Whilst this period was one of unprecedented change, involving a global pandemic, there was also much to celebrate for Forever Colours, receiving Charity Commission Registration, considerable charity management set up and staff training to ensure strong governance, safety and compliance and set a stable foundation. With these key priorities in place The Charity was then in a position to start delivering high quality services.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice regards strong leadership, management and good governance as the key to ensuring that we deliver high-quality, person-centred care, that supports learning and innovation. The Directors make up the Senior Leadership Team and have all used their individual strengths to build The Charity to what it is to date. The Directors have worked on ensuring all of the necessary policies and procedures are up to date and relevant, examples include Safeguarding, Lone Working and Whistle Blowing. The Directors have spent a lot of time working with the Trustee Board, ensuring that the Trustees thoroughly understand and agree with the direction of The Charity. It is imperative that the Trustees know how a compassionate, inclusive and effective Charity operates. Prioritising safe care and ensuring a shared vision is a priority to both the Directors and the Trustee Board. The Charity has clear aims and objectives set out in the constitution.

The Charity has taken pride in the services that have been delivered and know that the key to be able to continue to do this effectively is ensuring Trustee, Staff and Volunteer expertise, voices and passions are considered alongside those of the referred families. To ensure this, The Charity has ensured that there has been protected time for training, development, supervision, coaching and appraisal. Practice has been continually reviewed and altered from the results.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice received 15 new referrals of which all families were accepted during this period.

Forever Colours are eager for the service to remain flexible and responsive, ensuring the needs of families are at the very centre of all decision making and service delivery, increasing support as capacity allows to respond to ever changing family need.

The Charity understands that the offer of services has to be done in a fair and considered way. Forever Colours achieves this by using an assessment system. This system looks at the whole family situation including social and emotional wellbeing, not just the baby/child/young person's clinical condition, ensuring a holistic offer.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice then started focussing on how to provide a wider range of services to more babies, children, young people and their families; and how, by working in partnership, The Charity can achieve the best possible outcomes for all referred families, with support from the National Health Service, local authorities and other charities and organisations, ensuring not to duplicate efforts.

"I completely understand that you are not in a position to offer short breaks at the moment, but just knowing that there is light at the end of the tunnel and support will be there at some point means so much."

With research estimating that there are over 2000 babies, children and young people with life limiting or threatening conditions that The Charity could be supporting (Fraser et al, 2011). The Charity knows there are many families not accessing hospice care services. This may be due to lack of awareness of the range of services hospices can offer, or because families are afraid that using a hospice is an acceptance that their child will not outlive them.

The focus of this period was planned to be:

- Charity Commission Registration.
- Care Quality Commission Registration.
- Increased awareness of Forever Colours Children's Hospice.
- To work in partnership with other voluntary and statutory organisations/charities.
- Information Technology systems to improve governance and risk.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice, despite the challenges of this period, has been able to achieve Charity Commission registration, increase awareness within the sector and beyond, form many successful partnerships and run a safe and effective service by utilising new information technology systems to manage governance and risk.

Although the pandemic and pending Care Quality Commission registration has slowed down clinical care delivery to referred families, Forever Colours families identified that this was not their greatest need, and that having The Charity on the other end of the phone, information, advocacy and sign posting to other services has been a much needed and requested support. Forever Colours Children's Hospice has always aimed, from concept, to fill gaps in the sector, build services around family need and not duplicate what is already being done.

The Charity believes that quality of life and family choice is key to an effective service, to ensure this, The Charity, has completed family and child reported outcomes. This translates to a bespoke package of care being developed for each individual family, as the service is designed by the family for the family.

All families have the rights to choose how they would like to receive care from diagnosis through to care after death. In order to achieve this, The Charity has ensured to assess the families' holistic needs. Forever Colours has supported the completion of personalised care plans starting with 'All About Me' profile pages to ensure that all the baby/child/young person's individual needs and choices are being met. Alongside, multi-professional and joint working has helped to create long term supportive professional relationships that ensure there is continuity and consistency within the support that is provided.

We work with babies, children and young people right up to age of discharge to include supporting transition to adult services. Our main aim at Forever Colours Children's Hospice has been to ensure that any services offered to referred babies, children, young people and families has been in their best interest. The service is continually reviewed and amended based on the results of audits, incidents and feedback, both positive and constructive. This includes reviewing Local and National priorities, we are also alert to ensuring appropriate safeguarding is at the forefront of our practice, the avoidance of restraint and promoting choice and independence wherever possible.

One of the needs that has been identified is that some families struggle to go on holiday. Forever Colours responded to this by putting on a competition to give away a family break.

The Charity understands the sensitivity around death and dying, this led us to plan how to have honest and open conversations with referred families about their choices and wishes around

death. The Charity purchased a cold blanket, as we were informed that there is currently limited access to pre and post death care in the home setting in Buckinghamshire.

At Forever Colours, we value open and honest communication with referred families about the position we have been in throughout the setting up process so that none of the referred families would be disappointed or have an unrealistic expectation. The Charity prioritises ensuring a sustainable service.

As a new Charity we want to ensure that we do not set objectives too high, presenting a service that we are unable to sustain as referral numbers increase. We are learning all of the time and is considered an integral part of The Charity. Forever Colours has strict Safeguarding measures in place to safeguard children, young people and their families.

We have supported people through hugely difficult circumstances, however there have also been many wonderfully uplifting moments. We are proud to have provided opportunities that families without our support may not have been able to achieve.

In order to provide the best possible services in the months and years ahead, J Adams, CEO, has focused on the preparations and planning for the future streamlined running of The Charity.

The charity is extremely proud of the accomplishments that have been achieved and are positive for the future.

Our Care Highlights

- The recruitment of Carers in this period has been very successful. The Charity has employed 4 new Carers on a zero-hour contract. All Carers received training and completed competencies.
- Forever Colours really started to prioritise the offer of Advocacy, an example from 2021, was supporting a family to set up a Go Fund Me Page in order to raise money to build a new driveway so they are able to easily transport their child from the car to home.
- Feedback from children, young people, families and professionals using has been both positive and constructive.

"I just want to let you know your generous gift arrived in the post, so a big thank you, it is such a nice gesture."

"Thank you very much for all you help I really do appreciate it."

OUR SERVICES

"I felt at my lowest time last night and I looked at my phone and I saw your email, I really don't think you know how much your kinds word mean to families."

Specialist Play

- Play and Complimentary Therapies has been a big part of The Charity offer for babies, children, young people and their families. Many of the children and young people that have been supported were isolated and had very little opportunities for interactions outside of the home.
- Forever Colours ensure to always communicate with referred babies, children and young people by engaging in the ways they communicate such as PECS cards, Makaton or eye gaze. The charity also has a very good understanding of the different levels of development of babies, children and young people and that no family or situation is the same.
- Play is a way in which babies, children and young people learn, grow and develop. It also helps them to make sense of the difficult situations that they might consider themselves to be in. Play looks at the child's social and emotional needs as well as their all-round development and education.
- Play Specialism was offered over Zoom to families. Play has been able to continue widely throughout The Charity. There has been a large focus on play, with training being provided to all newly recruited Care Team members.
- During this period The Charity hosted many online stories and games for families that were very popular, particularly in times of isolation. The delivery of activity packs to family homes, ensuring that activities are age and developmentally appropriate were very appreciated by families.
- Play has supported referred families in creating environments where stress and anxieties are reduced or confidence and self-esteem is regained. Play has provided an outlet for feelings of anger and frustration. It has also helped the referred children and young people to understand their treatment or diagnosis.
- Children and young people have been able to effectively learn the sensory and concrete information needed to prepare and ease anxieties as well as support recovery and rehabilitation.
- There are further plans to connect with a multi-faith group to support with the vast variety of cultural activities and events that run throughout the year.
- Play plans were created for all referred babies, children and young people to ensure that they have a consistent level of play and development.
- Group support sessions for bereaved families are at the forefront of plans when the climate allows, alongside the individual support for bereaved family members which is being offered.

- Sessions could be supporting siblings with memory making and creating keepsakes or providing emotional support for family members or those who find it challenging to leave home.
- The Play Specialist was able to provide sensory stimulation for children and young people or can use environmental music for children or young people's departure post-death.

"I just want to let you know how grateful we are for all of your support."

Family Support

- Family Support have been co-ordinating deliveries of activity packs, food parcels and vouchers to families who are shielding, using the support of Care Volunteers.
- The Family Bulletin has been sent on a monthly basis, the emphasis of this has been providing emotional and practical help and advice.
- Family Support have continued to contribute to individual baby, child, young person or family Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings and other external professional meetings e.g. at Hospital or School (some of these meetings have taken place online).
- Family Support have been looking at areas of development, to include consultations with families reviewing delivered activities to date.
- Family Support have been looking into interpreting and translation services.
- Family Support launched an online parent group, for referred families, including post bereaved families, and are planning for developing a virtual Parent Group for bereaved parents.
- The support that Forever Colours offers stretches beyond life and continues through bereavement. This support includes arranging funerals.

"Even though I haven't met you yet, out of the charity's that support us, you have been the most engaging one of them all. I can't wait to meet you."

Volunteers

- Forever Colours Children's Hospice has 15 registered Care Volunteers who are actively supporting Care.
- Examples of activities carried out by the Care Volunteers include, supporting with Activity Pack deliveries, shopping for families who were struggling to leave home or isolating due to their child/young person being vulnerable, filming, storytelling, facilitating or delivering online classes and activities.

- Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations, many of the Care Volunteer face to face visits were put on hold. This will be offered to families in the future, however sessions have taken place and continued to take place virtually over zoom in the form of storytelling.
- There are future plans for zoom play sessions, school work support, even a virtual visit to the park or to see local horses! A great way for children/young people and volunteers to get to know each other before their face to face sessions can begin. Whilst others have very much become a listening ear to the parents.
- The Charity offered to do food shopping and prescription deliveries using volunteers through the pandemic.

"You gift and packs have been a life saver in this really difficult time."

Family Events

- Forever Colours planned Family Days to allow the whole family to go out together and enjoy things that they may not normally be able access. During periods of time when this was not possible due to the pandemic, The Charity sent out vouchers for families to use for days out of their choice.
- Unfortunately, Forever Colours were unable to hold all of the projected events and activities face to face or in the format of a larger groups during this period. Forever Colours remain hopeful that some of the projected future face to face events may still go ahead, depending on the Government COVID-19 guidelines.
- The event timetable was as follows; 'Sibling Cinema Day', 'Parents Afternoon Tea', 'Family Eco Farm Day', 'Summer Party' and 'Halloween Hole'. It was particularly disappointing to cancel the 'Summer Party' as this was aimed at increasing referrals.
- The Team successfully got creative with imaginative ideas to keep families entertained, for example, story times, pumpkin making, sensory storytelling, dance classes and a 'Santa present drop'.
- The activity programme is coordinated with the offer of 'play' from the Play Specialist, which is being offered to all referred families. Safety continued to be paramount when considering all activities during the pandemic, with Government guidelines being strictly adhered to.
- The Team have a range of activities planned for 2021. Activities have been organised to adhere to COVID-19 Government Guidelines, and therefore were based on Zoom, with activity packs being dropped to referred family doors.
- In February 2021 half-term Story Time' and 'Secret Cards' being sent to the referred children and young people by the Youth Ambassadors was a particular highlight.

"The staff are all wonderful, we feel safe and respected."

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATIONS

"Listening to you all is so inspirational, it makes you smile and want to be part of it."

Up until January 2021, being a new Charity, Forever Colours Children's Hospice had heavily relied on our Founding Partner, Centricus for funding running costs. Apart from minimal donations as the fundraising arm of the charity was yet to be established. The overriding efforts in 2021 was to establish 4 main revenue streams to bring in funding from the public and establish The Charity as a member of the Fundraising Regulator. The revenue streams that Forever Colours have been establishing throughout 2021 are;

	08 2020 - 03 2021 %	Expected for next FY%
High Net Worth Individuals		10%
Trusts and Foundations		10%
Challenge Events		5%
Mass Donations and Fundraising Events	3%	25%
Corporate Donation	97%	50%

High net worth individuals are individuals that have a high net worth and are professionally encouraged to support charitable causes. There is an appetite from our Founding Partners to introduce the charity to such individuals. The idea around this particular revenue stream is to look at sustainability and securing the future of The Charity. Individuals will be encouraged to support The Charity over a number of years with regular payments, whether that be monthly, quarterly or annually.

Trusts and Foundations is an area that has been identified in order to open up exposure to applications that will bring public benefit and recognition to The Charity. The Charity recognises the importance of protecting time in order to write bids and applications for such benefits.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice has a team of 8 people setting out to ascent to the top of Mont Blanc in September 2021. This is the first challenge of its kind being attempted by a team in order to raise funds for the hospice. The aim is to be able to register with organisations that will allow The Charity to have individuals take on such challenges as marathons, climbs, swims and at the same time raise funds for The Charity.

"I really like what you are doing, I feel proud to say that I am a supporter."

FOREVER COLOURS FUTURE OUTLOOK

Going forward and with lockdown restrictions easing, we expect that more of referred Forever Colours families will feel confident to engage with The Charity and for an increase of new referrals. Whilst zoom sessions have been successful and will continue, we anticipate that these will reduce in the coming months and be replaced with more face-to-face contact. The Care Team furthermore plan to broaden the Family Activities Programme.

There are outstanding vacancies in Care and Income Generation, with a pending Fundraising Manager post planned for 2021/2022. Ongoing recruitment for Care Team members is required to reach the target of offering more Care Services in 2021/2022. The proposal is to recruit into a 'Bank' system, this involves a number of individuals being recruited and trained, to provide maximum flexibility for families, and the ability to respond to a growing caseload.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought together many new partnerships across the NHS, local and non-local Hospitals and commissioner groups. We plan to grow our cross-organisational working by increasing attendance at sector appropriate networking groups.

The Charity plans for fundraising in the future will very much depend on how the established lines of revenue that have been identified above are established. Initial plans include a Charity Golf Day to be held at Foxhill's Golf Club and the Mont Blanc Charity Climb. Identifying a route to high-net-worth Individuals and a process, including lead time to be established.

There is a plan to make applications to Trusts and Foundations hoping to attribute a percentage of fundraising efforts. The Charity hopes that by the start of 2022, it is in a position where all revenue streams are established and have been bringing funds in to be able to justify the recruitment of a Fundraising Manager who will be able to further establish said streams.

The Charity started noticing the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on Income Generation in March 2020. Without the ability to raise funds from events which were cancelled or postponed, from Schools, Companies or Community Groups, the charity turned its attention towards Individuals, Major Donors, Trusts and Foundations. At the time of writing, the COVID-19 emergency appeal, across a range of media platforms and a concerted effort to contact all the charity's generous supporters and donors has resulted in much needed income generation and gifts in kind.

Planned Activity	Deadline	Responsibility
Regular Family Days and Broad Activities	2021 - 2022	Holistic Services
Increase Referrals to 50	2021 - 2022	Family Support Services
Family Measured Outcomes	2021 - 2022	Family Support Services
Referral System Established	2021 - 2022	Family Support Services
Family Support Volunteers	2021 - 2023	Holistic Services
Complimentary Therapies	2021 - 2023	Holistic Services
Maintained Compliance	2021 - 2022	Directors
Employ a Fundraising Manager	2021 - 2022	Directors
20 Donors	2021 - 2023	CEO/Fundraising Manager
Income Generation Revenue Stream	2021 - 2023	CEO/Fundraising Manager
Increased Diversity of Income	2021 - 2023	CEO/Fundraising Manager

FINANCIAL REVIEW

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF FOREVER COLOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

**Independent examiner's report
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Forever Colours Children's Hospice ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of 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 accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the 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 been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 28 January 2022

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Stephen Tanner BSc (Econ) FCA Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Statement of financial activities
For the period ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	79,015	79,015
Total income		<u>79,015</u>	<u>79,015</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	2,421	2,421
Charitable activities	5	55,949	55,949
Total expenditure		<u>58,370</u>	<u>58,370</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>20,645</u>	<u>20,645</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Net movement in funds		20,645	20,645
Total funds carried forward		<u>20,645</u>	<u>20,645</u>

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

BALANCE SHEET

**Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	10	4,580
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		19,431
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,366)
Net current assets		<u>16,065</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>20,645</u></u>
 Charity funds		
Unrestricted funds	12	<u>20,645</u>
Total funds		<u><u>20,645</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



S J Bowman
Chair of Trustees
Forever Colours Children's Hospice

Date: 08/01/2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Notes to the financial statements For the period ended 31 March 2021

1. General information

Forever Colours Children's Hospice is a charity registered in England, with registration number 1191073. The charity's registered address is 48 Frobisher Road, London, N8 0QX. The principal activity of the charity is to promote and facilitate the relief, treatment and care of children and young persons living in the UK with life-limiting and/or life-threatening conditions.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Forever Colours Children's Hospice meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements, and have concluded that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Whilst the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been assessed by the Trustees, so far as is reasonably possible, due to its unprecedented impact on the worldwide economy it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the Charity's future activities. However, taking into consideration the Charity's level of income, and the forecasted budgets for the following period, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.4 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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 inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20%
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2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the period.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	78,656	78,656
Other income	359	359
	<u>79,015</u>	<u>79,015</u>

4. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising costs	2,392	2,392
Legal and professional fees	29	29
	<u>2,421</u>	<u>2,421</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	55,949	55,949

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	49,761	6,188	55,949

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	49,161	49,161
Depreciation	600	600
	49,761	49,761

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Advertising	807	807
Family Days/Packs	1,275	1,275
Entertainment	34	34
Computer costs	341	341
Travel expenses	305	305
Subscriptions	166	166
Clothing costs	380	380
Bank charges	12	12
Printing, postage & stationery	193	193
Accountancy	2,400	2,400
DBS costs	275	275
	6,188	6,188

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,400

8. Staff costs

	2021 £
Wages and salaries	47,778
Social security costs	468
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	915
	49,161

8. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the period was as follows:

	2021 No.
Employees	6

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel during the period was £43,235.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

During the period ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
Additions	5,180
At 31 March 2021	5,180
Depreciation	
Charge for the period	600
At 31 March 2021	600
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	4,580

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	236
Pension fund loan payable	208
Other creditors	522
Accruals and deferred income	2,400
	<u>3,366</u>

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current period

	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Funds	79,015	(58,370)	20,645
	<u>79,015</u>	<u>(58,370)</u>	<u>20,645</u>

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current period

	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	79,015	(58,370)	20,645
	<u>79,015</u>	<u>(58,370)</u>	<u>20,645</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	4,580	4,580
Current assets	19,431	19,431
Creditors due within one year	(3,366)	(3,366)
Total	20,645	20,645

15. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions paid by the charity to the fund and amounted to £915. At the period end, an amount of £208 was payable to the fund and is included in creditors.

16. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the period, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2021.