CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 June 2023 To 31 May 2024

Charity name: Emmett's Genies CIO

Charity registration number: 1192340

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve the needs of children and families affected by potentially life-limiting or terminal conditions through the provision of bespoke and innovative services, activities, accommodation and unique experiences
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our Charity continues to be run entirely by volunteers. During this year we have again significantly increased our fundraising and charity awareness activities alongside delivering our first free of charge 'Year in a Day' ('YIAD') beneficiary event. We hired parts of the Guttmann Sports Centre at Stoke Mandeville for the activities and meals and the nearby Olympic Lodge to accommodate beneficiary families overnight. The event provided more than 20 beneficiary children and their families (some 80 + persons) with a condensed version of the experience we hope to offer once our Wish Village is up and running. The YIAD event incorporated a typical year's major celebrations in 24 hours. Starting with an arrival Valentine's lunch, Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas themed activities and meals, that also gave our families some quality time together and among those going through similar personal and/or health experiences. We also tried out VR headsets using a variety of apps to allow the attending children/young people aged 3 – 17 to escape the boredom of hospital treatment, isolation at home or distract them from their uncomfortable treatments. This trial was well received. We also continued to increase our outreach via different organisations that have contact and provide services to our potential future beneficiaries, alongside continuing to

		provide and enhance our boredom-busting packs. Our increased financial and volunteer resources also enabled us to commit to another YIAD event planned for September 2024 at the same location.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make financial grants to qualifying beneficiaries. Boredom Busting Packs are provided free of charge. Personalised gifts are provided as part of the Christmas experience at the YIAD event. Our unique experiences and accommodation at the YIAD and other events are provided at no charge. The Boredom Busting Packs are delivered via our partnered NHS and other specialist professionals to eligible children.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We did not make any specific social investment. However, our services provide immeasurable social value to beneficiaries, their families, volunteers and other stakeholders
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	During the period, the Charity continued to have no paid staff and was managed by a Board of independent trustees who volunteered extensive time to fulfil our charitable responsibilities and tasks. Our sub-committee organised with involvement of trustees and a group of volunteers is very proactive in outreach and fundraising events and working with potential sponsors and donors. Trustees remained responsible for health and safety, as well as event oversight. During this period, we managed to recruit another trustee, Gemma Hall to the Board.
Other		Technology remains an important part of our development strategy and delivering parts of the aims of our Charity. Alongside the benefits of leveraging digital technologies – website and social media – to increase the reach and profile of the Charity, we see technology as a bridge from where we are now, towards the Charity's end goal of a physical venue. We envisage using technology to facilitate

		designing and updating the structure and contents of a virtual village, thus fulfilling our stated aims of providing respite to children with life-limiting or terminal conditions and their families. We plan to gradually create a Virtual ('on-line') Wish Village, built and changed over time from the varied imagination, skills and input of our beneficiary children, their families and friends aligned with that of our volunteers, empathetic organisations and other contributors of all types. During the period we purchased additional Virtual Reality headsets with appropriate apps that we feel help us to bring to our beneficiary children both 'escapism' and ways of experiencing the world and activities that might seem impossible to them given their medical prognosis.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The greatest achievement was holding a first ever, innovative and all encompassing 'Year in a Day' event for our charity beneficiaries. The 'Year in a Day' event took place on the 9th and 10th September at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium, with overnight accommodation provided on-site in the Olympic Lodge. The aims of this event were to: • Provide children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families opportunities to have fun and make amazing memories, • Meet other families in similar situations and, • Experience a 'potted version' of the Emmett's Genies, to be, Wish Village. With a team of dedicated volunteers, we transformed a Sports Hall into a season-themed journey consistent with the wish village our charity envisages creating. The event commenced with a Valentines' lunch and quickly moved on to Easter with many Easter-themed displays, activities, treats and attractions. This was followed by Summer-themed displays, activities, treats and ice cream. We provided both indoor and outdoor activities, including the use of an indoor heated swimming pool for those able to participate. In the evening, we held a Halloween-themed supper, followed by displays, a costume wardrobe and a

		spooky disco, again with lots of themed activities. The first day finished with an outdoor fire display and performance. Overnight, whilst the beneficiaries rested with a letter from Father Christmas and Christmas storybooks provided to them, our volunteers worked through the night to transform the hall into a Christmas Wonderland for the final morning. After a Christmas breakfast, children and their families made Christmas cookies with Mrs Christmas, partook in Christmas-themed crafts and activities, including artificial snowball fights and visited Father Christmas's grotto where each family member received a Christmas present, stocking and treats, which had been selected based upon the results of a form sent before the event which requested information about likes and dislikes, ambitions and what makes a perfect day. The local Rock Choir provided a festive singalong and the event concluded with a musical performance and singing and dancing with a Disney-type character (Elsa from 'Frozen'). Each season's theme had a leader and deputy who planned, organised and managed the theme. Each theme was supported by a local company/s. All activities and attractions were designed to be inclusive and appeal to a range of abilities and ages. During the event, we also provided some VR Headset experiences applicable to the attendees. Beneficiary children and their siblings ranged in age from 2 to 21. Some beneficiary children had learning disabilities and/or special needs. 22 families attended this event. Unfortunately, one child was too sick to attend. Three beneficiary children were on end-of-life pathways and sadly have since died. The families of these children have all written to us to thank us for being included in this event and for giving them time to simply enjoy themselves and make their final lasting memories. Emmett's Genies CIO provides everything free of charge to the families and the whole event is arranged using only volunteers. 5 Trustees, EG ambassadors, 30 volunteers and 20 Army Cadets helped to make this event a huge success. Event itinerary, and event photographs (please note all photos are used with the express consent of parents/guardians), and event feedback can be supplied. **Event Outcomes**

		• The YIAD event offered beneficiary families a free social event: • Provided beneficiary children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families opportunities to have fun and make amazing memories, • An opportunity for beneficiary children and their family to meet other families in similar situations, outside of a hospital setting and experience a 'potted version' of our envisaged future Wish Village activities. • Volunteers found this event life-affirming. • Younger volunteers were able to use this experience and other volunteering opportunities with Emmett's Genies to extend or gain new skills and knowledge. • Engagement with local companies by a local charity and mainly a group of local beneficiaries

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In general, we have made good progress in the second phase of our Charity's development (years 3-7) in terms of fundraising, reach, stakeholder engagement and the delivery of meaningful services.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	This year has seen continued support and contributions from a greater range of individual donors and via our regular teddy tombolas etc. Furthermore, we have had significant success in increasing awareness and contributions in terms of donations and sponsorships for YIAD from various organisations. This has now enabled us to commit to the significant outlay for our second 'Year in a Day' event for beneficiaries and their families in September 2024.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable. We place most of our financial donations into an interest-bearing bank account
Other		**Fundraising Activities** • 10th June The Wombles 24-hour litter pick • 11th June Becky Heron (an EG volunteer) ran a half marathon for us • 16th June Haddenham Scarecrow Festival

		• 17th June Chartwell Manor Care Home summer festival, with teddy tombola • 30th June – Superhero fundraising day at Ashmead School • 1st July Teddy Tombola at Elmhurst school Fete • 2nd July – donation from Steve Cook (Emmett's Genis Volunteer) of penguin teddies for an Emmett's Genies tombola's. 2 of the penguins were then purchased with a large donation • 8th July Elmhurst School donation • 10th July went to Knit & Natter and collected 300 knitted items for the YIAD event and donations • 9th and 10th September Emmett's Genies Year in a Date event supported by 27 local companies, organisations and individuals. Sponsors included Glass Crocodile; Volunteer family and Nita- Mistry Chef sponsored accommodation; an individual volunteer sponsored fire eater display; Waitrose • 12th November Bierton 5 & 10km run • At the Bierton run we were presented with a donation from Saxon Masonic Lodge • 2nd December – Chartwell Manor Christmas craft Fayre • Helen Lewis (EG supporter) sold Teddy themed Christmas gifts to raise funds • 9th December Bierton Santa float • 13th December – Foxhills Café raised and donated • 22nd December – funeral of a YIAD beneficiary raised over £4,000 which was donated to Emmett's Genies in his memory • Primary Pressure collected old Christmas trees and to raise funds • 30th December Emmett & Ida Scullard completed their 50 miles walking in December to raise funds • 14th February Valentines Raffle at Chartwell Manor raised funds • 11th March Emmett's High Five for 5 year in remission fundraiser • 14th March Chartwell Manor bike-a-thon

		• 23rd March – Bierton Quiz Night • 30th March – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at The Bell Hotel • Easter weekend – Easter egg hunt sponsored by Limitless Tutoring raised over £1,200 with 161 children involved including 3 beneficiary families who were given free tickets. • Easter raffle raised over £650 • 7th April Friars Square Teddy Tombola • 28th March – Foxhills Café presented Emmett's Gemies with fundraising • 21st April Mike Pearse ran the London Marathon for Emmett's Genies & raised over £2300 • 3rd May Quiz night & raffle at Legacy Funeral Services, money raised was split between Emmett's Genies & Wombles • 5th May Friars Square teddy tombola **Engagement Activities** • 5th June 2023 Emmett's Genies 'How we started' video went online via YouTube • 12th June Legacy Funeral Services becomes a donation drop off point for us. This was shared on social media and website. • 1st July Teddy Tombola at Elmhurst school Fete. Emmett cut the ribbon with the headmaster • 10th July went to Knit & Natter and recruited many members as volunteers • 19th July collection raised by the Haddenham Scarecrow Festival shared on social media • 9th & 10th September = 1st Year in a Day event • 22nd September signed up with Easyfundraising • 28th October Emmett's Genies Children's Halloween fundraising disco. Beneficiary families were given free tickets. The event was SEND friendly. • 25th November – Emmett's Genies volunteers thank you party • 27th November Emmett's Genies took part in the Aylesbury Town Council Christmas Illumination parade. The Emmett's Genies

		banner was paraded around Aylesbury Market Square. Photos included on social media posts • Beginning of December, we delivered chocolate advent calendars to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and community oncology services. They were donated to us by Global Infusion Group. Thanked Global Infusion and promoted Emmett's Genies work via social media • 10th December – Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival. Emmett's Genies dressed a Christmas tree with teddy bears because the charity is well known for its teddy tombola's and photos of beneficiaries with their favourite teddys, that helped them through treatment. Celebrated on social media • 19th December – collected toys donated to the Bucks Radio Toy Appeal. Bucks radio thanked for their contribution to our Year in a Day event • 13th January 2024 Trustee meeting with newly elected Trustee Gemma Hall • Jan/Feb Our beneficiaries Ryleigh and Sebastian passed away • 16th March Emmett & Dan's 5 year remission party • Easter weekend – Easter egg hunt promoted and celebrated via social media • 27th April Emmett's Genies Neon Party promoted and celebrated via social media • 14th May volunteer Rob (volunteer) passed away remembered and thanked via social media • 28th May delivered 65 Boredom Busting Packs to Kamrans Ward, John Radcliffe. Posted on social media • 31st May 2024 Friars Square Charity Partnership launch event, Fair in the Square, celebrated on social media Emmett's Genies has 5 trustees, 5 ambassadors and 35 Volunteers. 35 volunteers and 20 Army Cadets supported the Year in a Day event.

		30 local companies supported the Year in a day event either through donations or by providing displays, Christmas presents or decorations.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's financial position continued to improve significantly during the period due to more than £ 32,000 of donations (46% from individuals and 54% from organisations) and through sponsorship and volunteering support, managing almost to offset beneficiary event costs. Once again our operating/administration costs were minimised by the work undertaken by our volunteers and nearly 80% of our outgoings relate to storage for our 're-usable' event materials etc, particularly relating to YIAD. Our reserves and liquidity are considered to be healthy.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	By the end of this period we were able to grow our Capital & Reserves to nearly £60,000 represented 97% by accumulated cash funds. These reserves will ensure we can deliver the financial outlays for YIAD 2024 & 2025 ahead of any sponsorship and provided our volunteer base remains loyal and willing to assist. It also provides a reserve/contribution towards building up a future VR Headset 'lending library' for beneficiaries. We have also provisionally doubled to £ 20,000 the earmarked retained earnings as 'unrestricted' reserves to cover the future planning and investment costs into provision of both the virtual and physical wish villages in the medium to longer term.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Over £52,000 of our total cash fund (reserves) were held in an interest-bearing bank account as they are not expected to be used within 90 days.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Through significant efforts by the Trustees, volunteers and our widened group of donors and supporters, our Charity has moved well into the next phase of development. Apart from the possible negative impact on us maintaining current fundraising levels and expected increased operational and event costs from the uncertainties surrounding the UK economy, the Trustees do not have material concerns in the short term about the Charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity has diversified its donation sources between individuals and organisations. We have also been successful in offsetting many of our event and beneficiary gift/experience costs through sponsorship and some grant applications. Accordingly, we are not considering any borrowings.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Investment Policy is to place funds only with banks authorised by the PRA and protected by the FSCS.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	In the short term, our Charity is not envisaging having to face any significant financial risks. However, the principal financial risk is the potential magnitude of future costs in establishing the virtual and physical wish villages and providing other related experiences for beneficiaries such as the 'Year in a Day' event versus our fundraising capabilities. We rely heavily on individual donations and those from community benevolent organisations, whose resources may become stretched by the UK Economy. Therefore, we envisage our greatest risk to be human resources in that we might not have adequate trustees, volunteers and other supporters to enable us to deliver the envisaged services and maintain the Charity without incurring significant operating costs.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Charity is primarily governed according to its founding constitution and the Trustees refer to Governance guidance issued by the Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	It is intended that the Trustee selection method and process continue to follow our Constitution and general guidance issued by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	An outline is undergoing enhancements as the scope of activities and plans of our Charity continue to grow.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is organised and overseen by a Board of Trustees. There are no paid managers or staff. Volunteers are involved via a sub-committee headed by Trustees, primarily focussed on events and fundraising. Two Trustees are designated and authorised concerning management of the Charity's bank accounts and payments. The Charity is actively building a network of 'partner' organisations and individuals in order to provide reach to its ultimate beneficiaries and the wider public community
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Charity does not have any relationships with any related parties. There are no ongoing contracts with any other organisations or suppliers other than those that may be required for storage and for us to deliver the 'Year in a Day' or specific fundraising events.
Other		Trustees all have DBS certificates. DBS checks are also carried out for Volunteers directly involved with children activities at YIAD.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Emmett's Genies CIO
Other name the charity uses	(None)
Registered charity number	1192340

Charity’s principal address	56 Isis Close, Aylesbury HP21 9LY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Amy Scullard	Chair		
2	Graham Pettit			
3	David Chang			
4	Zoe Scullard	Charity Secretary		
5	Gemma Hall		Appointed 5/12/23	
6	Theresa Cherry		Appointed 29/10/24	
7	Joe Purnell		Resigned 29/10/24	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure

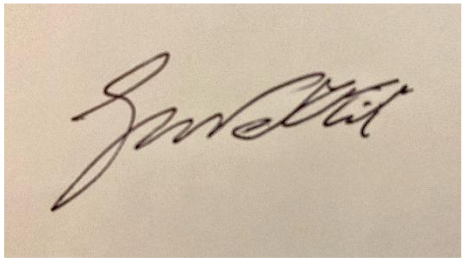
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Martin Pettit	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	11 March 2025	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Emmett's Genies CIO	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/06/2023		31/05/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual Donations	14,984	-	-	14,984	20,740
Organisation Donations	17,330	-	-	17,330	1,083
Event Fundraising	9,524	-	-	9,524	2,502
Bank Interest	780	-	-	780	123
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	42,618	-	-	42,618	24,448
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,618	-	-	42,618	24,448
A3 Payments					
IT charges	179	-	-	179	144
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Bank Charges	88	-	-	88	103
General Expenses	813	-	-	813	395
Fundraising Costs	223	-	-	223	216
Purchases for Beneficiaries	1,811	-	-	1,811	594
Rent	4,112	-	-	4,112	-
Event costs	10,127	-	-	10,127	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,449	-	-	17,449	1,548
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Computer Equipment & Headsets	1,755	-	-	1,755	-
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	1,755	-	-	1,755	-
Total payments	19,204	-	-	19,204	1,548
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,414	-	-	23,414	22,900
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,158	-	-	34,158	11,258
Cash funds this year end	57,572	-	-	57,572	34,158

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	5,557	-	-
	Bank Deposit Account	52,015	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	57,572	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer equipment and headsets	Unrestricted	1,755	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Graham Pettit	11/03/2025