

**CARING MATTERS NOW UK**  
**(CHARITY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CONGENITAL MELANOCYTIC NAEVUS)**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**CHARITY NO. 1192670**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Caring Matters Now is registered with the Charities Commission, No. 1192670 and governed by the charity's constitution under a trust deed dated 7.12.2020 and by applicable law.

Caring Matters Now address is

Bridge Chapel Centre  
Heath Road  
Liverpool  
L19 4XR

The trustees for the year were:

Val Unsworth (Chair)  
Ian Chance (Treasurer)  
Robert Jackson  
Bronagh Cleland  
Ruth Gold  
Emma Robins  
Tracy Traverse-Burley  
Kuhan Valleekanthan

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of sickness and distress and the protection and preservation of the health of persons affected by CMN and their families and carers, in particular, but not restricted to: (a) The advancement of the education of the medical profession and the general public into CMN and its implications for the family; and (b) The promotion of research into the causes, effects, treatments and management of CMN and to disseminate the useful results thereof.

The charity activities to achieve this are:

- Grant applications and fundraising events
- Strong support strategy for CMN members
- Training of our regional support contacts
- Host national, regional and age-specific support events across the UK
- Host online support events and community groups
- Production and distribution of CMN publications: Inspire Magazine, support literature, medical booklet
- Production and distribution of CMN merchandise
- Raising the CMN profile through media & website
- Exhibiting at national and international conference to raise awareness of the condition and the charity

In setting objectives and planning activities, the trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on the relief of those in need, by reason of ill-health or other disadvantage (physical disfigurement).

The charity's day-to-day operations are managed by a Chief Executive Officer, who is supported by 3 members of staff; Support Pathway Practitioner, Finance & Administration Officer and Fundraising & Communications Coordinator.

The charity has a core group of volunteers who assist the staff in delivering our support, fundraising and communications strategy.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Continued to strengthen our brand awareness by enhancing our social media footprint and improving website content.

Developed our Support Pathway ensuring tailored support is provided to all members, with specific focus on developing support for siblings and adult members.

Continued to host online communities for families affected by CMN, including a gaming community tailored to attract 'dads and lads' and a monthly baby & toddler group.

Hosted the annual CMN national support conference at Alton Towers, with 281 members attending – our biggest support event to date.

Hosted 8 regional support events across the UK, providing children and teenagers with team-building activities to build friendships, share experiences and seek advice and support in a safe and relaxed setting. The events provide parents with opportunities to share experiences and receive expert advice from our support contact team.

The support contact team has continued to offer regional support to members across the UK. We have 24 support contacts based around the UK.

Hosted our annual training and information day for our volunteer support contact team. The training day provided an opportunity for our support contacts to learn more about the CMN research, to hear about charity developments, to participate in support training delivered by a professional counsellor, and to share their experiences of providing support to members.

Developed our support literature library by producing a School Support Guide for parents to give to schools where their children affected by CMN attend. The school support guide provides nursery staff, primary school staff and secondary school staff information about Congenital Melanocytic Naevus (CMN), how to support a child living with CMN in the educational setting, how to manage curiosity in the educational setting, access to teaching resources focused on accepting appearance diversity. The School Support Guide is available free of charge to download from our website as well as the option of requesting a hard copy.

We have developed a space on our website where bereaved families can remember their loved ones. This space also provides an opportunity for our wider Caring Matters Now family to show their love and support to members who have lost a loved one to CMN complications.

The Caring Matters Now Tree of Remembrance has been planted this year. The tree provides a physical location for our bereaved families and the wider Caring Matters Now community to visit and remember those who have passed away due to CMN complications.

Designed and produced our annual support magazine entitled INSPIRE. The magazine is sent to all charity members and includes support advice, fundraising stories, charity news and research updates.

Provided funding to advance the dedicated CMN research at Great Ormond Street Hospital, which has made huge headway into understanding the causes of CMN, and now working towards a cure.

Parents of a new-born baby affected by CMN are now able to book an initial hour-long support consultation with the charity's Support Pathway Practitioner. The consultation gives parents an invaluable opportunity to receive immediate advice, support and reassurance. Parents can book a support consultation by either emailing the charity or by calling our dedicated Support Helpline.

Launched the 'how do you C Me Now?' promotional video, which can be viewed on our social media platforms, website and YouTube channel.

Exhibited the 'how do you C Me Now?' series of portraits at the British Association of Dermatologists annual meeting. During the 3-day meeting, 1200+ dermatologists viewed the exhibition, and the feedback was extremely positive. Furthermore, we exhibited the photographic series through a virtual reality experience at the Nevus Outreach International Conference in Denver USA with 250+ attendees.

Launched our Equality Diversity and Inclusion Focus Group to ensure that, as a charity, we are informed and aware of any obstacles which could be preventing individuals with CMN from diverse ethnic backgrounds in the UK from connecting with us as a charity.

Developed our fundraising strategy by providing a host of opportunities for members and supporters to raise funds for Caring Matters Now. As part of our strategy, we presented the annual Jessica Ma Award to recognise our top fundraisers for 2022.

Increased and maintained merchandise range to assist with building brand awareness and to raise additional funds.

Further developed the CMN International Partnership Scheme in partnership with Naevus International.

Produced new Policies and Procedures, as well as reviewing current policies and procedures.

### **Financial Review**

The Charity spends its funds very carefully and always in accordance with relevant charity rules and legislation to support its 3 clear charitable aims; to support those affected by CMN, to fund CMN research, and to raise awareness about CMN.

The charity does not invest funds outside of the normal banking facilities. The trustees review financial requirements and in doing so, areas of activity, funding sources, future needs, opportunities, contingencies and risks are all duly considered.

### **Support**

We have provided finances for supporting those affected by CMN. This including funding in-person and online support events along with printed support material.

### **Research**

Through grants received and research donations, we have been able to fund the pioneering research undertaken by Professor Kinsler and her team.

### **Awareness**

We have funded awareness campaigns to raise the profile of CMN on a global scale, as well as attending national medical conferences to educate doctors, nurses and midwives about CMN.

### **Reserves Policy**

Aim to retain a cash reserve of £50,000.

## Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 & Wales 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- 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 proper 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The Charity's bankers are CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) and Flagstone

The Independent Examiner is K F Green, trading as Tacconi Green & Co,

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Chance', followed by a period.

Ian Chance (Trustee / Treasurer)

22nd January 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**CARING MATTERS NOW UK**  
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 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 the 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.



K F Green (FMAAT)  
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St. Ives  
Cambs  
PE27 5PD

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

|                                                | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total          | 2022           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                | £                     | £                   | £              |                |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                  |                       |                     |                |                |
| Donations                                      | 9,712                 | 1,913               | 11,625         | 15,145         |
| Grants                                         | 500                   | 230,250             | 230,750        | 433,389        |
| Fundraising events                             | 32,307                | 141                 | 32,448         | 38,689         |
| Caring Matters Now events                      | 195,469               | 158,885             | 354,354        | 54,458         |
| Other income                                   | 19,317                | -                   | 19,317         | 14,181         |
| Interest received                              | 2,012                 | -                   | 2,012          | 407            |
| Caring Matters Now - donation from old charity | -                     | -                   | -              | 287,354        |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                            | <b>259,317</b>        | <b>391,189</b>      | <b>650,506</b> | <b>843,623</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                             |                       |                     |                |                |
| Support costs                                  | 34,401                | 29,987              | 64,388         | 39,557         |
| Awareness costs                                | 16,615                | 8,644               | 25,259         | 21,934         |
| Research costs                                 | 44                    | 140,226             | 140,270        | 403,943        |
| Fundraising costs                              | 26,739                | 162,453             | 189,192        | 23,308         |
| Governance costs                               | 32,889                | 5,797               | 38,686         | 48,225         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                       | <b>110,688</b>        | <b>347,107</b>      | <b>457,795</b> | <b>536,967</b> |
| <b>Surplus for the year</b>                    | <b>148,629</b>        | <b>44,082</b>       | <b>192,711</b> | <b>306,656</b> |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>                  | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       |
| Accumulated Fund brought forward               | 131,451               | 175,205             | 306,656        | -              |
| <b>Accumulated Fund carried forward</b>        | <b>280,080</b>        | <b>219,287</b>      | <b>499,367</b> | <b>306,656</b> |

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

|                                 |      | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total          | 2022           |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | Note | £                     | £                   | £              |                |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>             |      |                       |                     |                |                |
| Tangible assets                 | 4    | 2,909                 | -                   | 2,909          | 3,049          |
|                                 |      | <u>2,909</u>          | <u>-</u>            | <u>2,909</u>   | <u>3,049</u>   |
| <b>Current Assets</b>           |      |                       |                     |                |                |
| Debtors                         | 5    | 6,033                 | -                   | 6,033          | 314            |
| Cash at bank & in hand          |      | 274,396               | 219,287             | 493,683        | 306,063        |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>     |      | <u>280,429</u>        | <u>219,287</u>      | <u>499,716</u> | <u>306,377</u> |
| <b>Less Current Liabilities</b> |      |                       |                     |                |                |
| Creditors                       | 6    | (3,258)               | -                   | (3,258)        | (2,770)        |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>       |      | <u>277,171</u>        | <u>219,287</u>      | <u>496,458</u> | <u>303,607</u> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>             |      | <u>280,080</u>        | <u>219,287</u>      | <u>499,367</u> | <u>306,656</u> |
| <b>Represented by</b>           |      |                       |                     |                |                |
| <b>Income Funds</b>             |      |                       |                     |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds              | 7    | 280,080               | -                   | 280,080        | 134,506        |
| Restricted funds                | 7    | -                     | 219,287             | 219,287        | 172,150        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |      | <u>280,080</u>        | <u>219,287</u>      | <u>499,367</u> | <u>306,656</u> |

These accounts were approved on behalf on the Managing Committee and were signed on its behalf by:

  
 Ian Chance (Trustee / Treasurer)

22nd January 2024

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Note**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 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 on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment                      - 25% on reducing balance

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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**Note**

**2 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses reimbursed for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**3 STAFF COSTS**

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

| 2023     | 2022     |
|----------|----------|
| <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                       | <b>Computer<br/>Equipment</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                               |
| As at 1st April 2022  | 3,951                         |
| Additions             | 649                           |
| Disposals             | -                             |
| As at 31st March 2023 | <u>4,600</u>                  |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                               |
| As at 1st April 2022  | 902                           |
| Charge for the year   | 789                           |
| On disposals          | -                             |
| As at 31st March 2023 | <u>1,691</u>                  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b> |                               |
| As at 31st March 2023 | <u>2,909</u>                  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b> |                               |
| As at 31st March 2022 | <u>3,049</u>                  |

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**Note**

| 5 | DEBTORS       | 2023         | 2022       |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------|
|   | Trade debtors | 2,288        | 314        |
|   |               | 3,745        | -          |
|   |               | <u>6,033</u> | <u>314</u> |

| 6 | CREDITORS       | 2023         | 2022         |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | PAYE creditor   | 2,149        | 1,681        |
|   | Other creditors | 334          | 339          |
|   | Accruals        | 775          | 750          |
|   |                 | <u>3,258</u> | <u>2,770</u> |

| 7 | MOVEMENT IN FUNDS  | At 1.4.22<br>£ | Net movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At 31.3.23<br>£ |
|---|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | Unrestricted funds | 131,451        | 148,629                       | 280,080         |
|   | Restricted funds   | 175,205        | 44,082                        | 219,287         |
|   | <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b> | <u>306,656</u> | <u>192,711</u>                | <u>499,367</u>  |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                    | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Gains &<br>losses<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | 259,317                    | (110,688)                  | -                      | 148,629                   |
| Restricted funds   | 391,189                    | (347,107)                  | -                      | 44,082                    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b> | <u>650,506</u>             | <u>(457,795)</u>           | <u>-</u>               | <u>192,711</u>            |